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The Launch of the Gideon Project

One year later has been an astounding success. Its path has brought us to a new goal to follow up on what create last year, "Project Go; *GrassRoots* **OUTREACH**"

There is a question that I constantly ask myself,

"where does God want us to go?" The obvious

and ultimate answer is always found in the two part commission given by Christ following His resurrection. (Matt. 28:19-20) **What isn't always clear is the path to accomplish that goal.** This year we again face that same question, but this time with far less apprehension, thanks to all of you and the fruits borne from the Gideon Project one year ago.

It was one year ago that we introduced a possible path that might fulfill part of that commission. It was at the Feast of Tabernacles 2014 that the concept of the Gideon Project was launched. The goal was to hopefully raise the needed funds to launch a weekly TV program while not diverting the weekly income so that we could continue filling the requests that come in every week, the monthly newsletters, etc.

While we were blessed with an initial push and some sustained funds, it became obvious that we are yet too small to attempt a weekly program. This is when we chose to run the TV specials that would focus on special events affecting people's lives corresponding to current events. The results have been nothing short of astounding beyond our wildest hopes.

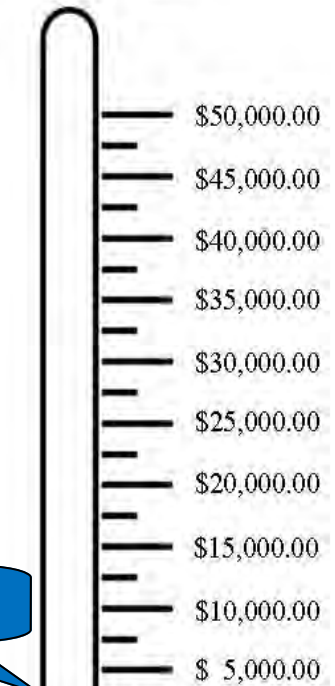
We ran two TV specials, aired at different times and different stations that reached 250 million homes on the first special, and almost 80 million homes on the second special. Unfortunately not that many people actually saw the program, but it was available. However, many did and to this day we are still getting calls and people added to the mailing list as people share the specials with friends and family.

Continuing the Gideon Project Outreach

It appears God has given us a new path upon which we can pursue in fulfilling the commission of the outreach. Let me explain. The second special, "The



UPDATE: We received just over \$16,500.00 for the Gideon Project. From that we produced two TV Specials, that was aired on three networks to 250 million, and 80 million homes respectively on a total of 14 weekends, and 24 hourly time slots. We begin this year with a balance of \$2,400.00 which we plan to use to support the GO Project Outreach. It was a powerful beginning. Praise God and special thanks to all of you.



We'll keep everyone posted as we work towards our goal.

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Handwriting on the Wall,” has touched a lot of nerves. I’ve talked about it in last month’s newsletter, and in the article, *Project GO*, in this issue. Let me briefly explain here what has happened. Following the special, many people called wanting to know how they could get more information. Others called in and wanted to get copies to share with their members and pastors. What we didn’t expect was having pastors also begin calling wanting to know how they could get a copy of the special to show to their members. That’s when we began asking the question, if they were willing to show their members, what about the other pastors who hadn’t seen it. Would they be willing to show their members? That’s when *Project GO* was created.

Without us ever realizing it, God had put us on a path to carry forward the goals of the Gideon Project in a way that is within our reach. and one that anyone and everyone can be a part. Read about how this is going to work in the article *Project GO, Grassroots Outreach*. The goal is to have a nationwide launch of outreach by February and in full swing by the spring Holy Days.

Others Are Already doing Project GO

While I was working on the Quarterly, and Project GO, Audrey received a call from someone in a protestant church in the Dallas, TX area who was so moved by *The Handwriting on the Wall*, that he began to take matters into his own hands, to share the DVD with friends and others in his church circle. He made an announcement to everyone when he was going to show it. To his excitement there was standing room only when 102 people showed up. It took off from there. They created their own flyer to pass out announcing a second showing. They are hoping for as many as 300 people at the next showing of the special. It is also possible that at some point in the near future we will be there to do a live seminar to a very large meeting. Please pray about it.

I honestly believe all of this is being inspired by God. The fruits from last year’s Gideon Project and the possibilities for this year could not have been planned or even anticipated. The visit to the Mormon community following the Feast, and the continuing calls from new “potential babes in Christ” is growing. We are being blessed to be sowing seeds. Please take a moment to read more about Project GO and hopefully you too will want to be a part of this *Grassroots Outreach, Project GO*.

Special thanks to all of you who have been so supportive to our little church. Blessings to you all, and thanks from all of us at the COGMI and the Associate Community of the Churches of God.

