

Why are sins so rampant in the camp of the saints? Although, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and saved by faith in him, many believers still emit an “unsweet” savour in their lives. This is in stark contrast to what the Lord requires of us. Look at David's example:

“And it came to pass after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Amon and besieged Rabbah. *But David tarried still at Jerusalem.* And it came to pass in an eventide that David arose from off his bed and walked upon the roof of the king's house and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon, And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, 'Is not this Bathseba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?' And David sent messengers and took her; and she came in unto him and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived and sent and told David and said, “I am with child.”... And it came to pass in the morning that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah... and the men of the city went out and fought with Joab and there fell some of the people of the servants of David and Uriah the Hittite died also.”

II Sam 11: 1-7

Consider Israel's attitude in the war against Amalek:

“Out of Ephraim was there a root (only a token force) of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors and out of Zebulum they that handle the pen of the writer. And the princes of Isaachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak, he was sent on foot into the valley. For the

Why Sins Increase in the Believers' Camp



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Reubenites, we can see what is going on. Instead of going to the battle, they abode among the sheepfolds to hear the bleating of the flock. Also, the Meroz stayed behind instead of going to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Who are these mighty? “...and it came to pass when men began to multiply on the surface of the earth..., that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all which they chose ... and the Lord said “my spirit shall not always strive with man... , there were giants in the earth in those days..., the same became mighty men, which were of old, men of renown. And God saw... and it grieved him in his heart.” Gen. 6:1-6

What is the comparison in all these verses from the Bible to the application of our life as saints in the present age? Jesus said to his disciples, “Lift up your eyes and look on the fields,” because their perspective differed from the Lord's as regards His harvest.^{John 4:34-35} When Jesus was departing, He committed His Church to a great task, which, if we neglect, will be tantamount to fighting the

battle of the flesh. We should realize that disobedience always ends in complacency, lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life which are “forbidden” to the God of creation.

“And when he had called unto Him His twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast

them out—not to retain them or care for them—and to heal all manner of sickness and disease.^{Matt. 10:1}, “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves,^{Mat.10:16} and as my father has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent thee...”

Looking at the camp of the saints now, we can smell the repugnant odor of sin and unnatural sicknesses, not because we are overworked or tired, but because of disobedience to the great command of the Lord—the great commission—our duty. In the saint's camp are envy, jealousy, pride, holier than thou attitudes, selfishness, greediness, etc. Instead of fighting the spiritual battle, we are fighting the flesh. The field has ripened and soured, while we are competing among ourselves, fighting for positions and power, yearning for greatness, looking for pleasure.

Instead of comfort and blessing, anger and bitterness are spreading among the saints and there is confusion in the camp. It is high time we looked unto Jesus, obeyed his commands and faced the task—the great commission. “Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples.”^{John 15:8}

Now, in the camp there are few disciples. May God deliver us. Hear Paul's exhortation: “No man that warreth entangleth himself...”^{II Tim 2: 4-5}. “It is a faithful saying that if we be dead with him we shall also live with him...”^{v. 11-13} May He, through His continuous love and mercy to us, bring us back to the task with commitment.

divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts (reluctance) of heart. Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleating of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben, there were great searchings of heart (again reluctance). Gilead abode beyond Jordan; and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore and abode in his breeches..., ... 'curse ye Meroz,' said the Angel of the Lord, 'curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.’”^{Judges 5: 14-23}

In David, a man after God's heart, we see a glaring neglect of duty. When he was supposed to be on the battlefield for the Lord, he stayed in Jerusalem (city of Peace) fighting the battle of the flesh in the flesh without the whole armour of God. He indulged in the pleasurable desires of his flesh that eventually exposed his neglect of duty to the Lord.

Likewise, in the camp of the

Jim Lucas' Column



No Confidence in the Flesh

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians gives them warning concerning those who were going about teaching things contrary to the faith. He said; "Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."

Phil. 3: 2-3 Here Paul is using very strong language, **dogs, and evil workers**. Sometimes we will not hear unless strong language is used. We worship in Spirit and truth. The truth is, in me, that is in my flesh, dwells no good thing.

