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GOD IS OPENING hearts and doors

Steve Ridgell and Tim Archer were in the national prisons in Honduras early in April. Along with Rigoberto Vargas and his ministry team, they spent time preaching in three of the men's prisons, the women's prison, and in the juvenile prison. They also worked with the congregation for ex-prisoners and their families. Almost 1000 Bibles were distributed. In addition, around 2000 copies of Tim's tract, *Invited into the Family*, were given out. Three women were baptized at the women's prison. In the men's prisons, several expressed a desire to be baptized and our brothers in the prisons set up continuing studies with them. Others expressed interest and the team will continue to work with them also. At each session, almost one half of every crowd was first time visitors to the churches meeting in the prisons.

Steve and Tim were also in Miami recently to conduct evangelism training with leaders of the Spanish speaking congregations in that area. Over 100 leaders representing every congregation in the greater Miami area were there. One of the highlights of our visit was the baptism of a visitor to the training. He had expressed interest in learning more about Jesus, so they invited him to the training session. Then at worship Sunday morning, our team was introduced to **Rufo**. He had responded to one of Tim's radio programs, was referred to one of the local churches, and he and his wife have been attending services at the Hialeah congregation.

In May we began advertising www.nuestrasparanza.com, our Spanish version of hopeforlife, in the Miami area. The responses to this effort have all been referred to local congregations. The

Miami effort also included a campaign the end of June, with emphasis on inviting respondents to the event. This pattern of evangelism training, website advertising, and a campaign could become a blueprint for this type of effort in other locations.

Since our last newsletter, the nationwide television programs in Brazil and Ecuador have gone on the air. The nationwide radio programs in Malawi are also now being aired. In addition, our weekly television program in Miami continues, as does our radio programming in South Florida and Cuba. Our shortwave broadcasts into South and Central America are also continuing. All of these programs generate responses (over 130 in Cuba alone since the first of the year). These responses range from prayer requests and Bible questions to requests for Bible study material. As always, we are intentional about connecting these people to local churches for continued study, baptism, and discipling.

The evangelistic websites continue to develop and grow. hopeforlife.org is now averaging over 1000 hits per month, with similar responses on nuestrasparanza.com. The Portuguese version, www.umavidadeesperanca.com, has now gone live and there are plans to translate hopeforlife into other languages.

**God is opening
doors for us to
reach those with
open hearts.**



I Have Seen the Price of *Freedom* by Bill Brant

The Fourth of July... Independence Day...a time chosen to remember the events that created our country. It also reminds me of those who, over the centuries, have preserved our liberty.

In Wichita, Kansas, behind a wrought-iron fence, set in almost park-like grounds, stands a VA hospital. I had entered it many times visiting my mom before I noticed the words above the doorframe. "Through these doors the price of freedom can be seen."

As I walked the corridors, I saw WWII veterans: old, wrinkled, some barely clinging to life with various ailments and diseases.

I have seen the price of Freedom.

With blank eyes as if seeing ghosts from a time before, the Korean War veterans from the forgotten war, my Dad's war, sat in wheelchairs, clutching arms, hands, or heads, and moaning, still feeling the pain after decades.

I have seen the price of Freedom.

Those who served in Vietnam were there, some with limbs missing, bodies jerking from neurological injuries, a few wasting away because of exposure to Agent Orange. These men were my age, for this was my generation's war. They honored their country by their service, but their country didn't seem to care. We owe them an apology and our gratitude for their devotion to Duty, Honor, Country.

I have seen the price of Freedom.

Today, through those doors, the men and women of Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom are being treated, taught to use prosthetics, having skin grafted over wounds, shown how to live daily with scars and shattered bodies.

I have seen the price of Freedom.

I have seen the white headstones at Arlington. I have heard taps. I have watched the rifles raised to the shoulders—I've heard the report of the weapons. I've seen the moms and dads, wives and children stand as grief overwhelms them. I've seen them clutch that carefully folded flag to their chests as if to say, "you'll not take this away."

I have seen the price of Freedom.