WEBSITE COMPLETELY REDESIGNED

After months of coordinated efforts of Jeff Kerry the Web Master for the church and Bob Born who is Webmaster for several churches, including volunteering to help the COGMI and GUCW, we were able to launch the newly designed website for the church just days before the Feast of Tabernacles.

It is much brighter and more user friendly for everyone. It will also give us the ability to make updates more frequently as needed and to stay on top of events, news or things going on in the church. When you have a chance, stop by the website and take a look for yourself, we believe you will be pleasantly surprised. In the very near future, God’s Unchanging Word will also be updated to give the same look and feel.

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God's Unchanging Word, the outreach program. At the GUCW we have had on the show some authors with No. 1 Selling books, Ministers, Publishers and the like. Plus Tom Kerry our host does a regular Internet TV program on current World Events as related to Biblical Prophecy. The GUCW has also produced some successful National and International TV programs.

A comprehensive 3-DVD set Tom Kerry covers the prophesied Holy Roman Revival, the rise of the Beast spoken of in Revelation 13, and how these events all merge with the Papal visit in September 2015. Are we witnessing the beginning of the rise of the BEAST?

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Post Feast Follow Up

Branson

By Steve Councill

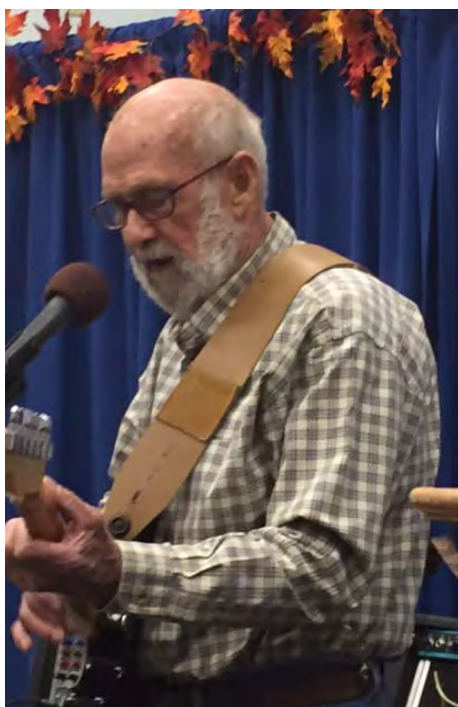
Branson 2015

It's hard to believe the Feast has come and gone; now we look forward to next year. We had 57 registered in Branson this year. God blessed us with a wonderful Feast, filled with the love that comes from God's Holy Spirit. We had excellent uplifting messages each day, warm hugs, and fellowship. Not to mention the Krispy Kreme donuts Gary Shipmen picked up each morning. We enjoyed several activities that included a cookout, games, and a family dance with our brother Chuck Bush singing and playing his guitar as couples danced to the music. We also had a family fun night filled with karaoke and George's famous tacos. I'm pretty sure George's tacos and Jerry's red beans and rice will be served in the Kingdom... We also had a miniature golf afternoon where all ages participated and we shared lots of laughs. I want to thank all that participated in making this year's Feast in Branson such a success. May God bless and keep you till we meet again!

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Daytonna

Post Feast Follow Up

By Jean Dionne

DAYTONA BEACH – FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2015

It was a Feast to be remembered! Approximately 40 brethren fellowshiped together in the spirit of unity to honor God at His appointed season. The church was filled with music, warmth and good fellowship before and after services. The weather was perfect with warm sunny days. The speakers gave wonderful instruction from God’s word. We were encouraged and uplifted at our services. The following spoke at the Feast: Pastor Rojas, Richard Allaire, David Lemieux, Rick Beltz, Maurice Dionne, Ray King and Nolan Joseph. We were also blessed by a vis-

it from Tom Kerry who updated us on the work of God. Tom gave a powerful sermon regarding world conditions and what’s happening in America today.

ities were held at the church building. Activities included; special luncheons and dinners, movie and popcorn, silent auction, Italian night, family fun night, bible studies and our annual farewell BBQ.

We were fortunate to have our two guitar players, Richard Allaire and David Lemieux who helped to make it a spiritual feast of music. A special “thank you” to all who helped serve and those who were so generous to the brethren. We were able to help the Kenya brethren and also contribute to our annual food donation to a local mission for the homeless.

May God continue to bless each and every one of us!



It was a very intimate fellowship. Because of the church facilities, we were able to break

bread together most of the time during the Feast. It really helped us to get to know each other even better. There was truly a feeling of “family”. Most of the activ-



Auburn

Post Feast Follow Up

By Chuck and Karen Hunt

Many old friends and new friends came together to share another wonderful and spirit filled Feast of Tabernacles in Auburn, Indiana. The messages throughout the week were truly inspired by God. We heard about the love that God has for us and how we need to show that same love to each other. We were also inspired by God to hear about His Son returning to this earth and how the Family of God will grow in the Kingdom. We rejoiced throughout the week with many fun-filled activities and fellowship which included the family dance, a movie night, bible trivia, bowling, the raffle, luncheons, and the ever popular family picnic and

game day.

