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From Ted's Pen

*"The words of the Lord are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. You shall keep them, O Lord, You shall preserve them from this generation forever."
- Psalms 12:6-7*

There are many blessings that we receive from God every day of our life. Among those precious blessings from God is the word that God has revealed and preserved for us in order to guide us from earth to heaven. Praise God for His rich and powerful word that is able to save our souls.

I thank God constantly for the honor of preaching His word to many people in many places throughout the U. S. and Romania. Barbara and I both teach a lot of people in our work. Barbara spoke three times to ladies classes during the month of May. She is getting stronger physically every day and I am so happy that she is able to resume her work in teaching ladies classes and special ladies days again.

We enjoyed so much working with the church in Gainesville, Missouri the first week of May. We were blessed to stay in the home of Don and Dorcas Rackley who have been friends of ours since 1968. In addition

to my preaching, Barbara spoke to the ladies class on Wednesday morning. The church at Gainesville is a strong congregation and has been for many years. Brother Halbert Smith who grew up in the Gainesville area has been preaching there for about eight years. I don't even remember how many years we have worked with the church there but we always enjoy our fellowship with the good brethren there.

The elders of the Southside church of Christ in Cabot, Arkansas invited me to preach in a gospel meeting there May 6-9. On that Sunday they were also having a Homecoming with a great lunch after services and a wonderful singing following the lunch. We enjoyed having fine crowds and a great spirit among the brethren. On Sunday morning they had hoped to set a new attendance record, but fell short of it by two with a crowd of 207. Barbara spoke to the ladies class at Southside on Tuesday morning about some of our needs to help some children in Pitesti, Romania. The congregation at Southside began in 1991 with Brother Richard Kirkland serving as the preacher and he continues to work with the church today. We are privileged to work with them.

While we were at Cabot Brother Kirkland and I hosted the Bible study for preachers in our area and it was a delightful study. Brother L.V. Phiefer from Searcy led our discussion and it was a very profitable study for me.

We concluded the meeting at Cabot on May 9 and left for New England on Saturday, May 12 arriving in Providence, Rhode Island late in the afternoon. What a joy it was to be with the church at Fall River, Massachusetts. Here is a growing congregation. A few years ago the attendance was about 30-35 and now it is more than double that. They have been able to purchase a building from a denomination that moved to a different location and it is a wonderful asset to help reach the people of that area. The population of Fall River and the surrounding communities is about 300,000. Brother Mike Mullen serves the congregation as the preacher and he and his wife Nancy continue to do a marvelous work in Fall River.

We enjoyed wonderful visit with Brother Earl Sickinger and his wife, Helen, whom we have known for many years. They work with the congregation in South Bridge, Rhode Island. The good that has been done in

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New England by the Sickingers through the past almost 30 years can only be measured by the Lord Himself. We also spent some time with Brother Dave DeCelle and his wife, Isabel, whom we have known for many years as well. Brother DeCelle serves the Edgewood congregation in Mansfield, Massachusetts as one of its elders. The Edgewood congregation was formed by the merger of the churches at North Attleboro and Easton, Massachusetts.

On Wednesday night May 9 Barbara spoke to all the ladies at the Downtown congregation at Morrilton, Arkansas. She reported that they had a fine number in attendance and several of them contributed to help with the children's work in Pitesti.

On Sunday, May 27 it was a pleasure to be with the congregation at Austin, Arkansas. We have had a great relationship with these brethren through the years as they have been able to support our work almost from the beginning. Brother Tom Brister preaches at Austin. We have a lot of respect and love for this small band of Christians.

In our May issue of the ES there was a gift of honor to my Mother from Sister Vada Meuli from Searcy, Arkansas. Just a few days following the publication of that issue, Sister Meuli passed away peacefully. We were away from home when we received the news and were unable to attend the funeral service, but our hearts and our prayers surely were and are with her family. She and her husband, Gus, were both outstanding Christian examples to all who knew them.

ROMANIAN YOUTH MEETING

Several months ago Harvey and Vernon Starling began planning a meeting of all the young people in the entire country of Romania. It was scheduled for May 11-13. I am so glad to report that over 200 young people from all over the country gathered at Pitesti to study the Bible and enjoy sweet fellowship with other Christians. Harvey and Vernon both spoke on the opening night and then classes were conducted all day Saturday. The missionaries serving in Romania taught the classes. Several wonderful things came from this meeting.

- The spirit among the missionaries was outstanding and they got to know each other better than before.
- The classes that we taught gave a great amount of strength to all of these young Christians.
- The Pitesti Christians who hosted this meeting did an outstanding job of working together in preparing to feed all of these people and get all of them settled in the places where they were staying. I have heard from several of them by e-mail and each one is looking forward to another meeting next year.

The congregations at Pitesti and Craiova are growing in number and in spiritual strength as well. I am so very proud of them. This summer will provide them with many opportunities to grow in their faith and to help bring the lost to study the word of God with

Americans who will be there during the coming months. Barbara and I will accompany other workers to Pitesti in July where we will conduct a city wide campaign to preach the gospel. We are anxious to get there and go to work and are praying fervently for God to provide the fruit that He sees fit to produce.

