

# Standing in the Gap E-News



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## Praying Scripture

*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16*

## Devotional Meditation – Finding Yourself (Part 2 of 2)

But today, more than ever, God's candles are being melted down for tallow. Christian young people are being encouraged to devote time and energy to purposes unrelated to the context of the crisis of their times. In the place of candle purpose, which is labeled unrealistic or impractical, they are introduced to the idea of candle presence, as though that holds all the answers for people in the dark.

The Savior's statement "You are the light of the world" indicates the true context and significance of the world's crisis. All people are in darkness. They are hopelessly lost without the true light. Candle presence is not enough. Melted-down tallow is irrelevant to the problem.

The world can cry, "We're here to educate, not to convert," but when the Christian takes up the chant, he is melting his candle for tallow. In shining, God's people find themselves, though they burn up in doing it. By the same token, they lose themselves when they substitute any other activity for bearing light and giving significant witness.

- Self-chosen functions, if they are ignored or are given preeminence over God's appointed function, are destructive of spiritual fiber.
- Self-chosen vocations create misfits in God's eternal scheme of things.
- Self-chosen appointments misread the context of spiritual darkness in which men apart from Christ live and die.

Lost people need light before literacy, new hope before a new home. Don't melt your candle down for tallow. Recapture God's candle purpose for your "little light," and find yourself.

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## Prayer for the Asia

- Pray for all of Asia. Asians are longing to know about Jesus, but it is very difficult to share the gospel message.
- Pray for **revival** among the government leaders and Christian friendly policies to be developed.

- Pray for **open hearts** and opportunities to hear the Word.
- Pray for strength, wisdom and safety for **the missionaries and nationals** in sharing the Gospel.
- Pray for **the church leaders** to unite as the body of Christ to pray for repentance.
- Pray for those being **persecuted and martyred** for their faith.

Isaiah 41:17 *The poor and needy seek water, but there is none. Their tongues fail for thirst, I, the Lord, will hear them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. That they may see and know, that the hand of the Lord has done this.*

Luke 13:29-30 *They will come from the east and from the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."*

-taken from the Lydia Prayer Journal

### Titus Books and Gifts go to Uganda, Africa

We are so excited to tell you that 3 boxes of our Titus and FAS books have been shipped to Uganda, Africa as a love gift to the missionaries serving there with World Gospel Mission in Uganda. The WGM missionaries serving all over Uganda are gathering for a Field Retreat next week, April 14-17 in Kampala, Uganda. Joanna Coppedge is on the retreat committee and wanted to be able to give one book to each of the families and children at the retreat. Well, when she contacted FAS to place her order, the staff lit up!

We knew Joanna wanted her teammates to be showered with tangible expressions of God's love for them, but we also knew there was no way for her to get things like gift bags and tissue paper in Uganda. That is when Vicki New got excited. She had also experienced the joy in receiving God's love through a beautiful gift bag at a retreat and wanted the missionaries to know God's love for them. Vicki bought beautiful gift bags and tissue paper, encouraging bookmarks, magnets with scripture verses, inspirational crosses, little candles, special flavored tea for the adults and candy for the children. Vicki knows God's love is abundant and wanted the bags to reflect His abundant love for each missionary adult, teenager and child.

When the other FAS staff heard what was happening, they wanted to give above and beyond the books Joanna requested. FAS gave each family a copy of *Reflections of a Pilgrim* by Mark Royster, *Prayer of Faith* by J. O. Fraser, *The Story of Sammie Morris* and the pamphlet *The High Calling*. What a joy for FAS to share in Joanna's intention to pour Christ's love, joy, peace and hope back into the missionaries who have given their lives to share the Gospel of Jesus and the message of holiness across the ocean.



But we need you, Titus Women! We need you to pray! Joanna has received two of the three boxes, but we need Jesus to get that third box to them before they leave on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Could you pray with us to that end? We also believe this could be a strategic time in the lives and ministry of WGM Uganda. Would you consider praying for a specific missionary family or individual while they are at the retreat? Please contact Stephanie Hogan at [TWMinistry@aol.com](mailto:TWMinistry@aol.com) and let her know if you have any specifics of who you would like to pray for (a family with younger children, teenage children, a single missionary, etc.)

What a fun and tangible way that together we might hold up the hands of our brothers and sisters sharing Jesus in Uganda. *My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they*

*may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:2-3).*

### **Prayer for Titus Women in Ministry**

Please be pray for **Sharon Belcher** and her **new Lydia Prayer Group as they meet today, Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in Circleville, Ohio.** Pray that God's Spirit will meet them and guide them in this time of prayer and intercession. Pray that as they gather, they will be hungry to see what God wants to do in and through them. Pray for Sharon as she leads this new ministry.

Please be praying for **Sharon Ruff** as she leads a **Good Friday breakfast for 200 women from the area in New Jersey.** Please be praying that God would be stirring in the women's hearts in the days to come and that they would see and meet Jesus, and never be the same. Please be praying for Hannah Engebretson, who attended Come to the Fire this past year, and that as she brings the message from the Word that morning, that each word would be full of the Holy Spirit sent from the Father.

### **Other Prayer Requests**

Please be praying for **Ashley Leach**, who previously attended Titus Women's Bible Study in Wilmore, and her 6-year-old daughter, Katie, who recently had a 4.5 lb cancerous tumor removed from her abdomen is back in surgery today at 2:00pm to have a spot on her lung removed. Please:

- Ask God to provide Dr. A and his team of surgeons with great concentration, vision and dexterity to be able to find and get that "spot" out.
- Pray for the pathologist as s/he looks at the tissue: ask God to give him/her great discernment and clarity on how to define this mass.
- Also ask God for wisdom and insight for the oncology team as they determine what the next steps of treatment are.
- Last, please ask God to oversee Katie's recovery--that it goes as quickly and beautifully as before!
- Above all, I'm asking that God is glorified; that His fame is spread; that people of all backgrounds and educational levels are astounded by His work on behalf of His people; that somehow, through our Katie Bug, people are able to see what a LOVING God our God is.

These prayer requests are taken from Ashley's facebook page in which you can view her latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=57198031233&ref=nf>

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