We were also blessed again this year to be able to provide live web casting for those who were unable to attend. (Just a reminder that we also broadcast weekly, for those unable to attend the weekly services.) You'll find the links on the churches website.

Overall, the Feast of Tabernacles in Auburn, Indiana was a great success with forty-seven registered people gathering together to worship and rejoice before God. It truly was a blessing from our Father in Heaven. We are looking forward to the Feast of Tabernacles in Auburn next year.



Ft Walton Post Feast Follow Up

The COGMI expresses our most hearty thanks this year to Tim Hall, minister of the Harrisburg, AR congregation, and Chuck Baker, Deacon of the Monticello, FL congregation for a very successful and uplifting Feast.

Tim Hall took on the responsibilities as Feast Coordinator this year assisted by Chuck Baker. This was the first time for both men taking on that responsibility. They did an excellent job as they introduced some new ideas for the brethren attending Ft. Walton, FL.

Their goals were to find ways for the brethren to spend more time together and to create activities that would bring the families closer together. From all reports, their efforts were a tremendous success.

They also added more Bible Studies during the afternoon hours so as not to take time from families who wanted to attend activities or simply spend some quiet time. We are looking forward to a return engagement for next year.



Post Feast Follow Up

Williamsburg

Note: We didn't get a write up, so we're telling their story through some of the many pictures we received. You'll find many more pictures on line. To see more, go to www.thecogmi.org



God's Faithful Witness

“The Moon”

Puts the Calendar Division to Rest

One of the most controversial issues in modern times troubling the Church of God community has been the calendar division. Year after year it separates, divides and conquers. It is not my point in this article to put anyone down for the differences. On the contrary, I believe all of the differences of opinions only leads me to believe that the differences are due to everyone striving to follow God more faithfully. It is from this perspective that I write.

Over the years I've been confronted by many stating their positions on the calendar; quoting an expert, sharing an article, of defining new perspectives as to the new moon and the calendar. To be honest, those I've spoken to have been sincere, dedicated, and deeply researched. By the time I'm approached, their minds have been set, fully convinced through their research and studies that they have it correct. Through it all, the problem that arises is, through all of their studies, everyone seems to come up with different interpretations, conclusions and dates. Obviously they cannot all be correct. I didn't have an easy answer; that is until this Feast.

This may be so simple that it has not been considered, at least by me. This is so simple it may shock you. We've always taught that the Bible is the final authority. Why have we not used it here in the response to the calendar issue? Let's put aside the sliver of the moon, the dark of the moon, the postponements, Hillel, the ancient priesthood or anything else and use **“Just the Bible,”** and **God's Creations to give us the proper understanding, is that possible?** Is it possible to define / agree to God's appointed times without anyone else telling us their research or interpretation?

What if God has already established conclusively the defining point and we have simply over looked it? Let me repeat, forget everyone's argument, forget postponements, the size of the sliver of the new moon, the dark of the moon or anything else and simply look at what God has already left for us.

Or to put it another way, let's let God's Holy Word be the deciding factor. Is that possible? Actually it is. Here it goes:

God gave us the lights for Signs, seasons, for days and years: Gen 1:¹⁴ *And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*

¹⁶ *And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also.”*

From creation, God set these celestial bodies to define the time frame for everything. Their patterns, rotations, and orbits, God has actually left for us a witness to testify to the proper time for the Holy Days. God calls him **“His faithful witness.”**

Notice: Ps. 89:34-37 *“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips. Once have I sworn by My Holiness that I will not lie unto David.”³⁶ His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me.³⁷ It shall be established for ever as the moon, as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah”*

The alignments and orbits of God's great lights and the celestial bodies are set, no man can change them. They are established like the moon forever. In modern times, man has tried to use the moon to establish the month and the timing of God's calendar.

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WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD

By: *Manis and Anna Samons*

In **1 Corinthians 3:16** we read about an analogy that is used in the Bible several times to describe the church of God. In that verse we read the following: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

There are a few lessons that we can learn from this analogy that is used a few times in the Bible.

The first lesson can be found in the next verse where we read: “If anyone defiles [or destroys as the margin reads] the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are” (**1 Corinthians 3:17**).

Our fellow brothers and sisters in the church are very precious to God. God is in and lives in our fellow brothers and sisters through His Holy Spirit. When we hurt or offend any of our fellow church members God takes it very personally because He dwells in them also through His Holy Spirit.

The first lesson here is that we have to take care of the way we treat all of our fellow members in the church - not just some or most of them but all of our brethren regardless of their station in life or their personality temperament. We should do all we can to help build one another up in His spiritual Temple so as many of our fellow brethren as possible can make it into His kingdom.

