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From Ted's Pen

It is a joy to begin our eleventh year of ministry in this mission work and evangelism under the oversight of the elders of the Levy church of Christ in North Little Rock, Arkansas. The past ten years have been some of the most rewarding and enjoyable of the 43-plus years that Barbara and I have been married and involved in preaching and teaching the gospel.

The year 2001 will be the year that is remembered by most people in America as the year that terrorists planned and executed major disasters in our country resulting in the death of thousands of our citizens. The cowardly deeds done by these deranged people will not be forgotten. However, these acts of terror only sharpened our consciousness of the need for more intense efforts of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, and our determination to do the best that we can to tell as many as we can of the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

We do not suggest that we are people of superior faith to others or that we are unconcerned about the dangers of

flying or going into places where there is danger. We simply know that we have a job to do as Christians and as teachers of the word of God and, we will not be deterred by those who would stop the spread of the gospel. We know that God is with His people in their work to lead the lost to salvation, so we will continue with our work as fervently as possible.

2001 YEAR IN REVIEW

Here briefly is a report of some of the things that we did in 2001.

- About 40 people were baptized into Christ. About 30 of these were in our work in Romania and the others were here in the U.S.
- We were able to raise some additional support for a missionary family here in the U.S. that needed help very badly. We have worked with this family for many years and they have done an outstanding work in building the Lord's church in a difficult place in the northeastern U.S.

- Over 1,200 Bibles were distributed in the Romanian language to people in the Romanian cities of Pitesti and Craiova. It still amazes me that so many people have never had a Bible to read and how much they want one. We have over 1,000 Bibles to begin the new year and for that we are thankful.
- We worked with 37 congregations here in the U. S. in gospel meetings, lectureships, and workshops. In addition to that Barbara spoke at several ladies day programs and classes.
- We were able to purchase food, clothes, laundry and bathing supplies, and other products for a home for children in Pitesti, Romania. There are 65 of these children who live in this home. The parents have not abandoned them, but simply do not have the money to care for them, so they take their children home on the weekend and they stay in the home the rest of the week.

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- We also bought two washer/dryer combinations for this home for children so that they would not have to wash all the clothes, bedding, etc. by hand.
- A pediatric clinic here in Conway has provided thousands of dollars worth of prescription medicine and other medicines for the children in this home. Some of the English-speaking local Christians take the medicine to the home and instruct the Romanian ladies how to dispense it to the children.
- We have helped to establish three new congregations in villages outside the two cities where we work.

NEW ROMANIAN CONGREGATIONS

Some who have become Christians in those villages are not able to come to Pitesti and Craiova to worship because of the distance and the lack of funds. Therefore, we have obtained places for them to meet, communion supplies, song books, Bibles, and other literature for them to study and they meet in their villages. U.S. teachers go as often as possible to teach these brethren and their visitors. In one of the villages a young Christian brother, Ovidiu Loghin, goes out each Lord's day to preach and teach a Bible class.

Ovidiu is a student at the university in Bucharest, but he comes home each weekend

to Pitesti and then goes out each Sunday to Budeasa and teaches the gospel. In another village Brother Dimitru Dragnea leads in teaching the Bible classes and worship and about 15 people meet every Lord's day. So, we are extremely proud of those Romanian brethren who are willing and able to help in the spread of the gospel by teaching in these villages and we hope that the congregations there will continue to grow. We will continue to help them as much as we possibly can.

The year 2001 was the most demanding of all the years we have been involved in our work. It was almost impossible to find just a day or two to take off for a little rest. Even when we are here at home we receive so many calls for help in various ways that it is hard to get any time off. We did not take any time off for a vacation at all. We absolutely must make some adjustments in our schedule somehow in order to find time to rest and relax.

Barbara and I both agree that we cannot continue this pace. When we are at home we must work in doctor appointments, service cars, attend to normal household duties, pay bills, and it seems like a 'thousand' other things, and then get ready to go again. So, we hope that our supporters will understand that we must make some adjustments in our schedule to make room for some time off. Our schedule for 2002 is rapidly filling up. We are already scheduled to be in Ro-

mania in February, June, and August. One of the things that we are excited about is helping the Romanian Christians to conduct the first VBS to be planned and conducted by the Romanians themselves. There has been a VBS in Pitesti every year since 1996, but they have been directed and taught by Americans.

