



Life Lines

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Kidnapping Positioned Missionary Doctor to Help Haiti

By Bob Smietana, "The Tennessean"

Bob Whittaker believes everything in life happens for a reason, even being kidnapped and shot.

Last summer, the missionary doctor survived an attack in Nigeria, where he has spent the last 25 years helping the people of Africa. He was kidnapped, shot in the left arm and eventually released after his co-workers at a hospital in Nigeria paid the ransom.

Thanks to the doctors at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the nerve damage in his arm has healed enough for him to go back to work. Whittaker, a surgeon and obstetrician-gynecologist, thought he'd be returning to Nigeria to join his wife and son. But instead, he's in Haiti, working with other Nashville doctors to treat victims of the earthquake.

The way Whittaker sees it, if he hadn't been kidnapped, he wouldn't be in a position to volunteer in Haiti. "I believe that I was brought out of Nigeria for a reason," Whittaker said last week, before leaving for Haiti. "A lot of doctors would like to go to Haiti, but they have their practices. They have their patients," he said. "They can't just leave. Because of what happened to me, I am free to go. So it

is a blessing."

Whittaker arrived in Port-au-Prince on Friday with \$100,000 in donated medical supplies from Healing Hands International, a Nashville-based charity supported by Churches of Christ. He spent most of Tuesday packing up surgical kits and other medical supplies at the Healing Hands International warehouse in Nashville. Whittaker and a doctor from Nebraska left Nashville on Wednesday morning, and traveled first to the Dominican Republic. They crossed the border on Thursday, and by Friday were hard at work, said Chris Gingles, vice-president of Healing Hands.

"We got a text message saying they are in, they are doing well and they are busy doing surgeries," Gingles said.

Before leaving, Whittaker expected to put his surgical skills and his skills as an ob-gyn to work. "Childbirth will still go on," he said, "even after the earthquake. But pregnant women may have few safe places to give birth. They are not able to use the hospitals because they have been destroyed," he said.

Whittaker planned to be in Haiti for at least three weeks. Several doctor friends from Nashville planned to join him there once he gets settled. Healing Hands plans to send other medical teams to Haiti over the next few weeks. It is also shipping in medicine, water filtration kits for about 200,000 people, and 1,000 tents.

Donations Pour In

Randy Steger, a Lipscomb University professor who started Healing Hands more than 20 years ago, said donations for the work in Haiti have been pouring in from around the country to the website, www.hhi.org. He's also heard of Churches of Christ from several poor countries that plan to send donations. "We have poor churches in Central and South America who will be passing the hat for Haiti," Steger said.

Despite the unrest in Haiti after the earthquake, Whittaker said he had no reservations about going. Given his experience in Nigeria, he said he'd try to be careful about security concerns. "But people are hurting there," he said. "As a doctor, he felt that God wanted him to go and help."

"If you believe in a providential God who is involved in the equation, it leaves you free to do your best," he said. "I have that serene feeling that it's OK, in the end. It may be rough on the way, but it will be OK in the end."

*From the Vision,
West Side Church of Christ
Russellville, Arkansas*

Just because you can't see God, does not mean He is not there.
"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Thought: "God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say 'thank you'?" William A. Ward

Little kids know a lot about monsters. Although there is a diversity of opinion on what they actually look like, there is clear consensus on several points.

One, monsters most often lurk under the bed or in the bedroom closet.

Two, they are nocturnal creatures, most active in the dark of the night.

Three, they are frightening beyond belief.

Four, they disappear in the presence of light.

I think these kids might be on to something.

You see, grown-ups have their own monsters with which to contend. They don't look the same as the ones we feared in childhood, but they can be just as terrifying. Ordinary problems that we may manage reasonably well during the daytime can be monsters at night. They live in our bedrooms and come out in the darkness to frighten us when we are in need of sleep. In this weary state we are defenseless, powerless to reason them away. In fact, the more we try the more menacing they tend to become. Some-times we may wrestle with them until the first rays of dawn shine through the window. Often, then, we find what was hopeless and terrifying in the dark is not nearly so scary in the light of day.

So what can we do when we fear and worry rob us of our sleep? There must be some way to deal with the monsters that torment us at night.

The best strategy may be to not think of them at all. But it's no use simply trying to ignore them. We must firmly tell them that we're in no shape to deal with them and that God is now handling our concerns.