This point is also brought out in the parable of the sheep and

the goats in **Matthew 25**. This parable is a little bit different in that it focuses not on sins of commission (things that we do) but on sins of omission (things that we don't do). This parable encourages us to not hurt our fellow brethren in the church through neglect.

In **Matthew 25, verses 44 to 45** we read: “Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying,

'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.'" The meaning of that is, if we are reaching out to those in the church who are hungry, physically and emotionally, who are lonely, who are new and visiting from other places and who are hurting and in need, even “the least of these My brethren” to use Christ's words, then we are doing it to God, who dwells in them through His Holy Spirit and God will bless us in return.

The second lesson we can learn is to not pollute our minds and our bodies since God dwells within us. We read about this in **1 Corinthians 6:18-20** which says the following:

“Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit that is in you, which you have from God,

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and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

Since God has made a home and dwells in us through His spirit we must not pollute our minds and bodies with the sinful values of this world. Paul says that since our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit we must not pollute it or offend God with practices such as sexual immorality, which is every bit as much a problem today in this world as it was in Corinth in Paul's day.

The third lesson of our analogy is found in **1 Peter 2:5**. In that verse we read the following: "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

What is the purpose of a temple for God? It's a place that people go to worship and honor the great God who created the universe. We must actively offer up spiritual sacrifices to our great God through our prayers and intercession for others, and we must do good works that will bring honor to God.

There is a very interesting prophecy relating to the Temple of God that is found over in the first chapters of the book of Zechariah. Now Zechariah lived in the days when a remnant of the Jews came back from Babylon to rebuild the temple. In chapters **Zechariah 3 and 4** Zechariah makes mention of a couple of individuals by the names of Joshua and Zerubbabel. **Haggai 2:2** tells us that Joshua was the high priest and Zerubbabel was the governor of Judah at

the time.

Now, while the prophecy certainly related to Zechariah's time, it appears as if this prophecy might also be dual with the end-time as well. In **Zechariah 4 and verses 11 to 14** we read: "Then I answered and said to him, 'What *are* these two olive trees—at the right of the lamp-stand and at its left?' And I further answered and said to him, 'What *are these* two olive branches that *drip* into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden *oil* drains?' Then he answered me and said, 'Do you not know what these *are*?' And I said, 'No, my lord.' So he said, 'These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.'"

This is very similar to **Revelation 11:4**. In that verse, speaking about the two witnesses that will prophesy in the Great Tribulation, we read: "These are the two olive trees and the two lamp-stands standing before the God of the earth."

The symbol of a lamp-stand is used to refer to a church in **Revelation 1:20**. If we substitute the word church for lamp-stand in **Revelation 11:4** it says, in effect, "These are the two olive trees and the two churches."

If Zechariah's prophecy in chapter 4 is a dual prophecy we can see a parallel between what happened in Zechariah's day and what has happened in the end-time church of God. Just as Judah went into Babylon we have also seen our former association go into a kind of spiritual Babylon. A remnant of the Jews returned to rebuild the Temple of God in Zechariah's day. In like manner, a rem-

nant of God's people in our time has had to come out and to rebuild the work and the church of God.

With that as background read **Zechariah 4** beginning in **verse 6 thru 8**: "So he answered and said to me: 'This *is* the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts (8) Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying: 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish *it*. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you.'"

This is God's work, not the work of any man and since it is His work He'll do whatever it takes to help us complete the job we have been given to do. We can have complete and utter faith in that. That doesn't just apply to the work of preaching the gospel but also refers to the building up of the spiritual Temple – the church. However slowly it might happen at times, the Bride of Christ will be ready in time and we can have complete faith in that.

In conclusion, we are the Temple of God, and, as such, that has great implications for each of us in the church. Firstly, we have to be careful not to hurt or offend any of our fellow church members. Secondly, we must also not pollute our minds and our bodies with the sinful values and practices of this world. And finally, we have to be actively engaged in offering up spiritual sacrifices to our great God and being the kind of godly people that bring honor to Him since we truly are the Temple of God.

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But in the process of all the calculations mankind has forgotten to tie in the one non-disputable sign of evidence that God Himself declared as a faithful witness, the moon to His Holy Days.

The next thing God did was, establish His Holy Days and tied them to the moon, "His faithful Witness." What did His faithful witness show us this year? This year the Holy Days were tied to full lunar eclipses. The Spring Holy Days, a full lunar eclipse, (April 4th); and the Feast of Tabernacles a full lunar eclipse. (Sept 28th) According to God's laws of science, you can only have a full lunar eclipse, a "Blood Moon" mid-month at the full of the moon. It is physically impossible for this to occur at any other time of the month.

