



## *The Lord's Mountain Mover's* **NEWSLETTER**

*"If you have the faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."*  
(Matt. 17:20)

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### **MOURNING AND REJOICING**

Last month I was sponsored to play in the Teen Challenge, Hank Sauer Memorial Golf Tournament in Rancho Bernardo, California, on June 15th. This sponsorship came from a very dear lady whom I have never met yet have grown to love as a sister in Christ, Mrs. Mary Sauer. Mary's husband Bill is the son of Hank Sauer whom the tournament is named after. Mary is known by thousands of California prison inmates through the Acts Foundation, a ministry that sends Bibles into several prisons each year as well as a pen pal ministry. It is through this act of obedience to God, and a God-given heart of compassion for those whom society has cast aside, that I came to know our sister in Christ.

I was supposed to meet Mary and her husband Bill for the first time during this tournament, but God had other plans. Bill took ill the Saturday before the tournament and had to go to the hospital. It was there that they received the news that would change their lives forever, Bill was going to die, and very soon. They had just celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 12<sup>th</sup>, and it would be their last in this life. Bill passed on to be with the Lord at 3:00 PM on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Before he died Mary told him that they would celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary together in heaven. I will be attending Bill's memorial service July 11<sup>th</sup> and get to meet Mary for the first time.

I am telling you all this to remind us all that this life is temporary at best. The Apostle Peter says, "*All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off...*" (2 Peter 1:25) James tells us, "*You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.*" (James 4:14) the writer of Hebrews tells us, "*And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgement.*" (Hebrews 9:27) This information is of tremendous value because it creates a sense of urgency in what we do with this life and what will become of us in the next.

Bill was ready to meet his creator because he knew where he stood as a person who had placed his trust and faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He did not fear death but knew it was the gateway, the promise he, and all true believers, had been given in God's word. His wife Mary could let go of her soul mate because she knew without a doubt that one day she too would pass from this life into the next and be with Bill in the presence of God.

Christians are perplexing to non-believers when it comes to the passing of a loved one who is destined to pass from life to life through the death of this temporal body and into a celestial body. We can both mourn and rejoice at the same time when a fellow believer dies in this life.

In John chapter eleven Jesus goes to meet Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus who had just died. Martha hears that Jesus is coming, leaves the house, and goes out to meet Him. After a short conversation with Jesus she goes and gets her sister Mary to meet with Jesus also. During this time with the two sisters, Jesus joins in their grieving process. Scriptures says, "*Jesus wept.*" (John 11:35) But what did

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He do next? He turned their mourning into joy by teaching and demonstrating that He is the Resurrection and the Life by raising Lazarus from the grave.

This is the origin of our ability to both mourn and rejoice at the same time. We can feel the loss of someone we love and at the same time rejoice. The greatest thing is that Jesus is still alive and will go through this process with us, we do not have to go it alone. I pray that when that time comes, and it will for all of us, that we remember to run to Jesus and remember His words to Martha and all believers, "*I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.*" (John 11:25) I also pray that when it is your day to die that you are ready, just like Bill, to meet your creator face to face.

I want to leave you with this last final thought. Are we sure that our loved ones are saved? Can we face our inevitable death knowing that one day our loved ones will follow us into eternity with God? There are no second chances once we are gone. We cannot minister, or preach the gospel message to them, once we have passed on from this life. Are we willing to leave such an important task to others? Would you stand by, life preserver in hand, and watch them drown? No you wouldn't. Then grab your Bible, the eternal word of God, and spiritual life preserver, and make sure that they will not perish but have eternal life.

The Lord's Mountain Movers Ministry joins Sister Mary and her family as they grieve the loss of Bill. We also celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise in his life. Last month a dear brother of ours, Dale Chester also lost his father. We also join with him and his family in their grieving process and rejoice that his father, a faithful minister of God's word, has received his promise too.

In His service,

*Pastor Pete*

Here is a wonderful poem submitted by one of our readers:

## **ALL ARE FORGIVEN**

When troubles abound,  
it's a given, God will be found.

Whether we like it or not,  
our hearts have been caught.  
because God wants it that way,  
we have no say.

We need to make every day  
at work or at play, the best it can be.  
Because God wants to see  
the many things He gives you and me.

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He showers His love from upon high  
So that one day we will meet Him  
in that Great big sky.

Our sins are forgiven  
We are washed clean.  
So that our hearts  
Are no longer mean.

When God shows up and it's our turn  
He makes sure that you won't burn.

You are pure  
and so are we all  
When Jesus comes to call.  
When we all go home,  
To sit beside His throne.

*By Margret Dolphin*

## BE A BARNABAS

### DEPENDENCE DAY

As the rest of the United States was celebrating a tradition that started more than 230 years ago, I was thinking about the day I came to know the Lord. It was the day that I realized that I couldn't obtain salvation without first recognizing my need for help. I can't say that I fully understood my dependence on Jesus Christ at that time, but as I grew in His grace, I learned just how dependent I am upon Him.

The one major difference that separates Christians from any religion in the world is dependence. We depend on faith *alone*, in Christ *alone*, by His word *alone*, that He *alone* has finished the work for *us*. Many people think that they need to do good works to get into heaven, as if somehow their good deeds would make up for their misdeeds. Yet we know that it is only a perfect offering from a perfect life that will please God. Good deeds are required of us and cannot cancel out a debt that was previously created from something bad we did in our past. Also, good deeds are an evidence of our appreciation for what God has already done for us.

