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## H.I.S. Ministries August Newsletter, covering July 2011

This letter comes a bit late, for we finally got away for a week and went camping – not very far away – just about 89 miles from home. [It was a very peaceful place, called Ponderosa Pine Campground.] We rested, read and studied. One of the books we brought with us was *“The New Temple and the Second Coming”* by Dr. Jeffrey Grant. He writes about preparations that Orthodox Jews are making for the Third Temple of Israel. That there will be a third temple is spoken of in the NT; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 11:1-2; 2 Thess. 2:4, as examples. [First Temple was Solomon’s temple; the Second temple was Herod’s Temple that was in existence during the time of Christ, the temple that the Romans destroyed in 70 A.D.] It was very interesting reading about what is going on in Israel among the religious Jews. Since Israel as a nation has not accepted Jesus Christ as their promised Messiah, they are returning, as soon as they have a temple, into Old Testament sacrificial system for covering of their sins that they have not been able to practice since the destruction of the Second Temple – 1941 years ago. If we know the Word of God, none of this comes as a total surprise to us – but these things will alert us to see where we are in God’s time table. All that is happening in Israel and we read about in our newspapers, are fulfillments of prophecies written thousands of years ago by God’s prophets about the end times. It has been said by many Bible scholars, *“We cannot understand our current newspapers unless we know the Bible and can see that this is exactly what was foretold by God.”* We’d better take note and study our Bibles. It gives us peace and confidence to see that no matter what takes place, our God is in control – He told us about this in His Book. If we stand by Him and His Word, there is nothing for us to worry about.

**[It is important to remind all of us of the historical facts and background:** It was the Roman Emperor who destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 A.D. and had portions of Jerusalem plowed under. Later, in A.D. 130, Roman Emperor Hadrian decided to build the Roman City *“Aelia Capitolina”* on top of portions of Jerusalem. That, and prohibiting Jews from entering the city, and also banning circumcision, led to the *“Bar Kochba”*- revolt. After the revolt, the **Romans** (in 135 A.D.) wanting to insult Jews further, **named the province Palestine, after the Philistines, the arch-enemies of Israel.** People who lived in this newly named *“Palestine”* were not *“Palestinians”*, but *Israelites!* Today’s *“Palestinians”* are Arabs who mostly came from Jordan after Israel became a nation. They are the “occupiers” in the land of Israel. In all of history, there never was a *“Palestinian people”*, or nation, government, language, culture, or economy. What now unites these *“Palestinians”* and surrounding Arab nations around Israel is Islam. They all are Muslims and they hate Jews. It is amazing how little of this is known among people in the West.]

What happens in Israel is relevant to the entire world, for God reveals His plans through Israel in our day as He has done throughout the Old and New Testament. He is at work behind the scenes, bringing about events that He has foretold in His Word, the Bible. **No one can dispute the fact that Israel is the major topic of biblical prophecy** that covers a large part of the Bible– and we see **Israel in these days as a major topic in our daily news.** In the KJV of the English Bible the word *“Israel”* is found 2,565 times, and *“Jerusalem”* is mentioned 811 times. [By the way, Jerusalem is not mentioned even once in Qur’an, but Muslims today insist that Jerusalem is their third holiest city in the world. They want to take Jerusalem from Israel and make it the capital of *“Palestine”*!!!!] **Prophecies in the Bible concerning Israel and Jerusalem are precise and beyond possibility of misinterpretation.** God specifically warns that He will bring judgment on those who attempt to bring *“peace”* by forcing Israel to give up and divide their God-given land. **God will judge all who mistreat His chosen people, the Jews, and His land Israel.** God promises: **“I will enter into judgment... on account [of] My people, My heritage**