When does God tell us when to begin the Feast of Tabernacles? Lev 23:34 "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, the **fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.**" When did the Feast of Tabernacles occur this year? On the same day of the month it always does, on the 15th of the seventh month, just as God commanded.

According to God's Divine Laws, it is dead center of the month, it is always on the full moon, this year it was on the Full Lunar Eclipse, the Blood Moon. What day on the calendar did this occur?

It is the only time that a full lunar eclipse can occur. It is absolutely impossible for this to occur any other time of the month according to all of laws of scientific evidence of the celestial bodies established by

God's divine ordinances established from creation.

This year more than any other time in modern history, tens of millions of people around the world, and nearly everyone in God's Churches were watching for the full lunar eclipse; the "Blood Moon," the final of the four Blood Moons, a Super Moon to occur. When was the event? Sept 28th. My emails were filled with people sending me information, and pictures. At each of the Feast Sites I attended, people asked if I saw it and showed me pictures on their personal devices. Did we miss anything? Whether we realize it or not, the Blood Moon was actually the confirmation of God's appointed time for His Feast of

intersects the exact same time of the full moon; this year that intersection was confirmed by God's faithful witness-the full lunar eclipse of the moon. It is impossible for this to occur at any other time.

This year, the Feast began on God's divine schedule established from creation, corresponding to the instructions given to Moses in Lev. 23. This year the Feast began on Sept 28th, on the full moon, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month of God's calendar, and it was confirmed by the undeniable law of God, the full lunar eclipse. There can be no mistake to this divine ordinance and the timing of the Feast of Tabernacles. God has not left it

to man to decide the day of the month upon when His Holy Days are to occur. He has already assigned that responsibility to "His Faithful Witness" the moon, and it cannot be wrong. Satan has done an incredible job of dividing the churches of God. It is my hope and the point of this article to put to rest at least one thing dividing us. While I make no illusion that this biblical insight will bring us to meet together at this time, we should



Tabernacles. It is so simple, it has been overlooked. Across the board, there were people keeping the Feast on numerous dates. But according to the laws of God's divine ordinances, there is only one day this could occur. The full lunar eclipse can only occur at a full moon. This can only take place mid-month, the 15th of the month. We are commanded to keep the Feast in the seventh month, on the 15th of the month. It directly

at least all be meeting on the same days that God ordained from the beginning. Isn't it time we put aside all the experts giving us man's interpretations for the timing of the calendar and begin trusting God and begin using God's Holy Word and His "Faithful Witness" from creation to obey His appointed times?



GrassRoots OUTREACH

PROJECT-GO, Grassroots Outreach

Have you ever thought that because we, “the scattered churches” are so small that we are limited to what we can accomplish? I have. The reality is, God has left us a rich history of using the smallest and the least likely to accomplish His work. Never has that been truer than it is today. The goal of this article is to stimulate the excitement of the “we can” spirit no matter your size. Whether you are one person sitting at a kitchen table, a small fellowship group, or a full congregation, I believe God has given us a way to pool the multitude of talent to accomplish a work and still not give up your sovereignty, independence, membership or money. Impossible? Think again!

It was one year ago at the Feast of 2014 where we introduced the concept of *The Gideon Project*, a television outreach. The results of the Gideon Project just one year later has been nothing short of phenomenal. There was no way to know that one year later in the wake of *The Gideon Project*, we would be looking back on television interviews, Bible Studies, public lectures to thousands of Mormons in Salt Lake City, phone calls for hours and hours requesting materials, and requests from Protestant pastors requesting the program to share God’s truths to their members.

The fruits borne from *The Gideon Project* have given us a brand new

push to reach the general public so that everyone in God’s Churches can be a part and hopefully grow their group.

The Beginning

Production on our first TV Special began last December called “*Out of the Mouth of Two Witnesses.*” It was a play on the words of God’s two witnesses found in the Book of Revelation versus, the two witnesses that God had given us in His Heavens, the Sun and the Moon. We chose to focus on what millions were looking at via the information being shared by Pastor Mark Biltz who discovered the Blood Moon Tetrads, Rabbi Jonathan Cahn author of the Harbingers and the Shemitahs, and author and radio host Bill Salus who has written several books on prophecies in the Middle East. Together they had drawn the attention of tens of millions of people everywhere.

We were blessed to have all three of them together on the same program. Their name recognition gave us a lot of attention in the media. It was the first time the three of them were together on the same program. The promo intro caught the public’s eye by having over 80,000 views in just three months. When God opens doors, get ready, you never know where it will take you. These doors took us across the U.S. and into twenty three countries in the Middle East, including Israel.

When we negotiated the contract, we chose to use about half of what we raised, to begin the program.

That gave us enough funds to run for six weeks on two of their networks, World Harvest and Family Entertainment TV. To our surprise and delight, while I was in Indiana for the Spring Holy Days a couple came up to me following services and gave me the funds to run the program a seventh week.

