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"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God."

2 Tim. 1:7-8

As times change, some features of the human landscape remain the same. Paul's young disciple Timothy needed to *"stir up the gift of God,"* to rest His confidence in the Spirit of power, love and sound mind. Thus empowered, Timothy could join Paul in the threatening arena of sufferings for the gospel. Timothy needed this power to overcome fear, shame of Christ's word, and the *"perilous times"* in which he lived (2 Tim. 3:1). So do we. In an era no less intimidating, in a world where some seal their witness with blood, in a time when fear, shame, and self-seeking cow many of us into awkward silence and retreat, we must follow the apostle's Spirit-given counsel. Stir up the gift of God that is in you. Remember the Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind you've been given. *"Hold fast the pattern of sound words . . . in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus"* (2 Tim. 1:13). At the point of confrontation, a thousand reasons not to speak of Christ come to mind; courageous Christian witness, by means of the Spirit, turns them all aside to share the good news of God's power to save those who believe in Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:16).

We thank the Lord for **Duane and Kathie Pieper**, organizers of the upcoming **Omaha, NE Scriptorium** on October 9-10, 2015, at **Maranatha Fellowship in Bellevue, NE**. The Scriptorium is a Scripture recital for people of all ages, and the passages to be recited in Omaha focus on the biblical witness to the Messiah as seen in **Gen. 1-8, Exod. 1-4, Deut. 5-9, Ruth, the Gospel of Matthew, and select passages from Micah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah**. Check out the website: <http://www.scriptoriums.com/omaha--ne2.html> or call us at 888-569-2560 for more information.

God often uses your calls and letters to strengthen us. **Betty**, a longtime memorizer from **Georgia** recently called in an order and took the time to share her experience of God's word in her heart. **"Memorizing the word of God stabilized me and my family," she said. "I wouldn't take anything for the memory work I did."** Betty's husband's government job moved their family all over the country, and they started Bible memorizing fellowships wherever they went. Her husband thought of himself as a Bible memory missionary supported at government expense! God's word filled them with so much joy, she said, that **"we wanted to share it with everyone we met."** We could use more such Bible memory missionaries! God's

word in the heart brings joy as we patiently memorize and meditate. *"Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts"* (Jer. 15:16).



Dr. Charles Ryrie spoke on James 1:22-25 at a lunch gathering we hosted here at our Dallas office on May 7. The purpose of the lunch was to raise awareness and funds for the **new Scripture Memory phone app** that is currently under development. God encouraged us there with warm fellowship among about 20 pastors and friends of the ministry along with bountiful gifts for the app. We praise God for how He's provided as we now have over half of what we need to develop and implement fully this amazing technological tool. When complete, the app will offer our complete set of 50 memory books with notes and study questions all on any smart-phone or mobile device. Please pray for the funds and direction needed to finish this project well, and stay tuned for more details on this project.

Through the friendship of **William MacKenzie** and family of **Christian Focus Publishers** in **Scotland**, God has favored our ministry with access to numerous high quality books that have delighted many as rewards for memorizing Scripture. Our rewards list, now available online on our website (<http://scripturememoryfellowship.org/rewards>), is expanding with more Christian Focus titles. Each memorizer who completes his memory book can choose any three items free off that list. Christian Focus has also given us permission to sell their materials at reduced prices to help support the memory work. As you can see on this month's sales sheet, the books are high quality and affordable.

You may receive this letter a bit early as we head back to Ringgold for **Scripture Memory camp** June 1-5. Please pray for our teachers **Dr. Don and Debbie Vasser, Pastor Nate and Barbie Sprinkle, Pastor Doug Mahsman, Ken McKinley, Gerilyn Walker, Melody O'Banion, Billie Ruth Bingham, and Joe and Linda Whitaker**; please pray for our special evening speaker **Pastor Robert Crummie**. Pray that the Scripture planted will cause us all to draw near to Christ and hear Him. Please pray for the means to cover the cost. As many as 20 of the campers plan to recite their whole book or Scriptorium passage and thus earn the week as a free reward.

Thank you for praying and sharing with us to see this ministry brought to a new generation!

Much grace to you and yours,

Jim Woychuk

*"Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart."
2 Cor. 4:1*