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Please join us in prayer for the following items:

- Pray that God will send forth workers to help in the harvest
- Praise God for His bountiful blessings in this day and age
- Ask God to bless those in the mission field with strength, health, wisdom, and opportunity
- Pray for the church in Cluj, Romania and for the preacher and his family, Claudiu and Anca Murtaza.

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From Ted's Pen

It seems so long since we sent our last report because we had to make one issue for the months of January and February due to our schedule. I am happy to get back on schedule and we hope to stay on schedule for some time to come.

There are several things that I need to mention to all of our readers and I hardly know where to begin. First, if you have a change of address it would be a great help to us if you would notify us of your move or let us know to remove you from our mailing list. We had papers from the last issue returned that cost almost \$9.00 in address return expenses. We would appreciate so much your consideration of this matter.



There is an old Hebrew proverb of which I am fond. It goes:

“Whoever teaches his son teaches not alone his son, but also his son’s son, and so on to the end of the generations.”

On January 18, our family made a transition. It was not the sort of change that is greatly anticipated. It was difficult and sobering and yet was cause for celebration.

We spent the month of January giving reports to some of the congregations that support our work. We believe that it is very important to keep brethren informed of our activities, especially those of you who contribute financially to our efforts.

On February 1 it was a joy to be with the congregation at Greenbrier to preach at their "Missions Day" service. Every year the elders give the brethren the opportunity to make a special contribution which is used entirely to support mission efforts which are not included in their regular budget.

This year their goal was to have \$14,000 above their regular contribution and the total con-

On that Sunday morning, Lisa's paternal grandmother, Opal Mae Ford Bradford, passed from this life. Sister Bradford died just short of her 94th birthday. She was a Christian for more than 75 years! She represented the last of a generation in our family.

My, what a generation it was! I have often considered what I would think and perhaps what I would write in this column when that generation was gone. Some have come to call them the Greatest Generation. I'm not sure about that, but within our family, they sure did set the bar high!

Lisa's two sets of grandparents were married for a remarkable total of 122 years. My paternal grandparents were married for 65 years when Dad's father passed away. My mother's parents were married for over 21 years before the death of my



tribution that day was just under \$19,000! They will be able to do a lot of good with those extra funds.

That evening I gave a report on our work at the Downtown congregation at Morrilton, Arkansas and we enjoyed so much our fellowship with the brethren.

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grandmother at 39 ended their relationship far too early. When I think about the fact that our grandparents were married a combined total of nearly 210 years, I am amazed.

But, there is one other fact of which I am more proud than any other. They were all Christians. I thank God that my children can look back and realize that every one of their great-grandparents and grandparents were faithful children of God. What a heritage our family has left us! It is no coincidence that our parents will both celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries in nearly the same calendar year. Long-term commitments are a part of who we are and I thank God for our ancestors every day! As we bid farewell to Grandma Bradford, I spent much time reflecting upon the lives of this group.

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From Ted's Pen (Continued)

On February 15 we were also with the church at Hattieville, Arkansas for the morning service and then in the evening I gave a report on our work at Greenbrier.

One serious problem that is experienced by almost every mission endeavor is that of maintaining support. Over the past 17 years We have not had nearly the problems that I know of some having. However, we are currently in some financial stress in our country and it is having an effect in many of the congregations of the Lord's church.

We have lost \$430 per month of our support since the first of the year. Two congregations had to completely withdraw their support because of decreased attendance

and funds. One other congregation had to reduce their support by half. We need to make that support up and if you could help, we would appreciate it. We are going to tighten our belts and move forward and we believe if our work is important in the sight of God, He will see that our needs are met.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY

Some of the most painful experiences that I ever have are when I have missed an opportunity to speak to someone about their relationship to the Lord and then that opportunity ceases to exist. In October 2008 I attended a high school class reunion for my graduating class. There was one of my classmates who told some of the

others that his doctor had told him that he would not live through November 2008.

Four of us were talking about it and since he had quite a reputation of not being believable a lot of times, we didn't pay much attention to it. A few weeks ago I began to think about him because we had known each other almost from birth. We went to church services together and graduated from high school together. He was a good friend.

I thought that I needed to make an opportunity to talk with him about his relationship to the Lord since I had heard that he had not been serving the Lord faithfully. However, on Friday, February 6 he died in his sleep. I will not get

to talk to him about his spiritual condition and it hurts me deeply that I failed to talk to him. Brethren, let's all resolve that we will not let opportunities pass to talk to someone about his/her soul, certainly when there is a question about their destiny. I am so deeply sorry for my failure and I pray that God will help me to do better.

Since I will not be back home until late in evening on March 2, I will not be able to give a report on my Romania trip so I will do that in the April edition. May God bless all of you as we strive together to present the gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world. Thank you so much for partnering with us in this work.

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Ted and Barbara

MARCH 2
Return from Cluj-Napoca, Romania

MARCH 8
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Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

She and her husband, Bud, made their home on the farm where he was born and raised in Van Buren County. That was the only home that they ever knew. Most of the 65 years they spent there was in the same little frame house.

They raised three fine children and enjoyed seven grandchildren. Opal loved them all very much and that love was returned. We're grateful for her and what she stood for in our family.

All of this has caused me to think and reflect upon the job that MY generation is doing. I'd like to share a few thoughts with you; a few things that each generation can do to ensure that their descendants prosper as God would have them to do.

RESPECT

Each generation must be taught to respect our Heavenly Father, the Son who died in our stead, and the Spirit. Each generation must be taught to respect the inspired Word of God. Like me, you have probably seen families where one generation accumulates a great deal of wealth and the subsequent generations never learn to value the work that went into building that wealth.

In some cases, the younger folks in those families squander the fortune due to their lack of character and strength. Isn't that a sad thing to witness? In Deut. 6, Moses warned Israel to be diligent about teaching their children the basics. What he describes in these verses is not an hour a week in Bible class. It is a continuous process that involves every aspect of life.

I want to encourage Christians everywhere who may read this to renew your commitment to teaching our children respect!

RESTORATION

You've heard me refer to Deut. 6:11 and the warning against a younger generation living in houses they did not build and drinking from wells they did not

dig. Throughout the Bible we have example after example of one generation working so hard to restore themselves to God, only to be lost by the preceding generation.

Restoration is something that has no end. Have you ever seen an older home restored to a lovely state, only to fall back into disrepair in a matter of years? The same could be said of a restored automobile. It certainly applies to a restored commitment to God.

The church of Christ is proud of our restoration heritage and rightfully so. But, if we neglect the Biblical principles on which that restoration was based, then the church can be lost in a generation. A second unwavering commitment that I want to recommend is this: teach our young people the New Testament principles and those alone. Instill in them a burning desire to maintain the restoration spirit.

REMEMBRANCE

As I grow older, the importance of the weekly remembrance of a slain Savior becomes more important to me. It's not without significance that Jesus spent part of the last evening with His disciples explaining to them that He must be remembered on a regular basis.

Just as we remember our loved ones who are no longer with us, those family members who have passed from this life, so should we remember a fallen Brother who gave His life for us.

I am grateful for Opal Bradford and the life that she lived. I thank God for the fine man whom she raised and who became my father-in-law. I'm humbled by the fact that she treated me as her own. And I am thankful that she can look forward to reunion with a long-departed husband, infant son and beloved grandson.

May God bless each of us as we work to be Christian examples to our families.

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