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## MISSIONARY BULLETIN

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Summer time is synonymous with vacations and VBS, greenhouses and gardens, camps and cookouts, travel and turnpikes, hoeing and harvest. One of the rewards of summer labor is the excitement of gathering in the harvest. The smell of fresh mowed hay and the aroma of chopped field corn linger on in the back of my childhood memories. The labor was intense, the heat almost unbearable, the days long and wearisome, but the reward of harvest made it all worthwhile.

Spiritual seedtime and harvest is not limited by seasons and weather. The gathering in of souls is the reward for faithful seed sowing watered by earnest prayer and fasting. There is the Biblical account of a gathering of vessels recorded in II Kings 4. This story challenges us to go out among our neighbors and gather in the ‘vessels’—great and small—until there are no more to be found.

### **GATHERING IN THE VESSELS**

*II Kings 4:1-7*

Notice the woman’s *Ordeal*. It could be that the king had lent her husband money to feed the prophets. She was now alone with her sons and had reached the ‘bottom of the barrel!’ Her extremity was God’s opportunity.

Notice her *Order*. Could it be this pot of oil had been set aside for her burial? The command was two-fold: go and borrow vessels and then pour out the pot of oil.

Notice the woman’s *Oil*. She discovered that the way to increase the supply was to pour out the portion she possessed. The debt was paid, and she could live out her days on the overflow.

Now, what can we learn from this story?

1. God may need to use troubling circumstances to bring us in line with His divine will.
2. We all are vessels that need to be gathered in.
3. All need to be filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Power of the Holy Ghost cancels the debt and enables victorious living.
5. Are there vessels in my home I am not willing to let go?
6. Are there vessels around me that need to be gathered?
7. May each of us be holy vessels through which the Holy Spirit can flow.

*Brazil:* The pastors are getting excited about their first annual ministerial convention to be held June 13-14, 2017. Bro. and Sr. Howard from southern Brazil will be with the Millses for about two and a half weeks during this time. They are taking some vacation time in Manaus. Let's pray that God will meet with them in a special visitation of the Holy Spirit. The toil of pastoral responsibilities, the disappointments of unrealized dreams and unreached goals, and the pressure of the enemy are no less real than here in the states. Pray that hearts will be encouraged, vision will be clearer, and fellowship of the brethren will be strengthened.

The well at City of God has been drilled and the pump lowered in place. All that is left is to hook up the power and pipe to the property. Bro. Mills was pleasantly surprised when Pastor Arilson told him that 1,000 reals have come in already towards their part of the cost. Praise the Lord!! The well is 66 meters deep and has a 30 meter reservoir of water.

Pastor Edilson reported in the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastors' meeting that they had two new converts. The children's Sunday school class is still going strong. Keep praying for the teens that attend here. The Sunday school class for them has not started yet. Pastor Edilson and Rosa are getting weary. Their age and the work of the church have put a heavy burden on them. Bro. Mills has asked us to pray that God will sustain them until another laborer is called to the field there in Nova Floresta.

The Monte Pascoal people have hit a roadblock in their building program. The architect now tells them they need parking for thirty vehicles! The local codes require this on the basis of the size of the new sanctuary. Never mind that hardly anyone attending even has a car! We serve a miracle working God. He has it all planned. Let's pray that the church leaders will discern the will of the Lord in this matter. Pastor Agnei and his people need our prayers. He is to meet with the architect on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sophia is walking now and has found her progress impeded by numerous gates! You know that's all part of growing up! I have not heard if she has connected yet with Cloe's desire to play fetch the ball. The Lord has blessed their home with a daring and delightful bundle of joy. Please keep Bro. and Sr. Mills in your prayers.

*Haiti:* The leadership team in Haiti expressed the desire for Bible study material and workbooks. Rev. Steve Gibson, director of Holiness Pilgrim Mission to Haiti, has put together forty sets of "Steps of Grace" text book/workbooks in Creole. He also sent to Don Mobley twenty copies of "Two Great Doctrines" written in French. The goal is to have a pastor study time with "Two Great Doctrines" to enable them to teach the book to their congregation. The "Steps of Grace" is an easier reading level of Creole and would benefit the majority of our Haitian congregations.

The missionary secretary has recently begun conversing with Robens Desil via email. He does pretty well with his English. He was asked to translate my final greeting to the Sunday morning crowd at Saut d Eau.

God is working in our Haitian churches. Let's continue to pray for the leadership team, the local pastors and their assistants, and for Don Mobley.

### Summer is near at Hand

That points to the nearness of our camp season. Missionary services are planned for all of our camps. I hope to see you all in one camp or another! Thank you all for being so faithful in prayer and support for Conference missions. Together we can do greater exploits for the Kingdom.

Until next time, God bless,

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