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Special points of interest:

- Pray for the February Romanian mission efforts that windows of opportunity will be open for us to teach the lost.
- 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 hold up in prayer those in Asia who were affected by the tsunami — and especially those of the household of faith.

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From Ted's Pen

The month of January has been a frustrating time for me. I mentioned in our last report that I was going to have several medical tests done which I had planned to do for a long time. But, I was not prepared for everything that happened when we got them started. I really have not been very sick before and I had no idea what I was getting into. One test just leads to another test!

I had about decided that one doctor had a doctor buddy that needed to make a payment on his Hummer, so doctor number one would send me over to doctor number two for another test! I have been stuck, pinched, punched, IV'd, x-rayed, ultrasounded, CT Scanned, stress-tested, and nearly everything else

that they could think of and some that you don't want to hear about. But, here is the scoop after seeing all the doctors for evaluation of things.

First, I have a cyst on a kidney that measures four centimeters and causes me some minor pain. The nephrologists suggested that we let that alone for the time being and just take a mild pain medicine as needed. Second, I have a bacterial infection in my stomach and they have me on some powerful antibiotics to try to kill the problem. The gastroenterologist wants to see me in two or three months to see if the medicine worked because he said that it would take that long for the 'dead carcasses' to get out of my body. Pretty language isn't it?



With a new year comes change! My buddy Clyde Slimp refers to the "January joggers" that line the streets each year, representing those resolute souls committed—at least for a while—to dropping pounds. The Knight household is no different — 2005 brings change! Not exactly the kind of change we were expecting, but change nonetheless.



Third, smack in the middle of these tests I had a little heart problem that was unexpected. However, the cardiologist believes that he can take care of that with medication, rest, and exercise. The stress test showed no blockage and that was good news. I would like to just run off from all of this, but I guess it needs to be taken care of. I have to take some medicine **with** food, some **without**

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Marty's Thoughts

From the day she arrived in this world our oldest daughter, Brittany, has charged headlong into life. She was born seven weeks early. Never one to let something get her down, she went home after four days at a healthy 4 pounds, 10 ounces!

She has always been very mature for her age. She went to work at barely 16, car-hopping at Sonic to earn her own money, all the while working her way toward graduating with honors and becoming the most decorated female athlete in her high school's history—a fact that makes her blush. College life started in August and now on to the next step in life!

Last June she attended a retreat hosted by the Church of Christ Student Center in Russellville as

she prepared to begin college at Arkansas Tech. She came home telling her Mom (*not Dad*) about a young man named Daniel. As usual, she went right after what she wanted in life. Little did we know that this young man went home telling his family about her! They began dating in August and, well, you know where this is headed. Randy Hudgeons recently told me, "You have officially joined the ranks of the broke and the bossed around." Seriously, we could not be happier that Brittany and Daniel have announced their plans to be married on July 16! I'll have more to say about them in coming issues, but we are thrilled and wish them the best!

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From Ted's Pen (Continued)

food, and at all different times, so Barbara and I are becoming pretty good mathematicians trying to figure it all out. We are hoping that in our next report we can tell you that all is well and that I am kickin' **high** again!

Now, other than that we have enjoyed the beginning of 2005. We had to postpone a trip to Arizona that we had looked forward to, but we have stayed busy with other things here at home and reporting to some of our supporting congregations on the weekends. We visited with congregations at Woodrow in Vilonia, Arkansas; Higden, Arkansas; Formosa, Arkansas; Bay, Arkansas; and Pochontas, Arkansas where I gave reports on our work. Marty was able to preach at some of these places and I preached for the others. We also spent some time visiting with some friends who were sick and tried to be an encouragement to them during a difficult time.

I am going to get the jump on Marty on this announcement. On

January 16 we were scheduled to be in Casa Grande, Arizona. We had to postpone that trip, so we were invited to Marty and Lisa's house for lunch. We were treated to more than a delicious meal when our oldest granddaughter, Brittany, and her friend Daniel Harless announced that they would be married on July 16! Brittany and Daniel are both very fine young Christians and we are so proud of them and wish them the very best as they begin their life together.

SCHEDULE

The schedule for the month of February is short, but substantial. We will be with the church at Greenbrier, Arkansas on Sunday, February 6 for their annual Missions Day. A special contribution will be taken for mission work through the year and their goal for this year is \$10,000. I believe they will make it. Then on Tuesday, February 8 Barbara and I will leave for Romania. We will be working in Pitesti and Craiova and probably some of the newer congregations

as well. Harvey and Pat Starling have been there for several months and they tell us that there is a lot of work waiting for us when we arrive. We hope that you will pray for our safe travel and for the work that will be done while we are there, as well as the work that is done by so many others during the year.

