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THE ONLY WAY TO GO

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

LUKE 6:38

When we read this text, we almost automatically think in terms of giving money. Most of us have a built-in tendency to practice pocketbook protection instinctively. But far more than money is involved in this promise. Of course my money is included, but there are many things I should give as a child of God, and by doing so I am enriched instead of impoverished! I can:

- Give Christian love to those about me—that persistent, unbreakable spirit of goodwill toward others.
- Give mercy to those who are unfortunate, and undeserving (Luke 6:37).
- Give understanding and toleration to those with whom I disagree.
- Give forgiveness to those who mistreat me (Luke 6:37).
- Give praise to those who are serving faithfully.
- Give encouragement to those who are struggling.
- Give inspiration to those whose lives come under my influence.

- Give gratitude to those who are generous.
- And I can give the gospel to those who are lost.

Take another look at Jesus' words, because when we give these things, Jesus promises that we will receive the very same back—plus! Plus!

Jesus declares that everyone who lives to be a giver will receive a bounty from his fellow humans—as well as the blessings of a generous God—without fail!

I want to be a giver! How about you?

Keep on keeping on with Jesus our Lord,



*Jim Gilley is
3ABN's president.*

WRITE TO US!

HAVE YOU BEEN BLESSED by 3ABN? Or have you come to know the Lord Jesus Christ by watching or listening? We'd love to know!

Your testimony can make a difference in our readers' lives, so why not sit down and drop us a line? You can write to us at: 3ABN World, PO Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62896. E-mail us at: mail@3abn.org.

ELKVILLE, ILLINOIS:

"I wept and quivered with joy this afternoon as I was reflecting on the heart-to-heart talk I was having with my daughter. I was able to share for an hour

"I've been awaiting trial for homicide... [But] because of Jesus Christ, and understanding His truths, I've found peace and light in a chaotic and dark place."

—SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

or so, being able to intelligently speak with her about Jesus, the Sanctuary, and events I learned from the privilege of watching 3ABN. I know I have a lot to learn, but thank you from every part of my being!"

BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO, CANADA:

"Greetings in Jesus' name. My wife made a good investment

when she purchased a satellite dish so we could watch your programs every day. We just love it, as we can go many places without leaving our family room. May God continue to bless you always."

AUBURN, INDIANA:

"I am watching your live broadcast and I'm thrilled to hear about providing Sabbath services! Glory to God! There is no Seventh-day Adventist church nearby, and now that I know what 3ABN is, I'd love to not feel so alone in worship anymore! God bless you for all your wisdom, and the instruction that could only come from Him! Someday I hope to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church!"

YUMA, ARIZONA:

"I wanted to let you know that as a result of watching 3ABN, my husband and I are being baptized into a local Seventh-day Adventist church."

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA:

"For two years your ministry has greatly assisted me in my soul-search for my need of a Savior, understanding who Christ Jesus is, and how to allow Him to take over my life. You see, my sins have led me to a bitter crash, and harm to myself, loved

ones, and others. For the last 37 months I've been awaiting trial for homicide. I now face, and qualify for, the death penalty. But because of Jesus Christ, and understanding His truths, I've found peace and light in a chaotic and dark place."

STAR, IDAHO:

"I was born a Catholic, and I am not of your faith, but I really enjoy your teaching. I understand more of the Bible now after listening to all the different pastors. Be certain that the good Lord will remember you all."

HENDERSON, NEVADA:

"It's so true that music is what made me stop at 3ABN while I was flipping through the channels. The more I listened, the more I began to enjoy the different speakers. Thank you, Lord, for Your vision to establish a worldwide ministry. Having lost my wife to cancer last year, your broadcasting of the Word has been most comforting while working through my sorrow and profound loss."

WALCOTT, LOUISIANA:

"I would not have known about the Seventh-day Adventist denomination unless I happened upon a program of yours, interviewing a person about their testimony. I had belonged

to a Sunday-keeping church for many years before I realized, from your programming, that I was not serving Christ completely by attending church services on Sunday. I soon became a Seventh-day Adventist by baptism and profession of faith."

STEILACOOM, WASHINGTON:

"I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks for the blessing your network has been for me, particularly during the past six weeks. It's been a glorious reunion for me. I had heard of this miracle network from its early years, but had not personally watched it until 1996 at a prison outside Spokane, Washington. Since there was a downlink station in the area, it was possible to pick it up by antenna. That lasted a few years until I was transferred to other facilities. Thank you so much for this wonderful network. It brings light into the midst of much darkness."

VIA E-MAIL:

"I was pleasantly surprised and blessed not too long ago when I was surfing through the channels and stumbled upon 3ABN! Nothing tops the warm, uplifting programs and music I enjoy from 3ABN. They revitalize my mind and heart. The simple, yet powerful, messages from your programs are truly inspiring!" ■

Thank you for your comments, suggestions, prayers, and financial support as we seek to reach the world for Jesus Christ!

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GOD TEACHES ME TO TRUST HIM

PART 1

It's amazing how quickly a telephone call will travel halfway around the earth these days. Barely after I dialed her number in Russia, Julia Outkina's voice comes on.

"Zd'rravstvuite."

"Hello, Julia?"

"Yes! How are you?" she switches effortlessly into her charming British accent, which

in a way she could never have dreamed of as a little girl. She could not have imagined that someday she would be the director of 3ABN's Russian Evangelism Center, and an important leader in God's plan to reach the Russian-speaking people of the world.

"I was born in Murmansk, a city in the northernmost part of Russia, above the Arctic Circle," she begins. "It's so far north that on June 22 the sun never sets, and on December 22 it never rises above the horizon. Six weeks after I was born, the government reassigned my father to the resort city of Sochi, on the Black Sea coast, in the southernmost part of Russia. I have many beautiful memories of its tropical climate, the palm trees, and the scent of flowers. My younger brother and I would play endlessly in the sand—making pies and decorating them with little flower petals.

"Since Russia was closed to foreigners, and English was not

in demand, either my father had tremendous insight, or, more likely, was impressed by God to enroll me in the only English school in the city, even though it was far from where we lived. Sadly, my parents were divorced when I was 11, and a year later my mother moved us to Gorky, where her parents lived.

"It was a cold city, and I'd never seen snow," she recalls. "Everyone there knew how to ski or skate, but it was torture for me because I'd get all tangled up in the poles, and fall down. All my life I felt awkward in many ways, but when I found God He took away all my awkwardness. Today, even though I'm imperfect in many ways, I know that I'm not awkward in His eyes.

"God was never spoken of as I was growing up," she adds. "When I started studying at the Language University, we had all sorts of classes in Marxist and Leninist philosophy, communism, and scientific athe-



"I had to take a test in the Gothic language. [It is extinct,] but there are a few Bible texts that have been preserved. But finding a Russian Bible was very hard!"

she learned from her teachers, who had learned British English before the Communist takeover.

Julia holds a dear place in the hearts of millions who have seen her on television and in person. But what most people don't know is that from an early age, the Lord prepared her to serve

ism. The Bible was presented in a very mocking way. In fact, they gave us some version of it in which the stories were all written in a funny, controversial way. Every fact was laughed at, and it seemed full of contradictions. Although my grandparent's generation secretly professed the Orthodox faith, they tried not to mention it to their children, lest they be persecuted, but I do remember my husband's grandmother telling me to pray to Saint Nicholas

Julia Outkina remembers the fall of Communism. "The newspapers told us our society treated people the best, but of course we knew very well how little we had, compared to the Western world. I believe our society was prepared for the change, and welcomed it."

PHOTO: SVETA BARINOVA



Nizhny Novgorod, with a population of over 1.3 million, was closed to foreigners for 45 years.

Once the manufacturing center for MiG jets and nuclear submarines, today this city is home to 3ABN's Russian Evangelism Center.

when I had problems.* She told me he was our intermediary in heaven, and although it wasn't much, it was my first introduction to prayer. Thankfully, communism didn't manage to erase the faith from the hearts of the people who had it in previous generations."

Julia's first exposure to the Bible came in an interesting way. "When I studied for my Ph.D. in linguistics, I had to take a test in the Gothic language," she says. "Gothic is an extinct language, but there are a few Bible texts that have been preserved, and this was what they were going to be testing me on. I thought I'd study them in a Russian Bible to get some idea of what the Gothic text was talking about. But finding a Russian Bible was very hard! I couldn't find a single copy in any library, bookstore, or anywhere else. Finally, a family friend who worked for one of

* Saint Nicholas is perhaps the most worshipped saint among the Russian Orthodox believers, greatly revered as the protector of the weak, the oppressed, and the poor. A popular Russian proverb says, "If anything happens to God, we've always got St. Nicholas!"

the Orthodox churches allowed me to read one for a very short time. I found my Gothic texts and wrote them down in Russian, then I remembered the book of Ecclesiastes. I wasn't even sure it was one of the books of the Bible, but there it was in the table of contents! I remember thinking, I've read so many wise books, but all of them put together have less wisdom than this little book contains!

