

April 1, 2015
Dear Friends & Family,

"ONE 'FLU' OVER THE COO-COO'S NEST



[3/21] I try very hard to stay in physical shape. I work out 3X a week-sometimes 4. I daily consume a home-made concoction full of fruits, proteins, etc. made with a Bullet that a friend gave me early this year. I try to avoid [to some degree] bad food. Despite these precautions, a little microscopic virus/bug visiting our quad-state area [PA, NJ, DE, MD] flu in & bit me too, taking down this 175 lb homo-sapien. It surely has been the worst flu of my life w/virtually every symptom in the book: nausea, non-stop queasiness in the stomach, vomiting, fever, chills, aches, intestinal issues, numbness in my feet & fingertips, etc. But by far, the most debilitating symptom of all, & it is only the 2nd time in my life I've experienced such a symptom is double-vision. It has a scientific name. My left eye will not stay in alignment. It is locked in place toward my nose. Needless to say, this is very disorienting. It causes dizziness, & I have to hold on to things so as not to fall down as I try to maneuver about the house. Even now, while I'm typing this, I have my right eye closed so I can do so. Yes, as the above title of this article insinuates, this flu is driving me coo-coo. [No-I've never seen said movie from the 70's; the title just came to me as I pondered writing this].

1 SMALL BITE FOR MAN...1 GIANT STEP [DOWN] FOR MANKIND



Being the amateur theologian that I am, & having plenty of time to lay around & think given this malady, I couldn't help but ponder how this one foreign evil microbe has effected virtually every part of me-my health, my mind, my emotions [poor Kim!], my decision-making ability, etc. And to think-this pathetic condition that I'm in? I got from someone else! Influenza *spreads!* I've heard of a number of others who have been hit by it too. How illustrative of Adam's one transgression in Romans 5 this epidemic is. He ate the fruit-he disobeyed. Yet-his sin's inFLUence has spread to us all [by imputation]-yes, even to our wills, our decision-making process mentioned above, to the degree where we need the Father's gracious enabling & drawing to even be able to come to the Great Physician Jesus for His cure!

THE WEIGHT & 'WAIT' OF VIA



This health crisis I'm facing couldn't have come at a worse time of the year for me [except for summer camp season], given Via Dolorosa, our church's biggest event of the year, is in full-swing re: prep & set-up. I've written re: Via many times before [this is our 12th year] but every year it is always likened to an aircraft carrier that pulls into the dock of Immanuel Church, which only boasts about 400 people. Last year Via had 1,300 people involved-including cast & visitors! I have been an integral part of this production, the brainstorm of my pastor, inspired by *The Passion of the Christ* movie from 2004, since its inception. The church allots a 2-week time slot to setup. Every day is precious. For those of you

who've been through Via you know the huge attention given to authenticity & detail. Hence-my dilemma: setup awaits me, & I can barely maneuver safely through my own home! The Lord knows. I have many faithful volunteers who want to help, but I'm too sick to direct them, re: where & how to place things. The Lord knows. One benefit to this forced rest is that it has afforded me the time to watch some of my favorite Bible/Roman epics, which I typically watch each year to help get into character, namely: *Quo Vadis?*, *Day Of Triumph*, & *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. Yet to watch: *The Robe*, *Salome*, & *I Beheld His Glory*. By the time you receive this, Via will be in full-swing-into our 3rd of 5 nights. May this visual presentation of the last 2 days of Jesus' life bring many closer to Him. **NOTE!:** there are still spaces open for you to come to Via if you're interested! See attached flyer!

FROM INFLUENZA TO INFLUENTIAL! **or "The Disciple I Never Knew I Had"**



Paul Johansson, Chancellor of my alma mater, *Elim Bible Institute*, has told me many times I need to reproduce myself as far as ministry is concerned. His words have always carried much weight with me & I have pondered many of them through the decades. I would have to say the closest I've come to fulfilling this respected mentor's counsel is my 32 years of camp ministry. I've never felt, however, I've come close to doing enough re: this matter. This is why the following email out of the blue the other day from a young man I don't remember was a great gift & comfort to my heart. God be praised:

Greetings in Christ...I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the impact you had on my life! I met you during my student days at Elim back in the early 90s. You ran a chapel for us & it was the first time in my life that I was able to see the sheer scope & excitement as well as passion & focus that could be done in kids ministry. To be honest, at that time I had no interest what-so-ever for doing childrens ministry. But I did love theatrics & the way you brought a lesson that had my attention (via your time machine) forever changed the way I approached communication. I was a theater minded individual, & saw this as an excuse to add that element to everything I did. Later on that summer, I had a chance to work a little with you as you ran a summer program at Elim. I realized your character and quality was not just what was seen on stage, but true in your whole life. Long story short, I accidentally got into Kids ministry. Well, that accident has lead to me being a childrens pastor for the last 18 years. One thing Ive taken from you (re: blatantly stolen) was your time machine idea. Ive actually kept track of the different variations I have use, & just recently finished Time Pod X Im always proud of telling people exactly where the idea came from!!!!...I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for setting me down a path that has been the most wonderful cal-ling & ministry I could ever imagine. God used you to impact the life of someone, frankly, you just met in passing. Keep doing what you are called to do! I remain a huge fan! Much blessings. In Christ...

I'm humbled & speechless. May our God be praised. Kim & I pray your **Easter Season** will be rich in His Word & Spirit's presence. Thank God the basis & proof of our faith is Someone Who isn't here anymore-He rose & ascended! Thank our God that the resurrection is not only an historical event-but a *Person!*



Caboose! On The Loose

Ministry/events for APRIL & those not listed in last months newsletter:

March 4, 11: IC, Wilmington, DE: Tabernacle of David worship leader
March 9: Petra Church, New Holland, PA: Hopewell Network Affiliate Ministries' mtg.
March 15: IC, Wilmington, DE: Father's House children's church: worship leader
March 30,31: IC, Wilmington, DE: Via Dolorosa production: first two nights
April 1-4: IC, Wilmington, DE: Via Dolorosa: last 3 nights of performances//tear-down & pickup
April 7: Petra Church, New Holland, PA: hsc board mtg.//hn pastors' mtg.
April 15: New Covenant Church, Audubon, NJ: Elim Fellowship pastors' mtg.
April 16: Wilmington, DE: EMF pastors' mtg.
April 17, 18: Tel Hai Camp, Honey Brook, PA: IC Young Adults' retreat: worship leader/teacher
April 19: a.m.: Bread of Life Christian Fellowship, Centerville, MD: Sunday a.m. service
April 19: p.m.: IC, Wilmington, DE: IC Via Dolorosa So Loved follow-up event
April 20: Shady Maple Restaurant, East Earl, PA: Tel Hai Camp Spring Fund-Raising Banquet
April 26: Word of Life Church, Annandale, VA: 2 Sun. a.m. services; p.m. service

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***Note: Should you so desire to help Kim & me continue to serve the Lord in our multi-age group itinerant ministry work, you can donate directly to Elim Fellowship via the link below. Thank you so much.**

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