

Reconciliation Report



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Fighting For The Kids

Judy Sutherland

The Vienna Philharmonic is playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto #1 in C major, the vireo is singing his squeaky-swing tune in the nearest thicket, the sun is filtering down upon my transplanted iris through a whole woods of fresh green leaves and soft new needles, and one of "the guns of St. Elmo" is banging emphatically away farther up the mountain, hopefully hunting squirrels. When we hear an automatic at 4:30 AM or thereabouts, Jim will say, with as much emphasis as one can muster out of a sound sleep, "That was no squirrel!" I quiet my trepidation with a prayer to Him who sees all, even in the wee small hours.

These are the years in our life where the command for continual prayer is no longer as enigmatic as it has been. The children, as adults scattered from Knoxville to Longview, Texas are like four bobbers in the continual white water of daily thoughts. Prayer is the comfort of choice as the other comforts have taken their place in history. Gone are the years of stories, Band-Aids, drinks of water after bedtime, or quiet rocking at midnight to erase a nightmare or ease a fever. These are the years of "Oh Father...oh Father." And He is there with promises of specificity, beating the comfort of stepping from the shower on a January morning, rubbing dry with a towel warm from the dryer. They are promises to wear like fine garments and, as expensive attire, they move your chin up and your shoulders back, adding confidence to your tone and step. God calls them "garments of praise." Often they are given in despair and clumsily put on through tears. These are the years of purposeful dressing to wait and watch and continually relinquish wishes. Many days though, the choice is not conscious and we shuffle off to face the hours in an odd, un-pressed assemblage, comfortable in familiarity and useless for battle.

"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD For the display of his splendor." Isaiah 61:3b (NIV)

Is that not a fine felt hat to don when the perversion and mediocrity of our current world descends?

"All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace." Isaiah 54:13

This is a supple leather glove to put on and pump out a joyful YES! when

teachers of the “Cut every corner” and “Look out for Number One” are in every camp. And if there is evidence that such teachers have made inroads, here’s a velvet, impervious vest:

Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives rescued from the fierce?
 But this is what the LORD says: “Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save.” Isaiah 49:24-25

God has equally rich attire for your own daily clashes. Go shopping “without money and without price” and buy a new wardrobe. Then wear it by design, especially in those dark hours of early morning, when the Enemy throws those “Come as you are and I’ll whisper to you” parties.



How we appreciate you—your thoughts, prayers, notes, gifts, emails and calls. I’ll not duplicate facts, but the work moves steadily. Browse a bit on the web page www.RMNI.org/news for some of the current and future projects. As for “the Kids,” Ethan is at LeTourneau this summer to catch up on some aviation courses that weather has delayed considerably; Tim is home to work at Unum-Provident Co. and earn money for the fall; Susanna is doing her internship at Pickett State Park (on the TN/KY border) as their Naturalist; and Naomi continues on here at the U. of Tennessee library, finding Chattanooga more and more home. We love and appreciate you.



Ugandan pastor Julius Mwanguzi (left), with Evangelist Aaron Sims. Julius stayed a week in our home and longer with Aaron, who has preached in Julius’ church. Meetings were arranged in local churches. Black churches contributed equipment and funds for Julius’ outreach—he oversees 5 churches.

Prayer and Praise Points:



- ↑ We now have 6 intending to go to Uganda, BUT please pray for LC Riley, Hattie Riley’s husband. Illness threatens to cancel her third trip to Uganda, where she is very effective. Please pray for a Team of 15.
- ↑ For speakers and better attendance at Urban Ministers’ Meetings.
- ↑ For faith, teaching opportunities and energy

- and for blessing upon financial workshops May 26-27 and a sermon June 3
- ↑ Continued safety for Ethan’s flying
- ↑ Wisdom to develop a PowerPoint presentations on Black missions and for opportunities to present missions in Black churches
- ↑ For John (“Bump”) who professed Christ last week in the projects, and who is eager for

- discipleship. God is providing street ministry volunteers.
- ↑ Continued prayer for Board members to replace 4 retiring in 2002.
- ↑ For completion of an article on recruitment of Black missionaries and progress in other reading/research.
- ↑ Encouragement for Francis, the Kajjansi Church plant pastor.