



# First Light Herald

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## Mission Work/Trip

Again, we mention our upcoming summer plans. We are preparing to host a Vacation Bible School for the kids we evangelized last summer. This will occur the 18th through the 23rd of June (the Lord willing). We ask for your prayers for strength for us as we teach and minister to these kids. We ask for all the supply needs to be met. We shall be feeding these kids breakfast and a snack as many would not get breakfast because we start so early each day. We also supply crafts, bibles, toys for rewards, decorations, curriculum, props, puppets, music, CDs for each child, and more than I care to think about in one sitting. God is able, but we must pull all this together BEFORE the kids arrive. We will be sending out invitations on CDs as well as paper notices in May and early June. We pray for God to draw those children He desires to be more equipped in the ways of His kingdom. We also want to pull in parents that are lost.

July we hope to go Piedras Negras. We will be spending a weekend getting to know Pastor Paulino and his wife Betty who run Casa Hogar Betesta; an orphanage for handicapped children/retarded adults. We will be bringing gifts for the workers as well as Pastor Paulino and his wife. We want to bring needed supplies for the orphanage as well. We see this becoming an ongoing ministry as we reach out to the neighborhoods. We have made contact with a woman from Honduras who made the initial introduction to Pastor Paulino. She is hoping to join us from her ministry in San Antonio and help us with any translation and cultural introductions we may need. The following are our needs for this trip and we ask for your prayers of agreement as we gather the needed supplies before this new venture. We are entering the enemy's camps in Mexico and he won't be standing still for our entrance. For this reason we need intercessors who are willing to pray before, during and after we visit Piedras Negras. Our plan (the Lord willing) is to head south to Piedras Negras July 12th. We want to take a day to get acclimated and then minister as the Lord leads during the 13th, 14th and 15th. We will head home the 16th.

Here is a list sent to us from Pastor Paulino with all their needs. Depending on the size of the trailer the Lord provides we will do our best to bless them with great abandon. If you are lead to help, we know that the rewards for hearing the cries of the poor and feeble are huge.

- **hygiene products; toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, conditioner**
- **sanitary products**
- **household cleaners: disinfectants, bleach, and detergents and dryer sheets**
- **blankets: single and full**
- **dry-goods: beans, rice, oil, masa harina, spices etc.**
- **diapers, child size 6 through adult large sizes**
- **baby wipes, A & D diaper cream (lanolin and non-lanolin versions)**
- **first aid medications: ointments for cuts, bruises, and rashes cold and flu medicines, fever and pain meds**



**Clowning can be serious business!**

### Special points of interest:

- ✧ Unless we become as little children we can't see the kingdom!
- ✧ Yeshua/Jesus told his disciples to allow the children to come to him!
- ✧ Children are a blessing from the Lord
- ✧ Receiving a child in the name of Yeshua/Jesus is receiving the Lord.
- ✧ Have the faith of a little child, it really works.
- ✧ Children are mentioned 1801 times in the bible.

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We believe that God has opened this door and so we gladly step through it. We do covet your prayers as we reach out to the family of God in Mexico once again. We are believing for miracles, signs and wonders as we take this step of faith.

### Pots and Kettles



Pot calling the kettle "black."

My dad used to use the cliché, "that's like the pot calling the kettle black". Yeshua/Jesus spoke similarly of folks who are busy trying to remove motes from the eyes of others while they have beams in their own eyes. We can all see sin. It doesn't take a prophet to see the wrong in the world and those around us. All one has to do is open the eyes and darkness abounds. It does however, take some gifting to find answers to problems.

If we are honest with ourselves we must acknowledge that we have sin in our lives like any person we might be tempted to judge. Our souls are constantly bombarded with all sorts of darkness. It takes a stronger person to deal with the faults and failings of self FIRST and then with compassion begin to pray for those who are still in trouble.

In the second Chronicles of the kings, the Father speaks to rebellious children. He isn't speaking to the lost, He is speaking to His own children. That means US. We need to hear God and obey Him. This may be an old testament scripture, but it is just as applicable for us today as it was to the rebellious children of Israel then.

