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Notice: Sabbath Services in Terra Bella September 4, 9:45-12:00 - potluck lunch. All invited.



There is a lot of good news in this letter, but there is also some bad news. The proverbial question is, "Which do you want first?" Actually, for those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, even the bad news is good

news because most of the bad news points to His soon return. "Tis' almost time for the Lord to come, I hear the people say; the stars of heaven are growing dim, It must be the breaking of the day." I can remember singing this old time Advent hymn with happy congregations more than 60 years ago. I can still remember singing the chorus with them. "O it must be the breaking of the day; O it must be the breaking of the day! The night is almost gone, the day is coming on; O it must be the breaking of the day!"

ALMOST HERE?

The signs have never been louder. Oh how beautiful it will be to see the heavens open as a scroll, hear His voice, see millions of friendly angels everywhere in the sky, and know that one is coming to gather you, and one is coming to gather me, and millions are coming to gather all the faithful living on the earth, and all the faithful that are sleeping in their graves. O Blessed day when the Lord shall come

With a shout, and with the voice of the arch angel, and with the trump of God the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." WOW!

Another old hymn that reminds us of the saints of 60 years ago goes like this: "the golden morning is fast approaching; Jesus soon will come to take His faithful and happy children to their promised home. O' we see the gleams of the golden morning piercing through this night of gloom! O, we see the gleams of the golden morning that will burst the tomb."

The problem was I did not sense we were living in a “night gloom.” At that time. I had just married a sweet girl, we both had fairly decent jobs, and an exciting future seemed to await us. Actually there was enough work for most of the people who wanted to work even though WW2 defense plants had closed. Many of them were being renovated to produce more peaceful merchandise.

But today, things are different. The old hymns that carried the thoughts of the folk who had lived in the late 18 and early 19 hundreds when Christ might well have come, are once again returning to the minds and hearts of folk. That is to folk who once again realize that things cannot continue as they are much longer. Once again serious prophecy-studying Christians are sensing, and talking about end-times, and once again scoffers are not seeing the prophetic trends and shrugging their shoulders at the signs of the times and the storm clouds that are gathering.

Do you remember this one? “The coming King is at the door, Who once the cross for sinners bore. But now the righteous ones alone, He comes to gather home. At the door, at the door, at the door, yes, even at the door; He is coming, He is coming, He is even at the door.”

It’s a rare treat to join in song with folk who once again are seeing new and fresh light from the Scriptures. Yes, even numerous signs that show a new day is coming perhaps faster that we even now believe. It has been written: “Study Daniel in connection with Revelation, for history will be repeated.” Yes, it is being repeated with a loud noise, and our heavenly Father is once again sending His spirit to ready a people to receive Him.

Oh do not delay, but plan now to attend the feast of Tabernacles with us this October 23 – 30. Join with folk who once again see strong reason for believing His coming is indeed near, and that last day events are right upon us.

CAMP MEETING

Join with the courageous that would suffer ridicule should it come, rather than miss out on a blessing promised to the faithful. I pledge to work up a message of information gathered after months of diligent research by your friends and faithful attendees Norman and Panzy Bradley. Norman researches and Panzy writes.



I have read his research and it has strengthened my belief that the study of the feast days were among the problems at the pre-session of the 1888 General Conference in Minneapolis, if not in the Conference itself. There will always be a window of doubt, but the divisions between many of the high up Conference personnel VS Jones and Waggoner over this issue is becoming clearer. I do plan to present this material, together with other material on the matter, at the coming camp meeting in October.

However, you can get his information earlier IF you know of other Adventist feast keepers whose leaders might want to read, critique, and return it to the Bradley’s with corrections or additional information that he might add to his research.

His E-mail address is pamagaem@direction.net. Phone number is 530-295-8148.



Dr. Mike Casey has certainly been a friend to many of our attendees in the past providing quantities of information on natural remedies for common diseases. We all love Mike for his willingness to freely help everyone that approaches him. In addition to lecturing, Mike will have a 15 minute stretch/light exercise program every morning in the parking lot just prior to his lecture. Perhaps at the end of the retreat you will not only have a mind full of knowledge, and heart full of fresh dedication, but a little better health as well.



Lori Dee Ketcherside has expertise in two very broad subjects: First, the end-time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and second, the Sanctuary and its services.

Several folk have found it wise to have pen and pad when Lori speaks. Her messages are pertinent and her understanding of the symbols applicable to the future as well as to the past.

Ellen White once wrote: “As we gather up the divine rays shining from the gospel, we shall have a clearer insight into the Jewish economy, and a deeper appreciation of its important truths. Our exploration of truth is yet incomplete. We have gathered up only a few rays of light. Those who are not daily students of the Word will not solve the problems of the Jewish economy. They will not understand the truths taught by the temple service.” Spalding Magan Collection, p.306.