Israel...they have also divided up My land." (Joel 3:2, NKJV.) Through the prophet Zechariah God said, "***Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all people around about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut to peaces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.***" (Zech. 12:2-3.) That Jerusalem is indeed "***burdensome stone to all people***" can be seen from the fact that between 1967 and 1989 the UN Security Council and General Assembly made 865 resolutions, of them **526 were against Israel**. Just during the last week of July (26<sup>th</sup>) there was a vote taken about **dividing Jerusalem** – and **next month UN is planning on making Palestine a state which means taking much of the land of Israel from her** – at least to the 1967 borders, perhaps even to 1948 borders. UN pretty much includes "***all people***" and they are against Israel. **This is a vote against God Almighty and His land and His people. Scary!**

American presidents, starting with Jimmy Carter, have tried to negotiate "peace" between Israel and Palestinian-Arabs by **demanding that Israel give up, in exchange for "peace", part of her land that God gave Israel!** How can these American presidents, who even claim to be *evangelical Christians*, go so blatantly against God and His Holy Word? **The Bible tells us that God will judge nations for their treatment of Israel. How are we as a nation doing now? More importantly, how are we as Christians doing on that issue?** God said: "***And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him and curses thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.***" (Gen. 12:3.) Do we deserve blessings or curses of God? This is serious issue to ponder: *Where do we, as individual Christians stand regarding Israel?*

Many main stream Christian churches now follow what is called "***Replacement Theology***", which teaches that Israel, through her disobedience and unbelief, forfeited God's promises and that the Church is now the "new Israel" and has inherited blessings promised to Israel. **They also say that only God's promised judgments belong to Israel, but blessings promised to Israel now belong to the Church! Not so!**

This teaching has fueled anti-Semitism and an attitude that the Biblical scriptures cannot be taken literally. They specifically say that God's prophetic future for the nation Israel is not literal but spiritual and it belongs now to the Church.

It looks as we are seeing fulfillment of what Psalm 83:2-8 told us that will take place in the end times. It lists the Arab nations that will make a covenant to utterly destroy Israel, and the **US Government seems to be working with all of them.**

**Psalm 83:2-8, NKJV:** "*For behold, Your [God's] enemies make an uproar; and those who hate You [God] have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your [God's] people, and consulted together... with one consent; they form confederacy against You [God]: The tents of Edom [Arab's descendants of Esau] and the Ishmaelites [one of the fathers of Arabs]; Moab [Jordan], and the Hagarites [Egyptians]; Gebal [Lebanon], Ammon [Jordan], and Amalek [Sinai Peninsula]; Philistia [Gaza Strip] with the inhabitants of Tyre [part of Lebanon]; Assyria [Syria] also has joined them.*"

It is again Isaac and his descendants, vs. Ishmael's and Esau's descendants – and their ancient hatred against Israel (i.e. Jacob vs. Esau).

**It is obvious that America stands in direct opposition to God's plan for the nation Israel in so-called "land for peace"** that was enforced strongly by George W. Bush and has been pushed even harder and further by Barack Hussein Obama who is now demanding Israel's return to 1967 boarders, that are totally indefensible. [The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, has been pressured, just during the last few days, to start negotiating about return to these indefensible borders. He has tentatively agreed – but only **IF Palestinians agree to acknowledge Israel as a Jewish nation**, which they have all these years vehemently refused to do.]

We must read again what God has said about that. Scripture teaches that **God will judge the nations that try to divide and give away God's land.** "***I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat ; and I will enter into judgment with them there, on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered...they have also divided up My land.***" (Joel 3:2, NKJV)

**Throughout the entire 3000 plus year history of Israel, the land of Israel has never before been divided.** It had been conquered by various nations, but never has it been divided – even the Turks who had the land for 400 years, did not divide it, but kept it intact. This division of Israel has happened only in our day. **Britain, which had been put in charge of "Palestine" by the allied forces, who had conquered it in the First World War, had been given a mandate by the League of Nation** (now UN) **to make sure that this land would remain as a refuge for the Jews scattered around the world.**