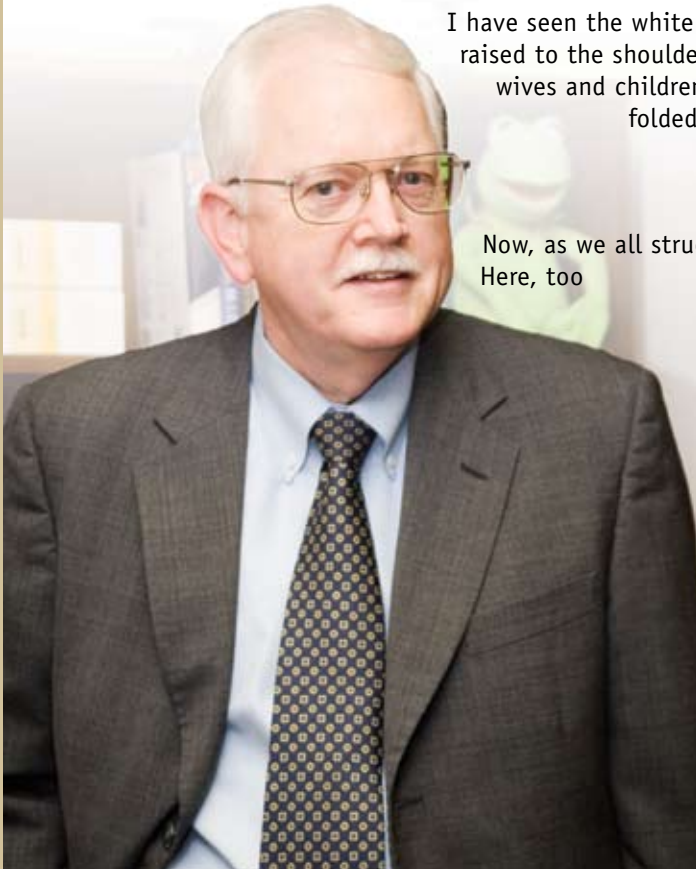
Now, as we all struggle with a world on the edge of insanity, desperately looking for hope. Here, too

I have seen the price of Freedom.

I was not an eyewitness, but through Scripture I have stood on the mount. I have smelled the stench of sweat, feces, and death. I have touched the blood. I have heard the labored request for forgiveness, and I have seen and heard the death rattle as the words, "it is finished" escaped His lips.

I have seen the price of Freedom every time I read, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

*I have seen the price of MY freedom,
and his name is JESUS !*



New Board Members

Vince Swinney, chairman of Herald of Truth Board of Directors, has announced the election of five new members. They are:



Gregory A. Carr—a graduate of Abilene Christian University, Carr has two master’s degrees: one in Divinity and the other in Business Administration. In the mid 1980’s and for most of the 90’s, he was a missionary to the East African countries of Uganda and Kenya. Carr is currently a financial consultant with A. G. Edwards in his home town of Wichita, Kansas, where he serves as an elder with the Central Church of Christ.



John R. Hall—has a professional background in Higher Education, Music, Fundraising, and Broadcasting. He has served in the administration of Northeastern Christian College, Freed Hardeman University, and Lipscomb University. He now is the Assistant to the President of Bethel College in McKenzie, TN. He and his wife Freda live in Jackson, TN. Bill Brant, President of Herald of Truth, dedicated his only book to Hall.



Harold Hazelip—was a member of the staff of Herald of Truth from 1972-92, during which he was on both radio and TV, wrote numerous books and other publications and was a frequent speaker at churches and conferences. He has been the pulpit minister of four churches, Dean of the Harding Graduate School of Religion, and President of Lipscomb University. Since 1997, Hazelip has been Chancellor of Lipscomb University in Nashville.



C. T. Kelly—was born and raised in Southern California. He began his 47 year insurance career in 1960 when, upon discharge from the U. S. Army, he began working in his Dad’s insurance agency. In the 1970’s, he formed his own agencies; CTK Insurance Services and CIC Insurance Brokers.

In 1999, he moved his entire extended family to Abilene and relocated his insurance firm as well. Kelly is President of CIC Insurance Brokers and plans to retire in two years in order to pursue his hobbies of model train railroading and photography.



