



# Newsletter

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

Greetings in the name of the Lord,  
I'm amazed, at how common false teachers are today in the church. You see them in every circle, mainline churches, charismatic churches, non-charismatic churches no one is exempt from false teachers. Why are their false teachers in the church? Jude answers that question for us when he tells us in verse 4, "for certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago has secretly slipped in among you." Jude says that they secretly sneaked in to the church and then began to teach their destructive heresies. They don't just show up at the church door and say "I'm a false teacher", no they win

people over impress them with their fine speech, and their high academic credentials, but lead the unsuspecting to their spiritual ruin. These men pose a problem because they are so hard to detect. Like secret agents they do their work in secret and subtly subvert the church and Christians leading them astray. That may seem like a very strong charge but Jude does not pull any punches he steps right up and tells us exactly what these false teachers are really like.

How can we know that we are dealing with a false teacher? Jude also gives us the answer to this question he says, first of all that, "they change the grace of God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only sovereign and Lord". Here's what they do, they tell us that it's okay to sin God doesn't mind. They tell us that "homosexuality is a normal lifestyle and that a Christian can be a homosexual and go to heaven."

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# Missionary Update

Bells' November, 2006 Prayer Update

Dear Friends, The month of October has been busy with speaking opportunities in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. Besides spending a lot of time in the car, we have had special times of visit with my brother Verle and extended family, and had the chance to care for our two newest grandchildren for three days. The latter was an especially appreciated opportunity to get to know Katelyn and Madeline better. We also had the opportunity to visit a number of partners in their homes and share the great things the Lord continues to do in our ministry and in Bible translation. We continue to be exercised in God's grace as we face the challenges of each day with sudden car problems or unexpected news. One of these news events came just as Wes was scheduled to go to Grace college for a week representing Wycliffe, so Jean spent the week packing up the house. Answers to prayer requests 1. Jean's brother Jerry and his wife are much better, having survived a car accident in which they had been broadsided a month ago. Thank you for praying for them as they continue to recover. 2. Wes spent October 23-26 at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. He had contact with many, many students, many of whom were interested in missions. We pray that this contact will encourage them to continue in the path toward missions. Prayer requests 1. Joan, who has been past retirement age for some time but continues working in the "W" language, is turning over the work to Patricia. The words in this particular language vary from English in many ways but especially with the length and number of vowels. Our Anglo-Saxon words, by comparison, are short and contain few vowels. Pray for Joan as she teaches and for Patricia as she has a huge learning curve ahead. 2. We heard this past week that we need to be out of the mission house this weekend. We have everything packed and ready to go. To say it mildly, we are very disappointed to have to move at this time, but family has been great. We'll move in with Sarah and her family for 2 weeks until we have completed our obligations in this area then move to Ypsilanti to stay with Jean's two sisters. After not being in the US for five years' of special holidays, we were looking forward to having the family come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Things don't always work as we hope, as you all know. Continuing Prayer items The "Y" language and its two

dialects Continue to pray for Al and Cheryl Jensen as they work with the "Y" people, for health and protection for them, their family, and their co-workers, for clarity of thought and facility in the language. In one of the areas, there's malaria that isn't responding to treatment. Also there are new complications involving documents for indigenous people crossing the border that didn't exist before. This is putting a barrier in sending Scripture into areas that missionaries cannot go. The Jensen's are currently working to help in getting the documentation done and ask for prayer because the situations need the Lord to work in order to "open the doors." Yours, Wes and Jean Here's how to contact us over the next weeks: Our email address remains the same: [wes-jean\\_bell@sil.org](mailto:wes-jean_bell@sil.org) After Saturday, October 27, you may contact us at our daughter's home in Fort Wayne with this information: 14517 Firethorn Path, Fort Wayne, IN 46814-8914, phone: 260-625-5775 After November 13, you can contact us at Jean's sisters' (Carolyn and Betty Garcia) home at 1170 Jay Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48198, phone: 734-484-4391. We have airplane reservations returning to Brazil, January 1, 2007. To contact us after the first of the year, use CP 3006 78080-970 Cuiaba, MT Brazil Phone (home) 55-65-3664-3370 School 55-65-3664-3142 Mission office 55-65-3664-3707

Wes and Jean Bell (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

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Dear praying friends,

After a very warm September, we are only now beginning to see a glimpse of fall here. Our students are well under way with their studies and so we are also starting to get to know them a bit better.

Greg's work on his dissertation is coming along. He met his first dead line for this fall last week. He is being ever so diligent and hopes to keep up the pace.