My friend Tom Roberts holds two church memberships. He is both SDA and also ministerial director for the Church of God Seventh-day. He is anxious to meet you, and full of encouraging knowledge about where and how the Spirit of God is raising up feast keeping groups around the world. Did you know that there is a “Reformed SDA Church” in Australia that has found the truth of the statutes and now keeps the feasts? The last time I had a speaker with membership in another fellowship it was Brad Scott. If you remember, Brad taught us much of the Hebrew meanings of words. Several of you have expressed a desire to have him return and we do plan to do that in the not too distant future.



Elder Brad Williams plans to be with us once again. His expertise in the 1844 events and date was enlightening and encouraged us all in one of the old way marks of Adventism.? His book on the subject, “The Silencing of

Satan was well received by our audience and I’m sure it will be made available again.

The truth of the investigative judgment seems to be lightly esteemed today. Few of our churches spend time reviewing it anymore, and as a result the old adage that “people are down on what they are not up on” too often shows itself true. Perhaps he will find time to review a few of his main points as he presents fresh sermons to us this October. I recommend that you read his book and you will find that the Investigative Judgment is better news and more biblical than you ever thought before.

There are several other speakers that will grace our pulpit and raise our faith in Christ to a higher level. I’ll share who they will be in our next news letter, but in the mean time try to get everything in order so you can be with us here in beautiful Terra Bella next October 23rd through the 30th. The best part of camp meeting is meeting with friends of like faith.

Fair warning: watch out for a few folk with their own agendas. They are few, and not welcome, but there are always some who show up to take advantage of the innocent at most every camp meeting no matter who hosts it. Sorry I have to mention this, but for you to be forewarned is to be forearmed. We had no such incidence at our last retreat. Praise the Lord!

Torah Tots.



Plans are progressing for the little house for our smallest division of children whom we call the Torah Tots. We are acquiring the building from Dry Creek Mini Barns in Bakersfield CA. The company tells us that in Kern County the plans must be shown to the building permit county office, they charge a fee and then rubber stamp an approval. That’s all there is to it.

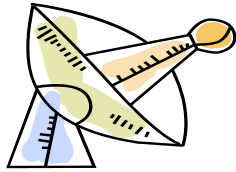
Because of the year it took us to gain our permit to hold meetings, and all the things we were required to do, I wondered about how it would be to get a permit to have it delivered to Terra Bella in Tulare county.

The county charged \$147 to start the process. It was told to us not to call them for at least two to three weeks, and if it is approved it will cost still more money for the permit.

We have faith that it will be set up and usable in plenty of time for Tabernacles. We may sheetrock it in the near future spider control. Between meetings it will be used to store folding tables, chairs, piano, and whatever else needs to be stored.

It's just a little shed that has lots of windows for ventilation, two doors, and an outside dimension of 14' X 20'. Plenty of room for our Torah Tot class.

SATALLITE NEWS



Here is good news and bad news. Actually, everything is going very well. David Garza is getting a good grip on all the complicated computer software. The learning curve has been hard and complicated, but David is coming out on top of it all. More hardware must be purchased and two more AT&T T1 lines run from our property to a junction box in Terra Bella. These two additional lines are necessary to accommodate the bandwidth of satellite broadcasting. All this takes time. Though we realize time is short, it is all in His divine providence. We see His leading.

Let me share at least two recent ways the Spirit of God has fortified our faith.

David has been talking to uplink installers and service organizations. We are endeavoring to get the best service at the cheapest price. Every dollar that comes to Bible Exploration is treated as sacred and dedicated to maintaining this ministry and primarily to the receiving and sharing of the Elijah message.

Tuesday we received a phone call from someone who had gotten hold of a Holy History book. He called us saying as an SDA he had believed in the things we teach for about six years. In short, he was flying from Florida to California for some advanced training in his field, and wanted to spend a few enjoyable hours with us while here in Terra Bella.

His classes in San Jose lasted too long for the visit to happen but he did talk again by phone. It was at that time, the time of the phone conversation on the evening before he flew back to Florida, that I learned his special classes were instruction on the latest satellite uplink technology. This man is not only SDA, not only an avid and loyal feast keeper, but his profession is in up linking programs like ours, in fact he is partly responsible for the up linking of both 3 angels network and the Hope Channel.

Is the hand of the heavenly Father in all this or what? In our hearts there is no "or what's" at all.

The second good news is about the funding. This is also truly miraculous. I can hardly wait to tell you about it.

