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#### Newsletter for November 2003 Vol. 1 No. 11 Praise's of the Month

Our First praise of the Month is that we got to baptize Donna and Mitch Rakes on October 22.

Donna and Mitch come to our Friday nights prayer and study



meeting. Mitch works on the rigs out in the gas fields near town. Please pray for him, I know how unholy the oil and gas patch can be. Another praise for us is that this months teaching is by our Director Scott Adams, and no matter how unholy the oil and gas patch is Scott just keeps preaching the Gospel.

He has noticed an increase in persecution, but he keeps on keeping on. Praise No. 3 is that we

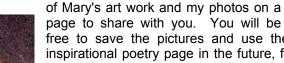


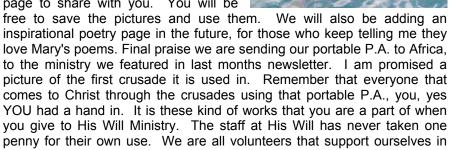
baptized both of Mary's sisters in Grand Junction Co. on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Two more for the Kingdom of God Praise the Lord. To the left is Mary's youngest sister Debbie Le and below is her next sister. Linda Lankin. I once had a pastor asked me how many does that make that we have brought

into the kingdom? I told him I did not know. What I should have said is that so long as one unsaved remains not enouah. Mary now is thrilled that



the majority of her brothers and sisters are saved. Praise No. 4 is that the website is growing each day. We have put some





other ways. You will be like that young man in Ray Bolts song "Thank You". One day you will be in heaven and people will come up and say thank you for helping to send that P.A. to Africa because I am here because of it.

Our final praise is how the Lord is even protecting those who work for the geology business. Alan Thompson and his family were out with some friends a couple of weekends ago, and it was very snowy in Casper, Wyoming where they live. A vehicle ran a stop sign and hit the friends car mid-drift. The impact was hard enough to total the vehicle and spin them around before they came to a stop. By the power of God no one was hurt. Not even the Thompson's little girl. Also Al had just bought a used Jeep and if he had been driving the vehicle he uses to go to the field it would have been wrecked. Isn't our Lord so good.

## Mary's Thoughts for the Month

Just the other day I was busy letting my thoughts run amuck, I hate it when they do that! I had experienced a particularly trying day concerning the ministry, and I was running many stupid scenarios through my mind. I was thinking crazy thoughts about situations I thought were detrimental to this ministry that God has placed in our hands to operate for His glory. I won't go into details, but suffice it to say that I wasn't praying, I was just playing the 'what-if-this-or-that-happens' game. While I was busy doing this the Lord spoke to me (you knew that was coming, didn't you?). The Lord speaks to me in a still quiet voice and this time He made His message to me rhyme! He said: "They cannot trod, on what is of God, and if it is of man, it will not stand". Wow! The Lord is just so awesome, immediately I realized He was telling me that this ministry belongs to Him, and no weapon formed against it would prosper. At this point I just began to praise and worship Him. Lord, how mighty are all your ways, beyond my understanding. I sang and prayed in the Spirit, I wept, my heart was overcome with a profound joy, not of this world. My Jesus was right there telling me, "Mary, cast your cares upon me, because I care for you, I will work all things out for your good because you love me." The next time I will not be so quick to worry about what is His to care for. He built this ministry, and He allows us (Jay, George, Scott, and I) to operate it for His glory. He cares for you just as much, child of God. He loves you and has great plans for your life. Trust Him.

## Love in Christ Mary.

#### Pastor's Corner

Reverend George and I were talking about this the other day. I am the only one who knows who gives and who doesn't to this ministry. I feel that way we have no fear of anyone's giving habits ever affecting the way the ministry serves you. But I have to admit I really like how the new Living Translation puts it.

Malachi 3:8-10 <sup>8</sup>"Should people <u>cheat</u> God? Yet you have <u>cheated</u> me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever <u>cheat</u> you?'" You have <u>cheated</u> me of the tithes and offerings due to me. <sup>9</sup>You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. <sup>10</sup>Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple.

