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We exist to glorify God: building, equipping and sending believers to win people to Christ

Missions

We have all probably talked to someone for awhile and then realized, "Wow, they have a great story to tell!" Bob and Mary Ellen Shilling are definitely two such people and their story shows a missionary heart.

Mary Ellen grew up attending Clark St. Methodist Church on Toledo's Eastside. The pastor gave altar calls and she remembers going forward with her sister when she was 7 or 8. She says, "I know now that God was working in my life, teaching me about giving without getting in return. This included cutting grass, shoveling snow, sometimes for no money." These childhood lessons eventually led to a desire to serve in short term missions.

In the late 1960s, Bob and Mary Ellen took their four children to Mexico to help Garnet Cuyler, a missionary with Medical Evangelism in Mexico. They took clothing, canned goods, and medicines and helped in a clinic, even assisting in the delivery of a baby. The people there, a day's travel south of the Texas border, had mud huts, dirt floors and little or no food. Needless to say, this made for a heart check for all the Shillings and led to another later trip to Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, TX. This time they worked with Javier and Sylvia Cruz, pastors who lived in El Paso but had a church in Juarez. The Shillings took VBS materials, soaps and other toiletries, and small toys for the children.

In 1974 Mary Ellen and friend, Ellen Smithers, went to Darmstadt, Germany to participate with a ministry called Canaan in the Land. This is a prayer ministry begun after World War II to help the German people recover from the war.

In Dec. 1975 Mary Ellen went with a Charles Rogers ministry called Evangelism in Action to Ghana, West Africa. For 15 days in the evening the group put on evangelism crusades. Then the next morning Mary Ellen helped teach the new converts, using a translator. In the afternoons they went out into the villages to hold services, after getting permission from the village chiefs. They prayed with many people and had a great response to the Gospel.

In Oct. 1997 Bob and Mary Ellen went to Jerusalem, Israel with Lydia Fellowship International, a women's prayer ministry. They were in charge of taping a women's conference on prayer which included such topics as how to meditate on the scriptures and how to pray for missionaries' children.

These experiences have led Bob and Mary Ellen to have a passion for missions today that comes from God's pressing on their hearts as they saw firsthand the needs around the world. Their lives are enriched and ours also as we Praise God with them for the work he has done.



In John 14:27, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

What is peace? - Serenity, calm and quiet within. Sometimes an opposite conveys the meaning clearly - Peace is the opposite of being anxious or troubled. This word as Jesus is using it, is not talking about political peace, freedom from war or any such thing. It is addressing inner peace.

A typical Jewish greeting would be to wish an individual "Peace" - "Shalom". Jesus however was not wishing - He says "peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you". Peace that is based on who Jesus is, Peace that is His, is what He gives to us. If a beggar on the street said, "Hey guy, I am going to give you ten thousand dollars," would you believe him? What if Bill Gates personally said to you, "I will give you ten thousand dollars." Is he a little more believable? What is different about the two offers? Bill Gates actually has it to give, the beggar may wish to give it to you, but Bill can actually deliver. How much more does Jesus have? Jesus did not wish peace for the disciples, He had it, They saw and knew the peace He had, He could deliver.

Jesus' next statement is "I do not give to you as the world gives" It is not a wish, not a vain promise, this is the way the world "gives", the most it can offer us is a wish. No matter, what Wal-mart, Meijer and Target promise us, no matter what American Eagle, Pac-sun, Google chrome, Land's End, Apple, Chevy, Ford, Volvo, Maybach, Ferrari, Mercedes, Michelin or Valvoline promises us - The best they can offer is a wish or a vain promise. No matter what the world religions promise us, they cannot deliver inner peace, they don't have it to give, the best they can do is send you on some quest to find it. Jesus says I can actually deliver, its mine to give.

So let's look at what robs us of peace:

1. Unsettled issues with God - Sin bothers us
2. Fear of losing control - Job, status, actions of other people, insecurities, circumstances, change
3. Satan stirring the pot - the enemy likes to keep us stirred up with worry and insecurity
4. Improper care of self - choices and decisions about the physical and emotional.
5. Physically triggered anxiety - There are some who have physical causes for their anxiety. Free floating anxiety can be due to illness.

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How can we have peace?

1. Having a relationship with God: Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ...” Knowing Him, walking with Him, His way. Without this relationship this peace is impossible. This relationship then dictates the rest of these steps below.
2. Trust developed: Knowing a Sovereign God. Is God really in control? Did He know what was about to happen? Can we trust God and His character? This is the real question we are asking when we are trying to figure our way through things. Will He who allowed this not also lead you through it? You and I have to grow in trust – there are no easy formulas, you have to know God and walk with Him, that’s the only way to learn. Trust and obey, then trust and obey, then trust and obey – it is not a one time event it is a life long process.
3. Stop believing the lies and looking to other people, circumstances and things to provide us with peace – this can become idol worship
4. Take care of God’s temple – Exercise, proper nutrition, pay attention to what you put in your body and what you do to it. Where our thoughts go, the things we choose to dwell on and meditate upon. All of this affects what is inside, choices made have physical and emotional impact.
5. Medical help if appropriate – some of us need medical help to correct chemical imbalances or other medical conditions.

So in Scriptural reality, peace does not come from the absence of danger, turmoil, struggle etc, it comes from the presence of God. This is what Jesus is saying. He gives what He has and the way to have it is to walk with Him and know Him. You and I as followers of Christ, have the Holy Spirit of God living within us, who then should be the most peaceful people on the planet? Jesus gives us peace freely. Will we walk His way?



I pray the peace of Christ in your heart as the news report continue to fill many with fear and doom and gloom about everything in our world. May the peace that Christ offers you reign in you, through and through.

Pastor Thomas

Outreach Opportunity

SOS Ministries is an organization which works to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to share their faith with the ultimate goal of leading people to Jesus Christ as Savior. It is a non-confrontational method using the question: “Would you like to know three things God cannot do?”.

Two years ago, PAC had about twenty people trained and then subsequently saw 30+ individuals saved or making rededications of faith at Harrison Rally Days where the training was put into practice. We want to offer the training again to refresh those who were previously trained but have not used it recently, and for those who want to be trained for the first time. Each person needs about 10 minutes for the training and all ages, including youth are encouraged to participate.

Don and Shirley Riegel of PAC have had a ministry training people in this method of evangelism for several years and will be offering a training session on 12 Sept 2009 at PAC from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Then those who are available, can sign up for a time slot at Harrison Rally Days the next Saturday, 19 Sept 2009, where we will have a booth for SOS ministry outreach.

It is vital that we, as disciples of Jesus, keep ourselves from becoming complacent about sharing our faith. Here is an opportunity to reach out in faith to the Perrysburg community. If God so leads you, please sign up for training on the bulletin board outside the church office. A sheet will posted in August. Please see Pastor Dave or Don and Shirley Reigel for more information.

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Deaconess Meeting 9:00 am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Seniors' Breakfast @ Charlies 9:00 a.m.	CCOC 7:00 pm WAC 7:00 pm Alliance Women Leadership 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Potluck/Picnic After 2nd Service		Alliance Women Leadership 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm	Finance Council 7:00 pm		Ladies at the Lake 8:30am to 8:30 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Governing Board 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm		Scrapbooking 7:00 pm	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		DDC 7:15 pm	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm			

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		CCOC 7:00 pm WAC 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day Seniors' Breakfast @ Charlie's 9:00 a.m.	Alliance Women Leadership 6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm	Finance Council 7:00 pm		SOS Training 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Governing Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm		Scrapbooking 7:00 pm	
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27	28	29	30			
			Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm			