



Founder's Flashback

Fall 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Some of you have been receiving our newsletters for years and know there are certain verses that we have a tendency to use over and over. One of those verses is 1 Thessalonians 5:24. "He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it." We depend on that promise! Any success in our personal lives or in our ministry belongs to Him and Him alone. We look back over the past 36 years when GHH was first established and we are amazed how the Lord has increased the outreach. Plus the technology that is now used both in the office and programming is amazing. Why are we amazed when God blesses? From our simple idea years ago of using a variety of visual aids to tell people of the love of Jesus, we have watched His vision unfold. "Nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

I recently wrote a note in response to people who asked, "Shirley, how are you doing since Bob moved to his heavenly home?" I'm going to borrow Bob's response when asked that question during the time he was so ill. He would say, "Better than I deserve." I think that's a good picture of God's grace. 2 Timothy 2:1b says "...be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." I do admit that I don't like the loneliness and I shed tears frequently, but my memories bring me back to reality: GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!

The teams are back in the area and praising the Lord for an excellent summer tour void of any major traveling difficulties. Perhaps you remember the picture of the huge dragon shown in my spring letter. He didn't fit through the bus door so he rode in the car that was towed behind the bus. The kids at VBS and camps loved him!! The Knobloch team is currently preparing a Christmas musical that Chris has put together.



My summer was lonely but the weeks were broken up by some fun with my GrandDOGS. I had two adorable little ladies who spent a total of 4 weeks taking care of Grandma. Robin and Jeff left them with me when they were at a camp where dogs were not allowed. Minnie and Sadie were good to me; but, oh, the excitement when they spotted the Awe's car coming down the driveway to take them back to the bus. As small as they were, they would actually get Logan and Jordan down on the floor licking and jumping and licking and wagging their tails and licking and licking. Did I say they were excited?

I am so thankful for BJ (my son) who comes every weekend to spend time with me and do projects to keep my home in good shape. In my last newsletter I sent pictures of my twin great grandkids who are BJ's grandkids.

Layla is doing well at 6 months. Sonny is still in the hospital. He has gained weight and seems to be growing normally; however, his lungs never fully developed making it necessary for him to have a permanent tracheotomy. Before he can come home, several people have to be trained in caring for his needs. One of them is our granddaughter, Mackenzie (Renee's youngest), who will be moving in with Ronde (BJ's daughter) to help care for her twins. Here is Grandpa Bob holding them.



PRAISE

- I am still able to go to the office 3 or 4 days a week. I love being in touch with the kids in the discipleship program.
- Our great staff who are so forgiving with my late arrival in the morning, who provide help with the computer problems I create, and who work around my mobility device (walker). Patience is their gift.
- Granddaughter, Sarai, Renee's oldest girl, is getting married to a fine Christian young man in October in California.
- The teams brought me 37 new students to add to my current 59 students.

PRAYER:

- Decisions I am making about my home's septic system and need for a new well.
- Robin has been struggling with a pinched nerve in her back for several months now and is being scheduled for surgery very soon.
- Sonny and Layla (the twins) and those who help in the care of them.
- Mackenzie, as she moves in with Ronde to help with the twins. Mackenzie also works full time and attends community college.
- My current support level is 79%. I would love to see it brought up to 100%.

SOME DISCIPLESHIP QUOTES:

15-year-old girl: "I just learned that now that I am a Christian you really are my **AUNT** Shirley. You are my family in Christ."

13-year-old boy: "I have a friend who prays to Satan thinking he is good and God is bad. What can I say to him?"

CHALLENGE: How would YOU answer him? Pray for my wisdom in answering mail from the children.

I can't express enough to you how much I appreciate each of you.

Because of Jesus,



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