

Blessed Thanksgiving—Merry Christmas—Happy New Year



ROUGH ROAD AHEAD

Sometimes you don't see a road sign telling you rough road ahead, but we have recently travelled on one of those rough roads. As Steve began a struggle with cancer in May of 2016, life has had many curvy challenging paths. After 1 year of treatments, Steve no longer had active cancer, but he struggles with cancer die-off (the dead tissue that remains in the body after the cancer dies which can be very dangerous). In April, I (Vonda) also had a health scan and found that I was very healthy; but at the end of July (just one month after Steve was declared cancer free), I was having unusual bloating and abdominal pain. So I went to get another

health scan with Dr. Mary Blakely from www.healthscans4life.com She found a large ovarian cyst. We then determined that a tumor had grown very rapidly. My tumor marker was elevated, so a surgeon did a radical hysterectomy on September 5th. The right ovary was examined after it was removed and it was full of a very aggressive form of ovarian cancer. (Stage 1, C) All other biopsies showed no cancer. The right ovary was removed intact. Although no cancer was seen to spread, the surgeon was really concerned. Since I declined chemotherapy, I knew that I needed to join Steve in doing naturopathic treatments. Two times since my surgery, I have had health scans, and been declared still cancer free. Although Steve is cancer free it is important to continue to have regular scans, to monitor the cancer die-off and also to make sure that no cancer is reactivated. We are so thankful for Dr, Blakely who is a godly doctor. Through this journey where the road has been rough at times, we must say that the LORD HAS BEEN SO FAITHFUL! His people have prayed, stood beside us, and have been so supportive! We praise the Lord for this following verse: Psalm 107:13-14

¹³ Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble. And He saved them from their suffering. ¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death. And He broke their chains.

My life has been full of blessings and challenges. This is not my first rough road, but cancer is truly an ugly rough road. Maybe your challenge is not cancer, but what is hard for you right now? Well cry out to the Lord in your trouble, and He will help you! We are so thankful to all who have been so supportive of us in this time of trouble. We are very grateful to be able to continue to serve the Lord and that even during our challenges, that Expressions of Emmanuel is actively reaching out with the love of Christ. May our rough roads show that God is trustworthy and that He alone is worthy of praise! We pray that you will cry out to the Lord and find that He (God) will help you in your trials! Thanks for your partnership! Holy Hugs!



Pray about support for the cost of shipping appx. 20 boxes of DVD's to the Philippines for the MATA EXPO and A very large box of special tracts for the Deaf, that really explains SALVATION.



Dear friends from First Christian Church in Sapulpa, came to Needles to visit on their way home to Oklahoma. What an encouraging visit. Frank and Linda Barnes were in my church sign class 30 years ago (JAN. 1988). Linda signed for church in the past. Frank helped with art and both have been such a blessing to us over the years. Frank is helping Steve with an RV leak problem.

Deliverance in Jesus in the Desert: Nesting in Needles!

On October 8th we left home for Needles, CA. We had already researched the great need for Deaf ministry in this Tri-State area (CA, AZ, & NV) and already had some contacts. Our motto was not "California or Bust", but we were heading to California to reach out and share Jesus, and to get some reasonable medical treatments in the desert. We did "Bust" as we broke down twice on the way to Needles. Upon arrival, we found that the truck needed mechanical repair. Thanks to Dr. Ruth Ross who helped provide transportation for us one week. We also have gratitude for my former fellow Ozark students, Minister Malcam and Debra Moberly, who have loaned us their truck while our truck is being fixed. Please pray for God's provision and intervention with the truck and fifth wheel. What a blessing to have these tools to enable us to move and live in different areas as we share the gospel with the Deaf.

We are nesting in Needles right beside the Colorado River. We have full days going to medical treatments with two local doctors and with outreach opportunities. Either in the morning or evening, I enjoy praying by the river. If you have any special prayer requests, please let us know. On Sundays, Fred and Dr. Mary Blakely, have given us rides to the Amazing Grace Fellowship Church in Fort Mohave. We have so enjoyed attending this church. On our first Sunday, the church leaders all prayed for our healing. We also were able to see the famous Christian singer, Carman. I met him and asked if he would allow us to use his music in sign language DVDs for the Deaf. Carman so graciously said, "You can FREELY use all of my music for the Deaf!" What a wonderful answer to prayer!