Our church is soon going to have a change over in leadership as Greg finishes his one year as the Moderator. Debby will continue to work with the worship teams as well as with the children's WOW program.

Nic and Selina are enjoying their fall break from

## ***From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)***

We see this today so common in mainline denominations. I was driving by a mainline Presbyterian Church and saw the rainbow flag on their sign. As Christians we should never hate any sinner but seek to see them come to know Christ and be set free from their sins. But this is a step further because this church is telling homosexuals that they are ok as they are and welcome to participate in the body. We know that the gospel forgives every sin as long as there is repentance and a turning away from sin. And that is true for us as well we can be forgiven as long as we are repentant and are seeking to live a holy life which is the evidence of true faith.

Jude tells us that they deny the Lord Jesus Christ our only sovereign and Lord what he is telling us is they deny the Lordship of Jesus Christ and they deny Jesus Christ the only savior from sin. They do this through craft and subtlety. Often times, there is not an overt denial of Jesus Christ but an adding to Jesus Christ as if Jesus Christ is not sufficient in and of himself. Their mantra is often faith plus works. But there are those who are more crass false teachers who flatly deny Jesus Christ. They deny the deity and uniqueness of Jesus Christ and they spread confusion about Him. This teaching is often seen in academic circles where it is popular for atheistic professors who claim to be Christians to completely denying many of the aspects of Jesus Christ. Jude warns us of these kind of people.

There is a third aspect to these false teachers and that is their goal is to get you following them rather than your local church. They entice you by promising you things that God has not promised, like prosperity and healing. Yes God heals but God does not promise to heal in every occasion. Their goal is to get Christians focusing on fleshly earthly things rather than heavenly so they will follow them, and exploit them.

Jude tells us that we are to contend for the faith

once and for all handed down to the Saints. That means we must become experts in our Bible. We must be alert when we see another brother or sister being led away by false teaching. We must step in and intervene and warned them of the danger they are in. Jude describes it this way "snatching others from the fire."

One of things that concerns me today is I hear Christians beginning to think that there may be other ways of salvation. This is a sure sign that someone has fallen victim to false teaching. Christ certainly did not give that impression when he said, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me" John 14:6. Jesus leaves no room for any other teaching, than he himself being the way in which a person is to be saved and come to the father. The apostles were very clear on this issue when they said, "salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" Acts 4:12 faith that is not in Christ is not faith that will save. For us to abandon the exclusivity of Christ is for us to abandon Christ and the only way that God is given for us to be saved.

Our mission is clear it is to preach the gospel to every creature. The means of salvation is clear there must be a turning to Jesus Christ by faith and repentance from sin if a person is going to be saved. It may sound nice to think that your unsaved relatives or friends might somehow make it into heaven, but it is a false hope and denies Christ. That means we have a mission and that is the great commission to share the gospel with those around us who have never heard, and to continue to plead with those who've heard many times. We must never give up praying for our friends and relatives that they might come to know Christ, for it is the only way to that they can be saved.

Friends the time is short and we must be busy doing the business of the kingdom.

Blessings Pastor Wenner

## **Missionary Update (cont.)**

school this week. They have both worked hard this fall. Nic is adjusting to what it means to be in Middle school. He has joined the only English speaking youth group in town and loves it. Pray that the Holy Spirit would instill in him a great desire to follow Christ on a daily basis. Selina is doing a bit better with her reading, though it still seems to frustrate her when she sees how hard she has to work to be where the other kids are. Please pray for her as she learns of her worth in the Lord.

Debby is busy with the children as well as with IBTS activities. She is also involved with many of the parents at the kids school. Pray for her as she spends time with a dear friend from Pakistan. Her faith in her "god" is as vibrant as Debby's faith in the only true GOD!. Pray that she would know how to be a witness to this Muslim friend. We also invited a single mom from the kids school to our upcoming harvest service at church, and are hoping to invite several others. Pray for this outreach on November 5th.

Thank you for standing with us and the students here in Prague. You should be getting a more in depth update on these new students from our latest News letter coming out this week.

Blessings to you, with love and thanksgiving.

The Nichols in Prague Czech Republic (Greater Europe Mission)

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October 2006

Dear Friends,

No matter how old we get, we are always learning and growing.

Since we last wrote, two learning opportunities presented themselves to us that have inspired us to press on and be good stewards of our time and activities.

