



Praise With Robin

Dear brothers and sisters

in our Lord Jesus,

Here it is Fall already, and it hardly seems Summer fully blossomed! It was so mild this year in North-Central Indiana that we never seemed to experience “the dog days of summer!” And now I am watching the beauty of the Autumn leaves, the gold, the red, the green and brown. The blazing sun turning into that brilliant yet seemingly more distant sun of the Fall that lights without burning. How good is our Father, how powerfully His earth speaks of His grandeur and beauty, His transcendent glory.



The past quarter came and went quietly. There was a lot of ministry here at home with different groups of individuals and families coming. We had visitors for 9



out of 13 weeks this summer! It was a great privilege to baptize 4 friends right here in the lake. What a joy to share these profound moments of faith! Circumstances in each person's lives were unique and resulted, surprisingly enough, in their asking me to baptize them. They came from as far as Oklahoma and Michigan to a neighbor who recently surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus. As I have shared these very personal and holy moments with them, I have marveled in my inner self as to what the Lord is doing with me and what His larger plan is for my life.

August and the first part of September provided the most “regular” ministry; amazingly, I initially only had one place scheduled going into August, but the Lord increased it to five places before the month was over. One highlight of these meetings was a combined

meeting (sponsored by three fellowships) in Monongahela, Pennsylvania. About an hour or so was set aside for an evening of seeking the Lord's face in prayer and worship. Twenty minutes before we began, nearly everyone was worshipping Him in song along with a background CD I was playing. The spirit of worship was so holy, so focused that our Lord came very close to us. I sat down near the time to end, unsure of what to do. The host pastor came and stood silently for several moments. He then said quietly that he thought the Lord didn't want us to hurry..... So he gave it back to me – and we went on..... for a wonderful extended period of time. What a blessed evening. Is there anything in the world more precious than the pleasure of our Lord's company? That is what we experienced that evening in a tiny little church in the coal country of the Monongahela Valley. Oh the joy...

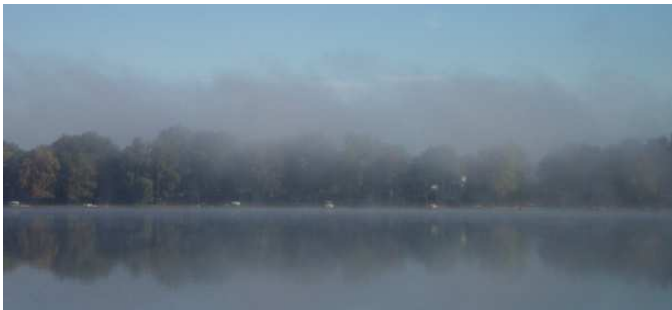
Our time in Michigan in September was similar. In a series of 5 consecutive meetings, we gave the highest honor and attention to the Lord as we praised and worshipped Him with all of our hearts. I believe this to be our highest calling. Someone has said that if we would really learn to praise and worship God the way He wishes us to, every other commandment of the Lord would be fulfilled by us.

Might I introduce you to my new Webmaster, one Vera Blake from Michigan. Vera is a System Administrator at Wayne State University in Detroit. What this means is beyond me, except it means she knows computers like I know pianos.....! Vera is going to redesign the ministry website in the near future, so if at times you cannot access it, this will probably be the reason. Here's her picture, so you'll have a hint of who you'll be talking to when you write her.



Like my dear friend Burr, Vera will be happy to help you with any problems you may encounter using the website www.PraiseWithRobin.com

I want to share my heart with you at this point, so that you might pray for me with better understanding of where I really am. The Lord has caused me to enter a time of “waiting” in His secret garden, which for me right now is located on the backside of the desert. Every year on January 1st I ask the Lord to give me a word for that year. This past January I believe He called me to “speak into being (by faith) things that are not as though they were,” and that by so doing, I would loose Him to honor my faith-driven proclamations. I understood this to mean His purposes and plans for me in His Kingdom. From January until now, He has slowed down the pace of “ministry as usual”. He has also brought fresh understanding to me about His heart for His Bride, the Church, about His heart towards me. And as I grow in understanding His heart in these matters, I understand in ever deeper levels that His desire really is for me, and my life will be incomplete until He is all my desire.



We see now in a mirror, dimly...

