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From the Heart of Pastor Don Grosvenor

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When we showed the DVD Series Armor Bearing by Terry Nance one provocative statement stood out to me in a very profound way. As I thought about it and prayed about it the Lord inspired me to a series of sermons numbering twenty-two that became a re-iteration of what the Vision of this ministry is all about.

The word Vision in the Hebrew means Prophetic Revelation. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Another Hebrew word translated Vision means the thing seen or dreamed.

In the Greek the word Optima means seeing with wide open eyes, a spectacle or something remarkable.

The House is the work of the Lord, the Church or the God-called, God ordained ministry. Thus the Vision of the House is catching the Vision for the Lord's work or ministry and in this case the Vision God has called this ministry.

In Habakkuk 2:2 we read, "And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." The NIV says, Then the Lord replied: Write down the revelation and make it plain

on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

In this series, Vision of the House, we have done our best to write the vision and make it plain so that people may run with it. Then in verse 3 the prophet said the Vision would come to pass and even thought it tarries wait for it.

The Vision of this House of the Lord is something we want you to be totally familiar with.

In His Service,
Pastor Don

Upcoming Events

October 2nd & 3rd

Women of Faith Conference

October 5th

Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm

October 10th

Angel Tree Meeting
10a-noon Fellowship Hall

October 11th

Pastor Appreciation Day

October 11th

Senior Saints Luncheon Ruby
Tuesdays

October 16th & 17th

Men's Retreat @ Francisco
Grande

Prayer Meeting every Sunday at
5pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Classes meet
every Sunday at 9:30am. There is
a class for all ages!

Wednesday Adult Education

5:55pm with Pastor Steve

Angel Tree

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

Right now, an estimated 1.5 million children have a mom or dad in prison. The number is huge – but so is the opportunity. Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. It seeks to transform the lives of these families and to reconcile them to their Heavenly Father and each other. In Matthew 18:5 Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.” There are children right in our community who are among the most at-risk children in the nation. Angel Tree provides an oppor-

tunity to connect with those families and begin ministering to them at Christmas and then continue through a variety of year-round ministry opportunities. PCA is committed to providing gifts for 100 children and ministering to the families of inmates. Your help is needed to minister to these

**Angel Tree Volunteer
Meeting on October 10th
from 9am-11am**

children and their families. Areas of ministry include making phone calls to the families, writing letters, gift wrapping, praying and purchasing gifts. Please be sure to attend the Angel Tree Volunteer Meeting on October 10th from 9am-11am in the Fellowship Hall to see how the Lord can use you to reach our community.

We are looking for volunteers to contact families to determine needs, complete Angel Tree Tags, Christmas Party Decorations, Food, Games and Skits. We are also in need of volunteers to “Adopt-A-Family” Adopt-A-Family involves contacting families to remind them of special events at church and to simply encourage them and reach out in love.

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:37, 38

Contact Linda & Ron Ayres to see how you can get involved.

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Missionary Spotlight

EKEROTH, GEORGE

(AMI-Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies and Research)

“For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” Isaiah 2:3b

George Ekeroth is the Editor of the INSIDE ISRAEL NEWS-LETTER, a publication by the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies and Research. The newsletter is only one of the many ministries reaching to the Jewish people under the excellent leadership of Shlomo Hizak, Founder and President.

The newsletter contains up-to-the-minute information about the condi-

tions in Israel politically, economically, Biblically, new scientific endeavors for societal improvement, pollution and contamination concerns, high-tech programs that are going into effect in Israel, earthquake studies, study results and information to help autistic children, and even information as to the living conditions of Jewish people who are in other countries.

As Founder and President, Shlomo Hizak represents the Center in his travels for conferences. He recently returned from such a conference in Germany, where they had blessed fellowship with friends from Switzerland, Germany and other nations who expressed their support for the Land of Israel and the Jewish People. Upon returning to Jerusalem, he was busy with activities such as construc-

tion and expansion of their lecture hall, located in the heart of Jerusalem, and open for all people in the Land of Israel. He is also working on the Child Care Center for orphans, help for the Ethiopian Jews, for troubled youth in their Bnei Arazim medical center, and to help “all the seed of Abraham, especially these dear people who came to join us in a time of tribulation when Communism came to Ethiopia. They were persecuted, they were put in prison, they were tortured, and they fled to Sudan. It was a long journey...now they have returned to Zion.”

Thank you for your letters and gifts. May the Lord bless you.

Yours for Zion’s sake,
Shlomo Hizak

From Where I Stand

“Are We Looking in the Mirror?”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, “The true test of a nation’s morality is how it treats its children.” Bonhoeffer saw first hand just how the children of Germany were treated, being indoctrinated into the Youth Movement as propaganda flooded the schools, media and even through the religious system literally redefining the national mentality.

The children of Germany that were incapacitated either by mental or physical defects ultimately were put to death as their tormented souls were released to experience the freedom

they longed for.

By the time World War II had come to an end Germany had one way or another lost an entire generation and the quest for the 1000 year Reich was reduced to rubble. Germany was reported to be a nation that boasted a ninety percent Christian population and yet the atrocities waged against the continent of Europe as well as its own people cast a different image.

The events leading up to the 20th Century debacle were national humiliation after World War I, a collapsed financial infrastructure and a corrupt political system. Occult fasci-

nation and the universities creating a hot bed of liberal beliefs certainly helped to fuel the fire that began to burn out of control.

James 1:24 describes a man that looked in the mirror, sees himself then walks away forgetting what type of person he is. With this in mind we must ask first, how will people judge our nation when it comes to our children? Have we looked in the mirror, realized the need for change, but walked away unchanged?

Pastor Steve Grosvenor

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Pastor Appreciation

Our Pastor

This pastor appreciation poem reminds us of the importance of pastors in our lives and of how we should respond.

Have you ever walked in our Pastor's shoes,
And gone where his feet have trod?
Have you ever thought of what he means to us,
And on your knees, given thanks to God?

Have you ever told him thank you,
For being there, when times are tough,
For comforting words and fervent prayers
When trials come and the storms of life are rough?

He answers our calls in the middle of the night
And tells us not to worry, for he will be there.
He gives up his comfort of quiet rest
And comes with prayers of comfort to share.

Have you ever thought to say thank you Pastor,
For preaching God's word to help us understand,
For all the times he has asked for things
That will lend us a helping hand?

When you pray, put him at the top of the list
And ask the Lord to surround him with loving care,
To give him strength and walk with him,
To help him with the burdens that he must bear.

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A Pastor Appreciation Poem by Judy Crowe

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed

when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).