"God was never personal to me. I thought He might be some Force, but I never felt Him close to me, or that He had any interest in my life. Evolution was always, and still is, taught throughout Russia, beginning in kindergarten. Biology, astronomy, chemistry—you name it—everything is based on evolution."

During her last year of graduate school, Julia met and married her husband, Anatoliy. Then she landed a job teaching English at the university where she had studied. "By nature I'm a rather bashful and introverted person," she confides, "but I

believe God was preparing me for my future position. He gave me 17 years of training as a teacher—a very public person—and I needed that for what I do today."

The economy of Gorky during the Communist Era had always been military-oriented. "They say that 90 percent of our industry was military," Julia says, "and there were no foreigners allowed. There was good reason for this, for Gorky had long been a manufacturing center for MiG fighter jets, nuclear submarines, and a lot of other military technology during the Cold War.

"It's been said that communism was like a giant with clay feet," Julia continues. "The clay smashed so easily, the giant fell very quickly, and luckily, he didn't hurt many people physically in his fall. Because we had never known anything else, we couldn't see a big difference initially. The economy improved slowly, but the main change was in the mass media, which started freely speaking about the persecution of people who had thought differently.

"I believe our society was prepared for the change, and welcomed it," she adds. "Everyone was tired of hypocrisy. The newspapers told us our society treated people the best, but of

course we knew very well how little we had, compared to the Western world."

But major changes were coming to Russia—and to Julia Outkina's life! In the early 1990s, Gorky was opened to foreigners, and the city changed back to its pre-communism name, Nizhny Novgorod. "That was when my brother became the governor of the province," Julia says. "There



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were still very few foreigners visiting, but when Pastor John Carter and 3ABN came, they were by far the largest group of foreigners we had seen since 1917! They mounted a very large advertising campaign in the city, which was very unusual. Russians are generally highly educated people, but they had no knowledge of the Bible. They were never allowed to have one, so they were instantly attracted to the meetings out of a desire

Julia's brother, Boris Nemtsov, was the governor of the Nizhny Novgorod province when Pastor John Carter and 3ABN first came to Russia.

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Disciples and Followers



Wal-Mart Manager



Elderly Couple



Lawyer



School Teacher



Pastor

by Nikki Anderson

“And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.”

MATTHEW 4:18–20

I heard a sermon on 3ABN Radio the other day about discipleship, and I found myself consulting my Merriam-Webster dictionary to find the meaning of the word “disciple.” When that word is mentioned, the first thing most people think of is one of the twelve followers of Christ.

“Follower” is another common word, so I also asked “Mr. Webster” to define it as well. Here’s what I found:

Disciple: 1. one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another: as (a) one of the twelve in the inner circle of Christ’s followers according to the Gospel accounts; (b) a convinced adherent of a school or individual. One who keeps their

attention fixed on or follows the example of another.

Follower: (a) one in the service of another; (b) one that follows the opinions or teachings of another; (c) one that imitates another or gives full loyalty and support to another. Follower may apply to people who attach themselves either to a person or the beliefs of another. Adherent suggests a close and persistent attachment. Disciple implies a devoted allegiance to the teachings of one chosen as a master.*

These definitions brought to mind the diversity of the people who own our 3ABN

* Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary, 11th Edition, 2005.

Radio affiliates. I’ve mentioned before that they are a diverse group of people, but I’d like to be more specific. The twelve disciples were a diverse group, hand-picked by Jesus: a tax collector, a physician, and at least four fishermen—and the others had various professions we’re not sure of. But one thing is certain, all were broken, all had their sins, just like the rest of humanity. They came from all walks of life, and so have the people called to build radio stations. They were chosen to assume a particular responsibility, just as the original twelve disciples. You’ve read some of the stories in past articles, but I’d like to share some of their occupations with you, so you know who God has chosen for His radio project.

They include a foster care mother who cares for physically and mentally challenged children, school teachers, a Baptist church, elderly couples, widows, and housewives. There are conservationists, pastors and lay pastors, engineers, and retired nursing home owners, as well as electricians, a cleaning and restoration business owner, a retired male nurse anesthetist, and a Wal-Mart manager. There are real estate agents, insurance agents, a retired steel worker, and a chiropractor. The list also

includes a non-denominational ministry, drivers of transportation escort vehicles, computer technicians, construction workers, doctors, lawyers, nurses, a former hospital administrator, a produce and health food store owner, a nursing home director, full-time radio station owners and operators, laborers, and business professionals.

After Jesus assembled His first followers, I can only imagine what people thought as they watched His group travel from town to town. Soon the number grew as others joined, creating quite an entourage! In the same fashion, our radio station owners and operators have gathered people to help them: church members, relatives, friends, business associates, and strangers God has brought to their aid.

Last October the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) accepted applications for permits to build full-power, noncommercial radio stations. Many applied, and some have already received their permits and are forging ahead with the building plans! We’re looking forward to adding many new stations to our 3ABN Radio family. More disciples and followers of Jesus Christ, banding together, and gathering others of like mind and purpose. ■



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A SIGNAL

FOR A SEASON

3ABN Latino's signal was there long enough for God to transform their lives

by John Dinzey

When I came to work for the Lord at 3ABN in 1989, we had a map of the United States up on the second floor. Colored pins indicated the TV stations that were re-broadcasting 3ABN, while others indicated cable companies, and still others were used to identify hospitals and schools that downlinked our signal. But the pin color that was of greatest interest to me was the one that represented a report of someone who had been baptized as a direct result of 3ABN's ministry.

Sadly, as the years went by, the map project was abandoned, partly because of the sheer increase in numbers of downlink and cable pins, but also because people forgot to tell us about their baptisms. It became impossible to maintain an accurate representation of the thousands of lives that had been transformed by God's message of salvation. But no

matter. Today we can look back and rejoice as we see how God has blessed 3ABN with the ability to reach the whole world with the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I thank God that 3ABN Latino is a vital part of this international ministry!

Sometimes I hear incredible stories, and I wish I could either see or hear the rejoicing that takes place in heaven as each person accepts the incomparable sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the sounds of joy echo throughout heaven!

Surely the angels rejoiced as they watched the Hernandez family.* They live in the middle of the island of Puerto Rico, and one day began watching several programs on 3ABN Latino, a channel they'd never seen before. For the next several months they continued watching, and the Holy Spirit convicted them that what they were seeing was the truth of God's Word. We were thrilled

to hear that they were baptized, but then they told us the rest of the story!

Shortly after their baptism they lost the 3ABN Latino signal in their home. They tried in vain to find it, eventually giving up. Then they decided that they missed it so much, they purchased a satellite dish so they could continue to be fed spiritually.

Why did their signal disappear? We don't know for sure. But one thing we do know—3ABN Latino was available in their home long enough for God to transform their lives!

That's why 3ABN Latino is on the air. It's a tool in God's hands to transform lives for His kingdom. From the cornfields of southern Illinois, a message with the pure light of the gospel of Jesus Christ goes out into the world. We won't know how many lives 3ABN touched while we're in this world; but we will know in the next one!

Join me in considering the moment in heaven when we will see and hear, "a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'" Revelation 7:9–10.

In that great multitude which no one could number there will be many thousands, if not millions, that will tell us how 3ABN played a part in the transformation of their lives.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support which allow this ministry to reach the world with the undiluted three angels' messages of Revelation 14. ■

*Not their actual names.



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3ABN'S TRAUMA CENTER

by Hal Steenson

Editor's note: All names in this article have been changed to protect our callers' privacy.

Many of today's modern hospitals have what are known as trauma centers. These units are staffed with professionals trained to handle

emergencies at a moment's notice, saving countless lives through their commitment and dedication to each patient's survival.

Through the years 3ABN's Pastoral Ministries staff have encountered many similar situations with callers. They minister through prayer to each caller's physical, spiritual, and emotional traumas.

What follows is a transcript of just a few of our recent callers. Please keep both our callers and our 3ABN Pastoral Ministries staff in your prayers!

Panicked

"Oh God, oh thank God; you answered! Thank God, you answered. No, I'm not all right! My husband is having chest pains; I think he's having a heart attack! Yes, I've called 911. Yes, they're on their way, but I need help—I need help right now! Please pray for my husband. His name is Ray. Please pray; I need help now, right now, please pray—I need all of you to pray. Now! Pray now, right now. Ray? Oh God, Ray. Pastor? Pray, please pray—he's my life. Ray, Ray!"

