



A Time of Thanksgiving

What a beautiful Fall season the Lord has gave us this year. I remember so clearly the first Fall season after my conversion... I was amazed at the glory of God in the beauty of His creation. It is probably because of this... Fall remains my favorite season of the year... a time of great Thanksgiving!

Life continues at a fast pace with so much happening. My heart is filled with gratitude for your prayer and financial support as we see God moving in great ways globally! Let me give you some quick snapshots of what has been happening...



Snapshots of Activities



Global Leadership Team meets: For two days in October our leadership team met to lay out our priorities for the next five years. Our BHAG (Big Holy Audacious Goals) of having movements in 100 countries by 2020... now seems within reach. In 46 countries now, we laid out specific goals for the next 54 countries with shared priorities and measurable activities. It was an exhilarating time with a great team of leaders. From left to right they are: Bill Hodgson (Australia), myself, Mark Edwards (Latin America), Steve Hudson (USA), Andrew Tay (SE Asia) John Abrahamse (Africa), Dave Patty (Eastern Europe).

Leader Podcasts taking shape: Mark Edwards and I have now completed 40 of the 50 Leader Podcasts. While being very demanding as we are trying to do 5 a week... each about 20-30 minutes long... we always find ourselves at the end of the day so excited as we spend the day talking about the Scriptures and Jesus! Mark and I tend to fuel each other... especially as we center our discussions around the Life of Christ and how He made reproducing disciples. This has been a major project covering a 50-day study called KNOWING HIM. We hope to have these finished by the middle of December.

SEMP dates set: As a part of the Sonlife Classic relaunch, we have been making plans to conduct this next summer an evangelism training conference at Moody July 6-11, 2009. Called SEMP (Students Equipped to Minister to Peers), we are anticipating 500 leadership level students to participate. God has given us a great leadership team which meets monthly to make plans.

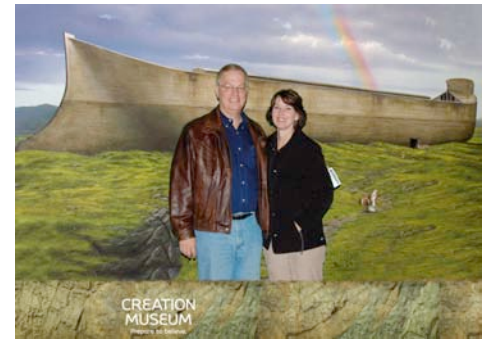




Web Site launched: Sonlife Classic in North America has launched their new web site, with a store, the new strategy, and several updated resources. This project has taken much more work than anticipated... but is beginning to pay dividends. You can go to it at www.sonlifeclassic.com.

Web based Training produced: After much work and many hours of development, we now have an initial 12 session Alpha test product for our web based training in the Life of Christ. This being just the first level of production it represents much work with numerous meetings. Working with Power to Change in Canada, a major company in Covington KY has been producing the product... so we are excited about beginning to field test the results. Our vision for this is to have 10,000 emerging leaders globally be exposed to this training.

Char and I celebrate our 29th Wedding anniversary: Taking a four day break we visited friends in Indianapolis and then went on to Cincinnati to see the Creation Museum and have a wonderful time celebrating our 29th anniversary together. Since my small group has been studying Genesis I wanted to prove that ark does exist... so the picture!! I truly married “UP” when I asked Char 29 years ago to be my bride. And as so many of you have also experienced personally, through the years our love has deepened each year.



Around the Globe:

Here are some of the reports I have received recently from various leaders globally:



Venezuela... a SEMP training conference in Venezuela with a group of student leaders... teaching them to be “fishers of men” (left)



India... the strategy seminar being taught to some young leaders in India (right)



Jakarta Indonesia... denominational leaders being equipped in the Life of Christ training. The manual has been translated into Bahasa language. These leaders represent 170 churches and over 17,000 believers in Indonesia.

Thailand... \$9000 is being raised by Wirot to buy three acres where they can construct a simple church building. Wirot oversees his denominational churches and a new focus is ministering to people in poverty in the rice fields of Thailand and serving the Aids community.



Prayer Requests

- **For Wirot to be able to purchase this land and build a church in Thailand for the Aids community**
- **For the leader podcasts to widely stimulate a fresh study of the Life of Christ**
- **For SEMP to have 500 students this next summer as we begin to train a new generation of disciple maker**
- **For our leadership team: Dave Patty (Europe), Andrew Tay (Singapore), Bill Hodgson (Australia), Mark Edwards (Latin America), Steve Hudson (USA), and John Abrahamse (Africa)... may they have wisdom as they lead their organizations through the challenges of reaching this next generation**
- **For the relaunch of Sonlife Classic in North America... that thousands of next generation leaders can be raised up for America and the globe**

On the Lighter Side

Two old friends met one day after many years. One attended college, and now was very successful. The other had not attended college and never had much ambition.

The successful one said, "How has everything been going with you?"

"Well, one day I opened the Bible at random, and dropped my finger on a word and it was oil. So, I invested in oil, and boy, did the oil wells gush.

"Then another day I dropped my finger on another word and it was gold. So, I invested in gold and those mines really produced. Now, I'm as rich as Rockefeller."

The successful friend was so impressed that he rushed to his hotel, grabbed a Gideon Bible, flipped it open, and dropped his finger on a page.

He opened his eyes and his finger rested on the words, "Chapter Eleven."

The wedding day was fast approaching. Everything was ready, and nothing could dampen Jennifer's excitement, not even her parents' nasty divorce.

Her mother Sheila finally found the PERFECT dress to wear and would be the best-dressed mother of the bride EVER!

A week later, Jennifer was horrified to learn her new young stepmother, Barbie, had purchased the same dress. She asked Barbie to exchange the dress, but Barbie refused, "Absolutely not! I'm going to wear this dress. I'll look like a million bucks in it!"

Jennifer told her mother, who graciously replied, "Never mind, dear. I'll get another dress, after all it's YOUR special day, not ours."

Two weeks later, another dress was finally found. When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, "What are you going to do with the first dress? Maybe you should return it. You don't have any place to wear it."

Sheila grinned and replied, "Of course, I do, dear. I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner."

If you've ever worked for a boss that reacts before getting the facts and thinking things through, you will love this!

Arcelor-Mittal Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning on a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business.

He walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and asked, 'How much money do you make a week?'

A little surprised, the young man looked at him and replied, 'I make \$400 a week. Why?'

The CEO then handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and screamed, 'Here's four weeks' pay, now GET OUT and don't come back.'

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, 'Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?'

From across the room came a voice, 'Pizza delivery guy from Domino's.'

EXERCISE FOR ADULTS IN PREPARATION FOR THANKSGIVING

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks.

Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

THANK YOU... Char and I want to deeply express our thanks for standing with us in making an eternal difference in that next generation of leaders... we couldn't do it without your help!



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