

PHYLLIS NEWBY - MISSIONARY

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen. Psalm 41: 1-3, 13

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Beloved Co-Workers in and with the Lord,

You are the apple of His eye. If letters were written and sent only from the heart you would be flooded. (But a hand is needed; therefore this letter has been months in the writing.) We praise the Lord for we know that your love and caring on our behalf, is of God, not anything that we have said or done. Notwithstanding, we are always anxious to share with you the love and gratitude of our hearts and our prayers that the Lord will do for you even more than you can think or ask. Also, I want to express our need for your love and prayers.

Many of you have come and are coming to see us. We would love for more to come, so you can see for yourselves the difference you make in our lives. You wouldn't be able to see more than a minute fraction of the thousands of lives you touch every day, lifting us up out of hopelessness, pushing back the darkness, and fully renewing our lives. Yes, what greater thing could you do than give us Jesus! Because you make it an on-going fulfillment of your walk with the Master to take us with you it is always a privilege and joy to meet with you in this fashion. Oh, that it could be more often.

In answer to my request for something special to share with you, The Lord said, "the Holy Spirit." My response to the Lord was "Touchy subject, Lord." You might have guessed right, that I turned deaf ears. I tried my own things and no letter emerged. I did some research and the Lord said to me, "Not a paper - what you believe!" I said, "A bit radical, Lord." The Lord said, "Truth!" Yes, Lord. Can I just use some important names to give me credo? "More important than me?" the Lord said. And hear my "Lord, Lord, please forgive me"- that took months. So here I am, finally. Just to remind us that we cannot claim to be followers of Jesus unless the Holy Spirit lives in us and fills all our being. The Holy Spirit expects obedience and will not tolerate self-sins, self-love, self-confidence, self-righteousness, or self-indulgence. When we live by the Spirit, we are always conscious of the Divine presence and amazed at what God is doing. Have joy in the Holy Ghost. Realize a sharp separation between the world and us. Take great delight in prayer, and have a passionate love for the scriptures. If we have everything, but do not have the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we have nothing. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22-23). It's easy to do a self-check, but so easy to forget that our lives need all nine virtues. It takes nine virtues to make the "fruit"; eight will not count.

The Holy Spirit is not preached in church anymore. I see Him as the Unknown God of our church today. AW Tozer (1897-1963) declared the following, "the greatest sin in the evangelical church today is neglecting the Holy Spirit." Francis Chan's recent book entitled "The Forgotten God: Reversing our tragic neglect of the Holy Spirit." It is by the spirit that God works His mighty work. How we are sorely needed by our Lord to take a stand at this time in our history.

- In the early years of this ministry, Dave McPhail and wife, Faye, supported us and took on the task of typing and mailing out our newsletter. He has handled it all, from regular mailings to emails. Dave needs our prayers as he has a detached retina. The doctors say they can do nothing more for him. Let's touch God on Dave's behalf, "In the power and might of the Holy Spirit."
- Check out Jerlee Ottinger, who is over 80 years old and leading work camps to Haiti. She has a pacemaker that she out paces at times. That's another book.
- "Oil of joy for mourning, and garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" – see Bertha Terry, who has lost about half her weight – not from trying, only God knows why. She recently had a knee replacement and the pain now is worse than before. She fell in the snow going to church, but just keeps going. She is spirit-filled, spirit-led – yes!

The glorious truth of Easter - "Our King lives and because He lives we too shall live forever, Hallelujah!" May that glorious truth resound in and through our lives!

We love you, God bless you! There is laid up for you a crown of righteousness reserved in the Heavens.

Yours in Christ,

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