Suicidal

"I have a gun to my head. My wife has been unfaithful, and I don't want to live anymore. No, I don't want prayer, I just want someone to know why I'm gonna blow my brains out. That's why I called. When she gets home, she'll be sorry. She'll be sorry she did this when she finds me dead. Why did she do this? I love her with all my heart! I can't believe she could do this to me.

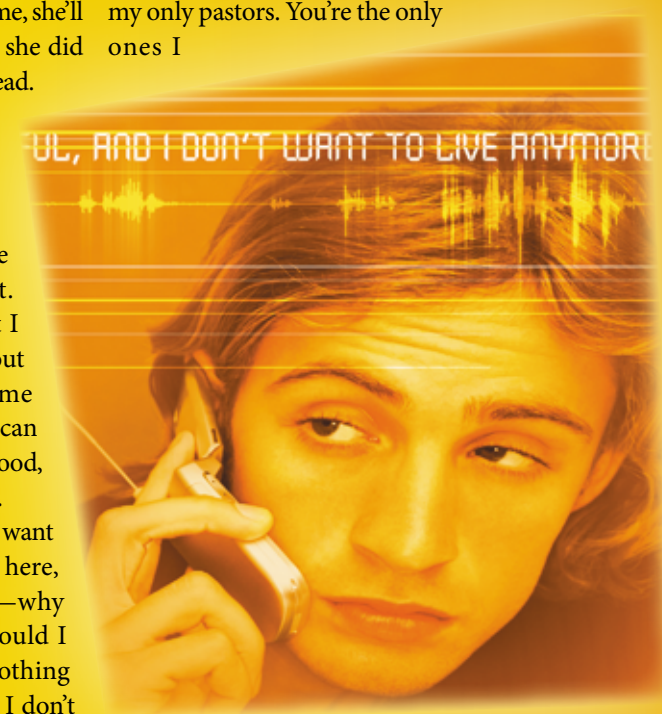
"I love her. I really love her—with all my heart. I don't want to die, but I don't want to live without her. Why in God's name did she do this? Yes, you can pray, but it won't do any good, because I'm a dead man.

"No, don't pray. I don't want you to pray—I'm outta here, I'm a dead man. Why—why should I wait? Why should I listen to you? There's nothing you can say to stop me. I don't know why I called you anyway. You're all a bunch of Jesus freak idiots! Why did I call? I called because your 800 number is on the screen, that's why. I don't know why. I don't want to die, but

I can't stand to live! Yeah, pray. Okay. Okay, pray. But it won't do any good."

Suffering

"This is Donna, I need prayer. 3ABN is my home church. You're my only pastors. You're the only ones I



emergency room patients that face life and death situations. They're ready to provide lifesaving tech-

know to call when the pain gets unbearable. It's bad today, pastor. I'm sorry, but I hurt so badly. Will you pray that God will put me to sleep now—right now, please?

“The pain from this cancer is so bad. How did Jesus do it, how did He stand the pain? How can He expect me to do it? I can’t do it.

“Okay, pray—okay, but hurry. Hurry and pray. Please pastor, don’t forget to pray for my hus-

band. I don’t know what he’ll do without me. There won’t be anyone to take care of him when I’m gone. What will he do? Please pray for him, too, pastor.”

these things just happen—but they didn’t believe that, so they’re still searching for answers. They have her baby pictures, and her high school pictures scattered all over the kitchen table. I don’t think that’s going to do them any good, but what can I say? Kelly was my sister’s only child, so she was like my own daughter. They can’t stop crying. I want to cry too, but I need to be strong for my sister. Please pray for me, too, pastor. I didn’t know who else to call.

“I know you get call after call from people that are wounded and bleeding. I don’t know how you do it day after day. Thank God for 3ABN—thank God for all of you. Please don’t put their names on the screen, or Kelly’s name either. Just pray—please pray for them pastor.

“Do you think Kelly will be in heaven? We don’t know why she did it. We just don’t know why—why she did it. Maybe, I failed her, too. Please pray, pastor.”

Destitute

“I know that I call too much, I’m so sorry. I’m so sorry; I promise I won’t keep you long. You’re the only contact I have with my Christian family. I know you tell me, ‘It’s okay to call, Annie,’ and you all love me, no

matter how many times I call. But I won’t keep you long. I called you because I was making a little pot of green beans and potatoes in my pressure cooker. I use the pressure cooker because my mama taught me to just cook the vegetables for a little while and they’ll be better for me. It was all I had to eat.

“My son comes by once a week in his new truck and goes to the grocery store for me. All I had left for groceries this week was \$12.00, but he got me some bread, potatoes, milk, and a few other little things. It was more than twelve dollars, but he let me sign an IOU for the other \$2.60. I’ll be able to pay him next month when my check comes in. Please, please pastor, pray for my arm. I went to move the pressure cooker off the stove—it’s just a little one—and the lid blew off!

It burned my hand and arm, and I’m afraid to call my son because he’ll think I done it on purpose, just to get attention. It hurts so bad. It’s swollen and really red—I hope he doesn’t come over. I’ll tell him I did it while I was pulling weeds. I don’t have a good lawn mower, so I have to pull some of the weeds around the trees in the yard. I’ll tell him I scraped it on a tree.

“I’m sorry; I’ve kept you too long pastor, but please pray for me. I don’t have anyone else to call. I picked the green beans and potatoes up off the floor and put them in the refrigerator. They weren’t ruined, and they’re all I have to eat. I’m sorry pastor, I’ve kept you too long—I’m sorry pastor. Pray for me pastor. I’m sorry to bother you, but I didn’t know who else to call. I’m sorry pastor. Pray—please pray for me!” ■



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You will need Internet access to receive prayer requests via e-mail from 3ABN.

“I WANT TO BE BAPTIZED”

Larren Cole felt surprised when someone tapped him on the shoulder.

“Excuse me.”

He spun around in his pew and saw a cautious stranger who had slipped into the back of the church unnoticed.

“Yes?” he answered, surprised.

elder of my church, I felt ready to meet and accommodate folks who’d gone through our meetings, had learned the Bible truths taught by our church, and who had made a decision to follow Jesus,” he says. “But this fellow seemed to come out of the blue—ready to be baptized and join our church!”

Harry Newmyer, Jr., was born in Del Norte, Colorado, and spent the first 17 years of his life on a farm. “They grew a lot of potatoes, rice, and grain around those parts,” he says, “but we had 300 head of cattle, 300 sheep, 2,000 chickens, ten hogs, and 25 cats running around to try to keep the mice population down!”

He tells us his parents were faithful Baptists, and when he was in the eighth grade, he gave his heart to Jesus and was baptized. But in a few years, his world changed when his parents divorced. Sadly, they both quit attending church, and they never came back.

Harry began working in the timber industry at the young age

of 17, cutting down trees, and skidding them out of the Rocky Mountains with horses. Later, his mother opened a restaurant, and he became a professional cook, a career he pursued for many years.

“When I was about 20, the American Sunday School Union ordained me as a preacher in that area,” he tells us. “They needed a preacher for the Community Church in Milner, Colorado, and they needed someone to give the kids some religious training. I wore many hats at that church,” he adds. “We had vacation Bible schools there every year, and we had 30 or 40 kids attend, even though the population was only about 200.”

Later he moved to Lakeview, Oregon, where he pastored another church for a year. “That’s where I met my wife, Rosalita,” Harry says. “We had two children together, but I gradually began paying more attention to the world and to my wife than I did to God.”



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“I’ve been watching 3ABN, and I want to be baptized.”

Clearing his throat and straightening his tie, Darren was almost at a loss for words.

“Well, then,” he finally stammered, “you’ve come to the right place!”

Looking back on it, Darren explains his surprise. “As head

It wasn’t long before Harry was backsliding badly. “I skidded down to the devil’s devices,” he admits. “I went the way of the world, and broke every rule in the Bible. I was a very angry person, too. After a while, anything would set me off.”

But God was not about to lose him. “In the 1970s we moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania,” he continues. “I was off work one day, and drove to a friend’s house about 15 miles away. On the way I was hit by a van traveling at 100 miles per hour, and I lost consciousness for several days. Later the paramedics told me that they’d lost me six times on the way to the hospital! When I heard that, I decided that God really must

Harry said he wanted to be baptized the first day he walked into the Lakeview, Oregon, Seventh-day Adventist Church!

Pastor George P. White says he appreciates Harry’s dedication and enthusiasm for serving the Lord.

have a purpose for my life, so I started to pay more attention to church.”

Harry moved his family to Arkansas, worked at various restaurants and other companies, and while he was living in Hot Springs, he visited several churches, but always felt like

something was wrong. “I think God was trying to get my attention, and He kept me searching until I found the truths of the Bible,” he says.