**Instead of doing that, Britain gave 75% of the land to Arab-Muslims in exchange for oil.** In 1947 United Nations formalized this breach of trust. Israel received only 13% of the land they had been promised. **Britain and UN fulfilled Joel 3:2 and parted God's land.** After being attacked by Muslim nations in 1967, Israel in self-defense recaptured some of this land back. Now the nations of the world, under UN and USA, are joining Muslim nations in a demand that Israel gives this land to *Palestinians*. **Israel is God's heritage and her Land is God's land. We better not mess with that!**

History has taught us that those peoples and nations who have been against God's people, Israel, have been dealt with severely, by God, I might add. America is already in trouble in many areas and may experience God's wrath if we continue to advocate giving away God's Promised Land to the hostile *Palestinians* who hate Israel and have vowed to destroy her. They say that they "***will remove Israel off from the maps***". [Interesting, for Arab nations maps do not show Israel at all! ☺]

**The Land of Israel, as God's Promised Land,** should be much larger – *“from the Nile to the Euphrates”*. God has promised that He will gather *“into judgment”* all those who have taken His land. (Joel 3:2.)

God is angry with the nations of today's world for having robbed Israel most of the land that He gave as everlasting inheritance to her. They have confined Israel to a small fraction of what belongs to them, and are demanding that she give up even more land to *“Palestinians”*.

We think that God is also angry with the present-day Israel for going along with this, although they are under a heavy pressure from United Nations, European Union and the United States. God will judge Israel for unbelief and disobedience, but God will not forsake Israel.

**The Bible tells us that God made unconditional covenants with Abraham concerning the land and nation Israel.** They are unconditional because God alone can fulfill them. (Gen. 12:1-3.) God's promises are not dependant on man, and thus they cannot be broken.

Through Ezekiel God said: *“...when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their own doings; their way was before Me as the uncleanness... Wherefore I poured My fury upon them...and I scattered them among heathen, and they dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them... But I had pity for Mine Holy Name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God; I do not do this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for Mine Holy Name's sake, which ye have profaned... And I will sanctify My Great name which ye have profaned among the heathen... and the heathen shall know that I AM the LORD, saith the LORD God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land...”* (Ezekiel 36:17-24. See also Jer. 16:14-15; 23:7-8)

God did scatter Israel among the nations of the world, first in the Babylonian captivity, and after Christ, throughout the countries where they went in disbelief. God prophesied through Ezekiel that the Israelites as a whole would continue to reject Him during the time they were dispersed among the Gentile nations (Ezek. 36:19-20), just as they had rejected God while still in their own country. Nevertheless God would finally bring them back to their own land, not because they had repented while among these nations, but “for Mine own name's sake”, “so that the heathen shall know that I AM the LORD”. (Ezek. 36:23.) **God is the God of Israel, unconditionally.**

Paul asked in Romans 11:1, *“Has God cast away His people? Certainly not!”*

Their return in unbelief has been a great testimony to the world that God's Word is true and that He will surely fulfill all His prophecies - also those yet in the future – both blessings and judgments. God promises are unconditional and outside of man's doings. This is the way it has been since 1948 and what we are seeing today.

Chapters 9 through 11 in Paul's letter to Romans are specifically written about Israel's future in God's plan, and regardless of what Israel has done, God has not forsaken His own people, but He has brought them back to His own land, the Land of Israel, from where the Messiah will reign for a thousand years (Rev. 20:2-6) after the Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:21) before He creates the New Heaven and New Earth (Rev. 21:1).

God has also promised, *“I will put My spirit within you, and shall cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.”* (Ez.36:27-28.) This will be accomplished by God yet in the future. Chapters 37, 38 and 39 of Ezekiel tell how this will be accomplished. *“The house of Israel shall know that I AM the LORD their God from that day and forward.”* (Ezekiel 39:22.)