*2 Chronicles {7:14} If **my** people, which are called by **my** name, shall **humble themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek my face**, and **turn from their wicked ways**; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

The Lord was led by the spirit of compassion. He was constantly tempted by the religious people of his day to uncover sins. They wanted him to stone a woman caught in the very act of adultery. I have a question. How did they find a woman IN the act of adultery? It seems to me that they had to be looking very hard and planning to find someone in such a compromising position. What sort of person spends his/her time doing such things? A very sick person spends time looking for the faults and sin in others.

*1 Peter {4:8} And above all things have fervent charity (the God kind of love) among yourselves: for charity (the God kind of love) shall cover the multitude of sins.*

It isn't easy to love the unlovely; it requires a death of self. It's much easier to be touchy, resentful and fretful, but because our faith works BY love we want to cover, erase, forgive and forget.

We live in a society that prides itself of being RIGHT, having RIGHTS, avoiding the far RIGHT, knowing RIGHTS but RIGHT-EOUSNESS is far from them. If we're going to walk with God and God is LOVE, then we MUST walk in RIGHTEOUSNESS. That means we follow the footsteps of our Messiah. He was pretty clear on his feelings about the religious who could see all the wrong, but never lifted a finger to help a soul. The religious and hypocritical\* were all about keeping the sabbath, but allowed little grandmas and widows to be sick, naked and hungry. They were all about baptisms, and washing their hands, but their hearts were full of death.

*\*hypocritical: professing feelings or virtues one does not have.*

We're told in *Matthew{12:34} O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

We want God to hear from heaven. We want God to forgive our sin. We desperately need Him to heal our land. That means we have some responsibilities. We must realize we are called with a holy calling. Humbling self is laying down our own rights and allowing those around us to put us on a cross DAILY as we choose to love them as Christ loves them.

*Luke {9:23} And he said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow*

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*me. {9:24} For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. {9:25} For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?*

So here I am and I too can see a problem. What is the answer? How do we begin to do this love thing? Paul in his letter to the Galatians taught what to do when you can see faults in others:

*Galatians {6:1} Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one **in the spirit** of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. {6:2} Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. {6:3} For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. {6:4} But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. {6:5} For every man shall bear his own burden.*

OK, so you can see faults in others and know that you need to deal with them IN THE SPIRIT, but what we need to do to be effective in this is deal with our own faults and shortcomings FIRST. It boils down to acknowledging that we have been and ARE being harassed by the adversary and have fallen for temptation. In order to walk in the righteousness of God, we must walk free of the condemnation of sin. When we sin our conscience is subject to attack from the enemy, but we have promises from God that free us from condemnation.

*1 John {1:9} If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*Matthew {3:6} And were baptized of him in Jordan, **confessing** their sins.*

*Matthew {10:32} Whosoever therefore shall **confess** me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*

*Mark {1:5} And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, **confessing** their sins.*

*Luke {12:8} Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall **confess** me before men, him shall the Son of man also **confess** before the angels of God: {12:9} But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.*

*Acts {19:18} And many that believed came, and **confessed**, and shewed their deeds.*

*Romans {10:9} That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. {10:10} For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.*

*James {5:16} **Confess** [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

*1 John {1:9} If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. {1:10} If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*



*Revelation {3:5} He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will **confess** his name before my Father, and before his angels.* **What's in your heart?**

It doesn't take much to see the pattern here. Confession of our own sin keeps us in right-standing with the Lord and keeps the adversary at bay. He's the accuser of the brethren. He delights in condemning us and uncovering every wicked thing on the planet. God

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worked His work of love and righteousness by sending Himself in the form of His son. He didn't come to condemn, but to save. We are far too quick to condemn and throw out the most necessary. Let us end this with the following segment from the letter of Luke to the early believers. Did you know that we used to be called, "The great confessors?" Instead of the black pot calling the kettle black, we should be pure and holy inspiring others by our love and forgiveness to walk in pureness and holiness. Finally brethren:

*Luke {18:9} And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: {18:10} Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. {18:11} The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men [are,] extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. {18:12} I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. {18:13} And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as [his] eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. {18:14} I tell you, this man went down to his house justified [rather] than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

## How Much Poison is Safe?



How about a little hemlock tea?