“It got me started reading my Bible again,” Harry says. “I hadn’t read it for 40 years before that. In fact, the dust had collected on it! I watched many different preachers and presenters for the next two years, and then one day Pastor Doug Batchelor suggested going to the phone book and finding a Seventh-day Adventist church. He urged me to visit that church and see who the Adventists were. I’d never paid any attention to the Seventh-day Adventist church, but I knew where it was.”

That Sabbath, Harry visited the Lakeview Seventh-day Adventist Church. “That was the day I tapped Darren on the shoulder and asked him if I could be baptized,” he says.

Larren was astonished at the request. “We don’t just baptize someone without at least a little study, right?” he says with a grin. But when he did begin studying the doctrines with Harry, Darren quickly discovered that he had a very clear understanding of the Scriptures already.

“When we asked him where he had learned all these important doctrinal truths, he answered, ‘I learned them all on 3ABN!’”

Two months later, Harry was baptized and joined the Lakeview, Oregon, Seventh-day

Adventist Church. But life was not easy for him at the time. “When I became a Seventh-day Adventist, my whole family shunned me, as did my friends,” he says. “In addition, my wife was bedridden with stomach cancer. But she watched 3ABN with me a lot, and she accepted the Lord and the Sabbath about six months before she died.”

“Harry is on fire with his new love for the Bible,” Darren adds. “He also has an active media ministry where he shares 3ABN videos with whomever he can. He’s a real encouragement to the Lakeview congregation.”

For the past two years, Harry has also been involved in prison ministry. Starting out with two people, today nearly a dozen inmates attend services every Wednesday and Sabbath. “We’ve baptized one person, and are close to baptizing another,” he beams, “and we have Buddhists,

Catholics, and all sorts of religious backgrounds there.”

And as if this were not enough, Harry is also a deacon in his church, as he continues to serve his Lord and Savior.

“I’m glad 3ABN was there for me, because it brought me back to the Lord,” he says.

“It’s hard to tell sometimes, what effect our TV broadcast has on our local community,” Darren

“When we asked [Harry] where he had learned all these important doctrinal truths, he answered, ‘I learned them all on 3ABN!’”

says. “But now I know firsthand. Since then we have added a 3ABN radio station, KTOD-LP (98.1 FM), to our church, and soon we’ll have more stories to tell!” ■



WE’RE ALWAYS LOOKING for stories from those who have come to the Lord through 3ABN’s ministry. If you’d like to share your testimony with us, please send it to 3ABN World, PO Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62896, or e-mail it to bobby.davis@3abn.org. Your story can make a difference!

Wave-Maker in a Bottle

Check out our cool Wave-Maker in a Bottle craft online! It's really fun to play with! 3abn.org/kids/crafts

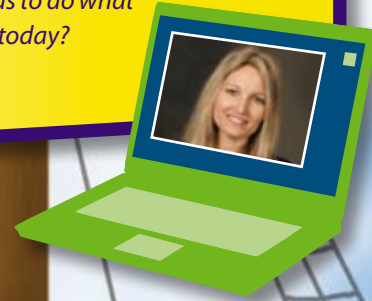


Hi Kids,

It might be warm where you live. It sure is in southern Illinois! People are out on the lake in their boats having fun. The drivers of the boats are the captains. Even if they aren't on big ships at sea, they're responsible for driving the boat and keeping everyone around them safe.

That makes me think of how Jesus is the Captain of our lives—always watching out for us, protecting us from harm, and reminding us to do what is right. Will you make Jesus the Captain of your life today?

Love,
Tammy



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"Jesus stood up and commanded the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind stopped, and it became completely calm."

Mark 4:39 (New Century Version)

This schedule is an overview of the program lineup for North American and website broadcasts. Check out the schedule listings on our website, 3abn.org, for additional details and program changes.

Abbreviations and symbols: PDT = Pacific Daylight Saving Time (UTC-7); MDT = Mountain Daylight Saving Time (UTC-6); CDT = Central Daylight Saving Time (UTC-5); EDT = Eastern Daylight Saving Time (UTC-4). = Closed captioned. = Live program. = New series. = Repeat of live program. Program titles in red are changes effective this month.

Thursday LIVE / June 2008

Time: Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Central

Jun 5	Don Gray, Mike Jones	Jun 19	3ABN Behind the Scenes
Jun 12	Jeffery and Yamil Rosario	Jun 26	Charles Bradford

For more program information, please visit our website, www.3abn.org

DTV

Are You Ready?

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18, 2009, all full-power television broadcasters in the United States will switch to digital television (DTV) signals. But what does it mean to you?

If you've bought a new TV after January 1, 2007, you won't need to do anything. *Most importantly—if you watch by cable or by satellite (DISH Network, or any satellite dish) you will not be affected!* Since most of our downlinks are low-power TV stations, they are exempt from digital broadcasting for the moment, but as we change them over, analog TVs will require a converter box. If you have an older analog TV, we'll tell you how to watch 3ABN without interruption in the next few months.

If you want to watch any digital stations on your analog TV, you *will* need to buy a digital converter box. These are available in all electronic stores, and cost \$40-70. You can obtain a *free \$40 coupon* from the government to help defray the cost at www.dtv2009.gov, or call 888-388-2009 (voice), or 877-530-2634 (TTY).

Please be aware that in order to watch 3ABN over the air, you'll need a converter box with *analog passthrough*. If you've already purchased one that doesn't include this, you can still use it with the help of a couple of splitters. (We'll show you how next month.)

Watch for more articles in upcoming months with simple cable and satellite wiring diagrams. We'll also post these articles on our website, www.3abn.org, for future reference.

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▼ SUNDAY

PDT	MDT	CDT	EDT	◀ CHOOSE YOUR TIME ZONE
Midnt	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	Exalting His Word (Shelley Quinn)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	Breath of Life (Walter Pearson)
1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor)
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	Battles of Faith
2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	Digging Up the Past (David Down)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	It Is Written (Shawn Boonstra)
3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	Kenneth Cox Ministries Presents...
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	...continued
4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	His Words Are Life/Grandma's House
5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	Kids' Time (Brenda Walsh)
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	ShareHim Newsmagazine
6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	3ABN Today
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	...continued
7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	India: Face to Face/World Prophecy News
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	Exploring the Word (Lonnie Melashenko)
8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Inspirational Hour
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	...continued
9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Noon	Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht)
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	...continued
10:00a	11:00a	Noon	1:00p	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	Marriage in God's Hands
11:00a	Noon	1:00p	2:00p	3ABN On the Road
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	...continued
Noon	1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	Health for a Lifetime (Don Mackintosh)
1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	3ABN Today LIVE (repeat)
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	...continued
2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	...continued
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	...continued
3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	The Carter Report (John Carter)
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	...continued
4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	Adventures in Missions
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	In Search of Truth (Charles Byrd)
5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	Celebrating Life in Recovery (Cheri Peters)
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	...continued
6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	Issues & Answers
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore)
7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	3ABN Today
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	White Horse Media Presents... (Steve Wohlberg)
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	...continued
9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Mon	Making Waves (Jim Ayer)
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	Wonderfully Made
10:00p	11:00p	Mon	1:00a	Books of the Book (Gibson & Rafferty)
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	ASI Video Magazine (Dan Houghton)
11:00p	Mon	1:00a	2:00a	3ABN Today
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	...continued

Here's a list of DTV Converter Boxes that the government says will work (and there may be others coming):

- Magnavox TB-100MG9**
- Philco TB100HH9**
- Philco TB150HH9**
- Digital Stream DX8700**
- Digital Stream DSP7700T**
- Echostar TR-40**

