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## From Ted's Pen

**"I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me  
shall never hunger."  
- John 6:35**

There is indeed a hunger that man has which only the bread of life can satisfy. Isn't it wonderful that He is willing to be that bread and allows us to feed upon Him? Those malnourished souls who do not eat of the living bread of Jesus are robbing themselves of the most satisfying nourishment that man could ever have.

The last issue of *Evangelistically Speaking* was for the months of July and August because the demands of our schedule during those two months simply would not allow us the time to publish two issues. So, I am almost lost as to where to begin with the report on our work for the two months. It would take far more space than we have available to give all of the details of our work during July and August. I will just try to cover some of the highlights of our work here and a little more detail regarding the trip to Romania.

It was a joy to be with the Bellefonte congregation for the 12th Annual Northwest Arkansas Lectureship again this year. Barbara and I have participated

in every one of the lectureships through the years. There are many tremendous lessons presented every year and the fellowship with Christians from so many places is a real pleasure for us to enjoy.

We were also thrilled to be with the Mt. Judea congregation in a gospel meeting. One of our favorite people, Brother Jim Gaskill, is the preacher there and the congregation is so fine and such an encouragement to us. We enjoyed being with the congregations at Plummerville, Arkansas and Cave City, Arkansas for special lessons on Wednesday nights. The church at Hoxie, Arkansas had scheduled a gospel meeting a long time ago and it was a joy to be with them again. Brother Darrell Douglas has moved to Hoxie to work with the congregation there and it was nice to be with him and his lovely wife, Shirley.

What a special joy it was to work with the church at Swifton, Arkansas in a gospel meeting. We moved to Swifton 38 years ago to work with the church and these people have been special to us through all of these years. We stayed in the home of our long time and precious friend, Oneida Chapman, who lives at Newport, Arkansas. The singing, led by

my friend Rick Ferrell, was superb! The fellowship with all of the Christians there was just wonderful. They have a new preacher who will be moving to Swifton on September 17 and I just pray that he will enjoy the kind of relationship with them that we have had all through these 38 years.

We also had another special treat in August. On Sunday, August 19 we attended services at the Liberty congregation where our children and grandchildren worship. Brother Jim Davis, the regular preacher, was in Romania and the guest preacher that day was none other than number one Son, Marty. And, I got to lead the singing! What a fine lesson Marty presented on "Establishing Spiritual Goals." I am going to take his notes and make a real sermon out of them! It is always special to be able to worship with our family and that day was really special.

Our trip to Pitesti, Romania was one of mixed feelings. We worked with Roy and Joyce Dunavin from Fort Smith, Arkansas and Vickie Hardin and Vickie Phillips from Elkhart, Indiana. We had some great one-on-one studies with many of the Christians there as well

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as people who were not Christians. We conducted nightly services for five nights. We had done quite a lot of advertising and many visitors came to the services. As a result, five precious souls were baptized into Christ. We were thrilled on Sunday night, July 29 when 51 of the Christians from Craiova came for the first nightly service of the campaign. We really had a full house and it was so great to have both congregations together for that service.

Barbara conducted a special ladies class on Saturday, July 28th and there were 31 ladies present. The time we had chosen - Saturday afternoon - was not very good, but the sisters surprised us and came for the class anyway. I was told that Barbara did her usual great job in teaching them.

On Sunday afternoon, July 29 I had a meeting of all the Bible class teachers to begin our plans for the 2002 special Bible classes in July for the children. We had 13 ladies who volunteered to teach in that special series. For the first time we are going to have Romanian teachers doing all the teaching and Barbara and I will simply be there to assist in whatever way possible.

However, it was during this meeting that we discovered that there were some problems because of a change in focus from what has been done in the past. I regret that some other Americans had interfered with our plans and it caused some division among the Romanian teachers. Since that time however, things have been worked out and there are some great expectations for the new type of school in 2002.

In addition to the five baptisms at Pitesti during our work, there have been five baptisms in the congregation at Craiova as well. Harry Middleton and two others worked in Craiova and baptized three into Christ. Harvey and Pat Starling, Jim Davis, Max Davis, and Paul Morphis followed them and two more were baptized and many other great contacts were made. So, in both places there have been ten baptisms in the past several weeks and we thank God for them.

We are also beginning a couple of new congregations. One of the young couples with two small children who lived in Craiova have moved to a small village several miles away. It is not possible for them to make the journey into Craiova every week. Therefore, we have helped them to start meeting in their home and have sent someone out to worship with them a few times. Several of those who have been baptized in Pitesti are from a small village 8-10 miles from the City. They do not have the money to travel into Pitesti for worship. So, plans are being made for them to have their own assemblies in the village and we will assist them as much as possible. We now have a group meeting in these two new places as well as in Bradu, another smaller village outside Pitesti, and we are helping in all of them as much as possible in addition to our work in the cities of Pitesti and Craiova.

Brethren, please pray for these precious brethren in faraway Romania. They have a difficult life, but their faith is strong and they are a great example to us of how to endure hardship and remain faithful in serving the Lord. How we love them!

