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On The Run!

by Dr. Dale Goodman - www.edenministries.org

One of the professors in my doctorate program at Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. Archabald Hart said there were three words he didn't want us to forget. Of course, I like everyone else was very curious as to what this could be. I am not sure what I was expecting, however, what he said, has truly affected my life forever.

So here it is, three words I do not want you to ever forget: balance, balance, balance! No, this is not a typing error, these are the correct words. As one who works with so many people in counseling, it is obvious we are living unbalanced lives. Three words that seem to describe life today are busy, busy, busy!

It seems we are a people on the run. There is no time to slow down, to enjoy relationships. We're always on the go, always on the run and never content. We always have an excuse. Could it be that we have become a transient culture as a means for coping with hurt and pain in our lives?

Years past, it was extremely difficult for me to slow down, to make surefire commitments and to stick things out. When things got tough, I got going! After receiving Jesus Christ into my heart, I was confronted with a conviction from the Bible.

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15

It never dawned on me how my restless, unsettled and transient life was a way of dealing with my hurt, anger and loss. Over time I have observed others with similar issues and it has become clear that most of our busyness is a means of coping. This coping will often lead to imbalance in many facets of our lives. Life may seem okay until we begin to notice and experience a breakdown in our health, marriage, faith and family.

We can only run so long from our losses. We must face the fact that our pain and poison will produce an outcome. Almost thirty years ago, I began to face this fact in my life. The continual confrontation of the need to forgive my mom began a journey of liberation. As a child, I was extremely hurt by the loss of two wonderful parents. Both turned from God and it destroyed our family. Years later, it became clear it was time for me to turn from my pain and to forgive my parents.

As I prepared to travel to Indiana one weekend to see my mom, the Lord made it very clear, my journey was to forgive her. As this event did take place, I felt the lifting of a two-ton weight that has resulted in an incredible sense of stability and strength for my life.

We must realize the inability to forgive can have a debilitating and driving force of denial and diversion in our lives that will affect our health, happiness and holiness. No one said it would be easy, yet until we reach the conviction to forgive, we will become the prisoners of our own lost war. Who has hurt you? How have you released it? Are you on the run, feeling empowered by busyness? Some how, some way with God's grace and power, we all must come to a point of releasing these feelings and truly forgive, letting go, releasing those who have hurt us. The results will be a freedom to be still, to honor God and others, to stop the running and to smell the flowers along the way!

Perspective: Forgiveness is a process where time can help heal the open wounds. It is a process that doesn't have to be forever. Even though forgiveness may not be reciprocated, what is most important, is doing your part. If you need help in this process, please contact your church leadership or a biblically based counselor. We all need to stop being busy, busy, busy and strive for balance, balance, balance. You'll be so glad you did!

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The Royal Law

by Dr. Sterling L. Cauble



In James 2:8, Believers are called to practice the royal law. It is stated there: "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing right."

Turning our attention to Romans 12:9 and the following teaching, practical lessons are presented to show we can fulfill the royal law if we apply ourselves to it. Verse 9 states: "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good." Christianity possesses a supernaturally firm foundation. The love provided is not just a good thought, it springs from God's heart of love. If it is received and used without diluting it, the manner in which you present yourself to others will be sincere and welcomed in their heart. When your deep intent is to stand against evil and uphold only what is good, your character is seen as genuine. Verse 10, is an outstanding teaching and one of my favorite verses in the Bible. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." This explains another valuable part of God's love which is capable of giving us unusual godly motivation toward others that we do not have without the Holy Spirit abiding within us. This is a reason to greatly praise God for His bountiful gift He has so freely given us!