In 2002 the VBS will be planned by and taught by the local Romanian Christians and Barbara and I are going to be there to assist them in any way that they need us. The VBS will be conducted in the church building for the first time.

As we begin the new year, we leave the year 2001 behind with all it's good and bad. More than ever we are committed to the care and keeping of God. We leave the past to God because we cannot change anything about it. We step out into the year 2002 remembering the promise of God in Hebrews 13:5 that He will never leave us nor forsake us. We place ourselves in His care knowing that He knows far better than we know what is best for us and for His work.

THIRD ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

I urge you to remember the dates April 12-14 and plan to be at the Mars Hill church of Christ near Vilonia, Arkansas for the Third Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship. We have some great speakers scheduled and their topics are very timely indeed. There are spaces for about six RV's to

park and have electricity. We are expecting the largest crowds this year that we have ever had and we want you to be a part of this great lectureship. We will publish a complete program in our next issue.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Some of you may be a bit confused about our e-mail addresses. My personal address—tmknight@ipa.net—is still up. However, the addresses published on the back page are also working and available for you to use. Marty set them up on the website, so blame him for the confusion. We'd love to hear from you!

As I close these personal remarks, let me thank those of you who support us in our work financially. Many people help us on a regular basis and others contribute to our support as they can do so. Beloved, without your faithful and loyal support we could not do this work. In spite of the difficult times economically, our support has continued and we are so thankful for that.

We are praying that 2002 will be the most wonderful year that we have had in allowing God to use us to provide a great harvest. We continue to be blessed by your prayers and your words of encouragement as well as the financial support. Please continue with us in every way as we move forward into this new year. May God bless and keep you in our prayer.

- Ted

UPCOMING PLANS

January 2002

JANUARY 6

Mammoth Spring, Arkansas (AM)
Pocahontas, Arkansas (PM)

JANUARY 9-13

Gresham, Oregon

JANUARY 14

Area Preacher's Meeting
Central Arkansas

JANUARY 20

Bay, Arkansas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Mammoth Spring and Pocahontas, AR</i>	7	8	9 <i>Gresham, OR</i>	10 <i>Gresham, OR</i>	11 <i>Gresham, OR</i>	12 <i>Gresham, OR</i>
13 <i>Gresham, OR</i>	14 <i>Central AR Preacher's Meeting</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Bay, AR</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Never Say "Never" by Ted Knight

When I was a little boy I remember going to Jonesboro with my Uncle Charlie Knight as he was trading trucks. On the way to Jonesboro I asked Uncle Charlie, "What kind of truck are you gonna trade for?" "Well, I don't know for sure," he said, "except I don't want a red truck and I wouldn't have a Dodge." You guessed it! We came home in a red Dodge truck. Uncle Charlie never drove anything but a Dodge truck for the rest of his life.

I remember so well the day that I resigned as the preacher at the Levy church of Christ in North Little Rock, Arkansas. That afternoon I received a call from Brother Arless Murray who was an elder in the Hillcrest church of Christ in Oklahoma City. He invited us to come to Oklahoma City

to discuss moving there to work with the Hillcrest congregation. I agreed to meet with them, but when I hung up the phone I turned to Barbara and grinned and said, "We'll go talk with them, but there's no way that I am moving to Oklahoma City!" You guessed it again! Our next place of residence was 1509 SW 70th in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma!

In the New Testament I remember Peter boldly saying 'Never' a few times. John 13:8; Matthew 26:33. In both of those cases he was completely wrong and had to reverse himself. In the event of Matthew 26:33 his reversal was accompanied with tears and sorrow.

I have tried to learn from these things, and many others as well, to think a bit before declaring that I will 'Never' do

something. I have been shown many times that God is still in charge and His plans for me may be quite different from my own plans. I know that I want to do God's will and not my own, but there are times when I arrogantly declare what I will do and won't do without regard for what God may want. Then, I find myself having to make a complete reversal and sometimes the reversal is bathed in tears.

We need to be careful about saying 'Never.' We may find that our 'Never' is exactly what God desires! Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." Let us resolve to plan as much as possible but remember that God is still in charge and we must be willing to accept His direction in all things.

"Peter answered and said to Him, 'Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.' Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.' Peter said to Him, 'Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"

- Matthew 26:33-35

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.

In Memory of

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From

Dorothy Glover

In Memory of

Bill Rushing

From

Dennis and Shelby Cooper

In Memory of

Bobbie Knight

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