3ABN: JUNE

▼ MONDAY

PDT	MDT	CDT	EDT	◀ CHOOSE YOUR TIME ZONE	
Midnt	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a		Up Close CC
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30		...continued
1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a		Revelation Speaks Hope (Brian McMahon) CC
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30		...continued
2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a		Celebrating Life in Recovery (Cheri Peters) CC
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30		...continued
3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	6:00a		Faith Chapel
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30		Heaven's Point of View (Hal Steenson) CC
4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	7:00a		Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30		World Prophecy News/Health Headlines
5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	8:00a		Janice's Attic (Janice Smith)
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30		Food for Thought
6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	9:00a		3ABN Today
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30		...continued
7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	10:00a		House Calls (live) (John Lomacang) 🔴
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30		...continued
8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	11:00a		Thinking About Home (Kathy Matthews)
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30		Maranatha Mission Stories (Dick Duerksen)
9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Noon		His Harvest Is Ready (C.A. Murray)
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30		...continued
10:00a	11:00a	Noon	1:00p		Digging Up the Past (David Down)
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30		Breath of Life (Walter Pearson) CC
11:00a	Noon	1:00p	2:00p		Grandma's House/His Words Are Life
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30		Abundant Living (Curtis & Paula Eakins)
Noon	1:00p	2:00p	3:00p		Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30		ShareHim Newsmagazine
1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	4:00p		3ABN Today
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30		...continued
2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p		Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30		Kids' Time (Brenda Walsh)
3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:00p		Generation of Youth for Christ 2007
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30		...continued
4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	7:00p		Health for a Lifetime (Don Mackintosh)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30		Melody From My Heart
5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p		House Calls (repeat) (John Lomacang) 🔵
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30		...continued
6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p		Exploring the Word (Lonnie Melashenko)
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30		World of Praise (Wintley Phipps)
7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	10:00p		3ABN Today
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30		...continued
8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p		The Carter Report (John Carter)
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30		...continued
9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Tue		Here We Stand (Doug Batchelor)
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30		...continued
10:00p	11:00p	Tue	1:00a		...continued
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30		Maranatha Mission Stories (Dick Duerksen)
11:00p	Tue	1:00a	2:00a		3ABN Today
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30		...continued

▼ TUESDAY

PDT	MDT	CDT	EDT	◀ CHOOSE YOUR TIME ZONE	
Midnt	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a		Wonderfully Made
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30		By My Spirit (Ed Reid)
1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a		Nature's Lesson Book (Greg Evans)
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30		...continued
2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a		Faith Chapel
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30		Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	6:00a		Everlasting Gospel CC
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30		...continued
4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	7:00a		Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30		In Search of Truth (Charles Byrd) CC
5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	8:00a		Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht)
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30		...continued
6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	9:00a		3ABN Today LIVE (repeat) 🔵
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30		...continued
7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	10:00a		...continued
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30		...continued
8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	11:00a		Help Yourself to Health (Agatha Thrash)
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30		Variety
9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Noon		Revelation Speaks Hope (Brian McMahon) CC
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30		...continued
10:00a	11:00a	Noon	1:00p		3ABN On the Road
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30		...continued
11:00a	Noon	1:00p	2:00p		Heaven's Point of View (Hal Steenson) CC
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30		Let's Cook Together
Noon	1:00p	2:00p	3:00p		Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30		Books of the Book (Gibson & Rafferty) CC
1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	4:00p		3ABN Today
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30		...continued
2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p		Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30		Kids' Time (Brenda Walsh)
3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:00p		Grandma's House/His Words Are Life
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30		Melody From My Heart
4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	7:00p		ShareHim Newsmagazine
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30		Exalting His Word (Shelley Quinn) CC
5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p		Secrets Unsealed Presents...
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30		...continued
6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p		Battles of Faith
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30		Making Waves (Jim Ayer)
7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	10:00p		3ABN Today
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30		...continued
8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p		Discover (David Asscherick) CC
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30		...continued
9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Wed		Ten Commandments Weekend 2007
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30		...continued
10:00p	11:00p	Wed	1:00a		Special Feature
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30		...continued
11:00p	Wed	1:00a	2:00a		3ABN Today
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30		...continued

3ABN: JUNE

▼ WEDNESDAY

PDT	MDT	CDT	EDT	◀ CHOOSE YOUR TIME ZONE
Midnt	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	Books of the Book (Gibson & Rafferty) CC
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	Exploring the Word (Lonnie Melashenko)
1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	Battles of Faith
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	Laymen Ministries (Jeff Reich)
2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	World of Praise (Wintley Phipps)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	3ABN Classics
3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	Generation of Youth for Christ 2007
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	...continued
4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	His Words Are Life/Back to Nature
5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	Grandma's House/World Prophecy News
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	Thinking About Home (Kathy Matthews)
6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	3ABN Today
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	...continued
7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	Kenneth Cox Presents...
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Marriage in God's Hands (Tom and Alane Waters)
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore)
9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Noon	Revelation Now (Jac Colon)
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	...continued
10:00a	11:00a	Noon	1:00p	In Search of Truth (Charles Byrd) CC
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed)
11:00a	Noon	1:00p	2:00p	By My Spirit (Ed Reid)
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	Food for Thought
Noon	1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	World of Praise (Wintley Phipps)
1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	3ABN Today
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	...continued
2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	Kids' Time (Brenda Walsh)
3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	Teen Pathways
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	Exploring the Word (Lonnie Melashenko)
4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	Issues & Answers
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	Wonderfully Made
5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	White Horse Media Presents... (Steve Wohlberg)
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	...continued
6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	It Is Written (Shawn Boonstra) CC
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor) CC
7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	3ABN Today
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	3ABN On the Road
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	...continued
9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Thu	Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht)
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	...continued
10:00p	11:00p	Thu	1:00a	Secrets Unsealed Presents...
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	...continued
11:00p	Thu	1:00a	2:00a	3ABN Today
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	...continued

▼ THURSDAY

PDT	MDT	CDT	EDT	◀ CHOOSE YOUR TIME ZONE
Midnt	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	Help Yourself to Health (Agatha Thrash)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	In Search of Truth (Charles Byrd) CC
1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	House Calls (repeat) (John Lomacang) ↩
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	...continued
2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	Health for a Lifetime (Don Mackintosh)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	Issues & Answers
3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor) CC
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	Adventist Frontier Missions CC
4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	So Send I You (May Chung)
5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	The Presence (Shawn Boonstra)
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	...continued
6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	3ABN Today
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	...continued
7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	Nature's Lesson Book (Greg Evans)
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed)
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	Laymen Ministries (Jeff Reich)
9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Noon	Keepers of the Flame
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	Health Headlines/World Prophecy News
10:00a	11:00a	Noon	1:00p	Secrets Unsealed Presents...
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	...continued
11:00a	Noon	1:00p	2:00p	Melody From My Heart
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	Let's Cook Together
Noon	1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	Marriage in God's Hands
1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	3ABN Today
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	...continued
2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	Kids' Time (Brenda Walsh)
3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	Grandma's House/His Words Are Life
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	Making Waves (Jim Ayer)
4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	The Carter Report (John Carter)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	...continued
5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	Central Study Hour CC
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	...continued
6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	3ABN Today LIVE ⚡
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	...continued
7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	...continued
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Kenneth Cox Ministries Presents...
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	...continued
9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Fri	Celebrating Life in Recovery (Cheri Peters) CC
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	...continued
10:00p	11:00p	Fri	1:00a	Heaven's Point of View (Hal Steenson) CC
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
11:00p	Fri	1:00a	2:00a	3ABN Today LIVE (repeat) ↩
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	...continued

3ABN: JUNE

▼ FRIDAY

PDT	MDT	CDT	EDT	◀ CHOOSE YOUR TIME ZONE
Midnt	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	3ABN Today LIVE (cont.)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	...continued
1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	White Horse Media Presents... (Steve Wohlberg)
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	...continued
2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	The Carter Report (John Carter)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	...continued
3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	Central Study Hour
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	...continued
4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	Exalting His Word (Shelley Quinn)
5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	Kids' Time Praise
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	Making Waves (Jim Ayer)
6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	3ABN Today
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	...continued
7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	Special Feature
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Health for a Lifetime (Don Mackintosh)
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	Digging Up the Past (David Down)
9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Noon	Ten Commandments 2007
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	...continued
10:00a	11:00a	Noon	1:00p	Up Close
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	...continued
11:00a	Noon	1:00p	2:00p	Books of the Book (Gibson & Rafferty)
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	Abundant Living (Curtis & Paula Eakins)
Noon	1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	Discover (David Asscherick)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	...continued
1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	3ABN Today
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	...continued
2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	Kids' Time (Brenda Walsh)
3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	Teen Pathways
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	Variety
4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	Breath of Life (Walter Pearson)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	Secrets Unsealed Presents...
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	...continued
6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	It Is Written (Shawn Boonstra)
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	Maranatha Mission Stories (Dick Duerksen)
7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	3ABN Today
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Everlasting Gospel
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	...continued
9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Sat	ShareHim Newsmagazine
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	Exalting His Word (Shelley Quinn)
10:00p	11:00p	Sat	1:00a	Revelation Speaks Hope (Brian McMahon)
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	...continued
11:00p	Sat	1:00a	2:00a	3ABN Today
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	...continued