The first was a book, written some years ago, that didn't cross our path until recently. The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, by Stephen Covey, is a principle-centered, character-based, "inside-out" approach to personal and interpersonal effectiveness. We have devoured the book and are asking God to help us invest our moments in activities and relationships that

reflect the principles we hold dear from the Word of God. When you don't "punch a clock" and have no one standing over you to supervise your activities, it is easy to slip into the urgent, but unimportant. When you pray for us, **pray that we will do the will of God and not be controlled by the pressure of circumstances.**

The second learning opportunity was presented to us at a conference in Georgia for all our Hispanic USA missionaries. It was refreshing to interact once again with our CAM colleagues. But the high point of our time was the sessions on "Coaching" brought by Steve Elliot of the Evangelical Free Church. Coaching involves equipping, encouraging and empowering; and it is what Jim and I are called to do in this season of our lives. We learned the importance of entering into the world of those we are coaching through good listening. And we learned that a primary listening tool is asking good questions....Awareness and responsibility are better raised by asking than by telling. We were given many other tools for successful coaching which we hope to review carefully and implement in our ministry here in Hemet.

**Please pray that we will be faithful in this area of our lives.**

In September our family got together to celebrate my sister-in-law, Nancy's and my 65th birthdays. We have now joined the Medicare generation. What a blessing not to have health insurance hassles anymore! By the way, son Ken's 38th birthday (9/11!!!) was the day after Nancy's!

Lovingly,

(Gail, for us both)

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## ***I Have a Friend***

Around the corner I have a friend,  
In this great city that has no end,  
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,  
And before I know it, a year is gone.  
And I never see my old friends face,  
For life is a swift and terrible race,  
He knows I like him just as well,  
As in the days when I rang his bell.  
And he rang mine but we were younger then,  
And now we are busy, tired men,  
Tired of playing a foolish game,  
Tired of trying to make a name.  
"Tomorrow" I say! "I will call on Jim  
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."  
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,  
And distance between us grows and grows.  
Around the corner, yet miles away,  
"Here's a telegram sir," "Jim died today."  
And that's what we get and deserve in the end.  
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

Remember to always say what you mean.  
If you love someone, tell them.  
Don't be afraid to express yourself.  
Reach out and tell someone what they mean to you.  
Because when you decide that it is the right time  
It might be too late.  
Seize the day. Never have regrets.  
And most importantly, stay close to your friends and  
family, for they have helped make you the person that  
you are today.

## ***Being a Christian***

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up,  
takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you.  
Then He opens you up, touches you deep inside and  
scoops out all the yucky stuff including the seeds of  
doubt, hate, greed, etc.  
Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light  
inside you to shine for all the world to see.



## ***New Neighbors***

Would you like to make a direct difference in the life of a homeless family? New Neighbors, our neighborhood transitional housing ministry, is getting ready to invite another guest family into the program but we need mentors and an apartment. Are you a caring, responsible, and resourceful person who would like to be on a mentor team to serve the family? Are you a landlord who has an apartment with a vacancy to fill (is paid by New Neighbors). For more information, please contact either your church's New Neighbors delegate, Marcia Blake at 773 233-3892, or leave your name and number at 773 881 6798 and a member will get back to you.

## ***Primary Classes Bible Verses***

**November 5** - Proverbs 22:9 - A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

**November 12** - Colossians 3:23 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

**November 19** - Proverbs 20:11 - Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.

**November 26** - Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

## ***ACF Update***

There will be no ACF activities in the month of November. Please be sure to mark your calendars for these December activities:

• **Sunday, December 3:** Wassail Party - The whole family is invited to join for singing Christmas Carols and fellowship over a cup of hot Wassail and a plate of treats. Volunteers are needed to provide treats (cookies, sandwiches, etc). This is a St. Paul's tradition has been held for over 50 years!

• **Saturday, December 9:** Progressive Dinner - Another long running holiday tradition. We will travel from house to house for our dinner courses. The evening ends with a fun grab bag and dessert.

Watch your mailbox for more details regarding both of these events!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	2	3	4 All Church Prayer 8AM
5 Worship Service 10AM Sunday School Youth Group 6PM	6	7 Jessica Beal BDay Kelly Wenner BDay	8 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	9	10	11 All Church Prayer 8AM
12 Worship Service 10AM Sunday School Youth Group 6PM	13	14 Margie Harkness BDay	15 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM Bee Keyser BDay	16	17 Youth Event 7PM	18 All Church Prayer 8AM
19 Worship Service 10AM Sunday School Annual Congrational Mtg Youth Group 6PM	20	21 Elders & Trustees 7PM	22 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7PM	23 Thanksgiving Benjamin Williams BDay	24	25 All Church Prayer 8AM
26 Worship Service 10AM Sunday School Youth Group 6PM	27	28	29 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	30		