The King James puts it that we rob God when we do not give our tithes and offerings. Now before you say this is old testament let me quote:

Acts 2:44&45 <sup>44</sup>And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

So if we don't like the old Testament tithing we can go with the New Testament sell everything and give to those who are in need. If this sounds familiar it is because I have talked about this and preached on this before. The point I am getting to is that in God's mind if you do not tithe of the blessings, that He has given you, you are robbing, cheating God. But do you realize that more than that you are robbing and cheating yourself? Look at verse nine in Malachi. It says we are under a curse if we steal the tithe from God. Have you ever wondered why you cannot get ahead? Why financially it seems to be a fight? Where is your money going? Oh yes, I know to pay the bills and essentials and you will say the same thing I used to say before I learned the importance of tithing. "We just can't afford to tithe, and pay the bills." I say you just cannot afford not to tithe. I would much rather have a bill collector mad at me than my Lord and Savior and His Father. But I guarantee that you will not have to be late on your bills and you will not have bill collectors mad at you if you give to God what is His. As a Christian you should feel that all you have is a blessing from God. People, it is His before you ever get it!

Lets look at our spending this last month. Did we go to a movie this last month? Did we buy something that we just wanted? Do we have cable television in our home? Did we go out like many and buy the latest movie, the moment it came out? Did we go out and buy the latest of our favorite singing group the moment it came out? Have we eaten out lately? (this is my big one ) Even Mickey D's counts. Do you spend money for smokes? (I don't and have never smoked) Did we buy ourself anything we could just have lived without? Are we hooked on Ebay and just need to have that item? Do we use our monies to purchase things that do not feed us spiritually? If we look at our spending habits we will find that there are many things we buy, have or want that we can just live without. Instead, if we don't tithe we just put our little wants before we put the feelings of our Almighty God. It says in **Proverbs 22:4 The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life.** We cannot say we fear the Lord if we will not even give Him what is His. In Malachi 3: 10-12 God give a promise to those who tithe.

Test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. <sup>11</sup>"Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes*," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>"All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

It is up to us to be blessed or cursed. It does not matter what kind of excuses we come up with. God says the tithe belongs to Him and we will not change His mind. We can take the road of obedience and be blessed or the road of selfishness and be cursed. It is our choice. I will leave you with this thought. William Colgate founded the Colgate-Palmolive company. When he became a Christian he gave 10% of the first dollar he ever earned. From that point forward he considered 10 cents of every dollar he ever earned as sacred to the Lord. Soon he started giving 20% then 30%, then 40% finally the Lord blessed his life financially so greatly he was able to give 100% of his income to the Lord in his later life. And even today, this very morning, nearly two hundred years later, some of you brushed your teeth or washed your faces with products from that young mans factory.

Our prayers are with you. Love in Jesus Pastor Jay



# Down Home Advice from The desk of Reverend George

Hi everyone:

First I would like to welcome all the new partners to the ministry. I feel it is a true blessing for the ministry team, at His Will Ministry, to be able to provide the support and help to each of you. You

should know that this is nothing short of a miracle from God. He has seen fit to put together a team tailored to fit the needs of his people, wherever, whenever and whatever they maybe. And aren't you glad that we here at the ministry, don't sell anything but "JESUS". No we don't want to sell you a diet program, nutritional supplements, video, dvd set, or even that tape series that will change your life. We are all committed to one thing and one thing only, Jesus. See we know that the only thing that can change your life is living for Christ. It is simply just not enough to accept him as your personal savior. No one can tell you how to do that better than the Bible itself. That's right not me or Mr.Haggee, Mr Parsley, Mr. Hinn or Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Hickey, just to name a few. They might think they can, but the truth of the matter is they can't, nor can anyone else. I am not trying to tell you how to spend your money. Waste it if you want to. I believe God has a royal way, and many times we can't begin to conceive the concept of it.

But I along with the rest of the ministry team cannot be convinced, that selling this junk will get you closer to God. Nope, the only things that will do that is studying the Word of God, Prayer and Fasting. Don't take my word for it, now that you have tried the other books, tapes, videos, etc., etc.. Try the real thing JESUS CHRIST, he is still there waiting for you, and if you will listen closely he will guide you. But don't cop out when times get hard. Because that is usually when God is getting ready to work either on you, or through you. Remember all three of the steps; Studying the Word of God, Praying to God through Christ, and fasting.

I am not telling anyone to start out studying for hours on end, or even to pray for five to six hours a day. And I am definitely not trying to have someone with health problems start a forty day fast. Use a little common sense, at least until your are hearing the Lord very, very clearly. Keep in mind building a relationship with God is the most important thing you will ever do. You will also get out of it what you put into it, just like any other relationship you have built or are trying to build. So what it boils down to is this, the great salesmen and salesladies in the religious circles can't change your life. Are you ready for this? The only two people that can is you and Christ. As soon as you truly decide to trust and follow him, He "CHRIST" will start conforming you to what he wants you to be. That's right not what you want , or what grandma Ethie wants. What's that, you say, well I am glad that you asked? 2nd Tim.2:15 Says it a lot better than I can " Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". But that is only one reason, personally I think it is enough, but here are a couple more should you need them. Josh.1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shoult have good success".

You can see there is a right way to going about being prosperous and successful with God. Remember, God is not telling anyone to sell you some shortcut method to do it. The only way is to study the Bible, and start building a strong foundation with Christ. So now don't let some slick talking guru try to teach you different. It is all there for you in the Bible. God doesn't expect everyone to be a Scholar, Teacher or even one of us lowly Preachers. However, God does have expectations for each of us, and I will close using this one, even though there are many more. It is from the book of Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be

saved". You might notice that it didn't say might be or could be saved. It says WILL BE SAVED oh what an awesome God we serve.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, and may God truly bless you.

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## This Months Bible Moment



Deuteronomy 18:10-13 <sup>10</sup> ...never sacrifice your son or daughter as a burnt offering. And do not let your people practice fortune-telling or sorcery, or allow them to interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, <sup>11</sup>or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. <sup>12</sup>Anyone who does these things is an object of horror and disgust to the LORD. It is because the other nations have done these things that the LORD your God will drive them out ahead of you. <sup>13</sup>You must be blameless before the LORD your God.

This month I want to talk about something that worries me so much. The problem is that it is predicted in the Bible as part of the end time prophecies. Therefore, I cannot change it but I can make you more aware of it. The Bible talks about the great falling away. 1 Timothy 4: 1&2 <sup>1</sup>But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup>by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron.

You know that I shoot straight from the hip. I will tell you to go to the word and show me where I am wrong, so here I go. This last month a major denomination that claims to be spirit-filled (notice small s on spirit) published in their magazine the article "Harry Potter? A discerning parent's guide to dealing with cultural icons." On the inside it was titled "What is Harry doing in the Potters House?" Now I have nothing against a Godly article about the evils of witchcraft and magic. I thought this would be good because Harry Potter has "NO", get that, "NO" place in the Potters House. But boy was I surprised when I read the conclusions. I quote "At worst, the Harry Potter books are epic volumes of vain imagination that activate fears of witchcraft." Did you get that ,we are a bunch of Salem witch hunters because we believe what the Bible says.

Leviticus 20:6-7 <sup>6</sup>And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. <sup>7</sup>Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.

How can you be Holy when you are filling your mind with magic spells? Linda Beam of Focus on the Family says " children who read about Harry will probably discover little about the true world of the occult." Maybe she should open her eyes and go to the local book store. A few months ago Mary and I were in a bookshop in Jackson, Wyoming. We saw the Satanic bible on the same isle as the Harry Potter Books. Along with this was several books aimed at kids and teens on how to learn to cast spells.

Isaiah 8:19-20 says <sup>19</sup>And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? *Should they seek* 

the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup>To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

Did you get what Isaiah said? Here let me repeat it. There is no light in them. In who? Those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter. Charles Colson said "Harry and his friends develop courage, loyalty, and a willingness to sacrifice for one another... Not bad lessons in a self-centered world." Did anyone bother to tell brother Colson to study his Bible? Or did anyone bother to tell brother Colson that J. K. Rowling has already said that the magic will take over Harry in the last book to where he kills his best friend. Good lessons right?

Leviticus 19:31 <sup>31</sup>Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I *am* the LORD your God.

We are told how the Apostles handled the situation with witchcraft and wizards in the New Testament times.

Acts 19:18-20 <sup>18</sup>Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. <sup>19</sup>And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. <sup>20</sup>So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

The new Living Translation says the books were worth millions of dollars. For the record J. K. Rowling became the highest paid author this year coming in at 1.25 million dollars. Humm, any thing in common here.

I always wondered about the great falling away. But the Lord showed me you cannot fall away from something unless you have been there. In other words if you want to fall away from a building you must be next to the building. If you want to fall out of a tree you must be in a tree. If we are to have a great falling away then those falling must be raised to a place high enough to fall. A person of the world cannot fall away from God for he never knew God. A Christian or religious group can fall away because they at one time knew the Lord. I hate to be the bearer of bad news but it is happening right before our eyes. If a religious group can say that the Holy Spirit is doing a new thing and want homosexuals ordained, if a spirit filled group can say that Harry Potter is a vain imagination, then we are seeing the falling away. No matter what any of you say the Holy Spirit is not doing a new thing. God even says He is unchanging. No matter what color you call it, black is black and you can't change it. Evil is Evil and you cannot candy coat it without our Lord God getting upset. Look out, world of religious hypocrites, I have a feeling our Lord is about to make some changes.

I want to quote you a few things that an ex-witch turned Christian had to say about Harry Potter.

1)"At this occult school, Harry Potter learns how to obtain and use witchcraft equipment. Harry also learns a new vocabulary, including words such as "Azkaban", "Circe", "Draco", "Erised", "Hermes", and "Slytherin"; all of which are names of real devils or demons. These are not characters of fiction! How serious is this? By reading these materials, many millions of young people are learning how to work with demon spirits." 2) "High level witches believe that there are seven satanic princes and that the seventh, which is assigned to Christians, has no name. In coven meetings, he is called "the nameless one." In the Harry Potter books, there is a character called "Voldemort." The pronunciation guide says of this being "He who must not be named." 3)" Nothing could be more obvious than that Harry Potter books are pure witchcraft and of the devil. This is the oldest con game ever hatched out of hell. As a real witch, I learned about the two sides of "the force." 4) "Witchcraft now has a complete package. Starting in kindergarten with Harry Potter and TV witch shows, children are led on to the horror movies and hundreds of Wicca and pagan web sites. When they thirst for more power, high school and college Wicca covens

are available. In the adult world, corporations are hiring New Age practitioners to provide seminars in sensitivity training, stress relief, and self improvement for employees." 5) "These books are orientational and instructional manuals of witchcraft woven into the format of entertainment. These four books by J.K. Rowling teach witchcraft! I know this because I was once very much a part of that world."

Now to finish up a few quotes from the kids that read Harry Potter.

"It would be great to be a wizard because you could control situations and things like teachers." Jeffrey, age 11. "I'd like to go to wizard school and learn magic and put spells on people. I'd make up an ugly spell and then it's pay-back time." Catherine, age 9. "I liked it when the bad guys killed the unicorn and Voldemort drank its blood." Julie, age 13.

I will leave you with this thought. The same spirit filled group finished up their article with the thoughts of how parents should teach their children to handle these things. Quote, "Teach them to respect differing views without flaunting their own" In other words teach little Billy to respect a wizard, homosexual, bigot etc. but God forbid he tells them about Jesus.

#### God Bless Pastor Jay

# **Ministry of the Month**

Hello, my name is Elizabeth and my husband's name is Donald. About 5 years ago, we decided to go online. Upon our arrival there, we found so much sin being propagated and we asked God to show us how we might use the internet to let His light shine and share the



gospel around the world. It wasn't long before we started an online prayer ministry and website, "Global Prayer Warriors". The warriors came from around the world and the prayers went up for those in need. Six months later, a request came to us for a 6 year old child in Oklahoma that was in

critical condition and not expected to live. The family needed some help financially and were sleeping on the floor of the hospital waiting room. God clearly told us to email our group and ask for funds to help this family. Within just a few days we raised several thousand dollars and the child's website took an average of 3000 hits a day. It took three of us almost round the clock to keep up with the emails. When we got ready to mail the many prayers and the money raised, God said, "NO"! I want you to deliver it in person and minister to this family. We weren't prepared to go and we really couldn't afford to go but the next day we were on our way. I spent the night in the waiting

room with the family and I was allowed in to pray for the child. We shared and prayed and cried. Before we left the next day, the child had awakened and was stable. He is alive and doing well today. Praise the Lord! This was our first child and God used Him to show us what He wanted us to do.

I quickly turned my focus to children creating a second prayer ministry for children and our website, "Children of the Promise". The warriors came and the children came and God did great things through prayer. A few months into this ministry, I began to ask God for His vision of what He wanted accomplished through this ministry and what He was going to do with it. God spoke to me in a dream and what he showed me in the dream is this: A small child who couldn't walk suddenly got up and ran across the room. I looked at her and said, but you can't walk. She went to a table and picked up a miniature Noah's Ark, turned around, held it over her head and I heard God say, "If you will believe, the dead will rise, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and the lame will walk." We believe God means to do all of these things and we have already seen Him do many of them in our children. We believe God's promises and we believe our children are Children of the Promise.

We are now a tax-exempt, non-profit organization and our outreach has gone beyond the internet into the world. We hope you will visit our website and read of all the things God has done and continues to do for His children. We have been greatly blessed and I know you will blessed also from your visit. We covet your prayers and God's will in all things.

God bless,

Donald and Elizabeth Ricard <a href="http://childrenofpromise.net">http://childrenofpromise.net</a>

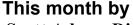
This is just one of the kids that the children of promise supports. This is Jessie (Kim) she was born with missing her



lower mandible, tongue and a triple amputee. She has a trachea and feeding tube to be fed but she has had several surgeries to correct her jaw. Notice she loves soccer. We have adopted her for prayer, cards, gifts and just warm fuzzies to let her know God loves her. Please check into adopting some of the kids on Children of Promise. Pastor Jay



## TEACHING OF THE MONTH



**Scott Adams Director of His Will Ministry** 

Let us take a look at the Apostle Peter.

