

# Evangelistically Speaking

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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

We begin the New Year 2005 with profound gratitude to God and to so many of you who make it possible for us to serve in this ministry as we have done now for more than 13 years. We have spent considerable time in the past month reflecting upon the marvelous riches of God's grace toward us and expressing our hearts deepest gratitude.

I have often watched the film of Lou Gehrig, the superstar baseball player who was stricken with a severe disease that finally took his life. In a statement at Yankee Stadium not long before his death, he said, "Today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth." Maybe I am just being goofy but I don't believe much in luck and I do be-

lieve in the blessings of God of which I have been a grateful recipient for a long, long, time.

Barbara and I have discussed at length how our lives have been charted since we were both just children, and we are both humbled greatly at how tremendously blessed we have been and continue to be.

So, as we begin this New Year, let us begin by telling you how much we appreciate the prayers, support, and encouragement of so many of you as we strive to share the message of saving grace with as many people as possible. We love you and covet your continued prayers as we strive to follow the course which we believe is God's will for us in this life.



lieve in the blessings of God of which I have been a grateful recipient for a long, long, time. It has been a genuine pleasure to be with several congregations during the month of December as Ted and I reported on our efforts over the past year. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to not only work alongside my father, but to spend so much quality time with my parents as we work together. As Pop mentioned in his article, God has truly blessed our family.



We were privileged to be with several congregations during December to report on the work that we do and to preach the gospel. We loved being with brethren at Gravel Hill, Arkansas; Downtown in Morrilton, Arkansas; Jerusalem, Arkansas; the Overcup congregation near Morrilton; Bellefonte, Arkansas; the Liberty congregation here in Conway; and the Mars Hill church in Vilonia, Arkansas.

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## Marty's Thoughts

2005 dawns with great promise! I grow more excited every day as we contemplate the work that lies before us this year.

Firm dates have been established for three Romanian mission trips. A number of you have responded to our invitation to join us in this work and for that we are thankful.

The first trip will be February 18-28 and I do have one slot open. The team for the June 23-July 5 campaign is nearly complete. If you are interested in those dates, please let me know as soon as possible. The third campaign will be October 6-17 and we still need several teachers for that effort. As previously mentioned here, I will also be conducting two workshops in coming months.

Perhaps you have considered this type of work, but find the prospect intimidating. If so, these workshops have been designed with you in mind — to answer the questions that you may have about getting involved in foreign mission work.

The first workshop will be held on Saturday, January 22 at the Robinson and Center building in Conway, Arkansas. We will get started at 9:00 a.m. and finish no later than 3:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Registration for the workshop is available through our website or by calling me at (501) 796-4124. The second workshop will be held on Saturday, April 9.

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## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

We postponed one trip where Barbara was scheduled to speak to a group of ladies due to weather concerns and we thought it best not to be on the roads. It was a special treat to have Marty, Lisa, and Kyndall with us on several of those occasions. I gave our report during the Bible class hour and Marty did the preaching. We hope to follow that format in some other places in the months to come as we talk about the work that we did in 2004 and our plans for 2005.

Our schedule for January blesses us to be with several other congregations. We will take off the week of January 2 and I will be undergoing several medical tests. A colonoscopy, endoscopy, ultrasound on my kidneys and liver, and I don't know what else. Sounds exciting though!!

On January 9 we will be with the Woodrow congregation near Vilonia in the morning and at Higden, Arkansas on Sunday evening.

On January 11-18 we plan to be in Arizona where I will preach at Casa Grande. We will be at Formosa, Arkansas on Sunday, January 23 and at two congregations in northeast Arkansas on Sunday, January 30 - Bay for the morning service and at Pyburn Street in Pochontas that evening.

When I look back at 2004 I am sincerely thankful for the work that was done. I preached forty-seven of the fifty-two Sundays and on one of the others my Mom passed away. When we looked at the calendar a few days ago it was obvious that we had a very busy, but wonderful year. When we had a Lord's day and I did not preach it was usually when we just got home from Romania or some other long trip and just needed some time off. Those Sundays afforded us the opportunity to attend services at Levy or somewhere here in Conway and just rest up a bit.

The Lord blessed our work with thirty-one baptisms and some oth-

## Youth Outreach University

JANUARY 14-16, 2005

Downtown Church of Christ  
Morrilton, Arkansas

<http://www.youthoutreachuniversity.org>

ers who responded for prayers and/or restoration. The work in Romania expanded far beyond our dreams. Harvey and Pat Starling almost lived there and just visited the U.S. two or three times. Doors of opportunity are opening with every passing day. As we look forward to 2005 we are very eager to begin and with faith that God will lead us and you will support us we are ready to launch into what we believe will be a beautiful year. Marty, Barbara, and I have spent a lot of time talking about our dreams and plans for our work.