The church of Christ in Greenfield, Missouri is in need of a preacher to work with them. It is a small congregation and a person would need some support in order to go there. If you know of someone who might be interested, please put them in contact with Don Adams at 417-637-5742 or Frank Cunningham at 417-424-3033. I've worked with these brethren and would like to help them find a good preacher to work with them.

- Ted

## Nyet Boga?

By B.J. Clarke

The title of this article—"Nyet Boga"—is the Russian way of saying "No God." On my desk is a reproduction of a poster used in Russian elementary schools. It depicts a Russian cosmonaut looking down from the sky on the churches in the Soviet Union and saying, "Nyet Boga"—No God. The implication is that this cosmonaut has been in the realm of outer space—as far away from this world as one can get—and yet he didn't see any evidence of God. This kind of thinking is really nothing new as far as the Russians are concerned. In Seattle, May 6, 1962, Russian cosmonaut Gherman Titov proclaimed his disbelief in God and said he saw no God or angels during his 17 orbits of the earth. These cosmonauts need to read Psalm 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is 'Nyet Boga.'" What about the assertion that not seeing God disproves his existence?

### These Cosmonauts Have Not Seen Everything

Even evolutionary scientists admit that we have not even scratched the surface in our exploration of outer space. The orbits of these cosmonauts were only small circles around the earth. How do they know that God does not reside in some part of space they have never orbited? They don't know!

### These Cosmonauts Cannot Explain What They Have Seen

How can the earth travel at 66,000 mph around the sun and appear to be standing still? Scientists tell us that if the sun were 10% closer to us we would be charred black. If it were 10% further away we would be frozen stiff. Can the cosmonauts explain to us how the sun ended up at exactly the right distance from the earth? Was it by chance?

### These Cosmonauts Don't Realize That God Is Spirit

These cosmonauts wouldn't recognize God if they were standing right next to Him. They don't understand the teaching of John 4:24 which tells us that God is Spirit and not a fleshly being.

### Inability to See Something Does Not Disprove It's Existence

Does the inability of a blind person to see someone disprove the existence of that someone? Does the inability of a blind person to see light prove that light does not exist? Of course not! One can't see love or justice in a tangible form and yet love and justice exist. One cannot see 2 lbs. of sorrow or 5 oz. of happiness and yet sorrow and happiness are real and do exist. One can't see God in a tangible form yet "the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork" (Ps. 19:1).

Contrast the reaction of our American astronauts while in space with that of the Russian cosmonauts. Remember when the American astronaut looked upon the sphere of the earth and read those marvelous words found in the very first chapter of Genesis? These Russian cosmonauts and all others who disbelieve in God can't find God for the same reason a thief can't find a policeman. THEY DON'T WANT TO FIND HIM!!!

*(Editors Note: The preceding article was written by Bro. Clarke prior to the fall of the Soviet Union. The emphasis of the article was upon teaching behind the Iron Curtain. We are thankful for the opportunity you give us to teach behind that same, now-fallen Iron Curtain.—Marty)*

**UPCOMING PLANS**

**SEPTEMBER 9**

Levy Congregation  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

**SEPTEMBER 10**

Area Preachers Bible Study

**SEPTEMBER 11**

Central Arkansas Christian Fellowship  
Plummerville, Arkansas

**SEPTEMBER 13-16**

San Antonio, Texas

**SEPTEMBER 20-23**

Gravel Hill, Arkansas

**SEPTEMBER 27—OCTOBER 8**

Craiova, Romania

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**12 Rules For a Happy Marriage By Barry Gilreath Jr.**

Recently, I came across the following 12 Rules For a Happy Marriage as given by the well known Ann Landers in her weekly article. Although to my knowledge Mrs. Landers has never obeyed the gospel of Christ, I believe she has set forth twelve practical suggestions that will promote a happier home environment. These twelve rules are no doubt biblical. I have included scripture references with each rule that affirms such.

1. Never both be angry at once. (Proverbs 19:11)
2. Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire. (Proverbs 21:23)
3. Yield to the wishes of the other as an exercise in self-discipline—if for no other reason. (Colossians 3:18-19; Ephesians 5:21)
4. If you have a choice between making yourself or your spouse look good— choose your spouse (Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 19:19)
5. If you feel you must criticize do so lovingly. (Ephesians 4:15)
6. Never bring up a mistake of the past. (Philippians 3:13-14)
7. Neglect the whole world rather than each other. (Ephesians 5:25-31)
8. Never let the day end without saying at least one complimentary thing to your life partner. (Proverbs 31:26)
9. Never meet without an affectionate greeting. (Proverbs 5:18-19)
10. When you've made a mistake, talk it out and ask for forgiveness. (James 5:16).
11. Remember, it takes two to make an argument. The one who is wrong is the one who will be doing most of the talking. (James 3:5-8)
12. Never go to bed mad. (Ecclesiastes 7:9; Colossians 3:8)

## 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 and honorariums in recent weeks.

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Ruby Hunsburger

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*In Memory of*

Clarence Janski

*From*

Dorothy Glover

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