As we have all experienced, there can be a letdown of this dynamic flow of God's love in our spirit. As always, this is because we get our eyes off the Lord and on worldly thinking and the manipulation of

activities according to our human limitations. In view of this tendency to turn to our ways instead of God's ways, it is understandable why the next verse, 11, is given. "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Next, we see the Scripture presents a very positive emphasis in verse 12. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Hope is at the top of the list when it comes to keeping your spirit up and going forward. Yet, with the Lord, there is another dimension added to this. We are equipped to be joyful in our hope. We can do this because we have the assurance in Romans 8:28, about all things working out for the good for qualified believers. In verse 13, we are taught: "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." We have learned that one of our greatest blessings comes when we are privileged to share what we have with others in need. I often think of the blessings we receive when we go to sing to the patients in the nursing homes. We have shared with each other how we feel so uplifted after we have ministered to the shut-ins. In verses 14 and 15, we read: "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." Since it is against nature to bless people who mistreat us, we experience a new adventure when we turn to the Lord for His assistance to enable us to return His love to those who oppose us. Think about the blessings God has given you in past situations when you acted in faith and returned God's love to people who were giving you a hard time.

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ECA Policy on Total Abstinence from Alcohol, Tobacco and Illegal Drugs



The Evangelical Church Alliance

In an ongoing review of Evangelical Church Alliance policies on ministerial standards, the International Board of Directors unanimously reaffirmed the policy requiring members to totally abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. We have reprinted the policy for your review.

"From the very beginning the Evangelical Church Alliance has required that members abstain from alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. This policy has been enforced throughout the 117 year history of the Alliance for the following Biblical reasons:

1. A minister is called to be an example to believers in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith and in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12. He must also have a good testimony among those who are outside, (the Church) lest he fall into reproach. 1 Tim. 3:7

2. If a minister cannot discipline his body and bring it into subjection he may become disqualified when he preaches to others. 1 Cor. 9:27.

3. A minister (bishop) must be blameless, not given to wine. 1 Tim. 3:1-3.

4. A teacher will receive a stricter judgment. James 3:1

5. A minister who causes a little one to stumble will face the wrath of God. Mark 9:42

6. We are told to remain sober, because the devil is seeking to devour us. 1 Pet. 5:8"

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ECA Member & Staff News

by Dr. Henry A. Roso

Shelly Sargent recently joined the Evangelical Church Alliance Staff as a Receptionist/Bookkeeper. A former employee of Kankakee Trinity Academy and Bungee Foods, Shelly brings a good amount of experience in office administration and accounting. Having acquired an associate's degree in Business Administration with a minor in accounting, Shelly has also nearly completed her Bachelor's degree with the Olivet Nazarene University's business administration program.

Shelly's husband, Scott is presently a student at ONU, with a Youth Ministry Major, and they have one child, 8-year-old Emily.

Staff changes are not frequent at the ECA. Carissa Lundmark, had served in the Receptionist/Bookkeeper position since 2000. (Carissa and her husband, Mike are expecting their first child in Mid-March.) Prior to her, Betty Brenner, served for about twenty years.

In addition to the bookkeeping/receptionist, the ECA staff also includes Sharon Miller as Office Manager; her husband, Dr. George Miller functions as consultant and the Military Chaplain Commission Director; Anita Goebel serves as the Bible Extension Institute Coordinator; Dr. Henry A. Roso (Hank) as Vice President; and Dr. Samuel S. Goebel as President/CEO. The ECA is gov-

erned by a Board of Directors which are nominated and elected each August during the Business Session at the Annual Conference.

The ECA board consists of: Dr. Sterling Cauble, Chairman, from Sunman, IN; Dr. J. Owen Allen, First Vice-Chairman, from Greensboro, NC; Dr. Rene Moreno, Second Vice Chairman, Bellflower, CA; Dr. Scott Preissler, Standards and Credentials, Indianapolis, IN; Rev. Randolph N. Neptune, Jr., Canadian Registered Agent, Burlington, ON; Rev. Randy Brown, New Hudson, MI; Dr. Dale Goodman, Cumming, GA; and Rev. David Voshell, Fort Morgan, CO. (Drs. Goebel and Miller also serve on the board.)

Please pray for our board that the Lord will give them continued wisdom as they lead the

ECA and remember the ECA staff during this transition, particularly Shelly in her new position, and Carissa in her new role as a "stay at home mom."



Shelly Sargent joins ECA staff

Canada's "Chilly Effects" on Evangelicals by Tristan Emmanuel

Canada's federal government recently instituted a law that will now make it impossible to publicly protest the national acceptance of "gay marriage" without facing the possibility of criminal action. Bill C-250 an "Act to amend the Criminal Code of Canada (hate propaganda)" designed to "protect" gays and lesbians in Canada from text or speech that is deemed "hateful" by human rights standards has now become the law of the land. While no Christian in Canada is interested in spreading hatred against *any* group, this law has devastating implications for the future of proclaiming the gospel to gays and lesbians in Canada.

