



## RENEWAL NEWSLETTER - FALL - 2014

Greetings, dear friends and supporters, although we find it difficult to get out a newsletter, we love to share with you, our partners, what God is doing in our lives, family and ministry. Please know that we are fully aware that without the faithful support of brothers and sister like you, we could not do what we are doing. God is good and gracious in giving us co-laborers. We thank you.

### FIRST, THE FAMILY

We never regret reporting first on our family which now numbers thirty-two. Next to our own relationship with the Lord Jesus, our family is central to our mission and we consider it a vital part of our ministry. Our daughter, **Melody**, had major surgery September 26 followed by an infection. Anne flew to Colorado Springs to assist Melody in her recovery. We are happy to report that she is doing well. Our daughter **Robyn**, has made the move to Seattle to be with her husband, Perry, who has a denturist practice in the Seattle area. Two of the Balcom children, CeCe and Derek remain in Kalispell. **Amy** and Steve, who live in Braselton, Georgia recently hosted the CSR Board of Directors for it's annual Board meeting. Sanders, one of the Poe sons, is now enrolled at Liberty University and is pursuing God's call to ministry. **Holly**, our daughter in Ronan, Montana is having her 14th knee surgery at Emory Hospital in Atlanta on November 10. This will be major and we ask for your continuing prayers. Holly will spend at least a month in Atlanta recovering before she can return to Montana. Anne and I will be at her side. Granddaughter, Maegan and husband Ty have just had our latest grandson, Bryten Ty Unruh born on July 14. We now have five great grandchildren, all of them precious, in addition to our four daughters, four sons-in-love and eleven grandchildren, six of whom are happily married. We love them all and delight in spending as much time as possible with them. Anne and I have celebrated our 73 and 77th birthday this year along with our 54th anniversary. Still healthy, vibrant and madly in love with each other.

### THE MINISTRY

- The Lord continues to connect us with pastors in need. We have met recently with pastors and ministers in Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi in our work with The Ministry of Encouragement and Pastor Care.
- We continue to do our weekly radio interview program, "What on Earth Is God Doing?" Recently we interviewed Susan Michael, the U.S. Director of the International Christian Embassy - Jerusalem and also Bishop Dominiquae Bierman, co-leader, with her rabbi husband of Kad-Esh MAP Ministries in Eilat, Israel. God continues to bring us exciting people to interview who "have a story and testimony."
- We have participated in several events over the last few weeks including the Going on Faith Conference in Concord, North Carolina, The Anti-Semitism seminar at the Birmingham Jewish Federation in Birmingham, Repairing The Foundations pastor's conference in Tupelo, MS. sponsored by the American Family Association and the CareGiver's Forum in Wisconsin, an annual gathering of ministries that minister to pastors and ministers. We benefited from each of these.
- We participated in two board meetings during the summer. The PastorCare Directors met in Jefferson, Texas in September and the CSR Board of Directors met in Atlanta (Braselton) GA. in October. Clint Summers, a new board member from Texas joined us this year. Sanders Poe, another new board member was not able to

- attend because of his studies at Liberty. These were great meetings with many positive decisions made. Thanks for praying for these gatherings. Be watching for God to do “new things” with CSR.
- On Sunday evening, October 26th, we participated in a regional “Stand With Israel” event in Decatur, Alabama at Calvary Assembly, Congressman Mo Brooks spoke along with Opher Aviran, Council General of Israel to the Southeast. It was an outstanding event.
  - We are rejoicing that CSR and PastorCare are in the process of posting new websites. The final work is still being completed but you will be pleased with what our dear friend and board member, Angela Bailey has developed. In our book, she is tops in her field. We will notify you when these sites go on line.
  - In recent months, we have been a part a regional team helping to launch the Alabama Israel Task Force.
  - We are sold out on the second printing of our book, “I Love To Tell The Story.” By His Grace, the book continues to impact those who read it. Additional copies have been ordered. Send \$ 20 to CSR for your copy.

### **THE MISSION TO ISRAEL**

Our plans to spend an extended time of ministry in Israel is quickly becoming a reality. Thanks to the many of you who have contributed approximately \$ 8,000.00 toward this effort. We had hoped for \$10,000 in order to stay as much as three months, but unless more financial support comes in we will reduce our time in Israel to around two months. While there, we will minister as Ambassadors of Encouragement, both as Christians and as Americans, encouraging the Jewish people and especially pastors, ministers and Messianic Rabbis. We want to be able to personally convey to the Israelis that we love them, pray for them and stand with them. You can still have a part in this project by sending your contribution to CSR, and attach a note saying it is for the Israel Mission.

### **THANKS AND KEEP PRAYING AND SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY, AS HE LEADS**

You cannot imagine what it means to us to have you as our partners in prayer and financial support. It seems inevitable that some supporters drop off and others join the CSR/Bevis team. We would welcome your monthly or occasional support. We are a 501c3 non profit and you will receive tax credit.

#### **How You Can Pray For Us**

- Pray for Holly and her surgery on November 10.
- Pray for the Israel Mission to come together for January and February, according to His will.
- Pray for us and our continued good health, especially as we travel to Israel. Anne is having problems with her eye sight.
- Pray for the Lord to bring additional supporters who will join us in this ministry.
- Pray that we will always hear correctly from the Lord and obediently follow Him in all He asks.
- Pray for all 32 members of our family that they will “prosper as their souls prosper.”
- Pray for Israel, the peace of Jerusalem and for revival and spiritual awakening to come to the Holy Land.

Please send us a note as to how we can pray for you.

**WE ARE DILIGENTLY LAUNCHING AN EFFORT TO GET THE E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS.** Would you please send us your email address, Facebook address and website, if you have one. We are moving toward an electronic/digital newsletter. We would love to be able to communicate more frequently with you. Having your email address will help.

Prayerfully and Expectantly,

Jim and Anne

P.S. May we be among the first to wish you and yours a sincere and spiritual Thanksgiving Season, a Christ-filled Christmas and A Blessed Hope for the year ahead.