David Gates suggested to us that the cost of broadcasting would be \$1700/month on a 6 month broadcast contract with the satellite Co. That would be about \$104,000 plus the cost of additional hardware necessary to get our messages to the uplink station. We set a goal of \$72,000 to be reached and together with certain matching funds should do it. Here is the good news. Miracle of miracles, we now have \$96,295.94 in our satellite bank account. This should take care of the added hardware, T1 lines, and everything. We still have a pledge that has not come in. Pledges are encouraging, but sometimes they just don't materialize. We'll see.

Now for the bad news. Six month contracts are no longer available from any satellite provider. Consequently we must contract for a full year! This is now the standard minimum limit throughout the industry. I wonder if our Saviour might not want this message presented for a year. That is twice what I expected. Fortunately the monthly charge went down a little with the longer contract. David Garza now estimates a total cost of \$16,000 a month which not only includes the satellite, but also the transmission of our messages from Terra Bella to the uplink station. That amount times 12 months translates to \$192,000, Wow! If we had known that I wonder if we would have started the project.

But on the other hand, together we have already raised about half that amount in two months! We can hardly be discouraged now. All large donors have been listed so that a return of funds can be made if we don't succeed, but we are not thinking in a negative vein. There are too many positive signs and yes, mini miracles, to believe this satellite program is not ordained by a Higher Source than ourselves. We will be faithful to the project, and surely the final angel's message will be sailing over the planet.

Only by His grace have we gotten this far, and only by His grace will we continue to succeed.



LUKE 14:28, 29.

The Scripture says: "for which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it. Lest haply, after he that laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him."

We had reason to believe the hardware would cost above what we were figuring, but we did not have any real reason to believe that we would have to go beyond a 6 month contract. In fact that's where the \$17000 per month was considered.

But this text also tells us to have the money in hand. Because we are counseled in the Spirit of Prophecy to shun debt like a plague. Bible Explorations has set a good example of this in the past and we choose to act on these principles. We could go in debt for the remaining amount of money. The satellite folk are willing for us to do that, but we are not willing. We fear God, and if we break this confidence of putting Bible Explorations in debt, what right would we have to call on God to save us? Instead, let's pray, act on our prayers, and watch to see what the Lord will do.

HOUSING DOWN?



According to today's news, if you had a 400,000 dollar home last week you just saw more than \$100,000 fly out your window. This is hard to imagine. If you had a little modest \$100,000 home, you just lost 27, 7000 dollars. According to Bloomberg report of August 24, sales of existing houses plunged by a record 27 percent in July. Purchases of single-family homes also dropped 27 percent

The National Association of Realtors agrees: "There is no way to sugarcoat it: Existing home sales plunged 27.2% in July to a 3.83-million-unit annual rate – far worse than expected." "Economists had feared the worst regarding the existing home sales trend as a result of sluggish job growth and the end of the home-buyer credit program, and they pretty much got it. CNNMoney.com adds that "Plunging home sales could sink recovery. With home sales plunging to their lowest level in 15 years, economists warn that a double-dip in housing prices is just around the corner . . .

I don't know what all of this means but I do believe that if we are going to do great things for Yah, we better be about our Father's business. Friends, the rich will eventually throw their money to the bats, for it will do them no good as this world rushes headlong into its destiny of oblivion. The only thing worth living for is truly the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

WHAT DO 500,000 PEOPLE LOOK LIKE?

In the 2nd week of August 488,000 more otherwise destitute people applied for unemployment insurance. This past week that record was broken as an additional

500,000 people applied for unemployment. What's going to happen when they have used up their benefits. Will the government step in with another bail out? Or will the suddenly poor begin robbing stores and private homes to keep their families alive? I guess we will have to wait and see.

My recommendation is that we who believe in the Torah and the Creator God who established it, continue to carefully pay our tithe, help any needy families that are close to us, and join with the last angel recorded in Revelation 18 as we watch the governments struggle in confusion as the run up debts they know are unlikely to be paid back.

No wonder all the world will wonder after the beast. The beast is deceitfully rich, but the bottom line is that he wants to be like a god on the earth and be worshipped.

“. . . and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. . . . and it was given him to make war with the saints.”

Aren't you glad that you are not figured as "children of the world?" As we maintain our integrity with the angels and with our Saviour we will not be caught in the lair of the beast depicted above. Our determined faithfulness and loyalty are of far more value than our slowly deteriorating funds. Where our heart is, that is where we place our treasure. Yes, we must do all we can to provide for our families, but we are not to neglect His work, for as it is written, we are to place treasures in the heavenly coffers that his work will not suffer. We cannot out give the Lord.

The promise is given: "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: and call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me."