We rejoice in Christ Jesus because He did for us what fallen man could **not** do; He fulfilled all righteousness. When we came into the great revelation, that Christ in us is our hope of glory, we understood our weakness and the need for the work of God to save us from our sins.

Things change with time. We have a tendency to forget how deceitful the flesh can be. We can commit to things too quickly because we know we can do it. The flesh can look spiritual, sound convincing and present a noble cause. For example, you may be asked to promise to be in a certain place at a specific time, or swear to do something. Be careful how you answer because we do not have the ability to know what might take place in the mean time, making it impossible for us to keep our promise. In Mt.5: 34-37 Jesus said; "Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." All our works of the flesh come from evil,

and cannot please God.

Whenever we depart from the basic truth of our inability to do the will of God on our own, we are denying that Christ alone is our hope of glory. How many times after making a big mistake have you been tempted to tell God that you will never do that again? It is good that you don't want to make the same mistake again, but we need to recognize our weakness.

The common way to deal with our weaknesses is self-determination. We determine to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and walk pleasing in His sight. It sounds so noble. We convince ourselves and set out to do so with much gusto. A short time later we find ourselves doing worse than before. The reason for this is that our faith has been misplaced. We therefore, are destined to fail until we come back to faith in Christ alone and have no confidence in ourselves. Faith in Christ brings the victory that we cannot obtain alone.

The Jews' of Paul's day were coming in after his departing to teach the necessity of being circumcised and keeping the law. They were zealous (**evil workers**) and they caused many to leave the principles of the faith. In his letter to the Galatians Paul expresses his surprise of their departing from the faith, "I marvel that you are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel." Gal.1: 6 He told them, "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness came by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." Gal.2: 21 Then he asked them: "Are you so foolish? Having begun in the spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" Gal.3: 3

The law, in the sight of God, justifies no man. We are to *live* by faith, not simply *receive* forgiveness of sin by faith. Col. 2:6 says, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." We

must humble ourselves daily and call upon His grace. "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph.2: 8

In Christ Jesus we have life, abundant life, after we take up our cross. **We cannot discover this abundant life until we have no confidence in the flesh.** Many are still trying to keep the Law of Moses, others are trying to keep laws of their own making. In either case they have credited themselves as being able to live a righteous life. I am afraid that sin has taken its toll in the human race and as the scripture says, there is none righteous, no not one.

The Lord Jesus gave me a challenge the other day. I read in Ps.71: 17-8, "O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come." David's prayer is now my prayer for God has also taught me from my youth (not that I learn quickly) and I am now old and gray headed. I also desire that you may know His strength and His power be revealed unto every one that is to come. It is paramount that you have **no confidence in the flesh**, and then you will find the grace of God.

Listen to what Jesus told Paul; "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Cor.12: 9 & 10

The older I become the more apparent my weakness becomes. This is not as bad as you might think,

because when you know you need help you become more dependant. All my Christian life I have wanted to trust Him more. This doesn't mean when I was young I was strong, I just thought I was. The word of God says, "He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength. Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint." Is. 40: 29-31

We are always weak but we don't always acknowledge it. If we did, we would find it easy to wait upon God. As long as there is a little gas in the tank we will keep going. The gas in the tank is our pride that deceives us into thinking that we do not need to pray right now. This explains why Jesus said, "Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Mat.5: 6

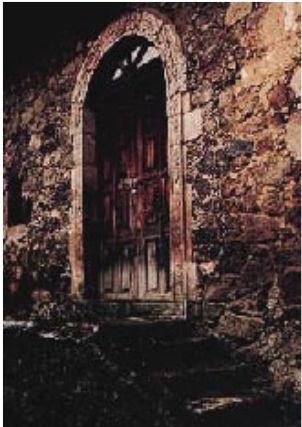
The reason we don't hunger and thirst for righteousness is we are full, full of self. Self is always looking for a place of recognition therefore my greatest need is to die to myself that I might live unto God.