These next few months may be the most crucial to Israel, her land and safety of her people. Many American are asking, *“What does that have to do with us?”* It has everything to do with us! If it was not for Israel and the Jews, we as gentiles could not even know about the Lord Jesus and salvation. **The entire Bible came to us through Jewish prophets and writers. We thank God for them and the preservation of God's Word so that we too can learn about God and His salvation plan and be saved. We would not know about the only true God if we did not have the Bible.**

Blindness towards the Messiah's First coming has come to Israel so that Gentiles could be saved! As Paul wrote, *“the Gospel of Christ... is the power of God unto salvation, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Gentiles)”*. (Romans 1:16.) Paul explained that **the blindness of the Jews will be lifted after the gentiles, whom God foreknew, have accepted Jesus.** before the Great Tribulation and the Rapture of the Church. *“...the blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”* (Rom. 11:25.) When Israel comes to see that Jesus indeed was/is their Messiah, Israel's role in God's great plan is again given back to them to teach nations about their Great God.

There will be a great evangelical revival coming through **144 thousand Jewish believers from twelve tribes of Israel**, who, during the Great Tribulation, will teach and convert the world. (See Rev. Chapters 7 and 14.)

**“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem”**. (Ps. 122:6.)

We would highly recommend that if you have not yet read Dave Hunt's great book, "JUDGMENT DAY" about Islam, Israel and the Nations, please check with your local library or order it through the Berean Call Ministries, Bend, Oregon 97708-7019. It is well researched and documented, a must read for all Christians. Their website: [www.thebereancall.org](http://www.thebereancall.org)



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**From our mailbox:**

A woman dating a Mormon wrote: "I am currently in a relationship with a Mormon... I am a Christian and I need help...How do I not come across like what he knows isn't right ... like I'm the only one who is right?...How do we know that the Bible is the only word of God? How do I argue that point? And how can we deny that he [Joseph Smith] is not a prophet? Didn't things that he said happen? According to Bible they need to, right?"

**With my reply** to her I emailed 3 articles from our website and our computer files that document what she was asking. [I included 1. *Is Mormonism Christian?*; 2. *Mormon-ese – Terminology differences*; 3.

*Contradictions between Mormon Scriptures.*] I suggested that in order to be able to show him what is truth, she needs also to study the Bible and then speak from the proven facts. (2 Tim. 2:15.) **We know that the Bible is the Word of God**, because Jesus and all the New Testament writers authenticated the Old Testament (see Luke 24:25-27, 44; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21). Fulfilled prophecies prove that the prophets of the OT spoke for God who alone *declares the end from the beginning*. (Isa. 46:10; 48:5; Rom. 4:17.) Secular history has verified cities and places (still existing) talked about in the Bible, even all 29 kings of Israel mentioned in the Bible have been found recorded outside of the Bible. Other nations besides Israel and peoples talked about in the Bible are likewise proven to have been real nations and peoples. Archeological research has found even every coin mentioned in the Bible and much more, contrary to the Book of Mormon that lists cities, peoples, weapons, coins etc., but **nothing has ever been found that could be connected to the Book of Mormon**. We know that Joseph Smith was not a prophet of God, because what he claimed that God had revealed to him and will take place, did not happen. The Bible commands that we *test/prove all things* (1 Thess. 5:21; 1 John 4:1; 1 Tim. 4:1.) We test a prophet by inspecting what he teaches or prophesies. (Our website has a list of *53 false prophecies of Joseph Smith*. [www.hismin.com/53FlsPro.htm](http://www.hismin.com/53FlsPro.htm).) The Bible says that we need only one false prophecy to prove a person a false prophet. (Deut. 18:20-22.) The Bible also warns about a prophet who, after he gets a following, then leads them "*after other gods*" – other than the True God of the Bible. (Deut 13:1-5.) Joseph Smith did that too. He started his church in 1830 with a teaching that there is *only one God* (the BoM, Moroni 8:18; Mormon 9:9-10), but later (in 1844) he changed that and taught "*plurality of gods*", even claiming that he had always taught that there are many gods. (See **Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith**, p. 370.) He also changed God who he had said is Spirit (Lectures of Faith, V), into a former mortal man, with a body of flesh and bones (Teachings, pp. 345-346; D&C 130:22) adding that men can become gods also.