He is calling me to a deeper intimacy with Him than I have ever known. He desires me to relate to Him as my true Alpha and Omega, that my entire life would **center in Him...** not in ministry **for Him.** I can see more clearly as each day passes that I have at times in my personal life transposed the first part of the Great Commandment, “**Thou shalt love the Lord thy God ...**” with the second part... and “**thou shalt love thy neighbor...**” I have sometimes put more priority on “thy neighbor” than I have on “thy God.”

I’m challenged to make Him my only hope, not theoretically, but practically. For all these many years, first with Sharon and I as a team, then I by myself have kind of been “married” to ministry. I know it is wrong, but I myself have fallen into the trap of thinking that if I am not “busy” (that is, filled up with ministry appointments), then I’m not worth “my salt.” The Lord is asking me to move beyond this “works” oriented mindset, to see ministry to Him, to see that giving Him pleasure is a most high and holy calling. I would tell anyone who asked me that waiting in His birthing room or garden or desert for what He has next for a person is a wonderful place to be; yet now I find myself struggling to keep faith at times...that He will (if I surrender to His purifying fire) so refine me that I will come out gleaming like a vessel more fit than ever for His purposes and glory; and I honestly struggle with

concern that perhaps you will not understand where I am in this journey with Him. I believe I simply must trust with all that is within me that He is making new wine out of this little bunch of grapes..... (maybe I’m a big bunch of grapes!)

I want to also tell you that I have been through some deep questioning of my life, my call from the Lord, my relationship with Him. I have been really pummeled with doubts about everything. I have been driven back to my foundation, His Word and His Spirit. His word, both in Scripture and written in my heart, His Word as He has spoken to me so clearly and repeatedly since I came to know Him; His Spirit who guides me “into all truth”, and who “will tell ‘me’ what is yet to come; His Spirit, who “will bring glory to Jesus by taking from what is His and making it known to me.” (John 16: 13-14) I have made the decision to cling to His Word. I will stand, and I will not be afraid; I will not be offended, neither by Him, by myself or by others. He is my Rock, He has plans for me which He has spoken over me, and I only need to stand and trust Him – now, in the darkness—now, in the stillness—now, in the unknown—now. I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back. Though none go with me, yet I will follow, with the Cross before me and the world behind me. Please hold me up in prayer as I lay down every agenda, every hope, all my yesterdays, all my tomorrows, and give myself undividedly to Him in the very faith that fueled Abraham to trust God with his very own Isaac. Thank you so much.

During this waiting time, I hope to supplement my income by way of the jewelry mentioned in the previous newsletter and also the photo cards. They should be viewable on the website in the near future. Meanwhile, if you are interested in them, call or write and I’ll share them with you.

Looking to the last 3 months of this year, ministry commitments include a retreat and an entire day at a church, a trip to Virginia to a retreat center for 5 days in October and if the Lord is pleased, the trip to Belize is tentatively rescheduled for November. I am available for ministry to those seeking a deeper walk with Him, for conducting retreats, worship services or regular church services. If you or your church/women’s group, etc. would be enriched by bringing me in for such a time of seeking His face, please contact me.

With some extra time open to me, I have made three trips to the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri, where a prayer movement centered on 24/7 worship and intercession has been ongoing since May of 1999. I have been deeply touched by the Lord’s Presence while there, and am believing Him to open the door for me to return again before the year is over. On one of the trips there, I took a group of 7 other people, making all

the arrangements for housing, transportation, etc. **If you would be interested in going there for 4 days, please let me know via e-mail or snail mail.** I would be happy

to arrange another group meeting there. I am also praying weekly with a core group who believe God wants to raise up another house of prayer for all peoples in Fort Wayne. I am looking forward to being involved at some level in this House of Prayer.

Meanwhile, please know that it is my deepest desire after pleasing Him, to be faithful and true to you, my dear friends and partners for so many years. If I can pray for you or encourage you in any way at all, please contact me. My ministry number is 574-594-2431. The ministry address is Box 34, North Webster, Indiana 46555-0034.

Thank you again for your love, your prayer support and for your tangible financial partnership in my walk and ministry to Him.



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	24	Northeast Church of God, Marion, IN 10:45 am & 6:00 pm, 765-662-2970
November		tentative: Beliz Trip
December	31	Children of the Resurrection Prayer Group, Fort Wayne, IN

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