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From the Heart of Pastor Don Grosvenor

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The big news in recent days has been the 700 billion dollar bailout.

So far we see that it has been for the defunct Insurance and Mortgage Companies.

Now we are facing the numerous other requests for the three big Automakers and possibly the airlines and who knows what else.

Recently we have had some states make requests for bailout and today as of the time of this writing we learned that our city of Phoenix has become the first of three cities (Philadelphia and Atlanta) to request bailout.

Our Mayor says that for every \$1.00 bailout money to re-

build infra-structure it will be returned seven fold in job increase.

I guess that's another world that takes a greater mind than I have to resolve. However, when I think of a bailout I think of how God bailed us out of sin when we were lost and undone and without God in this world.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Thank God He reached down His hand and picked me up out of the miry clay described as a horrible pit. Now I am free from sin because of

"His love for me bailout."

The difference in God and the Federal Government is that the government has limited resources and that is indebtedness whereas our God has unlimited resources and according to Philippians 4:19 He promises to supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Thank God I have been bailed out of sin and I am eternally free from its bondage.

Prayerfully yours,
Pastor Don

A Christmas Devotion

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." —Isaiah 7:14

Let us to-day go down to Bethlehem, and in company with wondering shepherds and adoring Magi, let us see Him who was born King of the Jews, for we by faith can claim an interest in Him, and can sing, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Jesus is Jehovah incarnate, our Lord and our God, and yet our brother and friend; let us adore and admire. Let us notice at the very first

glance His miraculous conception. It was a thing unheard of before, and unparalleled since, that a virgin should conceive and bear a Son. The first promise ran thus, "The seed of the woman," not the offspring of the man. Since venturous woman led the way in the sin which brought forth Paradise lost, she, and she alone, ushers in the Regainer of Paradise. Our Saviour, although truly man, was as to His human nature the Holy One of God. Let us reverently bow before the holy Child whose innocence restores to manhood its ancient glory; and let us pray that He may be formed in us, the

hope of glory. Fail not to note His humble parentage. His mother has been described simply as "a virgin," not a princess, or prophetess, nor a matron of large estate. True the blood of kings ran in her veins; nor was her mind a weak and untaught one, for she could sing most sweetly a song of praise; but yet how humble her position, how poor the man to whom she stood affianced, and how miserable the accommodation afforded to the new-born King!

C. H. Spurgeon

Missionary Spotlight

DOMINGO, SUSAN (Philippines)

If you were to visit our missionaries, Susan and Conrado, in the Philippines, you would certainly visit at Aurora Bible College in Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya and also the Miracle Bible College in San Fernando. Miracle Bible College just celebrated their 50-Year Jubilee Graduation on March 7, 2008.

The "Jubilee Class" had seven graduates and took place at the "Rock Stadium", a beautiful spot on the hillside

that is overlooking the Luzon Sea. The stonework in the stadium is amazing; the college itself is truly a miracle we praise and thank God for.

As you pray for this mission, we have some very special prayer requests, please

The main building at Miracle is in desperate need of update.

Conrado and Susan travel back and forth between San Fernando and Bambang, spending two weeks at each place. The bus commute is seven hours and is not easy. They are praying for a small vehicle that is easy on

gas.

The Bible Schools are ever in need of food to feed the students.

They also conduct a special "feed the hungry children" in the areas where they have a kinder and day school in Bambang.

The needs are "never ending" as they are "ever growing".

Come to the Philippines and visit with us here.

To forward 100% of your tax deductible contributions to your designated missionaries or mission projects.

Three Forms Of Prayer

Prayer is the word commonly used for all interaction with God. But it should be kept in mind that the word prayer covers and includes three different forms of discourse with God. All prayer grows up through, and ever continues in three stages.

Communion: The first form of prayer is communion. That is simply being on good terms with God. Communion involves my coming to God through the Lords Jesus Christ. Communion is fellowship with God. Not request for some particular thing; not asking, but simply enjoying and abiding in Christ, loving Him and thinking about Him. Thinking how beautiful, and intelligent, and strong, and loving, and lovable He is - just fellowshiping with Him without words.

That is the truest worship, thinking how worthy He is of all the best we can possibly bring to Him, and infinitely more. Communion has to do with God and a man being on good terms with each other. Of necessity it includes confession on my part, and forgiveness on God's part, for this is the only way we can come into true fellowship. Adoration and worship belong to this first phase of prayer. Communion is the basis of all prayer. It is the essential breath of the true Christian life. It concerns just two, God and

you alone. Its inferences are directly subjective. It affects me.