If you have more questions or need help in any of these matters, please write again. God bless, Rauni

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**A young lady, who was just about to be baptized into the Mormon Church, wrote:**

*"Hello! My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm 18 years old and have been very interested in the Mormon Church. I have been (against my parents will) taking missionary discussions for the past few months and going to Mormon church and church activities at the LDS single's ward by my house. I was supposed to get baptized tomorrow but decided to postpone it until I could make my parents understand my decision. It has of course been a very emotional and difficult journey for me but I thought I had found the truth. I've always had some doubts but after reading your story on [exmormon.org](http://exmormon.org) I changed my mind. I talked to a Christian pastor's wife and realized that I was attracted to the awesome promises, social scene, great people, etc and I wasn't looking at the core doctrines and beliefs that totally contradict Biblical Christianity. I don't know how I'm going to tell the missionaries and all of my close Mormon friends that I no longer want to get baptized. I wish they could see it from my point of view. Anyway, just wanted to thank you for all the valuable knowledge you have provided for me and for countless others who are struggling with this. Thanks!!! M \_\_\_\_\_:-)*

**I answered:**

I am so thankful that you wrote to us. I was a convert to Mormonism, so I understand how hard it is for you to tell these nice people you have befriended (or they actually have befriended you) that you do not want to join their religion for the very reasons **that it is not biblical and thus not true – but you must be truthful to them for true love and friendship requires that**. By saying this to them [that Mormonism is not biblical and thus not truth], you may be the only witness for true Jesus they will ever meet. Do not fear, but **be their friend who is not afraid to say how it is**. - If you need help on what to say, I will be glad to assist you.



You can call me when ever you can, and let's see how we can together help them. My phone number is 801.943-5011. If you live in Utah, in SLC area, I'd be glad to meet you and talk to you in person.

Our website is: [www.hismin.com](http://www.hismin.com) where we have many former LDS stories and other articles that can help you to further clear your mind from Mormonism and help your Mormon friends too. In our monthly newsletters (also on our website) we answer Mormons' questions and help them to see what the Bible says.

God bless you. I hope to hear from you soon. If you have questions on particular issues, please just ask. Rauni

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### **An other Mormon wrote:**

**"If the church you attend is not called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, then it is not a true church at all. This (LDS) Church is "the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth". (D&C 1:30.) "It is the only organization authorized by the Almighty to preach the gospel and administer the ordinances of salvation, the only Church which has power to save and exalt men in hereafter. Membership in this divine institution is a pearl of great price." (Mormon Doctrine, p. 136.) "This full salvation is obtained in and through the continuation of the family unit in eternity, and those who obtain it are gods. (D&C 131:1-4; 132.) Without the atonement, the gospel, the priesthood, and the sealing power, there would be no salvation. If it had not been for Joseph Smith and the restoration, there would be no salvation. There is no salvation outside of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." (Mormon Doctrine, p. 670.) It is too bad that you were deceived into leaving this church that alone can save. The LDS Gospel alone teaches the truth that it is by the obedience to the laws and ordinances that will make it possible for us to meet God and become like he is. \_\_\_\_ "**

### **My reply:**

**Do you not know** that the full and legal name of the Mormon Church is not what Mormons call it, but it is "**The Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**", meaning that "your church" is a **corporation owned by its president, and no one else**. Today's sole owner of this Corporation is Thomas S. Monson. I recall when I worked for the Mormon Corporation, that all my paychecks came from "**The Corporation of the President**" and were signed by who ever was then the President. (I worked under several presidents during my 14+ years there.) Also **did you not know** that all tithing monies from LDS wards around the nation and the world are at the end of each Sunday sent to "**The Corporation of the President**"? The members have no "ownership" of this institution. It is fictional "church" as far as membership of 14 million Mormons are concerned –the one who owns it is Thomas S. Monson.

As to the "**gospel**" of Mormonism, **it is not a biblical gospel declared in the New Testament** (1 Cor. 15:1-4), but it is "**laws and ordinances of the [LDS] Gospel.**" (3<sup>rd</sup> Article of Faith.) **There are no laws and ordinances in the true Gospel of Christ.** (Gal. 2:16-21.)

