

\*attached are pics of my camp Time Machine drama, "Ham, Shem, & Japheth", & me as Ulysees S. Grant for my Director's Field drama

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### 'GUERTIN':WHAT'S IN A NAME?



Dear Friends & Family,

I recently acquired my father's **GUERTIN** name crest plaque, which had been in his home in FL for many years. It states that Guertin is a French surname, possibly derived from *gueret* which was a plowed but unsown field. Having just noticed this the other day I was struck by it. Why? I have often likened the nature of my ministry & preaching to a plow. I cannot deny our Father has used me for decades to plow via my temperament, doctrinal focus, particular anointing, & focus to break up indifference, lethargy, & apathy in His people's hearts. More than once through the years God's people have confirmed this characteristic of my ministry. Where I differ with the definition of *gueret* above is, unlike it, I have also sown much doctrine & theology via the seed of the Word of God into the fallowed ground of my hearers-both *old & young*. Strikingly to me, the plaque goes on to say re: the origin of the name Guertin: This surname may also be derived from the French '*guet*', meaning 'look-out' or 'watch'...one who resided in or near a watchtower or lookout post, or it may be applied...as a nickname to one who was always on the alert or who kept a close eye on his neighbors, or who in military terms was the village sentinel. [Italics mine. Interestingly enough, some of you may recollect I devoted an entire newsletter to the burden I carry for the souls of my neighbors]. I only regret I wasn't aware of the possible meaning of my last name years ago for vision purposes. I thrive on vision. Without it I dwell without a care-i.e., care-LESS-ly.

**SITTING DOWN ON THE JOB**



[6/28] I returned home late Friday night from my 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 camps this summer, viz a viz, sr. hi. camp. This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year at Tel Hai Camp. I feel insecure going into battle there, every camp, every year. However, this year was particularly unsettling. For one thing, my entire seasoned, experienced leadership staff were all gone this year. My 3 assistant directors of operations [2 of which were my main evening speakers], my camp secretary, tech man [very important to me, re: what I do & how I do it], & worship leaders-all absent due to various reasons. Needless to say I was depressed [by this & a # of other things on various fronts of my life], & seriously questioned the Lord if camps were over, & this was His way of doing it. I felt like I was starting all over again. I went to Judges 6 re: Gideon for encourage-ment. God's people's enemies were everywhere-like locusts. They consumed everything His people tried to build & grow. And-there were many of them! Innumerable. 135,000 to be exact. Israel hid in holes & caves in their fear & intimidation-in their effort to survive. As always, God had a plan. I call it the P.A.M. solution-like the spray stuff you use in hot skilletts [Yes, I have a can of it for an object lesson]. He first sent a Prophet. Of course, as always, Israel was at the bottom of this, due to their enduring sin & neglect of the Lord. He first dealt with that issue. Then, He sent an Angel. The Angel-of the Lord, that is. Here He comes, with Israel's ravaging enemies, outnumbering them about 4-1, very similar in ruthlessness to ISIS w/Christians in our day, & sits down. He sits down. Did you get that? The Angel sat down. That's a posture of rest, accomplishment, ease, control, no-fear. I needed two things last week-for the Angel of the Lord to come-and-to see Him as sitting down. The Scripture says nothing of the Angel keeping on the lookout, or telling Gideon, This is serious-we're in a jam. He just...sits down. Hallelujah. I tried to remember that all week as we ran into issues. I even asked the staff at our Sunday p.m. vision meeting to look at each other from time to time through the week & point & say, Hey? [so & so], He's sitting down. And-we did. It brought comfort each time. Then, God sent a Man. "For goodness' sake, Michael, why in the world would the Lord send a man???" I ask myself the same question. I always come up with the same answer: more of His glory is revealed in human weakness than in Divine or angelic strength. And-He's all about revealing His glory-His

perfections. Human strengths BLOCK THEM! Human weaknesses are windows for them. In my perception, Gideon was the **Chicken Little** of the Old Testament-until GOD came upon him. The literal Hebrew is **The Spirit of the Lord clothed him**. Then, Gideon was the ruthless pursuer of his people's enemies, exhausted, but keeping up the pursuit [that's camp in a nutshell for the staff]. When he caught up with his enemies, he asked them what kind of men they killed in their oppression of other people. Their reply, They were like yourself-each with **the bearing of a prince**. O Jesus. O Jesus. Please-make me like him. Change my name to Gideon Guertin, Lord-please, clothe me with Yourself. I'm fear-ridden, ugly, & helpless without You.

