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I Almost Made a Difference Today

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

I almost cleaned out my attic today. It is such a mess. I've been putting it off until warmer weather. I almost started sorting out the stuff that needs to be thrown away from the stuff I need to keep. I almost moved it around to get some of it ready for a garage sale in the spring.

While I was almost cleaning out my attic, I thought about some of the people I have not talked to in a long time. I almost got out my address book to call them. But they may not be home or perhaps are busy. Maybe it would be better to write them a letter. So I almost wrote them a letter instead.

While I was almost cleaning out my attic and almost writing letters, I thought that there are several folks at church that are sick. I wondered if they would like some cookies or a cake, or maybe just someone to stop by and say “hello.” So I almost went to the kitchen to fix them something and I almost went to visit them. It made me feel so good inside to think about their faces smiling as I walked in their door with a plate of goodies. In fact, I almost smiled just thinking about it.

While I was almost doing those things, I looked out my window and saw a neighbor who does not go to church and needs the gospel. He seems like a really nice guy. I almost called him to invite him to go with me to church this weekend.

While I was almost doing those things, I almost sat down and read my Bible. I had to move it off the kitchen counter where it was sitting. As I carried it to the other room I almost just sat right down that minute to spend time in the word of God.

When I got to the church building the other day I noticed the weeds that have grown up during the cold winter months. We need to clean up so that others get a good impression when they come to worship. I almost called a couple of friends to see if they would like to spend a couple of hours cleaning up a little. It almost looks better already. Well, not really.

There are a lot of good things that we almost do in life. It does not matter what we plan, intend or almost do. What matters is what we actually do, not almost do.

King Agrippa was almost convinced to be a Christian (Acts 26:28). I wonder how many believers are almost faithful and will be almost saved?

The immortal words of Philip P. Bliss sing on: “Almost persuaded.” harvest is past! “Almost persuaded,” doom comes at last! “Almost” cannot avail; “Almost” is but to fail! Sad, sad, that bitter wail— “Almost,” but lost!

By Tim Orbison, - - BulletinGold

HAITI MISSION TRIP

By: Troy Robertson

At 3 AM on January 4, a group of 19 met at the Nashville airport to go to Haiti as, or in support of, missionaries. There were 2 preachers, who held a gospel meeting, (with 1 baptism), a group of college students, who taught a Bible school for the children in the area, and a group of workers to repair the house at Santo 13, as well as install solar panels at Roberta's. (Son Light Children's Home)

Greg, Randy and Troy have safely returned from Haiti. They are all very thankful for your prayers and for their safety. The work that was to be done by the construction team was all accomplished, and hopefully it is still intact. The house at Santo 13 is to house missionary teams and medical teams in the future. There is some structural damage to that house, but it appears to be repairable. The security wall is down around most of the property, and the guard's house was severely damaged, but it is still standing. Roberta's house is on Santo 11. The main damage there appears to be only broken windows.

The children ran out of the house when it started shaking, and all of them are ok except for one. Roberta took in a teenager named Nicky a few months ago, and he was killed when the wall around the yard fell on him. Everything fell off the shelves in her house, but the house did not collapse. Please keep them and the people of Haiti in your prayers.

Roberta is back at her house with her children. It turns out that the security wall is completely down along the south side of her property, in addition to being partially down on the east (behind her house). The boys are working to stretch razor wire and make a temporary barrier, but it is tough going. Surprisingly, people continue to come to the gate and knock, asking for help. At the guest house on Santo 13 the wall is also breached, but we don't have the details yet on what it would take to repair it.

Roberta's well is actually an artesian well, and the trickle of water that flows normally has not changed. She does not have enough fuel to fire up the generator and run the pump, but by catching the smaller flow they have sufficient water. They are boiling it only as a precaution.

They are feeding about 150 people each day at the church there. She estimates she has enough food for another week. Norm Curington is in the Dominican Republic and says he can meet her at the border with food and fuel, if they can get there to retrieve it. She is scrounging fuel to see if they can get enough to make that trip. Roberta reports that there are long lines at the gas stations, but it does not appear that much fuel is being dispensed.

The immediate concerns are security and fuel. If we can get these at a reasonable level, then we can begin to increase our food distribution and try to set up a medical clinic.