The following verses sum it up for us. "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." 2 Cor. 4: 10,11

Considering all this, let us have a new resolve; we must set our face like a flint to go to Calvary, where we can be broken and humbled before God and the world. "For we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor.4: 7

Knocking on The Door

Steve
Montgomery's
Column



FIRST KNOCK: The knock on the door was a surprise, considering the lateness of the hour. I opened to find the smiling face of a woman in her mid-forties. I invited her in. She identified herself as a believer and asked if we were born-again. When we answered affirmatively, she, Maria Eugenia, began to rejoice, telling us that she had been born and raised in Atotonilco, moving with her family to Guadalajara when she was in high school. Years later, she and her husband came to Christ. Since that time they have been praying for this city.

Bursting with enthusiasm and ideas, she told us about contacts she has here, people to whom she has witnessed, opportunities for ministry she has found. Though still living in Guadalajara, she had visited Atotonilco on a number of occasions, each time praying she would make contact with some congregation or believers here. We prayed with her that night and have continued in contact with her in the weeks that have followed. She and her husband are hungrily desirous of helping advance the Good News here.

SECOND KNOCK: It was mid-morning and I was in the middle of preparing some Bible study material when we heard the knock. A man was at the door, wanting to know if we were believers. We said yes and asked him to come in. Juan explained that he is from this town, but came to Christ a year ago in Guadalajara. He had moved back here only a few weeks previous and was looking for a congregation of believers with whom to meet.

We discussed his conversion, the situation in Atotonilco and the church here. We explained where and when we meet. He has been coming to the meetings since that time.



THIRD KNOCK: Such a timid knock brushed the door that I almost missed it.

“I saw the sign above your door with the Bible verse. It says, “Welcome”, so I decided to take a chance. I’m sorry to be bringing my problems to you, ...but...”

Suddenly, she began to cry. Linda moved close and the young girl began to open her heart. I moved to my office where, closing the door, I could pray.

INTERCEDE: For the first woman mentioned above, Maria Eugenia. Only a month after she and her husband enthusiastically brainstormed about how they can bless this city and the church here, he was diagnosed with a tumor on the spinal column and prostrate problems. This appears to us to be an attack from the Enemy, who is grieved that there is someone that is seeking the welfare of the people of Atotonilco (Neh. 2:10).

INTERCEDE: For Juan, the second knock. He has not been “tied in” to the congregation, but has come to some meetings. His wife is unsaved and they are living with her parents, who are staunchly Catholic and oppose the Gospel.

INTERCEDE: For Irma, the third knock on the door. As a child, her aunt, a believer, took her to Christian meetings. She has made a decision for Christ, but an unsaved boyfriend was an attraction that pulled her away from the Lord, the Word and God’s people. She is now a single mother. At her last employment, the boss continually told her she didn’t have to be working so hard. In the red-light district, only blocks away, she could make good money, and he assured her he would be a regular visitor. She finally quit her job, but faced the anger of her mother who, even after hearing her reason, scolded her for leaving such a good job.

INTERCEDE: For the fourth knock: The Lord Jesus is knocking on “The Door to the Jalisco Highlands,” Atotonilco El Alto. Pray that this door would be opened wide.

“Knock and it shall...”





Report from Kamberi and Baaki

On January 31st, Brother Nathaniel Abimbola traveled with another brother to the Kamberi mission field to ascertain whether the brother would be able to work among the tribes there. However, on getting to the field the Brother, although concerned for the people, felt the location was too harsh for him healthwise.



Nathaniel travels to the tribes

Nathaniel says, "Pray along with us that we might find a faithful and prepared person that God has himself chosen to work there. When we were in Yumu village, one of the leaders of the Kamberi church pleaded with us to urgently send someone to coordinate the fellowship of about 80 brethren. There has not been any missionary staying with them since the former one left."

Who are the Kamberi?

They are a large tribe of people spread around Niger, Kwara and Sokoto states. There are over 100,000 Kamberi people spread in these states and are divided into about 7 groups, each with some distinct cultural traits which distinguish them from the others. But,

their dialects can be divided into two broad types, that are clearly different from the other (i.e. The Auna dialect, most common in Sokoto state, and the Kalkulum-Ibeto-Salka dialect). They traditionally believe in a supreme deity called Maigi, but some sections have been "Islamized". The only section that has a large number of Christians is the Salka group. There is a large church in