That completed the seven weeks of the Feast of Weeks.

We had to pass on the third network, Middle East Television due to funds. To our surprise, the owner of Lesea came to N.O. and watched the entire special. He was so moved that he threw in METV for free. It ran four straight weekends. Additionally Lesea included many commercial spots to promote the program. God multiplied our \$8,000.00 budget with perks and offerings from Lesea to have over \$30,000.00 of airtime and promotions. It went to over 250 million homes in 24 countries. It was a powerful liftoff beyond our wildest imaginations.

Second TV Special

The point of the second special was that even though the men in the first special had reached millions of people, the results of their findings weren’t adding up to the biblical information God had revealed to His Church. The second program is titled; “*The Handwriting on the Wall.*” It brings the viewer to the time frame that everyone was talking about in the Blood Moons and the Shemitahs. However, we pick up the story where they leave off. We drew special attention to

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Project GO continued

America's removal of God and the arrival of the Pope on the Day of Atonement to the Rise of the Beast of Revelation.

We timed the program to run on the three weekends that fell between the Feast of Trumpets and the Feast of Tabernacles. This also corresponded to the weekends everyone was looking to for the potential collapse of America, claims of the possible Rapture, or Tribulation. Some went as far as stating that it would be the time of the return of Jesus Christ. We began running the special before these events of the first special came to a close. Our goal ... to show that society had missed the importance of what was right before their very eyes. While hundreds of millions around the world cheered the Pope's visit to America, our program was a message of alarm. It was only through God's intervention that Lesea agreed to run the "politically incorrect" program, which is a story in itself.

Unexpected and Powerful Results

Each night the program aired, six in all, my wife Audrey chose to catch the calls coming in from the program. Each time, she was on the phone for hours at a time, sometimes till two or two thirty in the morning. She would get up the next day and the calls would start again. Something very remarkable took place, nearly everyone who called asked to be put on the mailing list for future programs and sermons.

On Monday morning following the weekend airing of the program, the Lesea switchboard in South Bend, IN began lighting up with people calling in thanking them for airing the program. Locally WHNO TV began receiving calls and emails from people wanting to know who the ministry

was that aired the program so they could get in touch. This continued for each of the three weekends.

Two Other Unexpected Surprises

First, the materials we shared in the Special caught the attention of the Mormons. They were having a three day event where dozens of their authors and professors were doing seminars. I was asked to present the Special, and to lecture on the accompanied sermon I delivered at the Feast this year, "*The Biblical Mystery of Tammuz 17, and the Rise and Fall of America.*" They gave me complete freedom to say whatever I chose.

The Mormons have quietly been going through numerous splits and changes. There are many thousands of them who wanted to know about God's Holy Days, and the Sabbath. In addition to my lecture, I was invited to attend the lecture of a recently retired professor of thirty years from Brigham Young University. To my surprise, at the beginning of his lecture he asked me to explain the Holy Days to the entire auditorium. When I concluded, he told them all, that they need to begin keeping those days and the room erupted in a round of applause. The entire weekend was filled with numerous opportunities like that one.

What God is doing there I cannot say, but He is doing something. Please pray that the seeds laid there will find roots. Just before I left, one of their pastors came by and asked if it were possible to come back during the Spring Holy Days and talk about the Passover and Unleavened Bread. Hopefully this will come to pass.

The second unexpected surprise came when the phone calls began

coming in following the specials. Some of the calls we were receiving were from Protestant pastors who were looking to get a copy of the Special to share with their members. I spoke with some of them, and through the conversations, it became obvious that the content had touched their nerves. It seems there are many churches that agree that the Catholic Church is the Beast of Revelation. Following these calls, the question that continued to be raised was, if these pastors were willing to share the warning to their members, what about all of the pastors who hadn't seen the Special? Would some of them want to share it? This is how Project GO, ("*Grassroots Outreach*") was begun.

We hope to team up with anyone and everyone one who wants to be a part of reaching the protestant community starting with the pastors. The concept is simple, and so is the implementation; and if God blesses it, like He has blessed our two outreach programs, there is no telling where it will take us. This may be the first time that everyone can join in without giving up their freedom, members or money. Whether you are home alone, meet with a home fellowship, or attend a congregation, everyone can take part.

The objectives are simple; through the outreach, make the public aware that you are in the community, and hopefully over the course of time, begin adding brand new called out ones to your congregations. Please see our ad in this issue to get more information and send for your free GO-kit to begin networking and help fulfill Matt. 28:16. We look forward to hearing from you.



France Mourns *its* Losses

*As the Rest of the World Braces
For the Same Treatment*



Could this be the time that will lead to the establishment of the King of the North and the pushing Against the King of the South?