NOTE: If you would like to help with the "Haiti Relief Fund" you may send a check to the Estes church of Christ @ P.O. Box 191 Henderson, TN 38640 , or you may send your check to: New Albany church of Christ and we will see that your donation gets to the Estes church of Christ. Please be sure and write "Haiti Relief on the bottom of your check.

YOUTH NEWS

- This Saturday, January 23, will be time for the Junior Bible Bowl, hosted by the Gloster Street church of Christ in Tupelo. The van will leave at 8:50 Saturday morning. There will be a review Wednesday night during bible class.
- Next Sunday night, January 24, following services will be the monthly Youth Devo at the fellowship building. The Clayton's and the Weaver's will be hosting. The girls are asked to bring chips and the boys drinks.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

J. D. Stroud, will be on a heart monitor for some time. **Sue Stroud**, is recovering from a broken hand.

Mary Montgomery & Bobby Montgomery, are both struggling with health problems.

Shane Hutton, (brother-in-law of Darrell Crow) is still in UAB hospital following a massive stroke.

Continual Prayer List

Sue Collins, Donald Burke, Justin Forsythe, Diane Bowlin, Bell Cross, Terry Young, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Raymond & Amy Vest, Jean Drummond

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joyce McNutt; Corrine Hall; Willie Jackson; Dessie Lee Allred; Mattie Golden, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force-California, Tiffany Erwin- Army-Fort Campbell, KY; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Afghanistan; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

BIRTHDAYS

January 21.....*Bobby White*
January 21.....*Audrey Anna Young*
January 23.....*Shane Crofts*
January 25.....*Belle Cross*
January 25.....*Melissa Reed*
January 29.....*Alice Ashmore*

ANNIVERSARIES

January 29.....*Victor & Alice Ashmore*
January 30.....*Raymond & Amy Vest*

VISITATION 2010

We want to encourage all our members to become a part of this years visitation program. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer in the next week or so. Bill Botts is in charge of this work.

DEACON'S LED SERVICE

On Sunday, January 31, we will have an All Day Service. Craig Owen will be our guest speaker that morning and then our deacons will be in charge of the afternoon service at 1:15. We will have a meal following morning services. The adult III Class will be in charge of preparing the fellowship building.

THANKS

We would like to say "Thank You" to Harold Russell for all the work he does around the church building and the fellowship building. He has recently been painting behind and above the baptistery, which is not an easy job. We appreciate him so much!

AREA-EVENTS

- **Fulton Bible Institute**, is offering: Bible History II (part 2). Classes begin January 26 and will meet each Tuesday for twelve weeks. Time: 7:00—8:30p.m. Check bulletin board for more details
- **Young Ladies' Day**, Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Foote Street church of Christ in Corinth, MS. Theme: Miss Goody Two Shoes Speaker: Mrs. Sandra Foster
- **Ashland Youth Rally 2010**, will be held January 30, 2010 at the Ashland church of Christ. Registration will begin at 9:00AM and conclude around 1:30PM,after lunch is served.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	112
Sunday A.M	129
Sunday P.M.....	94
Wednesday	105
Contribution.....	\$2775.42
Budget.....	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Greg Harrison
A.M. Prayer.....	Jerry Gibson
Closing Prayer.....	Steve Todd
P.M. Prayer.....	Troy Robertson
Closing.....	Burrell Walton
Wed. 1/27.....	Greg Clayton
Wed. 1/27.....	Andy Clemmer
Usher & Lock	Roger Clayton
Greeters.....	L & N Weaver

PANTRY ITEM: Muffin /Biscuit Mix

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton	538-0791
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	538-6038

Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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ON BEING LIKE JESUS

We want to be like Him as He walks on the water,
but don't want to walk the dirty floor of a
poor man's house.

We would raise the dead, but will not
hold the hand of the sick.

We would turn water into wine, but will not
turn our money into food, clothing, and shelter
for the needy.

We would still a storm on Galilee but will not
calm the troubled heart of a neighbor.

We would restore the deaf man's hearing, but
will not share with him what he needs most to hear.

We want to be like Jesus but prefer to walk with
Him in triumph over palm branches, not under the
weight of the cross. We want the crown, but
not the cross.

We would like a scepter, but not a shepherd's staff.
We prefer the royal garment to the service towel.

We want to be like Jesus as King,
but not as servant.

"...we should follow in His steps..." 1 Peter 2:21

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