Baaki Church

Salka with over 1000 members and several churches in surrounding villages in Niger state. Apart from the Salka area, some Kamberis are being introduced to the gospel by the CRC mission at Gulbu Boka in Niger state and by the UMCA and ECWA in Yauri local government and Borgu LGA of Sokoto state

A lot is being achieved towards translating the Bible to Salka language, but not in the other main dialect (the Auna). The Kamberi may be a strategic group to reach because they have friendly relationships with Dakar Kari and the Muslim Katsinawa and Kanuri. More so, due to drought conditions, some have been migrating leaving them open and receptive to the gospel while resettling before a new Maigi shrine is set up. But, some Kamberi communities are very isolated, with little trace of modern influence. Evangelizing among them requires real pioneer methods with searchlight information from NEMA.

About ten years ago, Ethnos Christian Mission penetrated the land and by His Grace, three locations were reached by the Gospel through the E.C.M missionary. But now, the field is open again for a resident missionary who will work among the churches.

BAAKI- The former tree worshipping village.

At Baaki, the present missionary working among them is Bro. Elijah. He is serving temporarily while getting prepared to serve in Borgu LGA. He is hoping to reach the Bokus and the Kambaras. Pray along with us for him as he is waiting to get married before launching out. He is currently serving as teacher in the school started among the Baakis.

On the 19th of June we had a thanksgiving service in the fellowship at Baaki and many wonderful testimonies were given. One of the brethren said that if the Gospel had not been brought to the village, that he would surely have died and faced God's judgment, but that with the Gospel, he has been given a new lease on life with a hope and surety of eternal life. Also, another woman testified that she had spent fourteen meaningless years in the village with nothing to show for it until the Gospel came.

Of course the devil is not happy with this and he has intensified spiritual attacks. We are really facing spiritual battles at all times. The unconverted worshippers of the "Masomonu" tree are not relaxing at all because they are angry at the disgrace they suffered when the tree was torn in two. The site of the tree has now been cultivated for farming with resulting conflict. More so, this has started reflecting even on believers as little things cause conflict. All these are attempts to close down the church but by



Nat with a Baaki family

His Grace, the church is waxing strong. Praise God.

Please, pray more for us, especially the Sogbossi family who are faltering in their devotion to the Lord because of an unwillingness to apologize and repent of their part in the conflict.

In His Love and Bond,
Nathaniel



Cherry, Andrea, and I were part of a medical team going to Haiti the month of July, but the trip was called off a couple of weeks before our departure date due to security. Our national host felt the risks of kidnapping and lawlessness was too great for the team to come. The villagers were very disappointed in the loss of the medical help the team would have supplied. Many on the team had been going to the area in Haiti for many years, so it was difficult for them not to be able to help their Haitian friends' in their time of need.



Jerry and Cherry currently home on the Coast due to the

I can relate to that emotion as Ivory Coast continues in its dysfunctional state. So many peace agreements and disarmament dates have failed that I cannot help but have a sense of skepticism as the leaders of the factions meet and emerge from five star hotels with promises of a new agreement. Fortunately, the tribal people's lives have, for the most part, revolved around subsistence living, which does not interest those who seek leadership in the country. The opportunities in Ivory Coast for improvement with education and enterprise do not exist like they did, but the Lord is still meeting the needs of His people. The Gospel is spreading, according to reports, in those rural areas faster than it ever did under the days of "good" governance.

Cherry and I both continue our studies at Corban College. The exposure to new ideas, combined with our experience, is very stimulating. Many times we want to stop the education and start working, but we believe the Lord is preparing us for greater effectiveness in the future with

Ministry date

this education. Cherry's studies at college are helping her to be better equipped to encourage and serve the missionary community as they minister overseas and when they return to their home countries. My studies are helping me to discern problems and limitation that the church has as it seeks to finish the task of World evangelization.

I personally feel that modern missions, in general, are moving into uncharted territories. The modern history of what traditional

missionaries have done in the past are not effective today or even as possible as they once were. There are many things about missions that will not change; the message and the messengers. But the means by which those are channeled are changing. These are days when a new generation of missionaries with avant-garde ideas are needed. The principles of successful mission works are not new, but the creativity of application will be. Cherry and I want to be a part of that new generation of missionaries. I am excited about some things that I do see happening in missions. David Kagni and his wife are surveying Ghana for a new missionary thrust in that country during the month of August. Moses Osho and many other brothers from Nigeria are ministering the Gospel faithfully in West Africa. Hovare Hien, who I worked with for years with the Loron tribe, is continuing the ministry to the Loron and Loma tribe. Translation continues with the Loron Bible.

