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Special points of interest:

- Thanks to those of you who attended the ES Lectureships on April 8-10 at the Mars Hill church of Christ in Vilonia, Arkansas
- Dates for the 2006 Lectureships are set for April 7-9 and, as usual, they will be held at Mars Hill.
- 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

When I began preparing Evangelistically Speaking last month I was very tired and in a big hurry to get it prepared and to Marty for his work on it because I was pressed for time. So, after it was printed I realized that I had left out some things that I should have put in it. Therefore, I am including them in this issue. Some people call that a "senior moment," but surely I am not old enough to start having those!

While we were in Romania the last time I rejoiced to see something that I had not seen in the services there before. From almost the beginning of the work over there we have had several hearing impaired people come and study the word with us and obey the gospel. They have been some of the most consistent,

faithful brothers and sisters in the congregations at Pitesti and Craiova. Barbara and I were elated on Sunday morning February 13 when two of the hearing impaired men led the congregation in prayer. They signed and one of the other men translated the prayer for the hearing brethren and this was my first time to see this happen in the church there. It just thrilled me! Brother Mihai and Brother Anton have been loyal and faithful helpers in the kingdom and it was just a real joy to see them participate in the services that day. Now, it is a regular thing for them to serve in the services each week.

Harvey Starling had told me that I would be happy to see the growth and development of



some of the brethren when we arrived in February and we surely were. Several of the men and women leave the building every Sunday morning after services, quickly eat a little lunch, and then take off for Corbeni and Schitu Golesti to conduct services for congregations in those communities. It is very encouraging to see young people who have been attending services for the 11 years that the

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In last month's issue, I mentioned that I was making a trip to north Mexico on March 30 to check on the possibility of taking a teaching team to Piedras Negras. I am happy to announce that we will be taking a team of teachers there on June 4-12! This effort will be held concurrent to aid work done by several congregations, including our home church and brethren from Enola, Arkansas and Stockdale, Texas.

Marty's Thoughts

Given the short timeframe for planning, we will have our hands full in making arrangements; however, we are so excited about the opportunity to begin this work.

The city of Piedras Negras is a border town just across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, Texas. The church there is young, but growing in both number and strength. Most arrangements have been made, but we still have substantial work to do in preparing for the trip. I solicit your prayers as we finalize the plans and prepare the team. Most especially, I solicit your prayers on behalf of those in Piedras Negras who need the gospel of Jesus Christ. They motivate us!

I always feel humbled, edified, and energized following the annual ES

Lectureships and 2005 was no exception! The speakers did an outstanding job of presenting lessons that challenged those of us in attendance.

My only regret is that so relatively few take advantage of the lectureships. Our sincere thanks to the elders at Mars Hill—Bro. Jerry Riley and Bro. Thomas Martin—for their foresight in hosting the series. You would not find a more gracious host if you searched through congregations high and low! The brethren at Mars Hill certainly do a fine job of covering every detail. We look forward to this series continuing for many years to come. Won't you join us on April 7-9, 2006? It will be worth your while!

The following is a letter from the elders of the Levy congregation in North Little Rock, Arkansas. They have been overseeing our work for almost 14 years now and we are thankful for their interest in our work and their support and oversight of it. We have been associated with the church at Levy for 22 of the last 39 years although we have not been "employed" there all of that time. We love the Levy church and are grateful for its leadership and for every member of the Body of Christ there. We look forward to many more years of association with them in this good work.

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March 26, 2005

Dear Brethren,

The elders of the Levy church of Christ have been the overseeing congregation of Ted and Barbara Knight in their mission and evangelism work since planning began in February 1991. Before that Ted served at the pulpit minister of the Levy church of Christ for several years. The Levy congregation and the Knight family have had a very, very, good relationship of love and respect for 39 years. They have worked directly under the oversight of the Levy elders for about 22 of those years but even when they were not working directly with the Levy church, we have had a relationship of which the Levy church and the Knight family are equally proud.