We met the Deaf Ministry leader, Leaha Hazlegrove, and gave her a set of DVDs and tracts for the Deaf members there. Leaha offered information to help us find more Deaf people in the Tri-State area. She also took a second set of DVDS to a Deaf family. Last Sunday, Leaha asked me to interpret for a Deaf lady at the church. Another lady came inquiring if her Deaf co-worker would have an interpreter. I gave a DVD and a tract to this woman to share with her co-worker.



Mohave Indian Reservation

Searching for the Deaf led us to find two little 5th grade Deaf girls on the Mohave Indian Reservation. First, I gave one full set of DVDs and tracts to the grandma of a little Deaf girl, Carmelita. Later I visited the grandmother again, and she said that Carmelita LOVED the DVDs and was watching them everyday just as soon as she got home from school. She loved the Expressions of Emmanuel DVDs so much that she would make her grandfather sit down and watch the DVDs with her.

We were able to deliver a set of DVDs and a tract to a Deaf girl from the Navajo tribe. She was so sweet and seemed really pleased that we were giving her a set of DVDs. Please pray for these girls to know and receive the love of Jesus!

We will stay in the area until December 8th. We have information about other Deaf people in the area, and we look forward to reaching out to many others. We went to visit the Deaf Ministry at Spirit Life Church in Bullhead City, Arizona. We gave a set of DVDs to Travis Nichols who interprets at the church and is seeking to reach out to the Deaf in the area. Tanzanian missionaries were visiting the church and they took a set of DVDs to the Deaf in Africa. Please continue to pray for our outreach here with the Deaf Community in the Tri-State area.

Social Media Ministry Outreach Extension

We are thankful for “Your Web Pro” as they are working to help us improve our social media outreach. Social media offers marvelous opportunities to share the love of Christ. Bethany and Jordan from “Your Web Pro” are helping EOE to more effectively share God’s love via social media. Thanks to Steven Carr and his family, Bethany, Jordan, and everyone at “Your Web Pro”. Please pray for God to use our social media efforts for His glory!

Box for Belize

In August, Selah and I left several sets of DVDs with the Deaf in Belize. However we realized that we did not bring enough DVDs to give to all of the Deaf groups there. We were so thankful to meet the Heavener family who make trips regularly between the US and Belize. We mailed a large box of about 100 DVDs to the Heaveners so that they can distribute them to other Deaf groups, a Bible college, the Heavener's network ministry (<https://www.davidheavener.com/last-evangelist/>), and a Belizean TV station. Mark and Deb Bloomer are willing to help us deliver DVDs as they have time. Edward Perez is a Deaf man from Belize who received a tract and our card with website info. His selfie shows his excitement to receive DVDs too. We are thankful to the Heaveners and Bloomers for their help.



Proclaiming the Prince of Peace in the Philippines! Mission Trip:

January 30 to February 13: Cebu!

Since I met my Filipina college friend and worked with a predominantly Filipino church in NYC (1984), I have loved the Filipino people, their language, and their culture. Coring Eustaquio, who I lovingly refer to as Mama Coring, made some calls and helped us make contact with dear governmental officials at the State Capitol. We were given a list of Deaf schools we can go visit, share DVDs, and do programs for them. We enjoyed our outreaches last June, but God is opening up an opportunity for us to share with more than 1400 Deaf people at the MATA Exposition in Cebu. We hopefully can do programs at the EXPO and at some central location for the Deaf. We hope also to return to visit as many of the Deaf schools there as possible. We had a great time in June visiting one of the Deaf schools. The MATA expo is on February 4th. Filipino Deaf people on a whole use American Sign Language with regional differences. We have an opportunity to bring DVDs to many groups including Deaf clubs.