Cherry and I continue to appreciate your prayers for us and for those individuals who we minister with in West Africa.



**Cherry Skiles are
from Ivory
unrest there.**



A four and a half month long trip back to the States for the first time in two and a half years blossomed into a green pasture of God's will for me. Rich fellowship and counsel, teaching and preaching opportunities, and a therapeutic change of pace and surroundings made for much answered prayer.

With an emphasis on simplicity and love, and majoring on the majors, the Lord set me off on an anti-religiosity/pro joy campaign. About a month in California with a beautiful road trip up the coast to Oregon, the ocean, and a little more of the ocean, I couldn't get enough! Again a therapeutic change from the flat lands of North Eastern Ukraine. During multiple road trips, I covered almost all of Oregon.

God has truly ministered to me and inspired in me new songs of praise for the manifestation of His Spirit. Your prayers have supported me as I am called to God's work wherever I find myself. The Lord has you and me united together in reaching out specifically to Ukraine right now. Our lives are ministries or they're not. And what a relief from striving if ministry is not our life but rather that our life is ministry, to keep things natural and unmechanical!



**Erik Koslow, Participant in the
2002 SFMI Training Program**

Becoming more united with the church was definitely an important aspect of my furlough. (I speak of the church in general not just my home congregation). I am one, the rest at home and abroad praying are many. I believe the Lord is growing that needful unity between us to make our ministry more effective. And because of some new practical help in the picture, communications with everyone should be consistent. Bend Bible Fellowship has recognized God's calling on my life as a missionary and officially laid hands on me to ordain me for the work. Shield of Faith International has also accepted me on their mission team and will be forwarding funds and communication. Through them you can receive receipts, prayer and news updates, etc..

Although my time line in Ukraine is indefinite, I am expecting at least a few more years in Nezhyn. The vision is to see disciples established to continue even if we move on. Jesus said "I have food that you know not of...My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work."

We have many studies and prayer meetings throughout the week. We also teach approx. 400 kids in three different orphanages/foster care. All this is interspersed with much discipleship, preaching of the gospel and practical help to the poor.

Thank you for your involvement. Your interest in the work keeps me a sharp instrument. "If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct." "And I pray that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgement..."

More frequent information will be found through SFMI prayer and news updates via email or upon your request via postal service. Please submit your mailing addresses to SFMI or to me if you desire to receive regular published updates. If there are any questions or comments please contact SFMI or me. Living for Eternal Glory, Erik.

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Speaking in front of people has always given me the heeby-jeebies but God seems to be shifting my focus from listening (my theme of the past year) to public orations and teaching. Defending my master's project, training new teachers, and continuing to teach in Kazakhstan take me out of my comfort zone, but God's strength is made perfect in my weakness.



On Friday, I and my beloved Azusa Pacific University cohort walked in the graduation ceremony as we are getting our Masters degrees in February 2006 and will be overseas. The heat and speeches we all had to give were overwhelming. We still have one semester of projects to complete. Mine is writing a program for training national teachers to teach Kazakh language as they don't know how and the kids end up hating Kazakh, their own language! Pray that this will help some teachers and students and that we can actually implement the program.

This week I am at ESI training the new teachers. It's always scary to me to teach 150 teachers and a huge responsibility to train them well. Please pray for courage and clear presentation.

If all goes as planned and it's really God's plan, I should be on my way back to Kazaraganda, Kazakhstan by Aug 23. Andrea will be working with me again and she will administrate our new large team of English teachers including the ones who can't return to restless Uzbekistan.

My goals this year are to teach English again (though in a more equipped manner thanks to APU training), to help my friend Masha with the children's church group that

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we feed and host each Sunday, and to finish an action research project on teaching pronunciation plus the Kazakh language project as I learn more Kazakh myself.

