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PHILIPPI; PSALMS; PHILIPPINES , NIGERIA, & WEST COAST AIM; IBTM & FINANCIAL NEEDS

I. PHILIPPI & CONTENTMENT

Hurricane Katrina; a devastating earthquake in South Asia; wildfires in the west and typhoons in the Pacific. We are helpless without God, we need him, and the Lord has made this fundamental fact clear in so many ways! And yet while we are to learn to be content in any and every situation (Philippians 4), this is hardly what most of us, me included, experience. Sometimes it doesn't take much to faze us, does it? We do not measure up so well to the apostle Paul, who learned contentment whether on top of the world or in the bottom of a dungeon. Tomorrow Vicki and I leave for the International Teachers' Seminar in Athens, followed by the Biblical Study Tour in Athens, Corinth, and Delphi. 86 persons have signed up, and we very much look forward to this invaluable time of fellowship and open, genuine discussion. Before the ITS and BST, we will be visiting the Aegean area, as I have been asked to speak on board a cruise ship ("The Steps of Paul"). I will address the group, around 400 passengers, en route to Thessalonica, and again in Philippi. Hence my thoughts about contentment. Recently I spoke with a dear friend, one of the few who remembers me before I became a Christian (1977). This brother and his wife were shocked and grieved when a car struck their daughter (see the next section). Their steadfast faith, however, and determination to trust the Lord, modeled the principles of Philippians beautifully.

II. PRAYERS ANSWERED

The Stephenson family -- Graydon and Laura, and their sons Daniel and David -- deeply appreciate the thousands of prayers all over the world for their daughter Jasrah , who was hit by a car Saturday August 20th. She was in a coma from that time until the 30th. She is making a wonderful recovery. Graydon and Laura have known me since 1977, and know our family very well. Updates on Jasrah's condition were at the website all throughout September. They have now be removed, but you can continue to monitor Jasrah's progress if you like by clicking on <http://www.campflintlock.com/jasrah.htm> . Thank you for making a difference in the life of the Stephenson family. God answers prayer.

III. PHILIPPINES, NIGERIA, AND WEST COAST AIM PROGRAMS

The ministry school continues to flourish, and has now expanded into the Philippines. In September I taught 37 new students in Manila (New Testament Survey and New Testament Interpretation). Report available at website. In December we will begin work in Nigeria. 30 Nigerians will be joined by 3 participants from the nations of Sierra Leone, Guinea , and the Gambia. The Filipino and African additions to the program bring the number of international or long distance students to over 100 .

As for the local (Georgia) program, 22-27 August 2005 we conducted AIM Session VII, with units on Church History (10 hours), World Religions (10 hours), and Campus Ministry (5 hours). Students converged from Georgia , California , Colorado , Florida , Hungary , and Denmark . Principal teachers were Douglas Jacoby (Atlanta), Joseph Harris (Augusta), and Samuel Laing (Athens). Our guest speaker in Campus Ministry was Charles (Chuck) Lucas, of Thomasville , Georgia . Chuck was the one who built the evangelistic and highly successful Crossroads ministry (1967-1985). His close associate and campus minister during most of this period was Sam Laing. For more information on Session VII and the work Chuck did, please SEARCH the website for the archived article. Session VIII, the final AIM session in the US cycle, will take place in November. The topics: Race Relations and the Minister's Family Life.

A special session of AIM will also take place in San Diego, 13-15 April. This promotional session will cover just one topic: Church History (from the early church to the Dark Ages to the Reformation and Restoration to the Campus Ministry Movement and beyond). Students will be admitted for a nominal fee. Participants are expected from Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, and a number of other western US cities--though everyone is welcome to come! More details at the website.

Starting in 2006, ALL SESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON DVD. You will be able to order Series A (N.T. Survey, N.T. Interpretation, Holy Spirit, Apologetics, O.T. Survey, O. T. Interpretation, World Religions & Denominational Doctrine, and Church History), Series B (N.T. Leadership, Music & Worship, Campus Ministry, Counseling & Psychology, the Minister's Spiritual Life, the Minister's Family Life, Missionary Faith, Race Relations, Eldership, etc), or various combinations of the two series. Each series will have approximately 65 hours of teaching. (The Q&A sessions that followed nearly every class have been removed; otherwise they would have been 80 hours long each.) These series are offered without personal supervision, class interaction, and examinations; accordingly, the price will be significantly reduced from the normal rate. In addition, no application process is necessary. The name of this opportunity is "Take AIM." Details forthcoming in the final bulletin of the year (November-December bulletin).

IV. PUBLISHING

A new audio series is available! This four-lesson set on the book of Psalms was recorded in Orlando (July 2005), and along with a virtual booklet of notes is now available. Psalms, the longest OT book and the most quoted in the NT, is a goldmine for authentic prayer. In these four lessons, I have striven to share openly, to be vulnerable, and to show you how this part of God's word can help you too to have a stronger faith. Please visit the website to purchase **READING, PRAYING & LIVING**

THE PSALMS. Classes include:

- * Introduction to Hebrew Poetry: How to Read the Psalms
- * Psalms of Revenge: How to Pray the Psalms
- * Doctrines True and False: How to Study the Psalms
- * Psalms Pointing to Jesus: The place of Psalms in the Canon

V. FINANCIAL POSITION

Finally, speaking of contentment and relying on God, these past two and a half years have certainly taught Vicki and me to rely on the Lord. My ministry is largely made possible through contributions, whether to AIM (the Bible training program), Third World speaking tours, or general support. We could not survive financially without your support! From time to time a financial update will help you remain current with our situation. In addition, I have recently started a new not-for-profit corporation, IBTM, specifically for those who would like to support the international teaching ministry financially. Thank you.

FAREWELL FOR ANOTHER TWO MONTHS!

That's all for now! I deeply appreciate your keeping the teaching ministry in your prayers. The next regular update will come out after my teaching trip in Africa, in about 7 weeks.--DJ