▼ SATURDAY

PDT	MDT	CDT	EDT	◀ CHOOSE YOUR TIME ZONE
Midnt	1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	Revelation Now (Jac Colon)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	...continued
1:00a	2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	3ABN On the Road
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	...continued
2:00a	3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	3ABN Classics
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore)
3:00a	4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	Ten Commandments 2007
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	...continued
4:00a	5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	His Words Are Life/Back to Nature
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	Kids' Time Praise
5:00a	6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson)
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	Kids' Time (Brenda Walsh)
6:00a	7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	3ABN Today
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	...continued
7:00a	8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	Central Study Hour
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00a	9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Worship Hour
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	...continued
9:00a	10:00a	11:00a	Noon	Here We Stand (Doug Batchelor)
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	...continued
10:00a	11:00a	Noon	1:00p	...continued
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	Keepers of the Flame
11:00a	Noon	1:00p	2:00p	Back to Nature/His Words Are Life
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	Issues & Answers
Noon	1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	House Calls (repeat) (John Lomacang)
12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	...continued
1:00p	2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	3ABN Today
1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	...continued
2:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	Maranatha Mission Stories (Dick Duerksen)
2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	Kids' Time (Brenda Walsh)
3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	Kids' Time Praise
3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson)
4:00p	5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	Laymen Ministries (Jeff Reich)
4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	Melody From My Heart
5:00p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	Discover (David Asscherick)
5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	...continued
6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	Books of the Book (Gibson & Rafferty)
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	Heaven's Point of View (Hal Steenson)
7:00p	8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	3ABN Today
7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	...continued
8:00p	9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Revelation Now (Jac Colon)
8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	...continued
9:00p	10:00p	11:00p	Sun	His Harvest Is Ready (C. A. Murray)
9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	...continued
10:00p	11:00p	Sun	1:00a	3ABN On the Road
10:30	11:30	12:30	1:30	...continued
11:00p	Sun	1:00a	2:00a	3ABN Today
11:30	12:30	1:30	2:30	...continued



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RADIO FEATURE



You'll be blessed by the testimonies of our guests on 3ABN Today. A variety of hosts interview guests from all over the world, as they share stories of how God has moved in their lives and blessed their ministries. Here are the times: Daily at 8:00 a.m.; weekdays at 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.; Sundays at 8:00 p.m.

3ABN RADIO: JUNE

CDT	SUNDAY
2:00a	Thinking About Home
2:30	Dynamics in the Science of Prayer
3:00a	Heaven's Point of View
3:30	Faith Chapel
4:00a	A Closer Look
4:30	...continued
5:00a	Musical Meditations
5:30	...continued
6:00a	Rags to Riches/Growing in Grace
6:30	Freedom's Ring/ The StoryHouse
7:00a	Your Story Hour
7:30	Bible Answers
8:00a	3ABN Today
8:30	...continued
9:00a	Endtime Insights/ Melody From My H.
9:30	The Bible in Living Sound
10:00a	Central Study Hour
10:30	...continued
11:00a	Worship Hour
11:30	...continued
Noon	Lift Him Up
12:30	Marriage in God's Hands
1:00p	Discover Prophecy
1:30	...continued
2:00p	It Is Written
2:30	Left Behind: Fact or Fiction?
3:00p	3ABN Today LIVE (repeat) ⏪
3:30	...continued
4:00p	...continued
4:30	...continued
5:00p	Musical Meditations
5:30	...continued
6:00p	A Closer Look
6:30	...continued
7:00p	More Abundant Life
7:30	Rags to Riches/Growing in Grace
8:00p	3ABN Today
8:30	...continued
9:00p	Bible Answers LIVE ⏪
9:30	...continued
10:00p	Your Story Hour
10:30	Marriage in God's Hands
11:00p	Homeschool of Health
11:30	Freedom's Ring/ The StoryHouse
Mon	On Location
12:30	...continued
1:00a	3ABN Today
1:30	...continued

This schedule begins June 1.

CDT	MONDAY	CDT	TUESDAY
2:00a	Help Yourself to Health	2:00a	Bible Answers LIVE (repeat)
2:30	His Words Are Life/Rags to Riches	2:30	...continued
3:00a	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines	3:00a	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines
3:30	Your Health News/Growing in Grace	3:30	Bible Answers
4:00a	Kids' Time	4:00a	Kids' Time
4:30	It's Your Money!	4:30	Issues & Answers
5:00a	Musical Meditations	5:00a	Musical Meditations
5:30	...continued	5:30	...continued
6:00a	Thinking About Home	6:00a	Health for a Lifetime
6:30	Christian Concerns	6:30	Freedom's Ring/Your Family Health
7:00a	The Bible in Living Sound	7:00a	The Bible in Living Sound
7:30	Wonders in the Word	7:30	Wonders in the Word
8:00a	3ABN Today	8:00a	3ABN Today
8:30	...continued	8:30	...continued
9:00a	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio ⚡	9:00a	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio
9:30	...continued	9:30	...continued
10:00a	By My Spirit	10:00a	Lift Him Up
10:30	Endtime Insights/Health Headlines	10:30	Homeschool of Health
11:00a	3ABN On the Road	11:00a	3ABN On the Road
11:30	...continued	11:30	...continued
Noon	Your Story Hour	Noon	Your Story Hour
12:30	Freedom's Ring/ Melody From My Heart	12:30	Abundant Living/Growing in Grace
1:00p	Help Yourself to Health	1:00p	Bible Answers
1:30	His Words Are Life/Rags to Riches	1:30	Dynamics in the Science of Prayer
2:00p	Kids' Time	2:00p	Kids' Time
2:30	It's Your Money!	2:30	Issues & Answers
3:00p	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines	3:00p	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines
3:30	Wonderfully Made	3:30	Women at the Well
4:00p	On Location	4:00p	On Location
4:30	...continued	4:30	...continued
5:00p	Musical Meditations	5:00p	Musical Meditations
5:30	...continued	5:30	...continued
6:00p	3ABN On the Road	6:00p	3ABN On the Road
6:30	...continued	6:30	...continued
7:00p	The Bible in Living Sound	7:00p	The Bible in Living Sound
7:30	Wonders in the Word	7:30	Wonders in the Word
8:00p	Heaven's Point of View	8:00p	Health for a Lifetime
8:30	Thinking About Home	8:30	Genesis to Revelation Seminar
9:00p	3ABN Today	9:00p	3ABN Today
9:30	...continued	9:30	...continued
10:00p	Your Story Hour	10:00p	Your Story Hour
10:30	Wonderfully Made	10:30	Women at the Well
11:00p	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio	11:00p	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio
11:30	...continued	11:30	...continued
Tue	On Location	Wed	On Location
12:30	...continued	12:30	...continued
1:00a	3ABN Today	1:00a	3ABN Today
1:30	...continued	1:30	...continued

3ABN RADIO: JUNE (continued)

CDT	WEDNESDAY	CDT	THURSDAY
2:00a	Help Yourself to Health	2:00a	Help Yourself to Health
2:30	His Words Are Life/Rags to Riches	2:30	His Words Are Life/Rags to Riches
3:00a	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines	3:00a	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines
3:30	By My Spirit	3:30	By My Spirit
4:00a	Kids' Time	4:00a	Kids' Time
4:30	Issues & Answers	4:30	Issues & Answers
5:00a	Musical Meditations	5:00a	Musical Meditations
5:30	...continued	5:30	...continued
6:00a	Health for a Lifetime	6:00a	Thinking About Home
6:30	Christian Concerns	6:30	The StoryHouse/Your Family Health
7:00a	The Bible in Living Sound	7:00a	The Bible in Living Sound
7:30	Wonders in the Word	7:30	Wonders in the Word
8:00a	3ABN Today	8:00a	3ABN Today
8:30	...continued	8:30	...continued
9:00a	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio	9:00a	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio
9:30	...continued	9:30	...continued
10:00a	Left Behind: Fact or Fiction?	10:00a	Heaven's Point of View
10:30	Endtime Insights/Health Headlines	10:30	Stop Smoking Clinic
11:00a	3ABN On the Road	11:00a	3ABN On the Road
11:30	...continued	11:30	...continued
Noon	Your Story Hour	Noon	Your Story Hour
12:30	When God's People Pray	12:30	Genesis to Revelation Seminar
1:00p	Help Yourself to Health	1:00p	Bible Answers
1:30	His Words Are Life/Rags to Riches	1:30	His Words Are Life/Rags to Riches
2:00p	Kids' Time	2:00p	Kids' Time
2:30	Issues & Answers	2:30	Issues & Answers
3:00p	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines	3:00p	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines
3:30	Wonderfully Made	3:30	It Is Written
4:00p	On Location	4:00p	On Location
4:30	...continued	4:30	...continued
5:00p	Musical Meditations	5:00p	Musical Meditations
5:30	...continued	5:30	...continued
6:00p	3ABN On the Road	6:00p	3ABN On the Road
6:30	...continued	6:30	...continued
7:00p	The Bible in Living Sound	7:00p	The Bible in Living Sound
7:30	Wonders in the Word	7:30	Wonders in the Word
8:00p	Health for a Lifetime	8:00p	3ABN Today LIVE 🔴
8:30	Your Health News/Freedom's Ring	8:30	...continued
9:00p	3ABN Today	9:00p	...continued
9:30	...continued	9:30	...continued
10:00p	Your Story Hour	10:00p	Your Story Hour
10:30	Wonderfully Made	10:30	It Is Written
11:00p	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio	11:00p	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio
11:30	...continued	11:30	...continued
Thu	On Location	Fri	On Location
12:30	...continued	12:30	...continued
1:00a	3ABN Today	1:00a	3ABN Today LIVE (repeat) 🔵
1:30	...continued	1:30	...continued

