



## FOUNDER'S FLASHBACK

Fall 2015

We open this letter with a quote from Marvin J. Rosenthal, President of Zion's Hope: " I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the virgin-born, crucified, resurrected, ascended, enthroned-at-His-Father's right-hand, coming-again King; all-powerful, all-knowing Creator of the universe; and Sovereign Lord over all things, whose existence is without end. I opened this letter to you the way I did to give balance to the insane, wicked, evil, satanic world in which we live. Things have gotten so bad and so out of control that sometimes we may wonder if anyone can really straighten things out and bring order out of chaos, righteousness out of wickedness, and beauty out of corruption." He closes his letter with the following, "...what every believer should commit to do with their whole being is point to Jesus and cry out, "If anyone thirst, come to faith in Christ, for He alone is the source of living water which will never run dry and will eternally satisfy." John 7:37, 38

This is the message of hope we bring to the children! JESUS! HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE; NO MAN COMES TO THE FATHER BUT THROUGH HIM! God has put great value on the lives of children. Psalm 127:3-5 tells us children are a gift from the Lord---a reward. GHH is committed to prepare them for their eternal future and we thank God for the many opportunities the teams had this summer to bring that hope to the children. We do not know what the future holds for them here on this earth BUT we know who holds the future and our desire is for them to know Jesus personally and have that blessed HOPE.

All through the years of GHH, one of the frequent comments from teachers about our meetings has been: "I am amazed at how everything fits together. It's not just the Bible story but the puppet scripts, songs, quizzes, contests, and even some of the foolishness from the puppets." What an encouragement to our staff as great endeavor is made to make this true. However, it is not because of us but rather "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 Thess. 5:24

Another way GHH fulfills our commitment to children is through the discipleship program. Our initial lessons come from RBM Ministries. After completing a series of 6 lessons, they are put into more lessons on growing in Jesus. These lessons are from SLM International of Madison, Georgia. With 40 active students (plus 3 adult men) in the discipleship program, I am challenged daily. I get questions from the children which cause me to do some hard thinking sometimes. I want my answers to always have scripture to back them up.

Examples of questions that keep me busy when grading their quiz page:

1. "I thought anybody could pray to God, not just Christians, right?"
2. "How do people know for sure that Jesus died on the cross?"
3. "Why did God make the devil when he knew what he would do?"
4. "Will we know our loved ones in heaven?"

We are pleased to have Sarah Burkey join GHH for her 9-month internship to complete the requirements for her diploma with Frontier School of the Bible. Nicole is heading up the program and working closely with her. She is already learning some of the nitty gritty stuff required to keep GHH moving forward.

Our time schedule has become a little complicated. In July, Bob was in the hospital for a week getting rid of the fluid buildup (25 lbs.) due to his heart failure. During that time we learned he has a complication to his condition. The doctor calls it amyloidosis. My understanding is that a rogue protein attacks organs in the body such as heart, kidney etc. Because there is not treatment for this, the doctor suggested putting him under the care of SW Michigan Hospice. He is extremely weak, has no appetite and sleeps a great portion of the time. At this point, the nurse comes twice a week to monitor his condition. He has managed to get himself to the office on occasion. I mentioned awhile back that he wants to finish 4 grizzly bear puppets. I know it is a silly request, but to finish these puppets is a desire of his heart. We delight in God's faithfulness and look to Him for strength for each day. Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Pray also with us as we witness of the faithfulness of Jesus to our nurse, Pam.

You might remember that our son installed a chair lift for Bob at home so he could get to the basement of our home where he has a sewing and creative area to work. The lift has been functioning so beautifully until recently. It seems he got into the chair and it would not move. It wouldn't have been too bad if he had been upstairs; but alas, he was downstairs. What to do? Maybe you remember that our son-in-law has said, "Call me if you have a need---ANYTIME OF THE DAY OR NIGHT! So we did! It's a must to laugh a little, and you can if you picture what was happening. Our granddaughter, Kendra was at the front of Bob guiding and pulling upward and Jeff was at Bob's back pushing. It worked!! Bob arrived safely, huffing and puffing at the top of the stairs. Our son is in the process of contacting the company to get the chair problem taken care of. We would so appreciate prayer for Bob and myself as go through this phase of our lives. We constantly praise the Good Lord for the beautiful life we have had together. It will be 60 years we have been married come June 2016. We are thankful.

Because of His love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob + Shirley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed names.

Bob and Shirley Friedl