For the simple reason that the term "hate" isn't defined in Canadian law, judges will have to determine its meaning and the judicial track record in Canada leaves much to be desired. It is only a matter of time until the gospel of Christ (which points to liberty through

repentance from sin — including the sin of homosexuality — and faith in Christ) collides with redefined "human rights" morality becoming the subject of criminal sanction in Canada - just as it already has in Sweden.

When this happens, this will be the *end* of the end for Canada as a free and open democracy.

As it stands right now in Canada, equality under the law is a myth. There are some groups, like homosexuals, who have additional rights that trump the fundamental rights of Christians spelled out in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Yes, the specter of religious persecution hasn't fallen just yet, but religious freedom in Canada has been reduced to the right to hold a belief privately. The verbal or written expression of religious belief, especially Christian belief, is no longer welcome in the Canadian public square. It really is only a matter of time until the

chilling effect of this suppression is fully realized.

Canada may seem to be a moral wasteland, however, there are many who remain true to the core values of a free and democratic society because we see a direct link between democratic freedom and the freedom to proclaim the love and liberty found in Jesus Christ. But we need the committed prayers of God's people everywhere.

For many of us in Canada our experience is a little akin to Lot's. We are sorely vexed by the betrayal of our federal and provincial governments, and we feel alone: alienated from the process of government and isolated.

Even though we serve in many different nations — we ultimately serve a common Savior and Lord. And for this reason we are united in a common cause — life, liberty and the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is time for God's people, wherever they are, to rededicate

themselves to holiness and prayer. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (James 5:16 NKJ)"

Tristan Emmanuel is an ordained Presbyterian pastor serving as Executive Director of the ECP Centre — a Christian advocacy group dedicated to equipping Christians in Canada to get into the public square. Tristan is also the author of *Christophobia: The Real Reason Behind Hate Crime Legislation* (a book that details the implications of Canada "gay rights" agenda and its attempt to suppress the Christian faith in Canada. To order at a special rate of \$11.99, please send check to ECP Centre P.O. Box 112, Jordan, ON, Canada L0R 1S0 — (Add \$3.00 for S & H) Email: info@tristanemmanuel.com Web: www.tristanemmanuel.com

Member Services

News, Information and Opportunities for ECA Constituents

Book Review Writing Exceptional Missionary Newsletters

Sandy Weyeneth presents:
"Essentials for Writing, Producing,
and Sending Newsletters that Motivate
Readers."



This is a "how to" book that I feel should be required reading for anyone having to raise their own support. The author, having coached hundreds of staff with The Navigators, introduces her book with the comment, "Too many boring and dull missionary newsletters get sent. No doubt you have received a few. They are too long or overcrowded. Others have buckets of data, but little passion. Yet every once in a while, a fantastic newsletter captures your heart. It reads like a good book you can't put down. What's the secret?"

Sandy reveals many secrets and practical concepts, including:

The key secret to an exceptional newsletter
How to write a remarkable attention-grabber

What not to do with a photo

35 fresh topic ideas for newsletters

What most missionaries miss in their newsletters

Simple ways to dramatically take your writing to the next level

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Ways to effectively use email

Tips for sending newsletters from overseas

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Dr. Gregg W. Anderson
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Missions Perspective: "Summer's Miracle in Africa!"

By John Austin, Director, Christian Embassy - www.christianembassyun.com



The African Union Prayer Breakfast Committee hosted the African Union Heads of State Prayer Breakfast in July, 2004. On the far left is President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria leading the prayer. Holding hands from left to right: President Levy Mwanawasa of Zambia, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia, Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Dr. Ravi Zacharias of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, and Rebecca Malope, a South African Gospel soloist. (UN Photo)

John Austin, Director of Christian Embassy reported the success of the historic African Union Prayer Breakfast, which was held on July 6, 2004. At this event, two hundred and fifty of Africa's leaders gathered to pray at the opening of the African Union Summit.