Sharon Kirk and I are working on the travel plans. Steve and I want to have 5 others join us on this trip. To get affordable prices, tickets will need to be purchased soon. Steve and I already have our tickets (we used all of our frequent flier miles) Each member of the team will need to raise 2000 dollars. We have booth, shipping, and travel expenses. Please pray for God's guidance, provision, and for many to come to Christ! Please prayerfully consider helping with this outreach.

International Conference of Missions—Nov. 16-19, 2017

Come and See us at booth # 703 at ICOM in Peoria, IL. Brother Darryl Nunnelley, who has been such a faithful supporter and prayer warrior of EOE will join us at the booth and be sharing many helpful resources. Also joining us will be Judy Hernandez, Nate Massey, Selah Burnett and Cloudi Bland.

Thankfulness:

What a privilege, an honor, and joy to know you! Don't think that we are talking about someone else! We are talking to you! You are appreciated whether you gave a large or small gift, sent words of encouragement, brought meals while we were recuperating, or whispered a prayer on our behalf for the work of Expressions of Emmanuel. Thanks for praying, giving, or serving. You are all dear to us! Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel! Our desire is for many to come to Christ! Please continue to partner with us. Your help is vital! May our efforts together be used to bring lives to Christ. Please let us know how we can pray for you! We pray that you have an abundantly blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year! We love you! Holy Hugs!

Great Needs!

GREAT NEEDS! As you consider end-of -year giving, please consider the following projects:

We just received word that our 2005 Dodge Ram diesel dually needs a new engine before we can leave Needles, Ca. This will be a large expense and any donations toward this would be appreciated.

RV (5th Wheel) repair and maintenance

Philippine Deaf Outreach

Special Medical Gift to help Steve & Vonda's fight with cancer or cancer related illness

Sponsorship of one of the ten new DVD's, (see page 9)

PRAYER REQUESTS AND NEEDS

Please pray for complete healing and strength for Steve and Vonda.

Please pray for God to lead, guide, and provide for a small team to go & minister in Cebu, Philippines (Jan. 30 – Feb. 13). Please pray for God's touch and changed lives! Please pray for the more than 1400 Deaf people who will meet on February 4, 2018, at the MATA Expo in Cebu.

JUST RECEIVED WORD --THE TRUCK REPAIR WILL BE \$9300.00 FOR A REBUILT ENGINE WITH ONE YEAR WARRANTY. GREAT PRAYER AND NEED - TRUCK MUST BE REPAIRED BEFORE WE CAN GET HOME TO BONHAM WITH THE 5th WHEEL.ON DEC. 9th,--- WE HAD PLANS TO MINISTER TO CHURCHES ALONG THE WAY HOME FOR ADDED SUPPORT.

Please pray for the Tri-State ministry outreach. Please pray for hearts to come to or grow in Jesus!

Please pray for Andres as he works with Amazon.com.

Please pray for Selah and Nate as they prepare to marry in 2018. Please pray for Nate's studies at DCC and Selah's studies at DBU. Please pray for their ministry & work (Nate -swimming pools & preaching) (Selah-HCC Youth & Children's & DCC Tutoring).

Please pray for Cloudi as she will retest for the Texas Massage Therapy test. She has worked so hard and done so well.

Please pray for our many friends struggling with cancer. Please pray for the families of our friends who have lost the battle with cancer.

Please pray for Papa Ernie Eustaquio (Mama Coring) & the family as he has had struggles with his health.

Calendar 2017-2018

October 8th—Selah represented Expressions of Emmanuel at Hillcrest Christian Church.