Petition: The second form of prayer is petition. And I am using that word now in the narrower meaning of asking something for oneself. Petition is a definite request of God for something I need. A man's whole life is utterly dependent upon the giving hand of God. Everything we need comes from Him. Our friendships, ability to make money, health, strength in temptation and in sorrow, guidance in difficult circumstances, and in all of life's movements; help of all sorts-financial, bodily, mental, spiritual-all come from God, and necessitate a constant touch with Him.

There needs to be a constant stream of petition going up, and often this is expressed without words. There will be a constant return stream of answers and supply coming down. The door between God and one's own heart must be kept ever open and the knob to be turned is on our side. He opened His side long ago, and propped it open, and threw the knob away. The whole life hinges upon this continual connection with our wondrous God. This is the second stage or form, of prayer. It concerns just two - God and a man dealing with each other. It is subjective in its

influence and its reach is within.

Intercession: The third form of prayer is intercession. True prayer never stops with petition for oneself. It reaches out for others. The very word intercession implies a reaching out for someone else. It is standing as a go-between, a mutual friend between God and someone who is either out of touch with Him, or needs special help. Intercession is the climax of prayer. It is the outward drive of prayer. It is the effective end of prayer outward. Communion and petition are upward and downward.

Intercession rests upon these two as its foundation. Communion and petition store the life with the power of God; intercession lets it out on behalf of others. The first two are necessary for self; this third is for others. They ally a man fully with God; it makes use of that alliance for others. Intercession is the full-bloomed plant whose roots and strength lie back and down in the other two forms. It is the form of prayer that helps God in His great love plan for winning a planet back to its true sphere.

Reference: Quiet Talks on Prayer by S. D. Gordon

From Where I Stand

A father and son sat in a jail cell awaiting execution on Christmas Day; their crime, converting from Islam to Christianity. Fortunately a human rights group intervened and their lives were spared.

The employee of a fruit stand is gunned down by a Jihadist, his crime, placing a cucumber and tomato in the same bag. Why? Islamic law condemns this practice as the cucumber and tomato have the connotation of male and female sex organs, offensive to those that practice that form of religion.

While these represent the extremes of offence one cannot help think of movies about talking pigs that were banned in Islamic countries because it was offensive. Both the Iron and Bamboo curtains have shown a violent legacy of imprisonment, beating and even execution for the crime of distributing Bibles that were “harmful to the State.”

It appears the same is starting to happen here in America, no prayer or Bible reading in the classrooms and the removal of the Ten Commandments and Nativity scenes from public buildings, because once again it is

deemed harmful or offensive.

We are now in one of the most precious times of the year, the celebration of Christ’s birth, which sadly, is offensive to so many in a land that once allowed freedom of religion. Tragically, the politically correct movement is actually better defined as theologically correct and the opposition is offended by the Gospel just like all of other regimes and persecution has come to America’s Churches.

Pastor Steve Grosvenor

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Angel Tree Outreach

It Starts with a Gift... It Leads to Lives Transformed by Christ

Phoenix Christian Assembly Angel Tree Outreach will be hosting an Angel Tree Open House on December 13th from 3:00-6:00pm. This

Open House is the Christmas Party for all the Angel Tree families. Gift distri-



bution, games/activities, crafts and a meal will be provided for all partici-

pants. The Solid Ground Youth Group will be playing live music throughout the event.

We are looking for volunteers to help the event. We are also inviting ALL members from PCA to come and meet the Angel Tree families

and provide a warm welcome for all participants. On December 6th at 10:00am-noon, we will be wrapping

gifts and decorating for the Open House. Come and help out and fellowship!

Be sure to attend the OPEN HOUSE and meet the Angel Tree families.

Please contact Ron & Linda Ayres to see how you can be a part of this exciting outreach opportunity.

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Upcoming Events

December 1st –Prayer and Fasting 6:30pm

December 6th– Angel Tree Gift Wrapping & Decorating Party

December 12th– Children’s Department Christmas Party

December 13th–Angel Tree Open House 3-6pm

December 14th –Senior Saints Luncheon

December 21st– Christmas Program “The Name . . . Jesus”

December 24th– Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25th– **Merry Christmas**

December 31st– Watch Night Service 8pm-Midnight

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm	2 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	3 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	4	5	6 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am <i>Angel Tree Gift Wrapping Party</i>
7 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	8	9 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	10 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	11	12	13 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am <i>Angel Tree Open House 3-6pm</i>
14 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm <i>Senior Saints Lunch</i>	15	16 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	17 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	18	19	20 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
21 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	22	23 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	24 Adult Education 5:55 pm <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00pm</i>	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
28 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	29	30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	31 Watch Night Service 8pm- Mid-night			