Peter was a common man, a fisherman, called by Jesus. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus said (Mat 4:19). Many, if not all who I am speaking to now, are regular people who have been called by Jesus, "follow me". Can you imagine Peter and Andrew just leaving their nets? You and I would

call that a real step of faith.

This man followed Jesus even when others said it was too hard (John 6:66-68). He knew the truth that Jesus was the Messiah. Not only had he been a witness of the miraculous ministry of Jesus, he was one of his closest companions. Go in and research the words, "little faith" and you find the root meaning to be a puny confidence, puny trust in Christ. Strong's definition uses the word "incredulous". Webster defines this as, "unwilling to admit or accept what is offered as true". This is a rebuke from Jesus. Five times you find this reference in the New Testament, and Peter is in the audience each time. You and I know that we can't point any fingers at Peter, we've never even gotten out of the boat to try to walk on water (Mat 14:28-31).

But there was a time when Peter did fall away, but only temporarily, and along with all the disciples. I also think about the garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-42) when Peter could not even watch and pray one hour, his eyes were heavy. Jesus said, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." Oh, he was ready to fight and indeed cut off the ear of Malchus, the high priest's servant. (John 18:10) Immediately following just as Jesus foretold Peter denies that he knew Jesus three times. (Mark14:66-72)

But look at what takes place after Peter's failure, and our Lord's resurrection. I specifically look at John 21 where Peter says, "I go a fishing". When he understands that the one on the shore is Jesus he dives out of the boat to get to Jesus as fast as he can. Are we quick to let go of our sin and run to Jesus, or do we do like Adam in the Garden of Eden, hold onto our sin and hide from God?

Look at Peter's life after this. After our Lord promises that His disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, and ye shall be witnesses for Jesus, there they all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication(Act 1:14). And again in chapter 2 it says that on the day of Pentecost which is ten days later they are still with one accord in one place. The Holy Ghost falls and thousands are saved, hundreds or more are healed, and Peter's ministry is with power. And later, Acts 5 describes Peter rejoicing that he was counted worthy to suffer for Jesus' name. This is quite a switch from 53 days earlier. The Apostle Peter talks much about suffering in 1 Peter. He also talks much about holiness, diligence, purity and godliness. Much is said about false teachers. Peter in his last verse of exhortation encourages us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The difference that Peter experienced is the same one we all need. The fellowship and calling that comes through study of God's word so that we may know him. The fellowship of prayer so that we may hear him and be heard by him, which is God's will. How can one be sent if he is not called? How can one be empowered if he does not know the one

who empowers? Our strength is only in the Lord, and we will only be strong as we are in the Lord.

God has made each one of us for a special purpose. Are you using your gifts and talents for the glory of God? In whatever setting we are in we can cast our cares upon Him, giving thanks, because we know the shepherd of our souls. Are we obtaining that like precious faith, through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ? (2Peter 1:1) God's strength, His righteousness in us, and again "Christ in you, the hope of glory". (Col 1:27) For Christ to be in us we have to be yielded to Him, submitted to Him, drawing near to God so that He can draw near to us.

Whatever is your position or your condition God wants to use you to bring glory to His Son. Whatever your occupation is it doesn't matter (including motherhood, hats off to you Mom) God wants to transform us from ordinary men and women to a holy army for His glory.

Read the Acts of the Apostles, 1&2 Peter and don't forget God used a fisherman that had little faith (Mat 14:31), little understanding (Mat 16:8, 9) as one of the pillars in His church, and He wants to use you and I as well.

#### Let's keep our eyes on Jesus!

#### **Bro Scott**



It boggles my mind how fast the days go when you are working for the Lord. Most of those who know me know that I love to shoot photography and Mary is a great artist. I thought I would include one of our praises

for this month the fact that our Lord and Savior has let us live is such a beautiful part of the world. In Mid October Mary and I took a day off and went to look at the colors. I thought I would share just a couple of the pictures. The mountains to the right are the Grand Tetons. I guess you can figure out why they are called that.



When I think what the pioneers had to go through to make America what it is today.



Very shortly after the above pictures were taken the picture to the left was taken. This is the stream that runs through the middle of Pinedale. Praise God for the Seasons.

We Love you and continue to pray for your needs.
from all the staff at His Will Ministry