So many times I have heard Christians talking about their path that has crossed in and out of salvation. I think this would be possible if salvation depended on us. It doesn't. It depends on our faith. My faith is my own, just as yours is your own. My faith can't do anything to give you salvation, it can only encourage you to exercise your own. In the same way, when we all stand

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before the judgment seat, no one else's faith will help you stand or fall. Each of us has been *given* a different measure of faith and each of us should use it accordingly. It is when we are not living by this faith we begin to doubt and sometimes I think that can be healthy.

If our lives are not in some way reflecting the light of Christ into lives around us, I think it should make us doubt. Then again, we have an enemy who wants us to continually doubt no matter what is going on in our lives. This is why we need to have fellowship with transparency. Someone we can confide in, to confess to. Keeping in that balance is not easy and we were not meant to do it alone.

I want to challenge you to stay humble, to stay dependent and in all of it, give the glory to our heavenly Father *alone*.

Be blessed in Him,

*Brother Daniel Rodney*



## *Our Prayer Requests for God's Children*

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive our newsletter through the mail. Due to financial constraints we have revised the way we do our prayer requests. We are currently posting and maintaining all prayers requested on the Internet so your brothers and sisters all over can continue to pray for your petitions and praise God for the ones He has already answered.

We are encouraged by the work that God has already done through so many people praying for the needs of those they do not even know. What a privilege we have to go before the throne of God with our requests and the requests of others. Let's keep praying and seeking His will for our lives and the lives of others. If you have a prayer request you would like added to next month's newsletter and/or posted on the ministry website, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. We look forward to hearing from you and standing in the gap as a prayer warrior.

### **June and July Prayer List**

Todd S. ....Prayer for Theresa, that God would hold her tight and take care of His child while I am gone. Pray for her health issues too. Prayer for himself: protect and guide him through his incarceration and recovery from addiction issues. Prayer for Pastor Pete to never give up on me. Pray that God will use his time in prison to build him up and help him to submit to God once and for all.

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J. Jackson .....Request prayer for Soledad Prison and its staff. Prayer for the Jackson family that God would become the center of their lives and reunify them again.

Greg.....Prayer for clear vision on what God wants to do with “The Cure” Ministry. Maintain ministry’s focus on God only. Also prayer for his marriage to Shelia as he gets ready to go home. Also prayer for Shelia as she recovers from a work injury. Update on previous prayer requests; Aaron passed SD Sheriff’s test, Stephen is working at a Christian Camp, Justin has a job at Toyota Dealership and is working for EMT position.

Sonhai H.....Requesting prayer for her and the family so she could talk to her brother Jonathan.

Brian D.....Prayer for his relationship with his father and as he strives to give up drinking.

Douglas .....Prayer for God to help him become the man that He desires and change his old ways.

Steven W.....Prayer for himself and his mother as his father passed away and the family is going through the grief process.

R. White .....That the Lord will open doors for suitable housing upon his being paroled.

Alice S.....Chesapeake VA – prayer for personal issues.

Sheila.....Prayer for her health issues, finances and God’s direction for personal decisions.

Greg.....Praise report; God is in control, using me, and I am being blessed by Him. Woo Hoo!

Helen &  
Hazel C.....Prayer for their dialysis treatments and recovery from health issues.

Kenny J. ....Requests prayer for steady employment.

Gabriel S .....His mom, Rosie, his Uncle and brother who need prayer for recovery from health issues.

Stephen.....Prayer for change in career course.

Justin .....Praise report; finished EMT school and looking for work.

Joshua.....Continued prayer for personal issues.

The C.U.R.E...Prayer for God’s guidance and provision.

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Greg F .....Prayer for answered prayer in his period of fasting.

Benjamin .....Guatemala, Praise report for Bibles that their church has received. Asking for prayer for his family, the church that they might finish the floor, the windows and doors.

Barbara M .....Pray for her marriage and family.

Jamie P .....Favor with the Parole Board and upcoming hearing.

Linda D .....Continued recovery from health issues.

Rich H .....Living situation and employment. Prayer for his sister Darlene who was just diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please pray for the family also.

Sandy (Bill A's Sister) .....Pray for her continued recovery from health issues.

Robert B .....Pray for God's direction and provision in his life.

Wes & Ashley B.....Pray for the birth of a healthy baby boy.

George & Amy.....Lift them both up in prayer.

TJ L .....Pray for his health issues.

Bob P.....Needs prayer, was just diagnosed with stage two and four cancer in lymphatic system.

Joanne R.....Her and the rest of the family need your prayers as they continue to deal with the loss of a child to cancer.

Jose Rodriguez.....Pray for his ex-wife as she deals with an abusive relationship. Also prayer for his parents (dad's recovery from surgery and mom's health issues).

Larry K.....Asks for prayer for Lisa and her daughter. They need your prayer for God in their lives and peace in their home. He also has a praise report that God is setting the church in order where he is at and that the spirit is moving in the hearts of fellow believers.

Pray for.....Christians who are facing the loss of their lives for their faith in Jesus Christ.

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Darrell R.....Prayer for his health and life issues.

G. Gorton .....Prayer for housing and work upon his release.

Pastor Gray.....Pray that the Lord will continue to guide and strengthen him as he brings the light of the gospel to those who are still trapped in darkness of sin and false gospels. Prayer for all those who are following in his faithful footsteps.

Thomas M.....Pray for his upcoming review by the board and release back where he belongs. Also pray for his dear friend George that his health holds up.

Sebastian M....Prayer for his continual growth in Christ. Prayer for his children's salvation and wellbeing.

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The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of request: \_\_\_\_\_

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