ROMANIAN BENEVOLENCE

When we were in Pitesti in February of this year, we were introduced to a Kindergarten or Nursery where many little children are left during the week because their parents are unable to take care of them. The parents work during the week and then pick their children up and take them home for the weekend.

Some of the local Christian ladies had found this situation and took us there. The director of the place told us about some of their needs. They needed food and vitamins very badly. They needed soap to bathe the children. They were washing the children's clothes in LYE soap because they had nothing else to use. We gave the Christian ladies enough money to buy quite a bit of food, soap, washing powder, and some other needed supplies.

Barbara and I have been trying to raise some funds to continue to help these children on a monthly basis. We will NOT give money directly to the workers at the Kindergarten. We will give the money to the Christians and they will purchase the needed supplies and take them to the home for the children. If you would like to help, you may send your contri-

bution to Levy Mission Fund and mark it 'For the children'.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE YOUR INFLUENCE

Let me tell you a little story. While in the gospel meeting at Gainesville, Missouri we were joined by Brother Joe Dillard, his wife, Lou, their son Danny and daughter-in-law, Nikki, and their children. Other than ourselves, they did not expect to meet anyone at Gainesville that they knew.

But when they arrived they met an old friend from Colorado. They had gotten acquainted with him several years ago when they were elk hunting. This man, whose name is Bill, was not a Christian when they first met him. However, in January of this year Bill obeyed the gospel and was added to the Lord's church.

During the Dillard's visit Bill told them how he had been so favorably impressed in Colorado because Joe and Lou would always go into a town nearby to worship the Lord on Sunday. Most others continued their hunting. What if they had not gone to worship? I suppose Bill would have remembered that too. One never knows when his/her influence is making a good impression upon someone else.

We are thankful for every one of you who pray so earnestly on our behalf and who encourage us in our work for the Master. For your financial support we extend our deepest gratitude. Please continue to pray the God will be honored in all that we do.

- Ted

UPCOMING PLANS

MAY 31—JUNE 3

Gospel Meeting
Lake City, Arkansas

JUNE 10

Colony Congregation
Bee Branch, Arkansas

JUNE 17—20

Gospel Meeting
Michigan City, Indiana

JUNE 24

Heber Springs, Arkansas

June 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				31 Gospel Meeting, Lake City, Arkansas	1 Gospel Meeting, Lake City, Arkansas	2 Gospel Meeting, Lake City, Arkansas
3 Gospel Meeting, Lake City, Arkansas	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Colony, Bee Branch, Arkansas	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Gospel Meeting, Michigan City, Indiana	18 Gospel Meeting, Michigan City, Indiana	19 Gospel Meeting, Michigan City, Indiana	20 Gospel Meeting, Michigan City, Indiana	21	22	23
24 Heber Springs, Arkansas	25	26	27	28	29	30

Who In the World is Gilligan? By Marty Knight

Isn't it funny how we make assumptions? I've noticed that as I get older I tend to do so more often. Assumptions are easy things to make. Some time back a friend was getting ready to apply for a passport. He was telling me how difficult it was for him since he needed a copy of his birth certificate. Quite smugly, I proceeded to tell him how easy it was to go to the proper government agency down on Markham St. in Little Rock and they would fix you right up. Only one slight oversight on my part: he was born in Taiwan! You see, I had goofily made the assumption that everyone was born in Arkansas!

When it comes to teaching others about the Bible it's very easy to make assumptions. We sometimes fail to recog-

nize that those with whom we are studying may not come from the same background that we do. They may have a different understanding of what God's word says we are to do to please the Lord.

My friend Sam Roberson sent me a real pearl of wisdom a few days ago: "If a hammer is the only tool you have, everything you see looks like a nail." In other words, carry more tools than a hammer! Ever try to drive a big wood screw into a board with a hammer—without splitting the board? If you've ever tried it you know what I'm talking about! You need a screwdriver to do that job right. I believe this is exactly the principle that Paul was referring to in the passage to the right. In order to teach, we must first relate to and understand our student.

Lisa and I are assisting a group of young people as they prepare skits for our VBS later this summer. We picked out a theme based on the old "Gilligan's Island" TV show. One young man in the group, Matt, agreed to play Gilligan and he will make a great one. He sat there with a smile on his face while we went on and on about his being perfect for the part. A few days later I asked his mother if he was excited about the part and she said, "Well, he is—but he has no idea who Gilligan is!"

I had done it again! I made the assumption that this 12 year-old would know a character from a 1960's television program. Know your student. Always lay the groundwork for your study. And don't be afraid to ask your Bible student if they understand a topic.

"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more...to the Jews I became as Jew, that I might win the Jews.... to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you."

- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

GIFTS OF MEMORIAL AND HONOR

One of the ways that you can help our work is by sending in a contribution in memory or in honor of those whom you love. We have received the following memorials in recent weeks.

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From

Jerry and Eloise Oldridge

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