



Praise With Robin

Dear friends of mine,

How can this be, the year 2005? Seems like just yesterday it was 1955 and I was a skinny buck-toothed freshman at St. Joseph's Academy in Tipton, Indiana! My land, how time flies! I trust your Christmas celebration was high, holy and hilariously wonderful! Mine was also.

The highlight of every year for me is when my family graces me with their presence for one special day and I get to have Christmas at my house. I absolutely love to cook, but with no family, don't do so very often--except at Christmas. Thinking ahead this past summer, I bought an 18-quart roasting pan, something I had wanted for a very long time. I also had in mind plans for a second Christmas celebration with dear friends of ours who go to Florida for the winter. I thought it would be just "duddy" to have Christmas in October before they left.

Since I have such a reputation for not cooking much at home during the year, they nearly laughed me into the lake – "right, Robin, you're going to cook a turkey. You probably don't know which end to stuff. Do you know, Robin, the difference between a turkey and a Cornish hen?????" On and on they went. I just let them have their fun, carefully climbed up on top of my clothes dryer, and stored the roaster above the cupboard in my laundry room until the end of October when our feast was to take place (there was no place in the house to store it, so they had suggested I could take it to bed with me)!

Just before the anticipated week, I got the roaster down so I could read the book telling me about how to do a turkey in it only to discover that **someone** or **some twos** had waited until I was gone in ministry (they cat-sit for Marlene and me), and clambered up atop my clothes dryer and hidden a toy turkey in my roaster! Can you believe the confidence my friends have in me???



You'll never believe what happened next. I got sick! In fact I got whatever it is that's going around sick (sore sore throat, coughing, etc. etc. etc) and I stayed sick for 8

weeks! Guess what? I had to cancel their special party - - and they are still laughing in Florida, certain that this piano player has wooden fingers in the kitchen! Ha!

Thank the Lord I was all well for the family Christmas and we had a wonderful time. For those of us who are single, you just can't know how much it means when family or friends give us opportunity to bless them in our own homes. Marlene and I were blessed to not only have my family that day but a dear friend from Wisconsin drove all the way here. Thanks to all who came.



*Gabriel's Christmas pose
– er, repose.*

In December, the Lord opened up (almost right after I got my voice back!) **several ministry opportunities.** I usually don't do much ministry in December, but each occasion was greatly blessed and a privilege to share in. I was invited to preach in two different churches, and count that a special gift from the Lord. What a responsibility, to break the Word open to the Lord's flock.

The missionary trip to Belize was not to be. The lady who was to lead that event had a family emergency and spent that time ministering to her kinfolk. However, another missionary journey is on the board, and there's more about it later in this letter.

Even though I'm writing this Dec 26th, **I thought you'd like to know that the Lord is again using our home as a bit of a retreat center.** We are looking forward to hosting 4 ladies from the Detroit area for 3 days beginning Dec 28th. It is our prayer that they will be blessed, refreshed and renewed in their walk with our Beloved after our time together.

I will end the year as I have for 27 years (along with Sharon in previous years) spending New Year's Eve with the Children of the Resurrection Prayer Group, a Catholic charismatic group whom I've known longer than I've been in ministry.

In the last newsletter I shared with you the path the Lord is leading me on regarding my relationship with Him. I have grappled with the Divine Order of the Great Commandment; God first, neighbor second. As I mentioned, I have paid much too short attention to the first part of that command, “Thou shalt love the Lord.....” Not long ago I read a comment that we have replaced the first part of the Great Commandment with the Great Commission. I believe that is largely true and has been so at times in my own life. I intend to change that.

This past January (2004) a friend of mine left the pastorate to begin a journey that would equip him to form a House of Prayer in Fort Wayne, based on the two biblical models for 24/7 worship, that instituted by King David during the 30 or so years when the Ark of the Covenant was housed in the Tent of David (or Tabernacle of David), and then the worship we read about that is happening without end in heaven and described in Revelations chapter 4. When my friend told me about it, I said I’d be interested in working with him if ministry commitments permitted.

He and his wife completed training at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri (they call it the IHOP!) and returned back to Fort Wayne. With much prayer, Fort Wayne’s House of Prayer is beginning to take shape!

I have accepted an invitation to be a worship leader there. This means I am forming a worship team consisting of several musicians, several singers and a prayer leader. We will eventually lead 2-hour segments of worship. December 17th we lead our first worship service. Please pray for me as I begin this venture, and for those who will be part of my team.

I will continue to accept invitations to minister as I have in the past; this has not changed at all. What has

changed is that I am going to use the times when I am not in traditional ministry to minister to the Lord.

All ministry at the House of Prayer is done by everyone involved without remuneration, because it is not a church, but rather a house of worship and intercession. Everyone who ministers there is responsible to raise their own support. As I have read of King David’s setting the Levites and musicians to minister to the Lord at the Tabernacle, I understand more and more why He said that the rest of the people were to support them. It was so that they could devote themselves fully to the ministry of worship. That is exactly what I hope to be doing in Fort Wayne.

In this next quarter, I’ll be ministering to a special group of folks at Elizabethtown, Pa; a new church in Marion, Indiana, and then at the end of March, **both Marlene and I will be accompanying my covering pastor Dr. Frank DePolo along with his wife Becky on a missions trip to El Salvador and Guatemala.**

I still have spots open for ministry so will wait to see whether I’ll be on the road at your retreat or church, or whether I’ll be at the Ft Wayne IHOP.

Thank you so very much for praying for me. I can literally feel your prayers at times. Additionally, some of you support the ministry financially, and I hope this letter has helped you understand even more the power of our partnership. Others of you might never have thought about giving to a faith support ministry. Would you please pray about this? As I turn my heart to “Loving the Lord my God” first, I believe He will meet all my needs as He did for the Levites of old.

With my affection and prayer,

Robin Lee



*Winter shadows at the lake:
The frozen tundra of Lakes Estates.*



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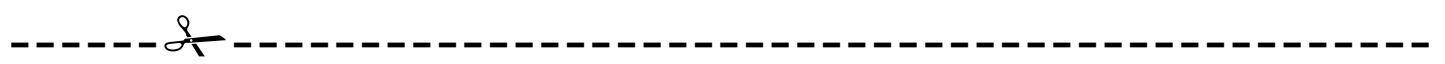
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February	4-5	Open to Minister Harp and Bowl Conference, Fort Wayne IN
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