



Praise With Robin

Dear dear friends,

Well, it has happened. I'm now officially in my 25th year of ministry! October 1st was the beginning of that year – but to tell the truth, I forgot about it until the new year turned! Surely that couldn't be old age!!! Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus!

And now here it is, 2004! It doesn't seem possible that 12 months have come and gone since I continued on in ministry alone! How quickly it has passed; how wonderful it has been. Last month the schedule was light, and thus I had a lot of time to mull over the events of the past year. I have looked forward to sharing this letter with you.

First, let me say that the last quarter of the year was filled with the Lord Himself. **The longer I live and minister, the more beautiful do I realize is the Bride of Christ.** Each meeting was special, but let me share a few that were unforgettable.



One highlight of that time was a retreat I shared in. I had been scheduled to speak as well as do the praise and worship (three sessions). What we usually only dream of, of having a gathering turned upside-down by an invasion of the Lord's Presence, became a reality during this retreat. By the end of 45 minutes or so of worship and praise, His holy presence was so pervasive that no one dared stand up to speak.



We spent almost all the rest of the day surrendering to Him. Some prayed alone; others with each other, two-on-two. Sometimes a group gathered around just one and prayed for her.

Two people asked to be baptized to bear witness to God's work in their lives! How holy was that day. I



believe every one there was changed by the Presence of the Lord. It was almost embarrassing to accept an honorarium because I truthfully did nothing. What a joy to be His handmaiden....I want to end my life doing this...



I was privileged to share in ministry again in Brooklyn, NY. This event included two meetings, the second of which was a "Harvest Celebration", a tradition in the Caribbean among Salva-

tion Army churches, and now continued by those of Caribbean descent who attend Army churches in the greater New York area. I believe some five or six churches have sort of a church-wide "progressive dinner" celebration at each other's churches. Each week, a different church hosts the Harvest Celebration, and all the churches come together. They present all kinds of music, read poems, praise and worship, etc. They have a sermon (or two!), special music, an offering raised by the host church, (in this one, church members dressed in their customary Caribbean dress and danced and sang one of their traditional songs.) Finally when all that is done, they have a huge potluck with American and Caribbean food! What fun! And how privileged I was to be invited to worship and fellowship with such beautiful brothers and sisters in our Lord. How Beautiful, indeed, is the Body of Christ!

I have to admit I was initially intimidated at this meeting, because all the other musicians were young, young, young – and nearly all were brothers and sisters of color. And here I was going to lead them in praise and worship, - - - one old white lady. **But the surprise was really on me.** If my memory is correct, the combo that played was a group of three young black men from the Bronx. Every time I looked at them, I presumed they already knew I was a "dud". But I did my best to block out my own insecurities, and praised the Lord the only way I

knew how. Would you believe that after the meeting, these guys helped me carry my equipment out, and wanted to have a few words with me. What to my wondering ears would I hear, but they said, “**Sister, (do they know something about me??!!), we think you’re great. If you just had a backup group to help you, you’d really have it made. We’d like to be your backup group!!!!** Can you believe it???” We laughed and hugged and have made friends all around.



A young man named Gene who plays the trumpet had obtained my new praise and worship album when I was at this church last April. He learned to play every single song on that album in the interim.

As soon as I arrived, he asked if he could play along with me during praise and worship. I’ve never had someone confront me so directly, and even though I was unsure if it was good or not, I agreed to let him do so. What a joy. He is a tremendous musician of 19 years of age....and could be the next Maynard Ferguson!

From retreats to Harvest Celebrations, blessings came at every turn. One of the more amazing things I grappled with this past quarter was the enormous variation in ministry places and manners of ministering. The last weekend of November I lead praise and worship and brought a message to a group of several hundred men who attended an alcohol and drug rehab clinic in the heart of Detroit. Seven days later I held a church service at a retirement community in Columbia City, Indiana! I just get a kick out of the pleasure of having many changes of “music clothing” to transition from one group to the other. In both cases, the joy of worshipping with those in attendance was simply unspeakable.

I long for Him to come in every place of worship as He has in some of these meetings. I don’t fully understand His ways —why sometimes this seems to occur, and other times not. Surely should we not pray that He would literally fall on us as He did the first believers at Pentecost? I pray often for Him to burn out everything in me – in you – that impedes the flow of His grace in and through us. Oh Lord, revive Your Bride – and begin with me. Make us beautiful through our repentant obedience to and surrender to Your good and perfect will.



For those of you who remember my helper Marlene’s remarks (“I quit!”) last summer when she had to get up at 5:00 am for ministry, **you’ll be glad to know she still is helping me – she hasn’t quit yet!** Every time she is able to be with me at a meeting, she is a blessing to those in attendance. One precious saint

who prayed for her after a service asked God to bless “this worthy Armor Bearer.” What a fitting description! At first, I felt it inappropriate to be traveling with such a wonderful singer as Marlene and having her run Power Point and help with details. Until I heard that phrase “worthy armor bearer.” That is what David was to Saul – worthy armor bearer. That is what Barnabas was to Paul – worthy armor bearer. I thank God for Marlene and rejoice to see Father blessing her and others as we labor together in His vineyard.



An update on Sharon and Jeff and family:



they send their greetings and wish you a Blessed New Year. They want you to know they are all fine and enjoying being able to support the kids and their music. Sharon in particular finds this so fulfilling. She remains utterly confident that this is God’s calling for her at this time. Jeff continues on a giant learning curve. He is not where he was – green behind the ears in a new business, (or behind the chicken wagon), but with a year at Chick-Fil-A under his belt, has learned much, yet realizes how much more there is to learn. They would appreciate your prayerful love and support.

Looking at the upcoming weeks, I am anticipating doing several retreats and ministering in a couple of new places. Please pray the Lord to grace us with His Presence to the extent that we are never the same once we leave. I will be in Florida for the month of February. As you will see from the calendar of events, there is still room for more ministry. If the Lord moves you to call me for your church or group, I welcome the opportunity.

I continue to believe God does not want me to seek ministry to fill my calendar. Thus I wait for Him to open doors where He wants me. Please keep faith with me that I will trust Him and not move in the flesh as regards the schedule. Thank you.

I am blessed beyond measure by each of you. I am blessed by around 800 of you who pray for me and who receive this newsletter; I am blessed by some 80 of you who have support me financially; I am blessed by a powerful cadre of close friends who serve as armor bearers; Marlene, my right hand; Jerroll Lehman, my Producer and fellow worship leader; Sue Price, my “I’ll make my house your storehouse for product and fill all your mail orders” friend; Burr Stephens, my devoted Scribe and Webmaster and his wife Phyllis who maintain the website and print and prepare the newsletter for mailing; and Barb Zinsser

and Carla Skoglund, my devoted prayer partners. Last of all, I owe my breath, my life, my hope, my salvation, my joy, my peace, my praise, my laughter to Christ Jesus, Savior of my Soul, Hope of all hopes. **“How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me? To God be the glory!”**

My forever thanks and love and prayers,

Robin Lee

In this new year of 2004, my precious brothers and sisters, let's go take the kingdom for the Lord!

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January	16-17-18	Nappanee Missionary Church	Nappanee IN
	23-24-25	West Greentree Church of the Bretheren	Elizabethtown PA
February	8	Leesburg Christian Center	Leesburg FL
	10	First Assembly of God	Fruitland Park FL
	17	Women's Aglow	Leesburg FL
	19	Ladies Bible Study - The Plantation	Leesburg FL
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