CDT	FRIDAY	CDT	SATURDAY
2:00a	3ABN Today LIVE (cont.)	2:00a	Lift Him Up
2:30	...continued	2:30	Genesis to Revelation Seminar
3:00a	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines	3:00a	3ABN On the Road
3:30	Bible Answers	3:30	...continued
4:00a	Kids' Time	4:00a	A Closer Look
4:30	Issues & Answers	4:30	...continued
5:00a	Musical Meditations	5:00a	Musical Meditations
5:30	...continued	5:30	...continued
6:00a	Health for a Lifetime	6:00a	Rags to Riches/Growing in Grace
6:30	More Abundant Life	6:30	More Abundant Life
7:00a	The Bible in Living Sound	7:00a	Your Story Hour
7:30	Faith Chapel	7:30	Bible Answers
8:00a	3ABN Today	8:00a	3ABN Today
8:30	...continued	8:30	...continued
9:00a	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio	9:00a	Freedom's Ring/His Words Are Life
9:30	...continued	9:30	Christian Concerns
10:00a	By My Spirit	10:00a	Central Study Hour
10:30	Endtime Insights/Health Headlines	10:30	...continued
11:00a	3ABN On the Road	11:00a	Worship Hour
11:30	...continued	11:30	...continued
Noon	Your Story Hour	Noon	Heaven's Point of View
12:30	When God's People Pray	12:30	Women at the Well
1:00p	Help Yourself to Health	1:00p	Discover Prophecy
1:30	Breath of Life	1:30	...continued
2:00p	Kids' Time	2:00p	Issues & Answers
2:30	Issues & Answers	2:30	Faith Chapel
3:00p	Voice of Prophecy/Between the Lines	3:00p	House Calls 🔵
3:30	Marriage in God's Hands	3:30	...continued
4:00p	On Location	4:00p	3ABN On the Road
4:30	...continued	4:30	...continued
5:00p	Musical Meditations	5:00p	Musical Meditations
5:30	...continued	5:30	...continued
6:00p	3ABN On the Road	6:00p	A Closer Look
6:30	...continued	6:30	...continued
7:00p	The Bible in Living Sound	7:00p	Heaven's Point of View
7:30	More Abundant Life	7:30	Rags to Riches/Growing in Grace
8:00p	Health for a Lifetime	8:00p	3ABN Today
8:30	Thinking About Home	8:30	...continued
9:00p	3ABN Today	9:00p	Bible Answers
9:30	...continued	9:30	Christian Concerns
10:00p	Your Story Hour	10:00p	Your Story Hour
10:30	Marriage in God's Hands	10:30	Left Behind: Fact or Fiction?
11:00p	Crossroads on 3ABN Radio	11:00p	Faith Chapel
11:30	...continued	11:30	By My Spirit
Sat	Discover Prophecy	Sun	Discover Prophecy
12:30	...continued	12:30	...continued
1:00a	3ABN Today	1:00a	3ABN Today
1:30	...continued	1:30	...continued

A SEED PLANTED

by Michael Prewitt

In the decades leading up to 1800, you could almost hear the echoes of fife and drums and cannon-fire, and feel the electric charge of patriotism crackling in the air. America

ing of new possibilities, a sense of greatness and destiny that no power on earth could hold back.

Just who were these brave and enterprising pioneers of the



I STAND AT THE EDGE of a small lake. It's quiet here—a good place to meditate, to think. As I skip a rock across the water, I notice the ripples. At each point where the stone strikes the surface of the lake, waves radiate outward. Together they look like a series of points, each sending out signal waves in every direction. In a sense, that's what this series is about. Our Christian heritage is a string of pivotal events, each with its own lasting repercussions in the stream of time. It's a story that inspires me every time I think of it.

was a land blossoming with new life on every front. Waves of grain rolled with the breeze in freshly cleared fields. Hunters and explorers mapped forests and mountains. White sails billowed along the salty coasts, and canoes and rafts plied the inland waterways. Everywhere forts, towns, villages, and trading posts were springing up. The settlers of this vast landscape had staked their claim in the New World. There was a feel-

young United States, and why did they come here?

Many had come to find fame and fortune. There were dreams of plantations, gold, townships, and states. Others were drawn by the promise of freedom—a world of opportunity, ruled by neither king nor pope. Some were exiles, driven from their homelands because they wouldn't surrender a faith more precious than their wealth, or trades, or human ties.

Among those drawn by the promise of liberty were the Puritans, the Anabaptists, the Congregationalists, and the Methodists. Persecuted in the Old World, they sought asylum in the New. It was their hope that this land would be fertile soil where the families of the faithful could take root. Here they could raise their children, free from the shadows and haunted dreams of Europe's long, deep night.

The history of Christianity in Europe was a bitter story, full of wars, persecutions, Crusades, scandals, greed, martyrdoms, and infidelity. But its history illustrated an important fact: No church held a patent on truth. Truth was a light that grew brighter from generation to generation. It was something that

could not be chained down or carved in stone. Though it might be persecuted and suppressed, still it would spread, grow, and deepen. Those who embraced it at each step would pass the torch on to the next generation, and so it would continue until the end of time. "The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day." Proverbs 4:18 (RSV).

Although the human tendency to follow the well-driven ruts was shared by even these heirs of the Reformation, the lessons of past centuries were not lost to all. Some were determined to find, in the sanctuary of America's religious liberty, a place where truth itself, like the American spirit, could bud and bear new fruit. ■



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Did You Know?

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

by Hal Steenson

It all started with a dream—a dream about a television station that would reach the world with the undiluted three angels' messages; a station that would counteract the counterfeit.

to become a worldwide television ministry.

With the assurance that this was from God, Danny realized he was the one God was calling! That same night he actuated his faith by picking up the phone in the early hours of the morning, and casting the vision of 3ABN to his friends and family. Although this dream was the delivery room in which 3ABN was birthed, it was not where it had been conceived. It started in the heart of God.

The Lord bestowed His dream upon a family that was poor but refused to compromise the Word of God—a family who had a little boy named Danny Lee Shelton. Danny was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth; it was more like a wooden spoon. He was one of five children born into a low-income, job-challenged community in southern Illinois.

They would take turns bathing in an old washtub, and then gather around, singing about Jesus until they were exhausted and fell asleep.

Danny Shelton was troubled about some of the programs presented on a Christian television station. As he prayed that night, he asked, "Lord, why are there no stations proclaiming the truth?" Then he asked the Lord to send someone to build a station that would broadcast Bible truths, and his prayer was answered in a dream and a vision of what was



From the youngest to the oldest, all the Shelton boys (including Danny) worked the tomato fields to make ends meet.

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The Shelton family—Tommy and Goldie, and their sons (L to R) Tommy, Danny, Kenny, and Ronny.

However, the Shelton family survived because their father and mother, Tommy and Goldie, were accomplished country music singers and musicians. Their group, the Melody Kings, was extremely popular in the 1940s, both on the nightclub circuit and on the radio. Their band could make a couple hundred dollars a weekend, which was a lot of money for a few days' work! But their money source was about to dry up, because soon Tommy and Goldie both accepted Jesus as the Lord of their lives, and embraced the truth of the Sabbath. After that, it was extremely difficult for Danny's father to find a decent job that didn't require him to work on the Sabbath.

It was also a real sacrifice for this dedicated man to go from the popularity of a performing

artist to being a trash collector. He purchased a septic tank truck (affectionately called the "honey-dipper") and pumped out raw sewage. But this career ended as well when he decided to complete a job on the Sabbath, and the truck engine blew up!

Tommy Shelton, Sr., was a hard working man that provided for the needs of his family. However, life came hard and fast, and at the young age of 36 he had a disabling heart attack. To make matters worse, after the heart attack he was stricken with kidney cancer. During this tragedy, Tommy's family started sending up fervent prayers to God, and He sent down abundant care to them. Tommy received a miraculous



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healing; the cancer was gone. Nonetheless, these debilitating setbacks left the Shelton clan without a fixed income. Although Tommy was disabled, there were no disability benefits available at that time for him or his family. Determined to provide for them, Tommy refused to quit. Somehow, he knew God would make a way where there seemed to be no way.