The ISIS state has threatened America for years with the same treatment as it just gave France. Many around the globe were asking if this could be the tipping point? Would this administration finally admit that there must be a “war” on Radical Islam, or at least call it for what it is. It is a question that was put to rest at the G20 Conference in Turkey on Monday Nov. 16 by President Obama. To the world’s disappointment, President Obama refused to give any assurance of America finally taking the lead to eradicate this evil barbaric terrorist group of Radical Islam, but rather claimed that the loss of 129 people, and the wounding of hundreds of others was only a set back. He went on to say we have to be patient.

Patience was over as France declared war on Radical Islam. France and many other countries have not only lost patience with America, but have also lost respect for our nation. That became obvious in light of the numerous questions that were repeatedly imposed to President Obama during the news conference. God warned that He would break the pride of our power, WE ARE THERE!

In the recent TV Specials, *Out of the Mouth of Two Witnesses*, and *Handwriting on the Wall*, we brought out the

importance of America’s need to repent of its actions. We showed that our nation will continue to decline as an influence or to make any difference to stop the evil that is coming upon all flesh if we don’t.

What we are witnessing goes beyond the realm of the evil being manifested in the physical world in which we live. Satan is angry with this world and knows that he has but a short time. That time is growing shorter every day, and the evil will become greater and greater every day. We are witnessing a period of time that is laying the foundation to the time spoken of by Christ in the Olivet Prophecy; *“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor*

ever shall be.” (Matt 24:21)

The Middle East Crisis has now moved into Europe through the terrorist attacks and the refugee crisis. The numbers and cost to stop these migrations is bringing many nations to their knees. Meanwhile, the Arab nations continue to change and unify. Eventually they will form what the Bible



“We say to the states (countries) that take part in the crusader campaign that, by God, you will have a day, God willing, like France’s and by God, as we struck France in the center of its abode in Paris, then we swear that we will strike America at its center in Washington,”

calls the “King of the South” in the Book of Daniel.

No one knows how long that will take. One thing is certain, it will come to pass. We need to be alert and “watch.”

Overcoming the One Dimensional Church - Update

By Steve Council

Exciting news brethren, we’re making progress and will soon have several articles, videos, and frequently asked questions and answers on our Church of God Ministries website. This project was started by volunteers who attended the leadership conference in Gretna earlier this year. Our plan is to have articles, bible studies, and helps for those who are seeking truth and being led to our website through all of the specials that have and will be airing on Lesea Broadcasting; as well as those who visit our website via search engines, word of mouth etc. The articles are being produced to add depth of understanding of the doctrines of the COGMI. Our group thought it would be best to keep the articles length to 2-3 pages, which are to the point without being overwhelming for those whom God may be calling. We currently have articles covering God’s Sabbath, annual Holy Days, God’s Holy Spirit, Do we really go to Heaven when we die, and God’s law. We also have frequently asked questions which explain many of the commonly asked questions of those seeking God’s truth. We thank all of those who have volunteered to help support this important endeavor. Be watching the website for upcoming updates.

TRINIDAD – LADIES CONFERENCE

APRIL 16-19, 2015

Maurice & Jean Dionne (RI)

The ladies of the COGMI congregation in Trinidad sponsored a four day seminar. It was held at their own church building. The emphasis was on Titus 2:3-5 where the older women are instructed to teach the younger women. They were to teach them to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, and obedient to their own husbands.

It was interactive, casual, encouraging, and very rewarding. We were reminded to take an active role in this teaching. Seeing ourselves as a woman teacher in our proper roles inside and outside the church is important.

We talked about our talents and our spiritual gifts. It was important to bring to remembrance and “stir up” the gift that was within us. Although the ladies were small in number, they were strong, dynamic and powerful women in the Lord.

We openly discussed our strengths and weaknesses. They were eager to spread the Gospel, to outreach and to serve their local church. A very personal ministry for the woman with the concept of

“each one teach one” and “equal to serve.”

A very significant issue had to do with “time”. Out of necessity, many held outside jobs. With all the pressures of family life, work, caretaking, and nurturing relationships, it can be very difficult to find the extra time. Together they devised a plan to continue to strengthen and encourage one an-



other, to pray together and for each other and to address issues.

Let’s call it: Operation Blessing! The ladies in Trinidad continue to be a blessing to their families, their church family and all the lives they touch. It was my honor to be among “my sisters in Christ” in Trinidad and to have been their facilitator. - Jean Dionne (RI)

TRINIDAD TRIP: We arrived late in Trinidad the evening of April 15, 2015 and was greeted by Brother Terry Graham who opened his home to us. The next two days he became our tour guide on this beautiful tropical island. We sampled the foods, saw the sights and he gave us the history of the island. His daughter, Nicky, was the perfect host who took care of our basic needs. Trinidad has a population of approximately 1.3

million. The language is English and the music is Calypso.