October 8th—December 8th Tri-State area (Arizona/Nevada/California) Deaf Outreach

Deaf Outreach November 15-19 International Conference on Missions, Expressions of Emmanuel Booth #703

Jan.30-Feb. 14, 2018 MATA DEAF Exposition and Deaf School Outreaches, Cebu, Philippines





Fred and Dr. Mary , Carman and Vonda



Ladies at Amazing Grace Fellowship Church
Fort Mohave, Arizona



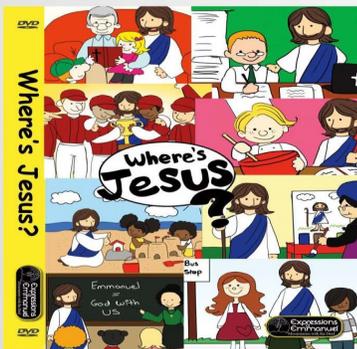
Steven and Travis Nichols, Interpreter at
Spirit Life Church in Bullhead City, AZ.

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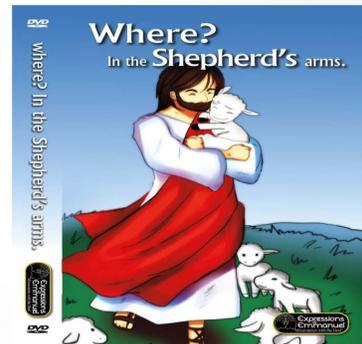
With our New Website it is really easy to donate. www.expressionsofemmanuel.com click on the “donation” at the upper left hand corner, scroll to the bottom of the page and donate.— PayPal, VI-SA, Master Card, and, Discovery, and American Express. On the “memo Line” please put what it is for: example “EOE” or “Sponsor DVD” or “EOE Steve Med,”—DVD” or mail to the following address: **Expressions of Emmanuel, P.O. Box 62, Ector, TX 75439**

UPCOMING SIGN LANGUAGE DVDS THAT NEED SPONSORSHIPS

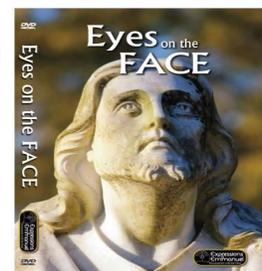
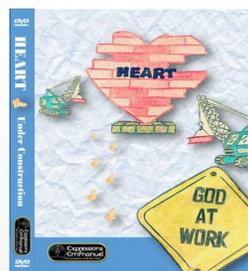
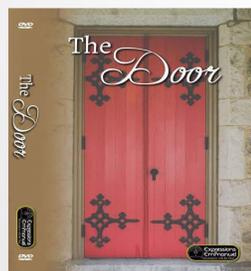
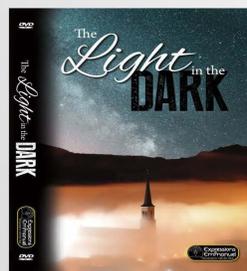
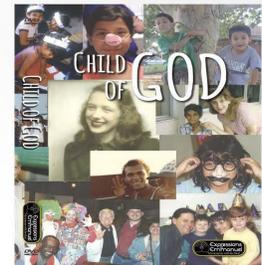
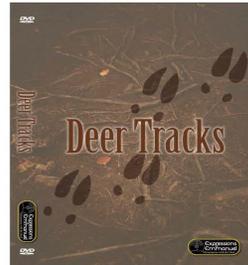
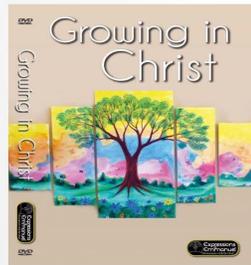
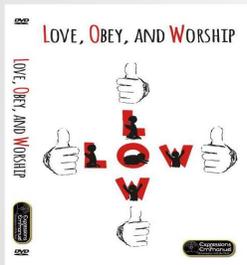


Each 1000 DVDs will cost \$1400 for 1000 copies of Bible lessons

Each 1000 DVDs of songs will cost up to \$7000 for music licensing purchases



Many Bible lesson DVDs to be edited and made in the future too!



Here are the beautiful covers for our future DVD's. LET'S SHARE THE GOSPEL IN THE U.S. & AROUND THE WORLD, LET IT BEGIN WITH ME! IT COSTS A LOT TO DO EACH DVD — PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING OR PARTLY SPONSORING A DVD.



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May God Bless your
Thanksgiving, Christmas
& New Year!**

