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## *Special points of interest:*

- Pray for those mission efforts around the globe, especially in places where windows of opportunity are being thrown open to us.
- Remember to let us know if you would prefer to receive ES over the Internet by using the contact information on the back page.
- Continue to keep our armed forces in your prayers.

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## From Ted's Pen

It is a pleasure to send you our greetings again this month. You will notice that this issue is for the months of November and December since our schedule for the preceding months of October and November was simply too busy to permit publication. This happens about twice each year and we regret it, but we hope that you understand our predicament on these occasions.

While we try to make our schedule so that we can have sufficient time to make a report every month, there are times when it just isn't possible to do so. Therefore, you will be reading our report for October and November in this issue as well as our schedule for December as I am writing this in the middle of the month.



I'll be brief in my comments this month as Ted's report is lengthy. The months of November and December promise to be exciting and rewarding.

Dad and I have often talked about the possibility of reporting on our work jointly and so I'm excited at the prospect of visiting with some of you in the coming weeks.

We enjoyed so very much being with the Southside congregation near Batesville, Arkansas on October 1-3 for a gospel meeting. They also celebrate their annual homecoming that weekend and have a wonderful "dinner on the ground" following the morning service. This year they set a new attendance record with 271 present for the morning worship.

Brother Bob Harris has been preaching at Southside for more than 20 years and continues to do an effective work. Their services are broadcast on cable television in several towns throughout that area at various times during the week. We concluded the meeting at Southside on October 3 and left on October 6 for a meeting with the church in Marietta, Oklahoma



which ended on October 10. We have been with the church in Marietta several times through the years and we enjoyed seeing the growth of the church there. Brother Travis Huffman is the preacher and is doing a very good work. The brethren had made arrangements for us to stay in a beautiful guest house on a horse and cattle ranch about ten miles out in the country and that was wonderful.

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## Marty's Thoughts

We are also hard at work on our plans for 2005! I'm particularly excited that these plans will include a number of new efforts in addition to our current work. Since we still have significant planning to do, I won't get into much detail, but I'll mention that these plans revolve around two things.

First, we plan to expand our publishing efforts with a quarterly focused on the topic of leadership. Without a doubt, the church of the 21st century faces no challenge greater than leadership. Be looking for a special edition of *Evangelistically Speaking* that will cover our plans in detail.

Second, we plan to expand our efforts at Mission Evangelism by conducting campaigns "at home."

While the work that we do in Romania is vital, we've long recognized that there are mission fields white to harvest right here in the U.S.

Additionally, many of you have indicated that you would like to be a part of a Mission Evangelism campaign, but have reservations about traveling abroad.

Both of these needs—the chance to lead outreach at home and to provide opportunities for workers—are priorities for us and we look forward to sharing this news with you in the near future.

As always, we humbly solicit your prayers as we go about serving Him. To God be the glory!

- Marty

## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

On Sunday, October 17 we were privileged to be with the Colony church near Bee Branch, Arkansas. Brother Joe Spaulding is the preacher and he and his wife Donna are loved and appreciated deeply by the brethren there. By the way, in June 2005 Brother Joe will celebrate his 70th year of gospel preaching and he and Donna will celebrate more than 60 years of marriage. We are so thankful for them and the Colony congregation and the support and encouragement they have been to us for so many years.

On October 25 I assisted with the funeral service of Sister Annette Bailey of Searcy, Arkansas. She was the wife of Brother Leo Bailey who survives. She died one day before they would have observed their 67th wedding anniversary. When I was a very young gospel preacher just beginning my work, I preached in LaPorte, Indiana where Brother Leo was one of the elders.

He and the other elder, Brother Ernest W. Bush took me under their wings and raised me as they did their own children. The two of them and their wives Annette and Helen were patient, kind, and gentle as they nurtured Barbara and me along and helped us to grow. Barbara and I grew up with their children and love them today as family. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brother Leo and his entire family during this time of sorrow.

We had a wonderful meeting with the church in Bunnell, Florida the last week of October. We flew out on October 29 and arrived safely in Orlando late in the afternoon. We had never been to that area before and only knew one man and his wife in the congregation in Bunnell.

I had dreaded so much getting ready to leave the airport and trying to find where we were to go, but the lady who helped us with our rental car at Hertz told us that she was going to let us have a car with a GPS system on

it at no extra charge. They normally charge \$9.00 per day for this service. Of course, I had no idea how to program the GPS system so she got one of the young men there to set it for us. I gave him the address of the place that we were to go, he put it in the system and the thing took us right where we were to go. Before every turn a lady would come on and tell us where to turn, when to get on and off the interstate highways, etc. When we got to our hotel the kind lady said, "You have arrived!"

This Arkansas boy was simply amazed and grateful indeed for the help. When we were ready to leave and dreading the trip back to the airport, I punched a little button that said, "Hertz airport rental return" and the good lady was still in there and took us right back to the airport without any trouble.

The meeting with the Bunnell congregation was just wonderful. We grew to love the people immediately. Brother David Stidham is the preacher there and he and his good family are doing a fine work with the church. The church is located in Flagler County, the fastest growing county in the State of Florida.

They are working on plans to reach the entire area with the gospel. This year they have knocked on over 1,000 doors with invitations to attend the services and offer to help people in every way that they can. They have plans to continue working in the entire area door to door until they have talked to every family. I am deeply thankful to Brother Duane Spencer and his wife Janet for suggesting to the elders that they invite us to work with them.