### **GUERTIN'S 300**



When the Lord told Gideon to amass Israel's fighting men, he procured 32,000. When the Lord saw them, the very first thought in His mind & words out of His mouth [via the Hebrew word order & emphasis] **Too many**. **Yahweh** knew the **human heart**. Prone to wander & prone to bragging! Interestingly enough, even with this number, Israel was still out-numbered 4-1! Interestingly enough #2-in that formidably-sized group? 22,000 were **chickens** at **heart**! Amazing. Beloved? Beware of BIG crowds. Hyped-up crowds. You NEVER know who is in them! It's EASY to hype up people w/the right music & cheerleader on the platform. O God. Even with 10,000, God still had another 10,000 Reasons to get rid of some more! PRIDE. Through another sifting process, Israel was down to 300. So was I. My [for the most part & relatively speaking camp-wise] unseasoned staff were like that to me: faithful, God-loving, precious & invaluable to me-yet-for the task that lay ahead, fighting sin & the demonic seeking to overcome the young?-like the **300**. Yet, that's GOD's number. And, now? I love it!

### **A VAST ARMY**



When it came time to fight, Gideon also called on other tribes of God's people to help in the pursuit. O, this is so very much a picture of camp to me each year. Only in [Heaven](#) will we know how many cavalry our Father has sent each year from off-site: [actors for dramas, teachers & preachers & worship leaders for the chapels, seamstresses for costumes for the Time Machine & field dramas, gifts of helps, administrators, graphic artists, arts & crafts people, I.T.'s, musicians, tech people, golf cart providers, intercessors, etc.](#) The staff God gave me this year? He caused them to rise to the occasion. It is one of the most beautiful aspects of God's Kingdom to me-His multifaceted gifted people all coming together for one purpose. He clothed them, like He did me. As the week progressed we pursued the teens' enemies, wielding The Word, prayer, & much personal care upon them. On Friday morning, when we have the campers share what God did in & for them through the week, it makes it all worth it. Testimonies, tears, confessions, releases, the love of God abounding among us-this is why I do camp. The theme this year? **Showtime**. Jn. 14:21B. ...I will come to them [like the Angel of the Lord to Gideon] & show Myself to them". Jesus did just that. Praise His Name, that has no equal. Amen.

**\*Kim & I thank you for reading this. I never ceased to be amazed when people tell me they do, as all of us are daily** inundated with information! If the Father moves your heart to do so, finances have been quite tight for Kim & me for some time. And yet-I don't feel to discontinue this itinerant faith ministry. I'm just as motivated to do it now as I was [15+ years ago](#). The [cloud](#) has not lifted nor has the [fire](#) died. If even a fraction of our readers gave a very small amount each month it would carry us through. Also, we are missionaries-but [Stateside](#)-to the very needy generations, [both old & young](#), of our own rapidly declining country. If your church would be interested in taking us on a missionaries, it would be a delight to come minister there on a regular basis. God's will & timing be done with the work He has called & gifted us to do. Thank you for your prayerful consideration re: this.

In Jesus & for His Name's sake alone,  
Michael & Kim

**Caboose! On The Loose:**



**Ministry/events for July & those not listed in last month's newsletter:**

June 10: IC, Wilmington, DE: Tabernacle of David worship leader

July 1: IC, Wilmington, DE: Tabernacle of David worship leader

July 7: Petra Christian Fellowship, New Holland, PA: hsc board mtg./hn pastors mtg.

July 11-17: Tel Hai Camp, Honey Brook, PA: hsc jr. hi. Camp: pastoral director

July 19-24: Friends of the Cross Church, Corning, NY: Camp Victory: chapel speaker & emcee

July 24-26: Full Gospel Family Life Center, Lagrangeville, NY: Sun. a.m. services (2)

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