It's not just vows to be given to the Lord to help finish the work, but also to help the needy in our midst. Gifts to the poor are registered in heaven as well. The Scriptures teach that when we give food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, shelter to one who needs it, and clothes to someone who is without, the Almighty promises that He takes such a gift very personal. Therefore, such things are surely recorded in heaven for it is written "Verily verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY

Some of you have been alarmed at statements in the past weeks' quarterly. It appears upon a quick reading that the Jewish economy is portrayed as full of man-made rules and regulations. Fortunately he qualifies the statement saying "as it was practiced in his day." I really

don't know how it was considered in his day however I assume the author does.

In Ellen White's day she considered the Jewish Economy with respect. "In every age Christ has been the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He was the Originator and foundation of the Jewish economy. In the pillar of cloud He guided the children of Israel in their wanderings. Everything was adjusted and arranged by the hand of Divinity. And all the knowledge that came direct from God to them, all the power and glory of that ancient economy, had been poured into the treasury of the Christian church. Nothing has been lost. The accumulated light of generations is given to the church of today, not to be hoarded, but to be circulated. Messengers are to be sent to every part of the earth, proclaiming Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. ST January 13, 1898.

"The earthly temple is no more. Its mysterious veil has been rent asunder, its vessels have been demolished, and the Jewish people are scattered to every part of the world. But the judgments that fell on that nation are a symbol of those that will fall on all, who, like Jerusalem, know not the time of their visitation. Let not man mock the ancient Jewish economy, of which Christ was the Originator, and the One to whom the types and shadows pointed. In these types and shadows is revealed the everlasting gospel. ST January 13, 1899.

I really don't believe the author was criticizing the Jewish economy, but only the way some of it was misapplied in Paul's day.

Note from David Garza

We want you to enjoy our internet streaming video. Tune in any time, 24/7 when you have a desire for a good message. Presently two "live" broadcasts are given to share an over view of the coming week's Sabbath School Lesson. These air at 8 A.M. on the west and east coasts. Time zones in between can be calculated. We are Bible Explorations.com. You might enjoy browsing through our web page of books, periodicals, newsletters, and DVDs. Otherwise click on Streaming Channel, and then click on Streaming Internet Channel, and there we are. Also we are broadcasting full Sabbath services on the first Sabbath of each month.

PS: Directions to our Terra Bella camp meeting are on our website and will be in our next newsletter.

STRANGERS IN THE LAND

By Louise A. Vernon

(A new continued story transcribed by Sandy)

"Oh, Madame, how does he dare speak of America? People are all slaves there, treated worse than cattle. It's worse than the West Indies – a living death, they say."

Mother spoke in a sharp whisper. "The West Indies, yes. Everyone knows about that. But who told you this nonsense about America? You know that monsieur has two fishing vessels going to Newfoundland all the time, and they don't bring back reports like that."

"Alec Calvet told me, Madame. He says things have changed so much in the past five years that there's no telling what will happen after today. And Madame..."

"Yes?" "Alec wants me to marry him right away before – before something might prevent it." "Why, Othalie, you didn't tell me that." "No, I just couldn't, Madame. There'll be problems, Alec being a Catholic."

"Othalie, we've discussed all of that before." "Yes, but things are different now." "Listen, Othalie. Pastor Foudray is talking."

The pastor's clipped voice rang out with new depth. "I asked that we meet here tonight. You have known me many years now. You know I am not excitable by nature, but I want you to know that I am now gathering food and guns." The talk became so excited that Pierre was afraid Henri would wake up. Pierre huddled on the chest, dazed and frightened by the pastor's words.

"And I would like to know from each of you what arms you have at home, for we surely will have to defend ourselves sooner or later." "I can tell you in just a moment." Father started up the stairs.

Pierre sprang from the chest and fled to his room. He hid behind the door and listened to his father unlocking the chest. He heard the rattling of metal on metal. Beyond question, the chest held guns.

In that moment Pierre knew what the church bells meant – war against the Huguenots. Father locked the chest and went downstairs. Pierre, behind the door, listened for a moment longer before going back to bed. Something touched his arm. Pierre whirled around. His 7-year-old brother Henri stood by him, rubbing his eyes. A blanket trailed behind him. "Is it time to get up?"

"No, Henri." Pierre tucked his brother in bed and lay down himself. The voices downstairs drifted farther and farther away. The next he knew, Othalie was shouting, "Hurry and get dressed. Your father wants to see you and Henri before he goes to the port."

"Boys," Father said when Pierre and Henri came into the kitchen, "something happened yesterday. It's too long to explain, but I want you both to stay inside the garden. If any strangers ring, run into the house. You see, there may be some people who would like to take you away from us, especially Henri."

"Where would they take me?" Henri asked.

"To a convent school," Father said. "Pierre, you must always look out for Henri." *To be continued.*

Feast of Tabernacles

October 23-30, 2010

(Campsite open previous week)