We hope to expand our work in the United States with Marty conducting some stateside campaigns in mission areas of the country. I also would be available to conduct two or three such campaigns. We have some wonderful, capable, teachers who are ready to go with us to teach the lost and edify the church. If you know of congregations that would benefit from such an effort,

let us know and we will be glad to help. Finances will not be required for us to come and help.

I was thinking just as I began to write these notes, that with Marty and his family and Kathy and her family doing more and more in the work of Levy Mission Evangelism, this work can continue for many, many, more years. It means so much to me to know that when Barbara and I have long passed from the scene, the work of spreading the gospel will continue through our family members who will remain. How blessed can one couple straight out of the cotton patch in Bay, Arkansas be?

So, we ask that you continue to stand with us as we embark upon this New Year. Please pray for us because we believe that prayer really does work!! We love you and pray for you. May God bless you.

## Make plans now to attend the Sixth Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureships

APRIL 8-10, 2005

Mars Hill Church of Christ  
Vilonia, Arkansas

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## SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

"Fire In My Bones"  
*Howard Norton*

"Person to Person Evangelism"  
*Lance Mayes*

"Preparing the Soil"  
*Hugh Hale*

"Evangelism Through  
the Printed Page"  
*Robert Swain*

"Qualifications of a  
Soul Winner"  
*Enrique de los Santos*

"Teaching Our  
Denominational Friends"  
*Carroll Sites*

"The Advantages of  
Personal Evangelism"  
*David Riley*

"Do We Really Believe God?"  
*Ted Knight*

Lunch on Saturday provided by the Mars Hill congregation

## Marty's Thoughts *(Continued)*

The second workshop will be held in the afternoon concurrent to the Evangelistically Speaking Lectureships at the Mars Hill congregation in Vilonia.

It has always been our goal to ensure that the mission teams we lead into the field are as prepared as possible. In I Samuel 17:49, David approached Goliath prepared for action. He didn't have to reach down and pick up a stone off the ground—he reached into his bag and found one selected specifically for that purpose. These workshops are designed to help you be prepared for what lies ahead in the mission field. I hope that you'll consider attending one even if you cannot participate in one of the 2005 campaigns.

During the coming year we will also begin planning for a number of mission campaigns here in the United States. Preliminary sites are being evaluated in the upper Midwest and New England regions. Our objective will be to minister to congregations in areas of the country where the church is small or, in some cases, does not even exist. As plans progress through the year I will keep you informed through this medium.

I'm also excited about the potential of a program new to Arkansas called Youth Outreach University.

It will be held on the weekend of January 14-16 at the Downtown congregation in Morrilton. The format is patterned after Evangelism University, the highly successful effort based in Savannah, Tennessee. Attendance at the 2004 EU session completely taxed the available facility resource. As a result, several brethren from Arkansas met with the board and began making arrangements to conduct a similar program here.

YOU will provide the youth of Arkansas with a sound, balanced curriculum focused entirely upon outreach and evangelism. In addition to outstanding keynote speakers—Jon Binkley and Willie Franklin—breakout class sessions and ministry fairs will be held all day on Saturday. I've been asked to teach an adult class as part of the program. Additional information regarding YOU can be found at the website listed to the right. I strongly encourage you to make plans to be a part of this exciting weekend.

We're almost addicted to saying "thank you" to those of you who are so generous in supporting us. We are so grateful for your willingness to partner with us. Without you, this simply would not be possible. May God bless our joint efforts to spread the gospel.

- Marty

## Upcoming Schedule and Key Dates

### Ted's Schedule

January 9  
Woodrow—  
Vilonia, Arkansas (AM)  
Higden, Arkansas (PM)

January 16  
Casa Grande, Arizona

January 23  
Formosa, Arkansas (AM)

January 30  
Bay, Arkansas (AM)  
Pyburn Street—  
Pocahontas, Arkansas (PM)

### Marty's Schedule

January 9  
Woodrow—  
Vilonia, Arkansas (AM)

January 15  
Youth Outreach University  
Morrilton, Arkansas

January 30  
Bay, Arkansas (AM)

### Youth Outreach University

January 14-16  
Downtown—  
Morrilton, Arkansas

### ES Lectureships

April 8-10  
Mars Hill—  
Vilonia, Arkansas

### Romanian Mission Workshops

January 22  
Robinson and Center—  
Conway, Arkansas

April 9  
Mars Hill—  
Vilonia, Arkansas

### Romania Mission Campaigns

February 8-28  
Pitesti, Romania

June 23-July 5  
Craiova and Slatina, Romania

October 6-17  
Craiova and Slatina, Romania

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