In addition to this, **no church has power to save anyone – only Jesus Christ, who is God Almighty with us, can save.** (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1, 14; 8:23-24; 14:6; Acts. 4:12; Eph. 2:8-9; Rev. 1:8.)

**Men will not become gods** – that was a lie of Satan (Gen. 3:5) who had sworn that **he will be like the Most High God** (Isa. 14:12-14). The Devil wanted company in his up-coming misery by tempting mankind, starting with Adam and Eve onward to this day, with his own desires. The Devil has deceived Mormons to be as prideful as he is with a desire to become gods. Joseph Smith and all false prophets will be cast into the lake of fire with the Devil. (Rev. 20:10.) There is a sad end coming to this fictional "church".

My prayer to God is that all Mormons would take the Bible, **one without LDS footnotes and Joseph Smith's "revisions"**, and start studying and finding out who the True God is, and what the "**true church**" actually is! It is not an organization but a living **Body of Christ** (Col 1:18, 24). **No one can join that Church – we all have to be born into it by receiving Jesus** (John 1:12-13; 3:7) and thus **becoming children of God.**

**Jesus is Eternal God who alone came from heaven to save us.** (John 1:1, 14; 8:23-24.) Mankind did not preexist nor did we come from heaven. (John 8:23.) We must know and believe that He is God, otherwise we will die in our sins, and NOT go to heaven. (John 8:24.)

**Please take your Bible are read the scriptures given above, while reading this letter, which is written with the love of Jesus.** Rauni

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We again want to thank you, our friends, for praying for us and supporting us in many tangible ways too. We thank the Lord daily for you, for we would not be able to do this work without you.

When our ministry's demands became too much for us both work outside of this God's calling, we had to make a decision which one of us was to "keep earning our living" and which one of us was to take the ministry as a full time work. After seeking the

Lord in this, I, about 10 years ago, took this ministry as a full time work and became a part time Realtor and “my own RE Broker”. Our daughter is a Realtor and Associate Broker and she takes care of 99.9% of the business. I just do the office paper-work. It was a good decision, for ministry has now for many years taken all my days and even weekends – there are no days when demand for answers and counsel is not before me and us both. **This is not a complaint – quite the opposite. We thank the Lord that people are asking, seeking and getting saved by opening their hearts and mind to the True Jesus and His Word. I just wanted to keep you informed what our life is like.**

We have been asking prayer in our recent newsletters for our daughter Kristiina, because she has suffered 2 strokes and a seizure during the last few months. Now she has been diagnosed with two holes in her heart! Her cardiologist says that her strokes 2-3 months ago may not have been caused by her brain injuries from her car accident years ago, as was first thought, but that they could have been caused by the holes in her heart. They say that these holes in her heart were birth defects. However, a big seizure that she had about 1.5 months ago, was caused by her brain injuries, but they hope they can control seizures by medication. Kristiina will have a heart procedure to “block” the holes in her heart on 8/8/11. Her husband will have his surgery to remove a tumor in his abdomen 8/10/11. What a week they will have!! **But we, with them, trust that the Lord will take care of all troubles they and we are faced with.** We have been hit with other big problems during these last couple of weeks, but we see that this may mean that we are doing some good! i.e. making trouble for the enemy of our souls, and he is mad and trying to discourage us with this and what is happening in our family.

**God is our comfort and we cling to Him and His Word.** We cling to what Paul wrote, as if for us:

***“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”*** (2 Cor. 4:7-11.) **Praise be to God!**

Dennis is leaving on September 12<sup>th</sup> to go to Perth, Australia to teach Jennifer Harvey and her brother David to become good witnesses to Mormons in Perth and beyond. Please pray for his safety and health while he is away, and for our finances when he is not able to work. [By the way, Dennis helped Jennifer out of Mormonism many years ago through emails and calls and by sending her books, DVDs etc.] Jennifer is a single mother of 2 boys, with a burning desire to help Mormons out of Mormonism and into Christ of the Bible. When she, last fall, asked if Dennis would consider making this long trip there to teach her and her brother, Dennis said that he would be happy to come, but that we do not have money for the expensive tickets. **That did not stop her. She paid for the tickets! What a lady!** She is willing to sacrifice what she can to help Mormons come to Christ. Dennis will be taking with him our teaching materials, copying just about all we have, and there train Jennifer so that our work can be expanded to others in Australia! **Is God good or what!!!**

