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*"Thou shalt no
more be termed
forsaken; . . .
but thou shalt be
called Hephzibah"
Isaiah 62:4*

*In Hebrew, "Hephzibah"
(my delight is in her)
is a symbolic name for Zion*

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Dear Praying Friends,

Warm Christian Greetings! The Lord has given us an early taste of winter in November including freezing temperatures and some snow, although, we did not get hit as hard as the middle-Atlantic states. Things are moderating now, for which we are grateful.



November found Glenda and myself doing more traveling in North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Iowa, and Illinois. We are so thankful for the mercies of our Lord in giving us good meetings and in renewing our fellowship with those who partner with our humble little work at Hephzibah House.

It is grievous to see so many of our students at Hephzibah House who have had the unspeakable privilege of being raised in a Christian family, and yet, have no fear of the Lord, nor do they seem to want to please Him in any way. These are youngsters who have, in most cases, experienced Family Altar at home, have memorized many passages of Scripture, have been in Sunday School, church services, VBS, and camp. Their lukewarmness toward the Lord is certainly not from a lack of knowledge, but a profound lack of love for the Lord Who gave them a Christian family.

The Book of Judges tells us in very clear detail how the generation that grew up after the generation that saw the miracles of Egypt and the wilderness sojourn apostatized to the point where their children had little or no care or interest for Jehovah God and they actually lived worse lives than the seven Amorite tribes amongst whom they were living.

Having been in the Hephzibah House ministry for so many years, we have seen the startling difference between the response of those who have little or no religious background as opposed to those who have been raised in a Bible-believing environment as to the response they make to the Lord and His truths. It is not uncommon for an outright heathen and pagan personality to respond rather quickly to the Gospel of the Grace of God and have remarkable changes in their life after having been saved and have extraordinary growth in their walk with the Lord. By way of contrast, the youngster who has received so much light spurns that knowledge as having little value to them and live their life as if God does not exist!

Parents and grandparents must have a transparent and authentic love for Christ and His Word if they expect their children to have that same priority. If my Christian life is lukewarm, carnal, and filled with the things of this world, it is not very likely that my children will have a vital experience with Christ and be willing to serve Him.



In Deuteronomy chapter 6, the children of their Israeli parents would ask, “Why are we so different from the Canaanites among whom we live?” And then the parents could give clear expression of why they were a distinct and unique people, chosen by the living God to serve Him as an example of separation and holiness in the midst of ungodly people groups. They were to make a profound difference between the clean and the unclean rather than striving to have some kind of co-mingling that would be satisfactory to everybody.

Parents with children would do well to have a genuine, transparent, and fervent love for Christ in order that their children can see that their parents are different. There are no guarantees that their child will follow in their footsteps, but they are much more likely to do so than if their testimony was carnal and lukewarm.

All the staff and students enjoyed a special time out at a local “all-you-can-eat” restaurant last month. It was a very special time for all.

Also, one of our former students visited us from her home in the Pacific Northwest. She was sweetly saved here as a student, and now has a Godly husband and a precious little girl. She had a special evening of sharing with our present students. They were greatly encouraged by her testimony.

Please pray in a very special way for three of our girls: Ruth, Alexis, and Charity, all of whom need a spiritual breakthrough. We do want to thank our praying friends for their intercession on behalf of these students, inasmuch as we have seen some rather remarkable answers to prayers when God’s people intercede on their behalf! God bless you for caring enough to breathe their names in prayer before the throne of Grace.

Though we have lost so many supporting churches in the last seven years, we are profoundly grateful to churches and individuals who have given us special love offerings in order to pay our bills and even provide for special projects such as new windows for our main building on the campus. God bless you for caring and sharing.

Cordially Yours In Christ,

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