Then we can turn our thoughts to God and thank God for all the many problems he's solved for us in the past. When we focus on the great works God's already done in our lives, fear subsides and peace washes over us. When we think of his provision in the past, it's easier to trust Him with the monsters under the bed.

Keri Myers, Home Touch

Remember Our Sick

Alec Barkley – appt. with Pulmonologist April 9th, in Denver.

Danny Brown – works for the City of Dover, diagnosed with cancer of the mouth. Doctor's appointment March 1st, to decide on treatments.

Karen Jones – Diane Shinn's sister, facing possible colon cancer surgery.

Bob Lee – home recovering.

Janette Litch – battling cancer.

Beverly Myers – eye problems, good report, follow-up in one month.

Margaret (Marty) Robbins – cancer, Chemo treatments.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Evelyn Burton

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin

Helen Brown

Alma Burris

Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, David/Mary Franke, Larry/Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Jeff Myers, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, Judy Will and W. T./Sue Williams.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Kelley Chance, Andrea Henson.

Our Military: prayers for D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

Terrorist Cell Groups

News reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader Osama Bin Lucifer, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorists cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

To which cell group do you belong? And guess what, no church is exempt. However, you can spot them if you have "Bin Lookin."

Bin Prayin??? No? Then you better get busy, cuz our country needs all the prayers you can pack in a day, not just when you are in church.

I "Bin Lookin." You "Bin Prayin?"

**Sent By Rod Pfeifer
Dover, Arkansas**

**Daylight saving time begins
March 14, move clock forward
one hour.**

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities

Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Leaders & Leaderettes

Will Meet Every Sunday,
4PM,

Dover Church of Christ
Song Leading, Bible Bowl
Practice & Bible Reading.

2010 Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes Convention

April 2nd Thru 4th

Theme: "Faith is the Victory "

Bible Bowl: Hebrews

Pearls: Standing on the Promises

CHRISTEENS

February 26th - 28th

West Side Church of Christ

Young Adult Get Together

February 27th, 4 PM

Eugene/Loredana Qualls
Italian Potluck

Dover Men's Regular Monthly

Business Meeting

Monday, March 1st, 7 PM

Dover Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Youth in Home Devo

Sunday, March 7th,
following evening services.

Host: William Boley

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, March 11th, 7 PM

Host: William Boley

Teacher Appreciation Banquet

Saturday, March 13th, 6PM

See Donny Forehand or Shirlye
Chadwick for more info.

Dover Ladies Devo

4th Thursday, March 25th, 7PM

Hostess: Diane Walters *(Billy)

DOVER LADIES' DAY!!!

Saturday, April 24th

(Now's the time to get this on
your calendar.)

More information to follow.

In May The Dover Church of
Christ will recognize our 2010
Graduates; this is our list so far:

Dover High School

Blake Forehand

Josh Pennington

Drew Walters

Atkins

Shelby Statler

Hector

Lane Smith

College

Chris Ramirez

Bobbie Robbins

Tristan Stamps

Michael Williams

If there are others *Please* let
Shirlye Chadwick know.

March Birthdays

02 Kelly McDonald

03 Keaton Creel
Rick Hollis

05 Austin Myers

07 Sarah Ensey
Harold Turner
Colton Williams

09 Jim Clark

10 Janette Litch

12 Carl Lawley

13 Matthew Moss

17 Jim Killer

21 William Boley

22 Alan Herron

25 Ethan Letson

26 Mike Creel

27 Wilma Johnson

Gary Shinn

Shelby Statler

28 Kaeli Miller

Elizabeth Robbins

If we missed your birth-
day, *Please* let us know
so it won't happen again.

Hector Church of Christ To Hold Grand Opening

March 7th thru April 11th

366 Oak Street

Hector, Arkansas

Randy Gray, Minister

Several ministers from this
area will be the speakers.

Speakers on Sunday 2 PM
and 7:30 PM Monday thru
Wednesday evenings.

THOSE TO SERVE

February 28, 2010

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Jim Killer

Larry Mahan

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand

Serve: Allen Veasman
Alan Boatright
Blake Walters
Brent Hottinger

Scripture Reading

William Boley

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Gary Williams

Joe Miller

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

March 03, 2010

William Boley

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

Minister: Micah Williams

Church Office: 479-331-3428

Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

William Boley 858-7131

Jim Killer 331-2802

Allen Veasman 331-2156

Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Chris Loper

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark

Sunday Church: Pat McAlister

Kaeli Miller

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