Here are portions of his written report:

"The Lord favored our entire delegation with good health and energy enough throughout our stay. We could sense the powerful prayers of our friends.

1. The entire program flowed with excellence while staying within the critical time frame.

2. The African Union Chief Executive, previously cautious, declared he'd like this event to be an annual function.

3. The President of Nigeria spoke with clarity, and compellingly called for leaders of Africa to 'stand up and be God's servants. This is Africa's hour!' He also expressed the hope that this event could be an annual feature of the Summit.

4. The President of Uganda car-

ried his personal (rather sizable) Bible, from which he read the reading for the morning.

5. The President of Mozambique spoke of his personal joy in having hosted the First Annual Prayer Breakfast last year and the blessing that had come to him as a result.

6. Finally, the distinguished statesman and President of Ghana called on all to stand and hold their neighbor's hand as he led in a prayer of blessing and intercession for the Summit proceedings and for the leaders of Africa. His clear, resonant voice, coming from his own heart of love and gratitude to God, carried all of us into God's holy presence. It was a fitting and memorable close to a truly moving hour.

A few hours later, President Obasanjo of Nigeria, a true follower of Jesus, was elected Chairman of the African Union for the next year and Sudan was selected as the site for the next year's African Union Summit. The government of Sudan has already expressed their desire to have such

a prayer event at the opening of the 2005 Summit.

To God be the glory! He is orchestrating things among Africa's leaders that bring great promise and hope to these countries that

have suffered so long in political, economic and social confusion. Perhaps, for such a time as this, God is opening this incredible window of opportunity."

The Prayer of Thanksgiving as voiced by His Excellency Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Republic of Nigeria at the 1st Annual Africa Union Prayer Breakfast on July 10, 2003 in Maputo, Mozambique

"Our Maker, our Redeemer, our Sustainer...our God: As the great King David has said, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!" May this be true in this day, O Lord.

We bow our heads and hearts before You; We acknowledge your absolute sovereignty over all nations; and we exalt your name together.

We thank You for your presence with us in this day; for your marvelous provisions for us in our daily lives; for your promises in Scripture that give us hope; and for your desire to bless us with an inner peace that is uncompromised by the struggles and storms that may surround us.

May we know your peace, O God, And may it unify and bless us in this day. For all these, we give You thanks.

Amen."



Two hundred and fifty of Africa's leaders gathered to pray at the opening of the African Union Summit in Mozambique. (UN Photo)

Welcome To Our New Members

Claudia L. Kennedy - Mantua, OH
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“My brother/sister, you have heard how great a work is that of the ministry to which you are called. We are assured in the Holy Scriptures that he who desires such an office desires a good thing, yet it is an office of great responsibility, and we lovingly remind you of that responsibility... And we pray that you may approve yourself as a minister of the Gospel of Christ, sacred before both God and men.”

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 Ordination of a Minister

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Pray: Ask God to forgive you for any inappropriate ways of dealing with your hurt, to give you the ability and the courage to forgive others.

Persevere: What is keeping you from forgiving yourself? What is keeping you from forgiving others?

Passion: Jesus Christ died for your sins and has forgiven you, surely we can forgive ourselves, and forgive others, too. Receive and/or recommit your heart to Christ. Release the hurt, anger and shame in your heart and renew your passion for the living, loving and forgiving God.

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still pow-

erless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:6-8
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members of Perimeter Church in Duluth. They have one daughter, Shannon and three grandchildren Ryan, Austin & Nicole.



Dr. Dale and Linda Goodman



“Front Lines”

Inspiration and News of the ECA’s Military Chaplains

By Chaplain Steve Prost as Reported to Dr. George Miller, Military Chaplain Commission Director

I know I’m quite blessed to have had so much freedom and opportunity to minister daily in such a meaningful way to so many.

Part of my duties include casualty ministry. Since our arrival in March, 5 soldiers have died in my battalion that is located at two different camps on the eastern side of Baghdad about 10 miles away from each other. There are five battalions located here at Camp Cuervo and about 3000 soldiers plus other civilian contractors, Iraqi workers, and third country nationals (e.g., many Pakistani and Indian workers). My office is also located within a few hundred yards of an old Iraqi hospital where the brigade aid station (about 4 doctors, some PAs, nurses, medics, dentist) and mortuary where soldiers and others throughout the 1st Brigade area are brought for care where regularly people are brought in for gunshot-shrapnel wounds and other injuries. Where there are deaths I provide a short prayer service before the bodies are ‘processed’.

