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"MINISTRY 'MANNA'"



Dear *Friends & Family*,

[6/20] Some of you may recall my newsletter last month. I shared with you that I was somewhat shell-shocked that all **3** of my usual summer camps had been canceled for the first time in 30 years. Early last month it appeared that for the first time **in 37 years** I would be “camp-less” during the summer. I could not believe our Lord did not want *some* kind of ministry happening with the young this summer, given, as I said, the deep cultural ocean of sin they are forced to [ & sadly, for many of them, *willingly*] swim in daily. This only becomes magnified during the more-idle summer months! I couldn’t take the prospect of an empty summer schedule lying down. Hence, as I wrote last month, I paced & prayed around our house again & again calling on the Lord. You may recollect I felt to get my antique Russian sniper rifle from the basement [just in case some of you didn’t read last month’s newsletter, said rifle is broken!], strap it on my shoulder, & continue to pace & pray. I entreated our Lord to send me “behind enemy lines” like the troop in the movie *Saving Private Ryan*, to rescue 1 man-*1 man*. Well, our precious Lord Jesus-THE Lover of the young-heard my cry. Shortly after that particular “pace & prayer” time, invitations started pouring down-yes, like **manna** from Heaven, to come & minister to children this summer. In fact, so many invitations started to come in, that I began to feel much stress re: how I was going to do them all!

### “CAMP OUTPOSTS”



A friend of mine, “**Jimmy**” **Wolford**, who 20 years ago gave me his old hay-trailer to use for my ministry [I totally re-did it!] once said, “The Church is called to be an outpost of the Kingdom of God”. God’s Kingdom is definitely on the earth-& has been-but it is far from being fully realized yet. One day, it shall be. It shall be! My brother believed, preached, & lived that conviction that the Church of the Lord Jesus on earth was to be so filled with His Word & Spirit that it reflected what Heaven would be like. This came to mind as I pondered these precious churches who invited me, striving to please our Lord, touch His little ones, & have *some form* of “camp

outpost” this summer despite the fact that “base camp” @ Tel Hai Camp cannot happen this year because of **Covid**.

### “SUPER SISTERS”



I have four biological sisters. Each one of them is very special to me in their own way. They are all so very different. I have a special relationship with each of them. We keep in touch quite a bit as far as frequency of “baby-boomer sibling contact” goes! My brother included! And yet, & yet-throughout the many years of being a Christian & decades of being in the ministry, our Lord has “added to their number”. He has given me so very many dear sisters & friends in the Lord-they, like my 4 “blood-sisters”, are very special. They are family. I love them. I like them. They have stood by my side doing our Lord’s work with the young. Some of them haven’t-yet! But this summer they will! I see that inner “preciousness” about them-that “motherly instinct”, which during these intense, violent, anarchical, insecure times, has risen up in them. It is an inner cry-**“We must do something!”** And they have. They have made “battle plans”, plans, i.e., to surround & protect the young of their churches & seek to provide them nurture in these very turbulent & dangerous times-both politically [riots & unrest] & physically [Covid-19]. I’m so very proud of these dear sisters & friends. Yes-I will name names: **Kendra Musser, Jessandra Blankenbiller, Teresa Sarna, & Vicky Deitrick**, I am so very proud of them all. I am so proud they call me “brother”-& “friend”. These precious women, like so many others in decades of ministry, have, in the past, or will, this summer- “make me look good”. I have had armies of men & women surrounding me through the many years in ministry to the young. Without them, my ministry would be *embarrassing*. I realize that. **Kim** is my **“golden” anchor** (yes-she’s a blonde too! 😊) at home & while I am on the road. Jesus provides these sisters [& brothers, of course!] to assist & be “Kims-at-large” when my *much-better-half* cannot be present.

“BUILD-& THEY WILL COME”



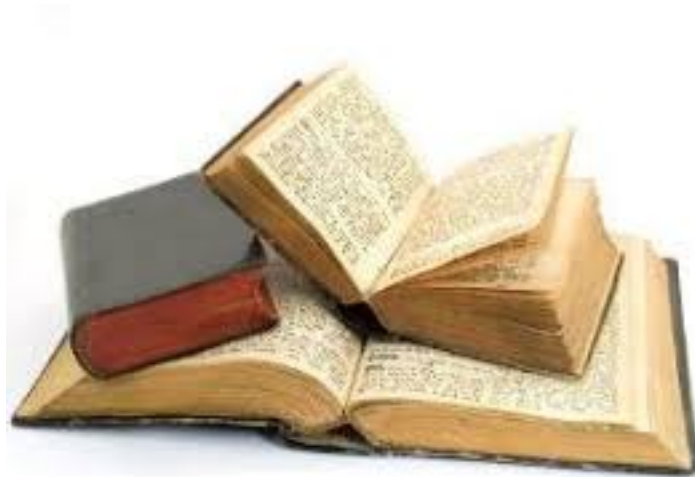
These dear sisters, along with many other faithful ones in the Kingdom this summer, feel they must do some-thing. They are “erecting tents”, so to speak, for the Lord’s young-to house the Lord’s much-needed presence this summer! Children’s services, day camps, & church mini-camps are all in the plans. I know these sisters are all administratively gifted, so I’m sure at this very late hour they are scrambling to put something together, as the more-severe restrictions re: **Covid-19** are slowly but surely lifting. Not knowing what the pandemic would do & what direction it would take, I’m sure they were stunted in what would have been their normal preparations.

“GOD IS READY”



In the light of this, I shall never forget what Kim told me over the phone years ago when I was on the road & feeling, Oh, so very unprepared for a scheduled ministry time. I told her, “Hon? I’m just not ready”, to which she quickly replied, “He’s ready!”. Whew! I’ll never forget it. Her words immediately infused God’s faith into me, which seconds before wasn’t there. I’m sure my sisters who are scrambling & planning right now have felt the same way-“I’m not ready!”. HE is READY! And, I will add to my wife’s words something I have said for decades in the very many times I have not felt ready, adequate, or prepared: “Lord, please show me & everyone involved **Whose** ministry this really is.” Amen.

Michael



**\*Caboose! Commentary Corner:** [Our daughter Laura once said she’d love to have my old Bibles when I passed for all of the notes I have written in them over the decades. This was quite humbling to say the least, especially coming from one of your own children. Hence, I’ve decided to post each month random notes/comments from Bibles I have studied from: “Two common concomitants to false spirituality are rebellion-& sexual perversion.” [4/26/’08] “The most hazardous occupation on Earth is not the nuclear industry, nor the biological/hazardous field, nor firefighting or law-enforcement, nor the military. Rather, it is the science of *hermeneutics*. All things eternal hinge on the proper interpretation of Scripture.” [5/21/’11]



**Caboose! On the Loose:**

**\*Lookin' out for the little guys...**

**Ministry/Events for [JULY](#) & those not listed in last month's newsletter:**

**July 1,8,15,22,29: Weekly TabTalk video productions Hebrews 1 verse-by-verse exposition**

**July 5,12,19,26: Weekly "Chip Sunday Show" video production for all ages**

**July 18: Spring City Fellowship, Spring City, PA: kids' summer camp evening service**

**July 25-29: Hope of the Nations Church, Reading, PA: Sun. a.m. service; kids' inner-city camp**

**July 30, 31: Good Shepherd Community Church, Reamstown, PA: kids 3-day summer camp**



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