Eventually the Sheltons began collecting anything they could

old two-story farmhouse with a big front porch—but no running water. They would start picking at 6:00 a.m. and sweat through the hot, humid days of summer, arriving back home by 6:30 p.m. They would take turns bathing in an old wash-tub, and then gather around, singing about Jesus until they were exhausted and fell asleep. Undoubtedly, Danny’s mom understood the expression, “Don’t throw the baby out with the wash water!” because he’s still around.

Although Danny was likeable, funny, and caring, grade school days were not easy for him. Often he would hear someone say, “Hey, Danny Shelton has on one of my old coats that my mother gave away!” There were times when the kids would invite him to go downtown in West Frankfort to eat lunch, but he couldn’t go because he didn’t have any money. Occasionally he would have a few pennies, though, and would slip down to the five-and-dime for a bag of peanuts.

Then there was the time when the basketball team photo was to be taken and all Danny had was an old pair of black high-top Keds. Their family might have been poor, but Goldie was resourceful. Finding some white house paint, she painted his

shoes for the picture! It worked.

On his wedding day, Danny’s parents weren’t able to give him a wedding present. “I wish you the best, son,” Tommy said as he hugged his son’s neck and shook his hand. And that was good enough, because despite his lack of finances, Danny esteemed his father highly for his character. He never took advantage of anyone, and never cheated anyone. And that same godly character was instilled in all the Shelton children.

Tommy Shelton never sent his kids to church; he took them with him. He lived by God’s standards, and expected the rest of the family to do the same. His rule was, “If you can get up on Sabbath morning, you go to church.” Even the neighbors knew that sickness was the only reason a Shelton would stay home!

Before having children Goldie often prayed, “Lord, give me children to use in Your work.” Her prayers were certainly answered. She often said that one of her fondest memories of Danny as a child was of him bringing home literature from the church, then saying after

lunch, “Mom, I’m going to give out some literature.” Down the street he would go, singing, “I’ve got a mansion just over the hilltop,” as he passed out his Christian pamphlets.

Many who might think that it took some extraordinary man to bring about 3ABN’s worldwide ministry may very well change their mind after reading this article. God didn’t need an extraordinary man; He had found an ordinary little boy who loved Him with all his heart. Later He would give him a vision to reach the world, and against all odds, He would make it happen!

In the upcoming months, you’ll read more about the unfolding of the vision, and why 3ABN continues to reach the world with the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14. ■



Tommy Shelton, Sr. (second from left), achieved success as a country-western musician and singer with the Melody Kings. Music runs in the Shelton family to this day.

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recycle—junked cars, scrap metal, and even old furniture. During the summer, they would team up with their uncle Olen’s family and travel to northern Indiana, where they would work as migrant workers. They lived among the Amish people, picking tomatoes and other crops. Some years, the kids would be six weeks late getting back to school because they were still out in the fields!

One summer, the two families lived in an old barn, putting up cardboard partitions to divide their family space. Another year, they lived in an

broken

branches

by Kim Smith

This is the worst winter we've had since 1991," my husband said as we stood looking with amazement at the mess outside our backdoor. Winters in southern Illinois are typically mild—not too cold, with an occasional snowfall but little accumulation. This year, though, it was one ice storm after another, and they had really taken a toll on the trees in our yard. Sticks, limbs, and branches of all sizes lay there on the ground—the ones that provided us such wonderful shade during the hot, sunny days of summer.

As I looked at all the branches, a Scripture verse came to mind. Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit." John 15:1, 2 (NAS). It was comforting to me to think that this was God's

way of tending His creation. But God wanted to teach me another lesson, too.

I noticed that the branches that lay there weren't from the strong oak trees, or even from the maple trees. They had lost only small limbs and sticks, but the big branches that had broken off were from the much weaker elm trees in our yard.

I remembered I'd noticed several dead branches and limbs in the elms last summer. Branches not bearing fruit. Branches that needed to be pruned, but too high to reach, except by a professional tree trimmer with the proper equipment.

The same is true with all of God's children. Like the oak and the maple, some are strong Christians, deeply rooted in God's Word and His love. They're not broken or shaken by anything that comes their way. But others are like the elm tree, weak and easily broken, and they fall away completely

when the storms of life come their way.

God desires to prune us of the weak branches that keep us from flourishing and producing fruit. Those branches may be personal relationships, jobs, or habits. They may be the way we act, the way we dress, the places we go, or the things we do. All of these can keep us from forming deep roots, growing strong, and producing fruit in our Christian walk. And all of these branches are hard to prune and need the Professional with the proper equipment.

The proper equipment often shows up as the storms of life. When they come our way we often want to give the enemy of God all the credit. He is the thief who "comes only to steal and kill and destroy." John 10:10 (NAS). But have you ever thought that perhaps the Father is allowing each storm to perform its natural pruning? In that same verse, Jesus went on to say, "I

came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Pruning encourages new growth and new life—lush, flourishing, thriving, and abundant. Without pruning, we'll have branches that are barren, producing no fruit. Branches that will have to be broken off. Branches that are only good for firewood.

God prunes each of us so we can grow lush, flourishing, thriving, and abundant branches. Branches of life that produce fruit others want to taste of. Branches of life that invite those who are hot, tired, and weary to come rest in their shade. Branches of life that can weather the storms. Branches of life that will not be cast into the fire.

This wasn't the worst winter since 1991, it was the *best* winter! And I can't wait for those hot, sunny days of summer, when I can sit in the shade of our freshly pruned elm trees! ■



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NEW 3ABN MUSIC SOUNDTRACKS



For many years 3ABN's Sound Center has recorded and produced many projects for Christian recording artists around the country, and from the beginning, it has proven to be a wonderful ministry, both to those who enjoy the music and to those who come to record. In fact, many of the musicians who travel here from Nashville, Tennessee, mention how much they're blessed by being here—relaxed in the Christian atmosphere and away from the pressures and stars of the music business.

But recently, the Lord has given us a new way to minister. By making our extensive library of soundtracks available, singers have access to soundtracks that are both worshipful and beautiful, without the overwhelming rhythm section present on most recordings.

"I've visited several different Christian bookstores while trying to find soundtracks for the beautiful hymns we love," says E. T. Everett, 3ABN's Sound Center manager. "What I quickly realized, though, is that there are no soundtracks like that available! All of the music is very contemporary, and the tracks are covered up with drums and guitars. Suddenly I realized what an incredible treasure we have right here at 3ABN, and so we're making them available to those who want to use them to the glory of God."

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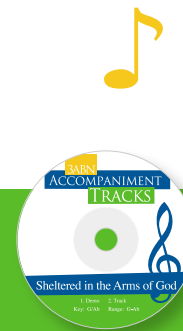
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ing us at 618-627-4651 during regular business hours. You can order our free catalog online at 3abn.org as well.

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- *He Touched Me*
- *Heaven Came Down*
- *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*
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- *Holy, Holy, Holy*
- *How Great Thou Art*
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to learn for themselves what the Bible was all about.

"Somehow I didn't see their advertising, but my mother did. If we attended so many meet-



case, it may not have appealed to my whole being."

Julia says she never raised her hand when Pastor Carter asked if anyone had a prayer need, and she never stood when the audience was invited to stand up for Jesus. But she didn't miss a single meeting, either, attending six days a week, for six weeks!

"The thing that began penetrating my heart was when Pastor Carter kept repeating over and over that God loves people. That was very strange to me, because God and love were incompatible in my mind, but he had so many Bible stories and life experiences that seemed to prove it."

She also faced another serious dilemma. "At that time my brother was the governor of the province, and he had a lot of opposition from former Communists. Even though I began to like the meetings, I wouldn't have dreamed of connecting my life with any non-Russian Orthodox religion because it would most definitely hurt his career."

But what changed her mind? What made it possible for her to accept Jesus Christ into her heart, and become a dedicated worker for Him?

Find out next month as we bring you part two of this incredible story! ■

ings, we would receive a free Bible. So she urged me to attend because then we would get two Bibles!" Julia laughs. "I'm pretty sure that God impressed her to do that."

Julia's main interest, however, was to listen to someone who spoke English as their native tongue. "I enjoyed it very much because Pastor Carter would say a phrase, and the translator would immediately interpret it. I was adding all the unfamiliar words to my vocabulary. I always sat in the back of the stadium, because I thought the microphones were too loud. And there was altogether too much music," she adds. "At the time I would have preferred something more like a scientific seminar, but now I realize that if that had been the

John Carter invited 3ABN to televise his Russian evangelistic meetings. Night after night thousands of people crowded into the Sports Palace to hear the Bible preached for the first time.



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