Part of casualty ministry includes grief counseling, formal memorial services and messages (I have given Christian messages each time) for the dead, and providing comfort and encouragement to the wounded who are brought in and those accompanying them.

Since our March arrival I’ve served as the only Chaplain for both the Gospel service on Sundays and the Traditional/Liturgical service on Wed. nights. With about a hundred in the congregation, the Gospel service is the largest in the three camps of our Brigade area of operations, with a makeup of roughly 70% African-American.

My Wednesday night service has a much smaller attendance, with the Lord’s Supper served every time and traditional hymns (and an acapella Psalm) sung for worship. I also perform a brief weekly communion service for the battery of soldiers I visit every Thursday or Friday at Camp Eagle, which is only about nine miles as the bird flies but sometimes takes close to an hour to

get there because of closed roads etc. due to the dangers of Eastern Baghdad. I’ve had the privilege of baptizing three men since being here (our altar doubles as a baptismal with a bathtub inside). There are weekly bible studies, and a large amount of my time is taken up with visitation and counseling; in addition to combat stress, an even larger issue is the breakup of many marriages and other personal problems back home that soldiers deal with.

My experience as an Army attorney has helped tremendously in this regard since soldiers have no practical access to legal help here. I provide a daily inspirational message to the battalion on our 8 am radio “net call” every morning (but Saturdays), and do other minor staff work, briefings, etc. It has been exciting seeing people brought to a

saving faith in Jesus Christ through the ministry here, and again I am grateful that despite deep experience as a pastor I have had the opportunity to be a part of it and gain valuable experience, I believe, for future ministry.

Keep me in your prayers for effective ministry here and a safe return for everyone in our battalion, 1-82 FA Bn of the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Cavalry Division.



Chaplain (CPT) Steve Prost takes a moment to pose with one of his comrades with the 1st Cavalry in Iraq.



“My Father’s Business”

Church/Parachurch Computer Policies

“Who’s Guarding the Door?” by Dr. Henry A. Roso

While “The Church” typically lags behind the rest of the world in the technological area, today even the smallest of organizations have some type of computer system in place. And even though some organizations have monstrous systems that would rival those of large corporations, big and small alike, may share the unique and dangerous similarity of not having Computer/Technology Usage Policies in place.

The technology available to the body of Christ has brought unprecedented advantages to its workers.

Databases, mass phone calling and email, neighborhood mapping software, satellite feeds, wireless networks, and countless other tools have, for some been a dream come true, but for others, a nightmare.

As a former systems administrator in a large church, I’ve experienced how the lack of policies may result in everything from no backups available upon system failures, to a virus infected network, that is frozen solid. Of course there also exists every organization’s fear of an employee viewing pornography on the Internet.

Systems Policies should include the aspects of: Security, governing who may or may not use or have access to organizational systems. Material, providing guidelines of what your staff may or may not view. Copyrights, prohibiting plagiarism and piracy. Software and hardware changes, Who is allowed to install or uninstall software or hardware onto the system. Activities, May a staff member use your system for personal or business use? Harassment, discriminatory, sexual, or illegal activities should

also be prohibited. Surveillance, Make your staff aware of your ability to monitor their activity.

If you would like sample policies, please contact me via email at: hank@ecainternational.org



ECA Calendar of Events

April 1, 2005 - Annual Report is Due

July 1, 2005 Annual Dues Late Fee is Assessed

May 4, 2005 Canadian Conference
Toronto, ON Canada

August 9 -11, 2005 Annual Conference
Gatlinburg, TN

Enclosed With This Issue.



We make great efforts to ensure that your ECA's membership dues remain affordable. We hope that even though we have had to make the difficult decision to raise your dues for the first time in over ten years, that you would understand how much we depend on your contributions from you as a member. With the upcoming costs of updating our database and copier, we would be deeply grateful for your gift enclosed and mailed with this envelope today. Thank you.

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