If I were to offer you strychnine would you take it and consume it? What if I told you it was just a little strychnine, would you eat it? How about a little arsenic? Would you like a nice cup of hemlock tea? Of course your answer to all these would be "No WAY." That's how we should look at doubt and unbelief.

- The Lord could do no mighty works because of their *unbelief*. (Matt. 13:58, Mark 6:6)
- The Lord's disciples couldn't cast out devils in a boy because of their own *unbelief*. (Matt. 17:20)
- The Lord's disciples wouldn't believe the women who had seen the Lord after he had been resurrected. He upbraided them WITH their *unbelief*. (Mark 16:14)
- Abraham didn't allow himself to stagger at the HUGE promise of God through *unbelief*. (Rom. 4:20)
- Faith and *unbelief* can't occupy the same space. If you have faith then unbelief can't be present. If you have *unbelief*, faith won't work.

We're told "these signs will follow them who believe." We aren't told "these signs will go before them who believe." The Messiah said that an adulterous generation seeketh after a sign." *Philemon {3:12} Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.* The significance of that verse may not have hit you yet, like it hit me. Our hearts can become evil and full of unbelief. The end result will be our departure from the living God! That's just plain scary.

I've been working on my heart recently. No, I'm not a heart surgeon, but I am responsible to guard my heart. I was told that out of my heart proceed the issues of life. (Prov. 4:23) If I allow doubt and unbelief to have even the smallest place, I have allowed weed seeds in and I will have to deal with a nasty root system before long. Doubt masquerades as wisdom or knowledge, but in all truth is nothing more than rejecting God's word.

It's great to see the problem, but remember we're looking for answers these days. The answer is to do a little practical application. If I were to ask you, "Do you believe the word of God is true?" I'm sure you'd say, "Yes." If I were to ask you, "Can God lie?" You would say, "Of course not." If I were to ask you, "Was Peter an honest man?" You would say, "Yes." If I were to ask you, "Did Peter hear the Holy Spirit?" You would more than likely say, "Yes." If I were to ask you, "Do you believe 1 Peter 2:24 is true?" You again would say, "Yes." If you had symptoms of sickness in your body and I asked you, "Are you healed?" I may or may NOT get a yes.

Doubt and unbelief are very subtle weapons of the enemy. He whispers doubts to us on a daily basis. Much like an assassin puts poison in his victim's drink, the enemy laces the things we see and hear on TV and in all kinds of media with doubt. Unbelief comes in two forms; one comes from ignorance of God's word and the other is rejection of the word once it has been heard. Now mind you, most of us would have a hard time if someone were to call us unbelievers. BUT if we were to wake on any given day and have pain or symptoms of sickness in our bodies, we wouldn't jump up out of bed and start our day as if nothing were wrong. Most of us would moan and groan. We'd feel the spot where the pain was and begin searching our minds for the last thing we had heard about a sickness with similar symptoms. Sadly our immediate response would not to give glory to God for sending His word, Yeshua/Jesus and healing us. Abraham (Rom. 4:20) gave glory to God for answering his heart's desire long before he ever saw the answer with his

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natural eyes. He was fully persuaded that what God had promised him, He was willing to do. He stood on the promise until it manifested. He believed God and rejected all forms of doubt and unbelief.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, the enemy is subtle. He is powerless because ALL power was given to Yeshua/Jesus, BUT if he can trick us into giving up the power that Yeshua left with us he can win. He will take our strength by getting us to doubt God and His word. He'll begin to present us with all sorts of ugly thoughts. These thoughts will sound like intelligent thoughts, but ANYTHING that runs contrary to God's word (which is His will) MUST be dealt with immediately. You may have heard that if you give the devil a ride he'll end up driving?



Unbelief is toxic waste.

*2 Corinthians {10:4} (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) {10:5} Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; {10:6} And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. (Remember: Christ is a Greek word and not the Lord's last name. It means Messiah or Anointed Chosen Empowered Messiah. It can also mean the Anointing that*

If we take the time to really examine these few important sentences in Paul's letter to the Corinthians we can see just how important dealing with thoughts is. He doesn't tell the Corinthians to bring a few thoughts captive, he doesn't tell them to deal with most thoughts, but EVERY thought. Every thought we have should be focused on the eternal truth of God's word. I realize this is a big pill to swallow, but if we are what we think and we think about doubt and other lies of the enemy we could really be in trouble.