Warning! They drive on the left side of the road. The roads are narrow and they dodge and weave in and out quickly. So, hang on to your seat! You’re going on the ride of your life!

Sabbath was a love feast. The hymns were put to a beautiful Calypso beat. The brethren after services planned a buffet of local dishes. The next day, Sunday, we just did some “liming” (which means hanging out Trinidad style). We flew out to the island of Tobago early Monday morning and spent the day. Tobago was a paradise tropical island too. We were met by Brother “T” who taxied us around the island.

The brethren have a Feast of Tabernacles in Tobago. If you ever decide to keep the Feast in an interesting location; visit Tobago. Warmth, sunshine, beaches, and beautiful scenes all make for an interesting trip. You won’t forget it!

We certainly won’t! A special “thank you” to all the brethren who made us feel so special during our visit to Trinidad.



The Harvest is Plentiful

By Audrey Kerry



“Hello, this is Audrey, may I help you?”

Those eight words, used over and over were followed by the same response, “Yes!”

When we aired the *Handwriting on the Wall* during the fall Holy Days, everyone was gearing up for the Feast of Tabernacles. I’m so glad I told Tom to put my phone number in the program under our web address. I had a feeling that some people didn’t like using computers. Most of the responses were from elderly people who were not used to the internet, or even owned a computer.

I was so inspired by every person with whom I spoke. Each person had a unique story about their relationship with God. Every one of those people were excited by our program and was anxious to receive more of what our little church is producing. As days went by and requests were filled, I realized the great need in this world for the truth. I also felt a great burden knowing that we are very small with little resources. The words rang in my head, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore for more laborers.” But along with knowing our task of helping so many people is daunting, I couldn’t help but be inspired and excited. These lovely people sparked within me, my love of the truth and the desire to share that truth with them. This “sharing” helps grow the desire to “share” more. Having that desire helps us to think of ways “how” to share, “how” to fulfill the commission to “Go into all the world and preach and

teach..” It also provokes us to realize that we must be “doing” God’s work. We must find the best ways possible to reach these people, then be prepared to “feed” them.

Most of the calls I received were from mainstream Christians. *Out of the Mouth of Two Witnesses* and *Handwriting on the Wall* have sparked the viewers with questions about the end time. These people seem to be open minded and yearn for more truth. I have received many calls and letters thanking me for the DVDs and a lot of these people are sharing these DVDs with their friends, pastors, and family members. One call in particular was from a very inspiring gentleman, telling me that he invited his weekly Bible Study group to view *Handwriting on the Wall*. He said that the response was so great that there was standing room only and that there were over 102 people attending. These people were so inspired by the DVD that they made flyers announcing the showing of *The Holy Roman Revival* for their next Bible Study. The gentleman anticipates double the audience for the next meeting. This is the kind of enthusiasm we need in our little church and groups of independents to begin our grassroots outreach. It truly seems that this is the direction God wants us to take. In Acts 8:4, it was the lay members that went out and “preached the gospel.” The disciples remained in Jerusalem.

With all of this in mind, Project GO was created. See more details about Project GO on page 19. We are a small flock, but as with leaven, a little inspiration can ignite each of us. I encourage “everyone” to get involved with Project GO and see if it will bear fruit for you. As Paul said, “By all means I might save some...”

Nothing is more inspiring than knowing you were used by God. This inspiration is infectious and blossoms into love of people. The work becomes a labor of love. “Truly, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray for more laborers” and BE, a laborer. The reward is worth more than anything this world has to offer.



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What is Project GO?

The idea of **Project GO**, "**Grassroots Outreach**" began as a concept from the powerful response from the TV Special aired called "**Handwriting on the Wall.**" Never had we seen this much response from anything we had done in the past. Something was different this time. This time, we began receiving calls from pastors in the Protestant community wanting to get a copy and share with their members.

The question that continued to be raised was, if these pastors were willing to share the warning to their members, what about all of the pastors who hadn't seen the special? Would some of them want to share it? If so,

how could we reach them?

Project Go was created from a network of the independent COG community to join forces with one voice to bring this warning to the outside community of churches.

For the first time since the scattering of the churches there is an opportunity for the independent COG community to join efforts with one voice that didn't require giving up your independence, members, or money to fulfill the commission of Matthew 28:16.

Spread the word, be a part, and send for your information on how you can be a part of this nationwide outreach to warn the nation. It all begins this spring in time to have the warning out for the Spring Holy Days.



COG should be leading the way of warning the nation to repent.

Whether you're an individual or a pastor, a small home fellowship or church congregation, you can be a part of this effort. While we are scattered, we can be connected by the common goal to

"Go ye therefore into all the world." (Matt.28;16)

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