

July 2008

Precious friends in our Lord Jesus,

Here it is, once again time for writing my quarterly newsletter to you. I apologize for being late this time, but hope the content will make amends for the lateness of its arrival!

Would you believe this particular newsletter marks the end of quarterly reports for the first thirty years of ministry that began with Sharon and me on October 1st, 1978! So - - - as of October of this year, I'll be beginning my 31st year. This hardly seems possible! In the next newsletter, I'll try to put together a few of the old pictures and recall some of the more memorable events of these 30 years. For now, I'm full of wonder at God's grace to me – to all of us.

Since I last wrote you, some significant events have impacted my life. On May 17th, my beloved brother Howard Howard Jr. (Sonny to our immediate family) graduated to glory. His homegoing was not anticipated until about a week before he died. But a huge chunk of my life is missing on this earth. He and his precious Joan gave 27 years of their lives in the service of our country when he was in the United States Air Force.



Sonny was one of my heroes. He was more than a brother, he was my friend. Beyond that, he and I shared a deep love of our Lord and often spoke of Him when we chatted on the phone. His last move in the military was to San Antonio, Tx, and it was from there that the Lord came and picked him up for the ride of his life – from a hospital bed riddled with unexpected sickness to blazing glory, joy uncontainable, eternal forever completeness in the presence of His Lord and Savior.. I have been so graced to have a brother like him – a second sister in his wife, Joanie, and precious friends in their children and their extended families.

This past February, I received two enormous packages in the mail from him, one being nearly 5 feet in height. Tearing them open, what to my unbelieving eyes did I find but a beautiful lighthouse, rotating light and all - he had made for his little sister. Little did either of us know that this would be the final gift he would give me. What a legacy! Oh, I could preach on this! Ha! It now graces our deck, facing the lake, and I often use it at night as a beacon to guide me home after dark. Even as I write this, I whisper a silent thank you to my brother.

Two nights ago, another very special friend graduated to glory. Some of you will know Carol Wilson who led the “song-time” at Winning Women of Kalamazoo, Michigan those many years ago. It



was while walking on stage at one of those retreats that I was overwhelmed by the nearness of the Lord while Carol led some 3,500 ladies in a little song, the chorus of which said, “We bow down, and we worship You, Lord; we bow down, and we worship You, Lord.....” Every time she would sing those words, she bowed down in utter reverence. That particular day, I experienced a taste of the Manifest Presence of our Lord. After a valiant fight, yet another friend has graduated and now knows what none of us do. Carol has actually experienced what no human eye has seen, what no human ear has ever heard, is actually living in something so glorious, that not one’s man’s heart who has ever lived on the earth has ever been able to dream up: what great things God has in store for those who love Him..... Wow! Unlike Sonny, Carol knew when the time came for her life to end. As I read her daily blog, I was just thrilled to see how her faith grew – and grew – and grew as she anticipated the return of her Beloved to pick her up for the great journey to her Destination – eternity in His Presence.. My dear friends, Carol is one of my heroes too. What a way to live! And what a way to die! Father, bless these two families, Sonny’s and Carol’s, as they start to move on to their own day of destiny of certain hope in You for themselves!

This month is an especially busy one for me. I am speaking for three consecutive Wednesdays at a local Nazarene church. On July 19th, Marlene and I will be providing the music for a 50th Wedding Anniversary of dear friends. On July 24th, I’ll be helping to prepare a small home fellowship to engage together in 21 days of fasting and prayer. July 28th through August 1st, (Monday through Friday), I’ll be ministering at the Forerunner School of Ministry at Fort Wayne’s House of Prayer on Intimacy With God and on the Nature and Character of God. This is in addition to teaching Sunday School weekly, Monday night home group, and Fridays at IHOP. All said and done, this month is awash with prayer and ministry to the Body.

Additionally in August, I’ve been asked to teach some wee ones (ages 5 through 12 or 13) about the love of Jesus who loves them like a bridegroom loves his bride. This will happen on the 7th of the month. August 8th and 9th, I’ll be ministering at a ladies retreat at New Life Fellowship in Dayton, Ohio. That Sunday, the 10th, I’ll be speaking at the morning service at their church. Additionally, I’ll be making two personal trips, one to St Louis and the other to Wisconsin.

For those of you who might be interested, may I suggest you consider attending a conference here in Fort Wayne called **The Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith**. The Fort Wayne House of Prayer is hosting this event and I am greatly anticipating taking it in. If you’d like to join us,

watch for registration information at ihopf.com or contact Ben Bouwers (founder of our House of Prayer) at ben@bouwersfam.com



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In closing, may I share just a nugget from the treasury of the Word of God. Would you consider the import of this sentence of Jesus:

“I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” John 14:20b

The next time you slip into “the secret place” to have some private moments with your Beloved, talk to Him about these words of His. Ask Him some questions about this, like

1. How fully are You in Your Father, Jesus? Are you completely inside Him? Do you fully fit inside Him? As You are inside Him, Lord, do You see everything through His eyes?
- 2) How can I actually be in You? How can You allow that? Am I honestly, really completely caught up into You? Lord, if this is true, God, help me to embrace this as truth and live accordingly.
- 3) Jesus, if I am in You, and You are in the Father, then I also am consumed into You and Father and Spirit also. How do I wrap my understanding around this, Lord? This is too marvelous for me.

4) You are in me. Oh, Jesus, how can this be? Are you fully in me, Lord? Savior and Friend, I say with Paul, "I have died, and my life is now hidden with Christ in God!"

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Paul

Col 3:3

Let's continue to pray for one another, meet together and encourage one another and all the more as we so clearly see the day approaching.

My love,

Robin Lee