This may come as a shock to you, but there are really only two kinds of thoughts; God's thoughts and the adversary's thoughts. God's thoughts are life, blessing, creativity, live, love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, temperance, long suffering, faith, meekness and purity. The enemy's thoughts are all contrary to these. You and I don't have original thoughts. We either take what God has said, or we swallow the deceptive suggestions of the enemy. That is why intimacy with God is so vital. With only a surface knowledge of God we can easily become victims of the deceiver. When we exalt our own thoughts above where they belong, we put ourselves in the "unusable" category. God can only use those who are submitted to Him via His written word, spoken word and living word. If we are rebellious to these, we will find ourselves in witchcraft. Sadly there are more people participating in witchcraft than may be aware.

*1 Samuel {15:23} For rebellion [is as] the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness [is as] iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from [being] king.*

Here we see King Saul being rejected by God. He is accused of the sin of witchcraft by way of rebellion; iniquity and idolatry by way of stubbornness. There are many that God has dealt with over and over to repent from their stubborn ways, and ultimately should they not repent they will suffer hard consequences.

So we must make the choice quickly when faced with the choice to choose what God has said and what the enemy is presenting as truth. God's truth is eternal, the enemy's offerings are temporal at best. Let's choose life and blessing rather than death and cursing. Let's choose to hear God's voice whether it comes straight from the portals of heaven, through the written word or through the holy man of God. Be quick to hear and obey once we have tried the spirit.

Key: Take time to meditate on Galatians 5. Make yourself familiar with the fruits of the spirit and the fruits of walking in the flesh. This may take a little rehearsal, but before long you will be able to ascertain whether a thought is full of doubt, unbelief or whether it is full of faith. Guard your heart from doubt. God is a good Father and He wants good things for us NOW.

## Last Days Conditions

Most of our brothers and sisters in Christ would readily agree that we are definitely living in the last days according to the bible. We can all see what is going on in the world and have some idea of what it is leading to. Some watch with great anticipation of an event they have been waiting faithfully for. Then there are some that don't much care one way or another they just want all this trouble to be over. Then there are the ones that have given up for a reason they believe is powerful enough and tragic enough to not only give up but begin to preach from the roof tops that this God they served is not able and His promises are no good.

Do you know that this third type of brother or sister is evidence that we are in the last days? These folks are not only mentioned in

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our bible but described specifically by what they are saying. I do not want to go off on a rabbit trail here so let it be sufficient to say that these folks will get exactly what they are saying. Peter wrote about these people in his second letter.

*2 Peter 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:... knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of his coming? Since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

Be very careful reading this and ask within yourself; do I fit this description in any way?

Have you believed God for something and it did not manifest? Add to that that some “act of god” happened and you blamed our Father? Have you ever begun to tell your friends and relatives that what you used to believe wasn’t a part of your life any more because there just wasn’t anything to it? Telling them you have learned for sure that nothing ever changes, the world and everything in it remains the same as it has always has been. Have you thought that believing God according to His word as you have tried for so many years is not worth the effort any more, and that it is silly and a time wasting work of futility?

I hope none of you that are reading this fits any of that! There are ways to guard from unbelief coming into our lives and it isn’t based on what you did or didn’t “get” from God! Peter mentions a few things in his second letter that he does not want folks to be ignorant of and he mentions them for all readers to see that God is good to His word that He is not slack concerning His promises:

*2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

You may be saying; “Jeff how does that have anything to do with God’s promises?” In every way it touches what our Father has done is doing and will continue to do until the final day.

Look at the very first promise from our Father to the very first man Adam.

*Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shall surely die.*

What is the promise here? God promises Adam that if he eats from that tree over there, “in the day” he does he will surely die. How does this give us hope that God is not slack concerning His promises? Simply that Adam did die in the day he ate from that tree. One 24 hour period is the same with God as a period of 1000 years. Adam died in the 24 hour period he ate from that tree making God’s promise good and Adam also only lived 970 years and then died in that 1000 year period as well. Adam did not live past 1000 years old (no other man on earth has either) God is not slack concerning His promises what He says is going to manifest. When God said “in the day” you eat Adam you will surely die, He covered every way that could be understood making His word good.

