



The President's Perspective



Summer Update

Ever feel like you've tried to cram four weeks worth of activity into one? Well, that's what this past week has been like for us. From negotiating the purchase of a new Ford pick-up (courtesy of Ford's Family Plan), to final preparations for our summer ministry in the northwest, it has been a whirlwind week.

The week began on a sad note with the home-going of Betsy's grandmother. She had suffered from the effects of Alzheimer's disease for a number of years. Betsy left on Thursday for the funeral in Corpus Christi, Texas. The next day, Bill, Nathan and I left, pulling Brother Bill's trailer, trekking toward the northwest, stopping briefly in Waco, Texas for me to preach at Cornerstone Baptist on Sunday morning. The Lord gave us a great day at Cornerstone with five souls saved in the morning service. There was a great spirit of anticipation in the service and it is obvious that the Lord is doing some good things there among our dear friends.

We left on Sunday afternoon, headed toward Dodge City, Kansas where I will be speaking at a Southern Gospel event associated with the Dodge City Days. From there we will head to Cedar City, Utah for a brief visit with Jeff and Amber Gammons, dear friends and co-laborers in the gospel. Our first meeting in the northwest will be in Vancouver, BC with Missionary Derrick Goette. This will be our third meeting with this wonderful servant of the Lord. I will fly home at the end of the week for the opening of the Waldensian Festival in Valdese, NC. H.O.P.E. Ministries has been invited to do a 35 minute patriotic concert to kick off this year's festival. This will afford us the opportunity to be a witness for our Savior as well as continue to cultivate a relationship with the city council. (We have been invited to do the program for the city's Fourth of July Festival next year.)

From there, I will fly back to the northwest for another week of meetings at our camp (Camp Northwest) before returning home again to take Rachael to college at Cleveland Institute of Music. Once she is settled in, I return to the northwest for two more meetings to conclude our summer ministry. This is the first year that Betsy, Rachael and Hannah will not be with me for the summer. Its not going to be quite the same, but mom needs to be home to prepare and pack Rachael for college.

Is your head spinning now? Mine is!!! But, as teens say, “It’s all good!” Really, it’s all great!!! What an awesome privilege to preach, pray, sing and serve in these days. I ask for your fervent prayers for God’s wisdom and strength. He’s never failed to provide above and beyond what we need.

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