On the home front my Mom is rowdy and social as ever still driving pretty well at 84. She waits for my brother John and Anita who should move home from Peru sometime this

winter. As usual it's unsettling to leave her, though my siblings encourage me to go to my beloved work in Kazakhstan and assure me Mom is doing well independently.

So I go with full abandonment to watch God do what He is doing in Kazakhstan. Your prayers help me, my family, my teammates, and the Kazakh people. We'll see their effect in eternity. Thanks for your support.

Peg Mott



Greetings from Loreto

May each one of you know God's presence in your life at all times.

T.J., our oldest, who is 18, is in the States for the summer. He is with Mike's folks in Montrose, Colorado working through June and July. In August he will be with his cousins in Wyoming helping out his uncle, Wade Barnard, with some work on their house. After being the only young person in the house for two months he will sure enjoy being with his seven cousins. Down this way Austin has been working with one of the brothers in his welding shop. Hopefully he will learn the trade.

For the last couple of months I have been giving a class on evangelism on Sunday mornings (we have our meeting in the afternoon). The turnout has not been good. But there have been two men who have been faithful. We have finished the class and are now meeting at that same time to pray and go to the plaza to preach the Gospel. There are four of us presently, including Austin. About noon on Sundays the plaza is pretty full with people from all around coming to mass. We would appreciate very much you supporting us in prayer in this work.

I have also started to go out to the nearby town of Asientos, to preach door to door. We have been given 2,000 copies of the Gospel of John and will be delivering a copy to each house. As we are able to coordinate our schedules the two brothers who join me on Sundays will be helping out. Their names are Juan Jose and Leonel.

Thank you so much for your prayers.

In Christ who is our life
Mike and Faith Ball



Mike Ball, speaking at the SFMI annual Conference just before returning to Mexico

First Annual SouthWest Regional Conference

Join us as we anticipate, with a measure of excitement, a weekend conference in Texas. **October 7-9** will find us at **Iron Springs Christian Camp**, which is located just 5 miles south of Whitney, Texas, a little town 13 miles west of Hillsboro.

Many of you have expressed a desire to participate in a Shield of Faith Conference, but find it is just too far to travel to the Pacific Northwest. We agree, these things should be happening closer to home. So, as we have mentioned before, we are interested in promoting regional conferences that are more conveniently located for a greater number of the saints who are familiar with SFMI. **Household of Faith**, a church in Garland, TX is comprised of many dear friends of SFMI and has done much to arrange the weekend conference.

The accommodations at the conference ground are limited, making it important that you register as early as possible. However, for those who miss out on the available space, or who prefer accommodations that are more comfortable or more private than those at the camp, there are numerous motels within an

18 mile radius of Iron Springs Christian Camp.

You are going to be blessed by the ministry of the Word, by the fellowship of the saints and by the extraordinary encouragement that is generated by the teaching, testimonies and stirring, challenging reports from the fields many of us are praying for and working on.

And it is a two-way street: not only will you be blessed as you receive the ministry of others, but you will have ample opportunity to bless others with what God has given you. Come with your music, your testimony, your insights and, of course, your family and friends. Bring your Bible, your bedding and your musical instrument and come prepared for an edifying weekend

There is no charge for the conference. That does not mean that there is no cost, but we are trusting the Lord to meet the expenses through the freewill offerings of the saints who attend. Sometimes it is those who can least afford it who need it the most. We don't want anyone to miss out because they can't afford to come. So y'all come, and do what you can. It will be enough.

Oct. 7-9 2005

Steve Montgomery and his wife Linda, long-time missionaries to Mexico, now living in Atotonilco in the highlands of Jalisco state—one of the most unreached areas in the nation—will be featured. You won't want to miss this time. Lord willing, this will be the first annual Texas conference with many more to come if the Lord should tarry.

Accommodations at the camp are dormitory style, with only 120 beds available. Motels in nearby Hillsboro include:

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per night per couple;

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per night per couple;

Motel 6, \$49.00
per night per couple.