If something you have believed hasn’t manifested in your life yet, know this first, God is not slack concerning His promises. His word is good, it is the same word that framed or created this world that holds the world together. All things were made by Him and for Him we can rest in that. You belong to Him and He will keep you forever. He will not leave you or forsake you no matter what things appear to be. It is not our Father that has abandoned us He won’t do that. We have been given great and precious promises and everything that pertains to life and Godliness. We have been made the righteousness of God in Christ we are like He is now in this world. Because we have believed we have overcome the world, we are over comers. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. Do believe all that or do you have doubts?

The devil would love for you to become a preacher in his court shouting from the roof tops that God is not good to His word and that there is nothing to that stuff.

The choice is yours not God’s in these last days.

## Prayer Focus

The Body of Christ has an obligation to pray. The bible tells us to pray without ceasing. It might seem impossible to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), but if we recognize that what we say should be considered like prayer we would be a whole lot more careful about what came out of our mouths.

- We're told to pray for one another. (So that we ourselves can be healed.)
- We're to pray for our leaders (whether we agree with them or not.)
- We're told to pray for those who spitefully use us!
- We're told to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers (this is how our lost are saved.)
- We're told to pray that we don't enter into temptation.
- We're to pray in the spirits and with our understanding.
- If we find ourselves afflicted we're told to pray.
- When we pray we are supposed to believe that whatever we prayed is ours right then!



Prayer is communication with our Father, the power source in our lives. No prayer, no power.

## Small Bites, Big Flavor



- ?? The Body of Christ needs you as much or maybe more than it needs an apostle, a prophet, an evangelist, a pastor or even a teacher. 1 Cor. 12:22
- ?? The Holy Spirit will manifest through you. 1 Cor. 12:7
- ?? The Body of Christ is not one group, one denomination or one church. Some members are here and some have gone ahead to heaven. 1 Cor. 12
- ?? Got puts us where He wants us in the Body of Christ. We shouldn't decide where we belong, but hear HIS voice and obey Him. 1 Cor 12 18
- ?? Righteousness is yours in Christ. All you have to do is believe. Rom. 3:21 and 4:5
- ?? Forgiveness is a sign that follows confession of sin. It is a promise to us from a faithful and just God. 1 John 1:9
- ?? The gospel is good news, not something to be dreaded. God wants to live with you, in you and through you. God is love therefore Love wants to be with you, in you and work through you! 1 John 4:16 and Col. 1:27
- ?? God wants us to enjoy those things which He has given us. 1 Tim. 6:17
- ?? God does NOT want us to fall in love with this temporal (temporary) world or the material things that we see in it. Remember, Lot's wife let her heart be tied to the world of Sodom and Gomorrah and when the time came to leave she couldn't cut the ties. 1 John 2:15
- ?? Everything you see and every single man made thing will burn in the purging fires God will send on this earth. Fall in love with heaven, God's home and no matter how blessed you are on earth you won't be tied to it.
- ?? There isn't a single thing we experience that took God by surprise! It only surprises us. Isaiah 40:21
- ?? If it isn't a good or perfect gift, it didn't come from God. James 1:17
- ?? If it kills, steals or destroys it came from the adversary. John 10:10
- ?? The adversary has NEVER had a creative thought. He can only corrupt the original. John 8:44

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## Jeff & Cerise's May 2007 Schedule

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sabbath
Prayer emails and questions: jeffdwelter@aol.com		1 Out of town	2 No meeting Out of town	3 Out of town	4 Out of town	5 Out of town
6 Out of town	7 Lovington 2227 E. Waters 7-9PM	8	9 Odessa Meeting 7-9PM Bailey 10 Louisiana Cove	10	11 Hobbs Doc Dean's office 7-9 PM	12 Roswell McCutcheon's 2410 N. Grand 2-4PM
13	14	15	16 Odessa Meeting 7-9PM 18 Antebellum	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Odessa Meeting 7-9PM Bailey 10 Louisiana Cove	24	25	26
27	28 Jeff's Birthday!	29	30 Odessa Meeting 7-9PM 18 Antebellum	31	For more info call: 432-550-7642	