TSUNAMI

I am totally unable to comprehend the disastrous events that have transpired recently in some far away places in our world. The latest figure that I have seen concerning the number of lives lost is now more than 262,000 and that is absolutely amazing to me. The entire world has been affected by this catastrophic event and millions have helped financially so that houses could be rebuilt and the necessities of life provided. I am thankful for every effort that has been and is being made to assist those who have lost so much.

But, here is the thing that continues to saturate my mind. How many of these people were prepared to meet God? I know that some were not accountable because of age or mental conditions and all will be well with them. However, there were thousands

of people who died in almost the twinkling of an eye, who had never held a Bible in their hands and had never heard one gospel sermon. They have been raised in a religion that is completely foreign to the teachings of the word of God. And, that makes me extremely sad!

Once again we are reminded of the urgency of our getting the message of salvation to as many people in the world as we possibly can. Our world is populated today with more than 6,400,000,000 people. Our own United States of American has a population of more than 295,000,000. And, the Lord has told us to "go preach the gospel to every creature" in Mark 16:15. We have no time to waste! EVERY Christian is needed to help meet the challenge! EVERY Christian MUST do what he or she can do whether it is by GOING or SENDING! We CANNOT lose sight of our mission!

I pray that I never again see such a massive loss of people and souls because this is the kind of thing that nightmares are made out of. May God bless us all as we strive to win lost souls.

- Ted

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Robert Swain

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Personal Evangelism"
David Riley

"Do We Really Believe God?"
Ted Knight

Lunch on Saturday provided by the Mars Hill congregation

Marty's Thoughts *(Continued)*

While the month of January has been busy with preparations for the trip to Romania in February, I had the chance to preach a number of times during the month.

Dad and I had the opportunity to jointly report on our work at two places, including his hometown of Bay, Arkansas and at the Woodrow congregation in my hometown of Vilonia.

I also had the privilege of teaching an adult class at Youth Outreach University on January 15. This event, hosted by the Downtown congregation in Morrilton with support from a number of area churches, was just a *splendid* weekend! As I mentioned last month, YOU was patterned after Evangelism University in Savannah, Tennessee. I cannot emphasize how impressive it was to see nearly 400 Christian young people gather to *learn*. They did not come to be entertained. They were there to learn what it takes to be *evangelists* and *teachers*.

On behalf of the board, I offer my thanks to all of those who planned, publicized, prepared the facility, cooked or served food, made copies of manuals, registered attendees, taught classes, or delivered keynote addresses! A tremendous amount of effort went into this program and it was well worth the time.

In addition to the 400 who took part in YOU, attendance at Evangelism University in Savannah was over 1,400! You may be worried about the future of the Lord's church, but consider for a moment that over **1,800** teenaged children of God gave up the same weekend to focus on *outreach*. Even more exciting—think about the talent and ability represented by those 1,800 kids. I get goosebumps just thinking about it!

Plans are already underway for Youth Outreach University 2006. It will be held the weekend of January 14-16 in Conway. Be on the lookout for additional information soon.

Many of you have responded to my year-end requests for support in preparing for the Romania work in 2005. The first of my three trips will begin on February 17. Paul McLendon of Conway will be traveling with me to Craiova and Slatina. This will be a return trip for Paul who went in 2003. Others have plans to work with us in June and July. We are still in need of a few teachers in late October. Please contact either Ted or myself if you are interested in either of those dates. We thank God for each of you who partner with us. I use that term "partner" a lot and it comes directly from my heart!

Upcoming Schedule and Key Dates

Ted's Schedule

February 6
Greenbrier, Arkansas

February 8-March 1
Pitesti, Romania

Marty's Schedule

February 17-28
Craiova, Romania

ES Lectureships

April 8-10
Mars Hill—
Vilonia, Arkansas

Romanian Mission Workshops

April 9
Mars Hill—
Vilonia, Arkansas

Romania Mission Campaigns

June 23-July 5
Craiova and Slatina, Romania

October 6-17
Craiova and Slatina, Romania

Please continue to remember the ten congregations in Romania that we mention so often. The church in Craiova is anticipating the completion of a new building in the fall of 2005. These brethren have waited so patiently for this facility and we know that it will be a blessing to them.

Brother Harvey Starling continues to work tirelessly in coordinating these efforts, including the acquisition of the Craiova property. We are grateful to him and the Romanian Christians who work in various and determined ways. God bless them all!

In conjunction with the next online issue of *Evangelistically Speaking*, we will be publishing information regarding domestic campaign opportunities within the U.S. Material will be available for those interested in participating in campaigns, as well as information for brethren in locations where the church is struggling. We hope that this will be of benefit to you.

As always, we are humbled by your kindness and generosity. Continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers and, most importantly, **pray for the lost!**

- Marty

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