While we were there we got to spend several hours with a friend from our childhood days, Sister Barbara Ann (Angel) Farmer who lives in Lakeland, Florida. She drove over and we had a great time one day. We also were privileged to see Brother and Sister Earl Sickinger whom we have known and loved for many years in

Massachusetts. They moved to New Smyrna Beach, Florida during the time that we were there and they came to the meeting on the closing night.

We arrived home about 1:00 on Friday morning and on Saturday it was a pleasure to participate in a Men's Day program at Mars Hill. There was a fine group of brethren who enjoyed studying the theme, "God's Call To Christian Men". We were led in a study of the role of men in leadership as Husbands, Fathers, Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Examples, Servants, and Soul Winners. It was a great day even though I was very tired from the meeting in Florida and the trip home.

November 7-10 it was a pleasure to be with the congregation at Austin, Arkansas for a gospel meeting. The church at Austin is small, but it is always good to be with them. They are a brethren who are determined to hold to the truth of God's word and proclaim it faithfully in their community. Brother Tom Brister is the preacher and we are thankful for he and his good wife and the entire congregation.

We had an unusual experience on our flight home from Florida. We boarded our plane to Little Rock one hour later than was scheduled and headed out over St. Louis, Missouri. We flew and flew, but as I looked down I continued to tell Barbara, "We aren't leaving St. Louis, we are still right over the city." Later the pilot came on and told us that he regretted that we would have to return to the airport because there were some lights flashing indicating that we had a mechanical problem but that we should land safely. After we landed we were told that there are three hydraulic systems on the plane and that two of them had gone out and could not be repaired so we might have to spend the night.

However, another plane was located just four gates from where we were and we got to come on home. Kathy met us after spending several hours waiting for us and she got us home about 1:15 in the morning. Kathy is such a

great help to us and shuttles us to the airport and picks us up for almost every flight that we have.

### A DEER WELCOME HOME!

Well, if you thought that the plane ride was exciting, just read on! While we were in the airport in Orlando on the way home I called Kathy to tell her exactly when we were to arrive. I noticed that she sounded a bit funny when I first heard her and then she asked, "Dad, have you talked to Marty?" That really got my attention because it usually means something bad. I told her that we had not talked to him and she said, "Dad, a DEER got into your house!"

After deciding that she was still in her right mind, I asked for the details. Kathy's daughter Melanie had gone to our house to take our mail and when she opened the front door she noticed blood on the floor in several places. Assuming that the house had been burglarized she went back to her car and called Kathy and Kathy called Marty. The two of the arrived about the same time and Marty entered the house. They could find nothing missing and no one in the house. Finally, Marty said, "That looks like deer tracks on the carpet" and Kathy thought that he had lost his mind. In a minute Marty looked up and there was an eight-point buck standing in the back yard looking at himself in a mirror on Barbara's fence!

When Marty opened the door to go outside the deer gave one big leap over a seven foot fence and has not been seen since. The deer had evidently seen himself in the window, decided to attack, and came smashing through into our living room. Other than breaking out the window and getting blood all over the place, there was very little damage. Before we got home I could imagine the house being destroyed inside, but the

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# From Ted's Pen *(Continued)*

deer was a nice one and did little damage before departing the same way that he came in. We are thankful that things turned out as well as they did.

## ROMANIA

We are thrilled to report that there have been over 60 baptisms in Romania since the inception of the World Wide Bible Correspondence Course! We are thankful for the opportunity to work with many in the cities of Pitesti, Craiova, Slatina, and other smaller towns. Harvey Starling has spent almost all of this year in Pitesti and Craiova, Romania directing the correspondence work. There are now eight congregations in the districts of Arges and Dolj and one in the district of Olt.

Marty led a campaign in the district of Olt this summer and Harry Middleton from Nashville, Tennessee and some other brethren continue to work there as well. Barbara, Marty, and I are already looking forward to our work there next year and doing what we can to help spread the gospel to this land. We are so very thankful for the support that so many of you provide to help us in this work.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

We are coming to the end of another year in our history. Time is flying by. Every year there are some who help us financially with special "end of the year" contributions. We hope that you will remember Levy Mission Evangelism again this year as you plan your special offerings.

We need your help to assist with purchasing Bibles, printing other Bible study materials, providing for the 35 children that we help to care for, and many other things that we need help with. If you can help us, please make your checks out to "Levy Mission Evangelism Fund" and we will appreciate your help so much.

Regarding our schedule, we will be reporting on our work for the rest of November and for the month of December. Marty will be going with us to as many of these places as possible and helping me to give our reports as well as preaching in some of the places. As always May God bless every one of you.

- Ted

# Upcoming Schedule

## Ted's Schedule

November 14  
Cave City, Arkansas (AM)  
Southside — Batesville, Arkansas (PM)

November 21  
Black Oak, AR

November 28  
Harrison and Willow — Conway, Arkansas (AM)  
Plumerville, Arkansas (PM)

December 5  
Gravel Hill, Arkansas (AM)  
Downtown — Morrilton, Arkansas (PM)

December 12  
Jerusalem, Arkansas (AM)  
Overcup — Morrilton, Arkansas (PM)

December 19  
Bellefonte, Arkansas

December 26  
Liberty — Conway, Arkansas (AM)  
Mars Hill — Vilonia, Arkansas (PM)

## Marty's Schedule

January 8, 2005  
Mission Prep Workshop  
Conway, Arkansas

February 2005  
Mission Teaching Team

March 2005  
Mission Prep Workshop  
Conway, Arkansas

April 2005  
Mission Campaign  
Location TBD (US)

July 2005  
Mission Campaign  
Romania

October 2005  
Mission Campaign  
Location TBD (US)

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**Happy Holidays**

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