They have worked with congregations from California to Vermont and from Michigan to the Gulf shores of Mississippi and many, many, places in between. They have also been vital partners in establishing the Lords church in the districts of Arges and Dolj in Romania. They are in their 11th year of work in that country. Many of the congregations that they have worked with and continue to work with in the United States, are congregations in mission areas where they need the teaching, encouragement, and motivation that the Knights have supplied. Both of them continue to work tirelessly in their efforts to teach the gospel to as many as they can.

We are also happy that in 2003 Ted & Barbara's son Marty began to get more involved in the mission and evangelism efforts with them. He made his first trip to Romania in 1997 and has been instrumental in helping to spread the gospel on many other journeys there through the years. He prepares the monthly report, "Evangelistically Speaking" and has developed and maintains the web site of this ministry at www.evangelisticallyspeaking.net.

We want to express our profound gratitude to those of you who have helped support this ministry for the past 14 years. We pray that you will continue to help with your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. If you have questions about the work, its financial support, or Levy's oversight of the work, we would be happy to talk with you about it. May God bless you for the interest that you have in preaching the gospel to the world.

Yours In Christ,

Elders, Levy church of Christ

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From Ted's Pen (Continued)

church has been meeting in Pitesti, now Christians themselves and teaching childrens classes and conducting worship services in other places. May God be praised for their steadfastness in serving the Lord.

I also forgot to mention last month that we had a very fine meeting in March with the Caney congregation that meets near Yellville, Arkansas. It was a genuine pleasure to be with the brethren at Caney and be a part of this fine meeting.

I am thankful to God for the Elders at the Mars Hill congregation near Vilonia, Arkansas and for their long time preacher, Brother David Riley. They hosted the 6th Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship on April 8-10 and it was a superb time of fellowship, learning, and motivation concerning the subject of evangelism.

One of the highlights was the service on Saturday evening when Brother Enrique De Los Santos did the preaching and another brother translated for the English speaking audience. There were Hispanic brethren from many different congregations throughout the state of Arkansas present for the service. Several brethren led the congregation in singing and in prayer for a great time of

worship before brother Enrique preached the gospel. I was just thrilled to be a part of the service with our Spanish-speaking brethren.

I would like to encourage brethren all over the brotherhood to plan the lectureship program next year. The entire emphasis is on EVANGELISM! There is no entertainment, no gimmicks to try to draw a crowd, no appeals for money, or anything else except the teaching and encouraging of brethren to do everything possible to WIN LOST SOULS! For SIX years we have had some of the best lessons on the subject of evangelism presented by very capable and evangelistic brethren.

This year Brother Howard Norton delivered a powerful message on Friday night followed on Saturday by Lance Mays, Carroll Sites, Hugh Hale, and Enrique De Los Santos. They delivered their assigned lessons with power and conviction. On Sunday, Robert Swain, who had just returned from a six-week trip to India, Sri Lanka, and other places, presented a challenging lesson regarding our need to be involved in foreign missions and helping to spread the gospel through the printed page. David Riley did his usual outstanding job of presenting a sermon on the "Advantages

Upcoming Schedule and Key Dates

Ted's Schedule

April 29-May 2
Oskaloosa, Iowa

May 6-12
Fremont, California

May 22
Eglantine—
Shirley, Arkansas

May 29
Morley, Missouri

Marty's Schedule

June 4-12
Mission Evangelism Campaign
Piedras Negras, Mexico

Of Personal Evangelism." It was my pleasure as it has been for six years to close the lectureship on Sunday night with a message on the question, "Do We Really Believe God?" Brethren, it would do your congregation good to have a program similar to this one and if we can help you to put one together, we would be happy to do so.

We were very happy to get to be with the church in Casa Grande, Arizona on April 17. We have been with these brethren twice before and it was a joy to be with them again. They are making plans for the arrival of their new preacher and his family the first week of June. Brother Ray Kesler and his family have recently returned to the

U.S. from a four year period of work with the church in Ploiesti, Romania and will begin working with the church at Casa Grande in June. We are praying for a fruitful work in the kingdom for the Kesler family and the church at Casa Grande.

We were also blessed to be with the Southside congregation at Cabot, Arkansas on April 24 where we have worked in meetings through the years. Brother Bruce Tucker has been preaching for the church at Southside for several months now and is doing a very good work with these brethren.

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