Kirk Thaxton—is President and CEO of First Financial Trust and Asset Management Company. A Certified Trust and Financial Advisor, Thaxton has an accounting degree from Abilene Christian University. He has worked for First Financial Bank since 1989. His civic and professional responsibilities have allowed him to serve on numerous boards and committees. He and his family attend the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas

These men join: Swinney, **Ed Allred**, **Bob Cheatam**, **David Fry**, **Roy Lewis**, **Terry Pope** and **Kim Vickers** (all of Abilene) as the governing board of Herald of Truth Ministries, Inc.

From Randy



I sit here today and think about the absolute joy of salvation in Christ. Contrary to some people’s thinking it’s not true that “when you have your health you have what really counts.” No, not at all. I’d enjoyed outstanding health really all my life until I was 29. Then I’ve struggled with ill health over several years. “What really counts” is not good health – although it is a kind and gracious blessing when we have it.

What really counts is being in Jesus Christ!

I’d rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today. I truly mean “anything”. That’s why I believe so much in Herald of Truth’s preaching Christ to the lost wherever they are by whatever means possible. And that’s why I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your helping us do this work. Please remember to pray for me and everyone here—especially our new President, Bill Brant, as we seek to be diligent and faithful every day that God gives us to do this work. If anyone gains the world but loses their soul they have lost all. Jesus is all that matters. So speak to someone about Him today. If I can help you, write to me and I’ll be happy to help.

Love for the Lost,
Randy

Find out more at www.heraldoftruth.org

WHAT OUR LISTENERS *are saying...*

"I'm very grateful because I just got the Bible and a tract. I continue listening to your program when it is on, and I never tire of encouraging my brothers, relatives and neighbors to also listen every day. I wish they would listen every day so as not to miss even one study." Maday, Havana, Cuba

"I'm a listener of your program on 1700 AM and am interested in the course you so generously offer. Thanks in advance for this great opportunity you offer to people that we may learn more of the Word of God every day." Rocío, Hialeah, Florida

"Hello, my name is Vanesa C. I wanted to request the Bible and course that you offer on the Internet." Vanesa, Argentina

"Sirs, I'm interested in the Bible study you offer on the radio."

"I have Internet access and downloaded your podcast. I'm from Lima, Peru, and give thanks for the good work you are doing. God is tearing down borders through you, because your message is reaching many places. I play your broadcasts in a Bible study that I have with 12 women." Wendy, Lima, Peru

"Timothy Archer, may God bless you. I want to say that your lessons are a great blessing. On April 17, I had a special visitor sent by God; brother Tony from Matanzas came to visit me. We had a wonderful time talking about God's Word. I want to encourage you to come and do the same, come visit your listeners... you have many here! Blessings to you from a sister in the faith in Cuba." Yoselianis, Cuba

"Good Morning Tim!
I was wondering what does Jesus have to offer me?... I'm so confused. Any help or advice would be great. Thank you."
Tonia P.

"The script was very encouraging. I would like to enquire about your Bible courses. God bless." Taniela N., Fiji

"Please talk to me more about what Jesus has to offer. Can't wait to hear from you soon." Helen, Papua New Guinea



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U P C O M I N G M I N I S T R Y

July 17-23

Tim Archer, Skye Noe, and Juan Monroy in Cuba for the Youth Encounter.

August 11-21

Steve Ridgell and Skye Noe in Malawi, Africa, for an evangelistic campaign.

August

Tim Archer and Rex Morgan in Ecuador, for a soul winning campaign.

September:

Steve Ridgell and Tim Archer for the Brazil campaign.

COME SEE US

July 2-6

North American Christian Convention. Stop by the booth to visit with **Tim Archer** and **Vince Swinney**, our Chairman of the Board.

July 4-7

David Lipscomb Lectureship. Come to our Friday morning breakfast at 7 in The Porch to visit with **Randy Becton, Harold Hazelip, Bill Brant, Justin Velten, and Steve Ridgell**. Be sure and drop by our booth for a visit.

July 8

Bill Brant will be preaching the evening service at **Shady Lane Church of Christ** in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

September

Juan Monroy preaching a campaign in Arlington, Virginia.

September 17-20

Abilene Christian Lectureship. Join our team for breakfast Tuesday morning and come by the booth for a visit.

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- Sowing the Seed through Mass Media.
- Watering the Seed through Evangelistic Events, Scripture and Literature Distributions.
- Reaping the Harvest through Discipleship and Connecting Respondents with Local Churches.