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Iron Springs Christian Camp Whitney, (Hill County) Texas October 7-9, 2005

How it Works: Arrivals begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. The first meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. There will be no meal served Friday night, but there will be ample snacks served. Saturday morning is our first meal, a continental breakfast. We have spaces available for tents and RVs. Bring your own bedding. Copy as many forms as you need. Mail completed forms to Donna Bird, Registrar at the above address, or to the Shield of Faith Office. We look forward to seeing you this year. **Register Early!**

Family Registration:

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

Spouse: _____ *Please include infants.*

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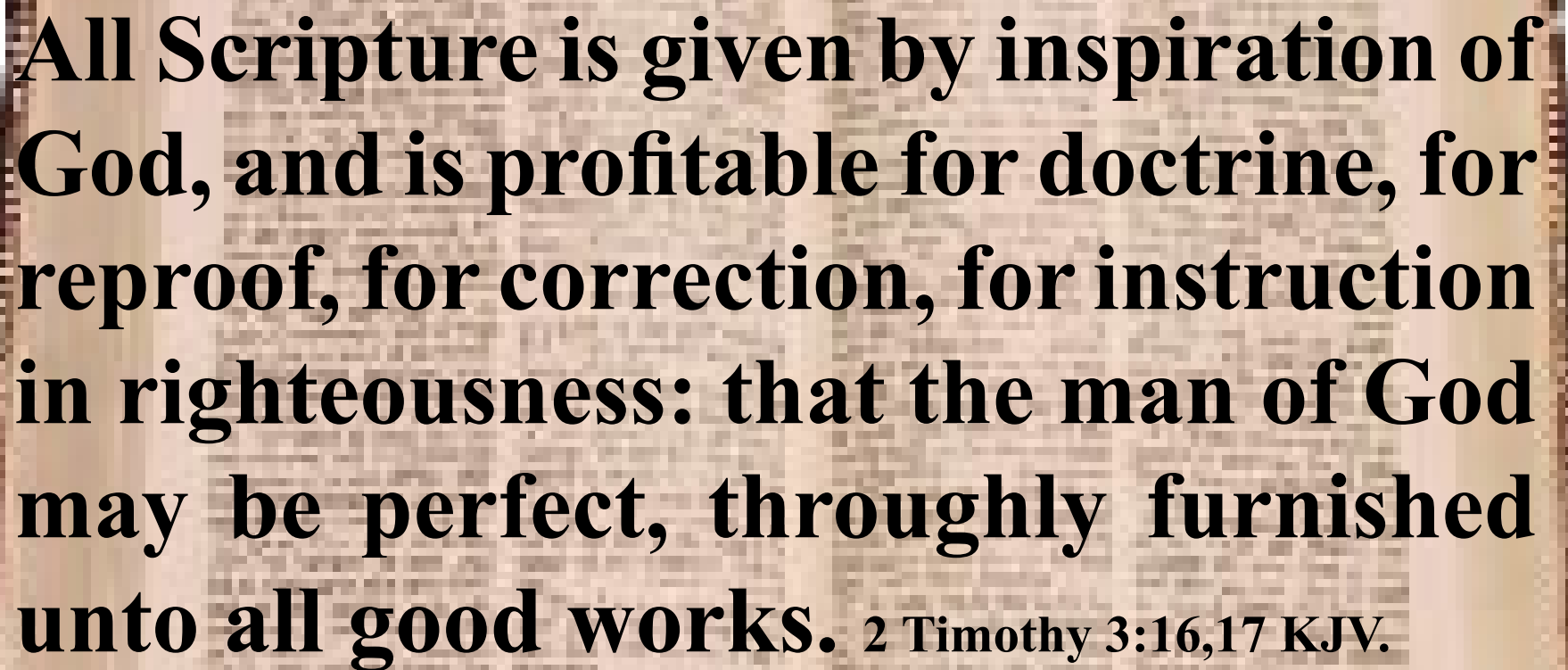
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Circle Choices

Nights staying over:	Friday Night	Saturday Night	
Sleeping Arrangements Needed:	Dorm	Tent	RV
Meals:	Saturday Breakfast	Sunday Breakfast	
	Saturday Lunch	Sunday Lunch	
	Saturday Dinner		

Check here if you will be staying off-campus at a motel.

Clip this form and mail it to Donna Bird, Registrar, at the above address or to SFMI, P.O. Box 144, Bend, OR 97701

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All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:16,17 KJV.

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