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## the old and new year...

The final chapter on 2007 has been closed but for Donna and me the memories of 2007 are vibrantly alive with precious memories of a glorious year of soul-winning crusades and evangelism, leadership training, Bible school teaching, church-planting, numerous social ministries to children and youth, medical camps for many hundreds of suffering people, Missionary Conferences and Church services in the USA. We began the year in India and closed it in Russia. The mission trail took us to India, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, Guatemala, South Africa and Russia. It was an incredibly busy but blest year.

None of this could have been possible without you, our dear partners, who have stood by us so faithfully with your prayers and support.

Now the New Year is upon us! Throughout the world there is unbelievable chaos as war, violence, and terrorism continues to escalate. For us in America it is a very crucial year as we listen to all the political rhetoric, news media mania, and social unrest. As Christian believers we **MUST EARNESTLY FAST AND PRAY FOR AMERICA!** We must pray that our democracy is not lost due to our complacency and apathy. Furthermore we must keep our focus and not be deterred from God's purpose and divine will for our lives.

To help us keep that focus I would like to share the following Divine Directives with you with the prayer you will make these a daily reminder in your life.

### DIVINE DIRECTIVES

#### FOR THE NEW YEAR 2008

The greatest news release for the New Year is not "the war is ended, wall-street is up or down, the soldiers are coming home, or medical science has found the cure for HIV-AIDS or some other debilitating disease", or who won the election, but the glorious news penned by the Apostle John two thousand years ago: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

The revelation and illumination of this truth made a radical change in the life of a first century religious bigot by the name of Saul of Tarsus. Saul in the truest sense was a religious terrorist. But the prayers of the saints brought Christ into his life in such a dramatic way that he was forever transformed into a true "new creature", who, until this day, continues to impact everyone who reads his New Testament writings.

Paul had a passion for Christ and longed to know Him and follow His divine directives in his life. As we embark upon our journey into the New Year, my prayer is that we too will be guided by these directives from God's Word:

**OUR ASSIGNMENT** – "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

**OUR RESPONSIBILITY** – "If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." (Ezekiel 33:8)

**OUR INSTRUCTIONS** – "Jesus said, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" (Matthew 4:19)

**OUR EQUIPMENT** – "Take the shield of faith...and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6: 16, 17)

**OUR SUCCESS** – "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

**OUR ACCOUNTABILITY** – "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12)

**OUR REWARD** – "And behold, I come quickly: and my reward is with me, to give to ever man according as his work shall be." (Revelation 22:12)

### RUSSIA MINISTRY REPORT

The day following Thanksgiving Day Pastor Boyd Young and I left Columbus, Ohio to Moscow, Russia. With the exception of a major mechanical problem with the plane in Atlanta, the trip went very smooth. We had boarded the plane in Atlanta but one hour later we had to de-plane that flight and go to another gate to fly a different aircraft. The problem was serious enough to ground that plane and switch us to another. Thank God it was discovered before departing—God is so good!



Photo: Boyd at Red Square

When we arrived into Moscow it was very cold and snowing. Later that evening we flew to Krasnodor (a city in southern Russia of more than one million people) where two more weeks of training remained before graduation. Brother Boyd and I had a wonderful week teaching some 55 students who were so very eager to learn God's Word. At the same time Tony and Marge Abram were finishing up the school in Kharkov, Ukraine. In that school they had a total of 125 registered students and 95 who completed the school and graduated.

Our second week was the very busy one! The three week Church Planting School in Moscow was very intensive. The daily schedule was from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Nine hours were in class room work. Brother Boyd

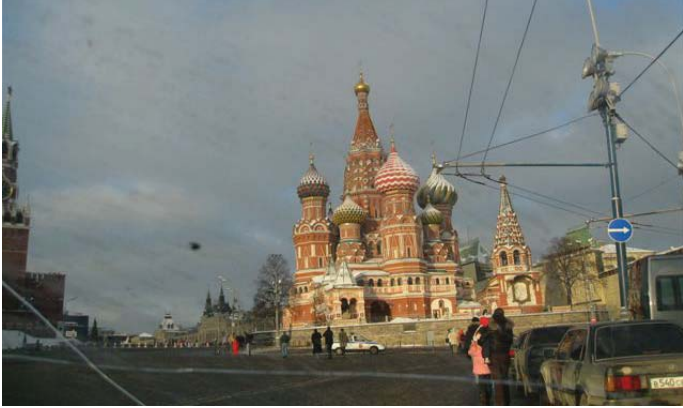


Photo: Harley visiting Red Square at the Kremlin



Photo: Harley teaching the "church planters class"



Photo: Boyd teaching the class in Kransador



Photo: Harley praying for the ministers before being deployed to their areas of ministry

taught two hours each day and I did the rest. The hunger and eagerness of these young selected ministers to learn more about ministry and "church planting" made the classes exciting and class time was never boring or burdensome.

Brother Walter Zygarowicz and Tony Abram came in behind us to finish up the school, conduct a week-end missionary conference and deploy 44 ministers to various areas across Russia, Siberia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and other "stan" countries. How rewarding to know that

together we have all had a part in sharing in this glorious church planting movement into areas where there are no churches and very little gospel witness. I cannot but help think about what the great missionary statesmen Oswald Smith often said: "Why should we hear the gospel twice when millions have not yet heard it once". Thank God, because of you our dear partners, we are taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to these untold millions. I do not have enough words to share the gratitude of my heart for your faithfulness to pray and support us in all these mission endeavors. I can assure you God keeps good records and He is faithful not to forget your sacrifices to support His great commission.

## INDIA-NEPAL MINISTRY OUTREACH 2008

Later this month I will be going to India and Nepal where I will be conducting evangelistic outreaches, medical camps, training our national ministers in Bible Conferences, and our students in the various Bible schools. I have been going to India since 1980 and I can honestly say I look forward to this mission trip each year with great excitement and expectations. India is still a great challenge for me as this nation has the 2nd largest population in the world. There are more "un-reached people groups" in India than any other area of the world. It is one of the greatest harvest fields in the world. **THERE REMAINS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE REACHING THE UN-REACHED AND TRAINING THE UN-TRAINED!**

We need your prayers now more than ever before. Only through the power of intercessory prayer can the "strongholds" be broken and the forces of darkness defeated. Donna and I would like to know that you are standing with us in prayer before, during, and after this outreach. Furthermore, when you pray, please ask the Lord what He would have you to do to help us in all these endeavors. Your gift, whatever the amount, is urgently needed and deeply appreciated.

We still have another medical camp that needs sponsorship. For \$1500.00 we will have a team of doctors and nurses come to the campus of our Malabar Theological College and conduct a medical camp for several hundreds of people (most of who will be Hindus and Muslims). Many of these people have never had a physical examination by a qualified physician.

We need \$2000.00 for the sponsorship of two remaining Pastors and Christian Workers Conferences. Your letters, prayers, and support are a blessing and deeply appreciated. When you write please let us know how we can pray for you and your needs.

We love and appreciate each one of you and we pray that your New Year will be filled with divine health, God's abundant favor, and prosperity in all your endeavors.

Your Partners in Harvest,

Harley and Donna Fiddler



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