We will start our ***Understanding Mormonism*** class here on 9/11/11, and while Dennis is away, Chris Hohnbaum will help me with our class. Both Chris and Jamie have offered to continue helping us in the ministry work as much as they can, and that is a big relief to us. There have been times that we have felt overwhelmed with the workload. It is good to know that we can count on them to step in if and when needed.

We have in the past, now and then, talked to you about Emily. Many of you may recall that Emily is great-granddaughter of a late prophet and president of the Mormon Church. She came to know the Lord a few years ago here in our home - after many meetings with her. Ever since, life has been tough for her, but she has stayed faithful to the Lord Jesus of the Bible. She is still coming quite often to study with us. She had collected quite a library for herself so that she can show that all she says is factual – both from the Mormon sources, when speaking of false doctrines of Mormonism, and from the Bible, when showing what the gospel and truth of God is. Just about 3 weeks ago she called to say that she now understands what the Bible means when it speaks about **joy** that comes when **even one comes to know the Lord!** Her sister-in-law gave her that **joy** by accepting the Lord after Emily’s witness to her. She called again this morning to say that she is seeing others also responding positively. What a praise that is! **Thank you, Lord!**

Bruce is doing better and has high hopes in his plans in expanding his photography business. It will be such a blessing to him after all he has been through during the last 6-7 years. He is a talented and gifted artist. Please continue to pray that his future plans will work and that he can also have opportunities to serve the Lord.

Heber is continuing to have ringing his ears, which is very disturbing. He called again 2 weeks ago, and asked that we'd pray for him. Federal Prison is not a good place to be sick! We promised that we will pray and that we will ask you all to pray with us.

Dale has been admitted to a hospital quite often lately, but his desire to witness to Mormons is still as strong as it was before his accident, couple of years ago. He witnesses to his LDS therapists and doctors and often asks information from us, which we are happy to send or give. His wife Sharon is a great caretaker of Dale, but to take care of him in a wheelchair is strength-requiring task 24 hrs every day. Please pray for them both.

There are number of persons who have asked prayer, but who do not want their names published because of fear of retaliation from relatives or friends. It is sad that those calling themselves "friends" would make their lives harder if they knew that they are seeking to find and know the truth!

It cannot be love and it is not friendship if truth cannot be freely spoken of or sought.

We again want to thank you for your loving support. It is comforting to know that you care about this work and want to be our help in it and make it possible. **When the Lord directs, He also provides. We thank Him for you!**

**Note: Our favorite Christian Band, **the Adam's Road Band** will be again in Salt Lake City area from August 30<sup>th</sup> till September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please check their schedule from [www.adamsroadband.com](http://www.adamsroadband.com) and make sure to attend their concerts and enjoy and support them in any way you can.**

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**Thought for the Month:** *(Quoted from The Berean Call's daily letter of 8/3/11)*

**"Some people say faith moves mountains. That is not true. God moves mountains.**

**Faith is no better than its object. Faith in faith is nothing but positive thinking. If you put faith in positive thinking, you are going to become discouraged.**

**There are some who teach that if you will simply believe God for something, that He will give you that thing. That is simply not true.**

**If you try to apply that teaching to your life, after awhile Satan is going to say, "You really don't have what it takes."**

**Don't get the idea that because your faith is weak that your prayers are not reaching heaven. Weak faith in God is better than strong faith in anything else. Faith is what counts. It is not the size of your faith it is the object of your faith that really counts.**

**--Adrian Rogers (Two-term president of the Southern Baptist Convention, pastor, and a conservative author.)**

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