

“Do You **H E A R M e?**”

Here's a stimulating thought from Lloyd Ogilvie, pastor-author: “The other day I went to my ear, nose, and throat specialist. As a part of my checkup he cleaned out my ears. He used a powerful water pressure pump and blew out the wax....which had collected. When I looked at what had been removed, I said, ‘Doctor, it’s amazing that I could hear anything with all that in the way.’ His response was classic. ‘It collects a little bit at a time until the miracle of hearing is almost completely blocked. Like Christians who have ears but do not hear!’”

Beloved in Christ with us,

Maybe we have all experienced that shock at the ear doctor. Proverbs 20:12 says *The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD made both of them*—it is evident that any blockage is our doing, not His! Thinking about hearing and how important it is in the Lord’s sight, makes us think of several times in Scripture where a hearing ear definitely affected what happened in history.

1)How about obedient Abraham?...IF he had not listened to the call *STOP* when he held the knife over his beloved son? All of Israel’s history would have changed right then.

2)How about Lazarus? all bound tightly in death...IF he had not answered the call *COME FORTH?* The greatest revelation of Jesus’ Resurrection power would have been unknown to us.

3)How about Paul & Team at Troas when the Macedonian begged *COME OVER and HELP US?* The Gospel went for the first time to Europe by their going immediately in answer to the call.

4)We sometimes ponder what would have happened if we had ignored Bro. Palmer in 1957 when he asked us: “Please go via the Philippines on your way to India. Meet those brethren first.” Wow! We personally know the value of that call and its answer. That thriving work still thrills us. Often one or another of the brother pastors calls us in Indianapolis on SKYPE to tell us their news. What a blessing for us to be able to keep in touch.

Lord, we are trying to hear with our ears

We noted the calendar just this week and remembered we arrived in Indianapolis from South Africa in August of 2005. Four years already! Last Thursday at Dr. Maturi’s office we remembered also all the different procedures for Vernon with his Macular Degeneration. Again he underwent another Avastin shot into his right eye due to suspicion of some fluid buildup...ooh, that is a painful jolt. It’s still impossible for us to be thankful for the AMD, but at least we can feel good that it is possible to move about, to read the super large print Bible, to be able to work out a Bible study to teach each week.

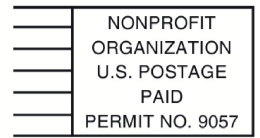
We started that precious Bible study way back in beginning 2006 in order to bring the church to our Brother Jack Cooper who was housebound. Many blessings came through those Wednesday afternoons! And now Jack crossed over the river to Glory on 15th Aug. The funeral was on 18th. Our faithful small group requested we resume the class on 19th. Vernon’s memorial message: “With What Body Will They Come in the Resurrection?” We felt strengthened just thinking of that glorious time when we will be caught up to be with our Lord *FOREVER!*

Lord, we don’t want those ‘ticklish’ ears that turn away from the Truth

We have a special request for two of our guys who studied at the Bible School in Cameroon, W. Africa, with us. They want to learn, to get certification that they are pastors who have studied. Would you please pray as we try to get them enrolled into the St. Louis Theological Seminary which is a distance education program where they can study and find the confidence they need to finish up what they studied so hard for in the 90's. They have been pastoring these several years since we had to leave. Wouldn't it be great if they could carry on with these studies from a school we know. Actually SLTS says they would be happy to offer the guys the chance to apply. It is not always so easy to get all this done from such a distance, but, hey, distance learning is what we are talking about! Their names are Peter and Charles. Pray!

Lord, we know you heard us praying for those teachers for Val’s school

Daughter Val flew into Indianapolis the end of June for six weeks bringing a huge prayer request! She had needed 11 new teacher positions to be filled by Sept. 1st. When Vernon advised her before for a prayer and fasting day...she emailed the school parents, staff and friends to PRAY. The Lord heard and answered bringing in applications for several! Every day she was here with us for devotions we were listing the needed positions and calling on Him. After her very successful 40 hr. class at Indiana Wesleyan, we were still expecting and waiting. She flew out 10th Aug. with one last high school English teacher needed. Who would it be? Hallelujah, a former home schooling mom in Istanbul heard of the need, asked for an application. And she *loves English Literature!* All three of her kids were entering Val’s school already, and now she could have an essential part as well. The Lord kept us in such suspense just so He could bless us. We hope you are blessed along with Val.



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Lord, would a tract especially for Thailand be a help getting started?

The Bible says, *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.* Our ears have been listening hard to our dear missionary workers, Maraats and Killions, who are literally slaving away trying to learn the Thai language. Vernon sent them a message asking if they could use a tract *printed in Thai* which basically presents the idea of believing in God which is not a doctrine of Buddhism. Thus the Thai people could begin to hear the good news of God, the good news of the Word of God, and the good news of the Son of God. Isaiah chapter 40 brings out many wonderful truths about the reality of God...we start with some of those verses. Pray for "*The Holy God Says*", the name of the tract, using only verses from the Bible and an invitation for readers to write in to learn more.

Lord, we have our ears pricked up listening to all the new challenges!

ASIA ADVENTURE 2009. FIVE countries visited in the Far East. Each one of them can be a field opened for the Gospel. Ben & Joyce were part of the 11 person Team which traveled to Phnom Penh, Cambodia for two weeks of listening and doing good works for that field. Direct reports here in Indianapolis were outstanding. Anna, the youngest of the Team, wanted to go right back there and work with the Mahilums and Sis Myra. Dr. Ruth is returning the 1st week of September to continue her medical clinics to help open the Cambodia work.

After Cambodia Ben & Joyce moved along to Thailand to hear about the language progress in Chiang Mai, They had consults and lots of fellowship encouragement. After passing Singapore, they moved over to meet some completely new contacts in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Chinese brethren with much desire to hear the Word of God and to study more. Finally, Ben answered the call to COME for the 33rd Anniversary Celebration of the work in Indonesia, being gathered in Jakarta. He & Joyce met leaders and 350 members from E. Java, even dedicating a theological book totally translated from English into Bahasa Indonesia.

Lord, You said it 7 times in Revelation: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says..

Now we are listening to hear Ben's own voice back on the ground in Indianapolis after the whole month in East Africa. AFRICA SAFARI 2009 opened the way for a 2 wk. Team to see, work, minister and listen to Kenya and its teachers and leaders. Then off to Uganda for Ben after the Safari folks returned to their countries. Ben's sis Hope was a Safari member and she was bubbling over with excitement when she called on return to USA..

Do please pray for lasting results from both of these mission exposure trips. We are especially asking prayer for Jim & Missy Tollar, who were team members and now will be traveling in USA for deputation in order to go to Kenya as missionaries by 2010. Pray for them and their 3 kids.

TCM needs some more Board Members too. Pray for this added input for the mission to meet more needs.

We love to hear from you, to know if you are also feeling His voice as you live and serve Him in this millennium. How sad if we miss any of God's calls because of dull ears, no? In Luke 8:8 the Sower was not only busy sowing the Seed, but what was He calling out while He was sowing? "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." We proceeded daily through the book of Isaiah lately. There are some somber thoughts in there and many of them have to do with *not listening*. One example: "So I will choose their punishments, and I will bring on them what they dread, because I CALLED, but no one answered; I spoke but *THEY DID NOT LISTEN*... But there was always a better blessing too: "But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My Word."

Till here, Beloved. We love to pray...if you have requests, share them and we can pray together as we await His Coming in the Clouds! In His Bond of Love

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