

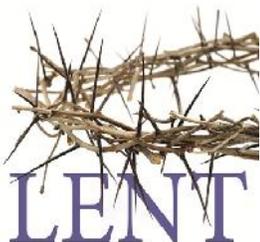
HEART OF CALVARY



Demonstrating God's love to people, helping them to be healed from their hurts & set free from bondage, so they can be equipped and trained for ministry to bless generations!

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From the missions team,
Did you know . . .

Americans give \$700 million per year to mission agencies. However, they pay as much for pet food every 52 days. A person must overeat by at least \$1.50 worth of food per month to maintain one excess pound of flesh. Yet \$1.50 per month is more than what 90 percent of all Christians in America give to missions.

If the average missions supporter is only five pounds overweight, it means he spends (to his own hurt) at least five times as much as he gives for missions.

If he were to choose simple food (as well as not overeat), he could give ten times as much as he does to missions and not modify his standard of living in any other way!

Ralph Winter of the William Carey Library.

PROVERBS 21:26

...the righteous gives and does not hold back.

God Bless, Mick & Darlene Morman

Remember.....

Our Mission is Possible!

**MISSION:
~~IMPOSSIBLE~~**



A Trophy For God

One morning I paused in my Bible reading, and as I reached for my cup of Chai something shiny caught my attention. I glanced at the windows of our neighbor's den and saw all the shiny, "gold" trophies lined up on the shelves proudly manifesting their sons' victories on the tennis court. There must have been a gazillion! I smiled as in my mind's eye I tried to picture God's den and all the shelves He must need to hold us...His trophies.

This picture had come to my mind because I'd just finished reading II Corinthians 2:14 in the Amplified Bible which told me we sit on God's shelf as "trophies of Christ's victory." Jesus Christ won me in the Battle at the Cross! A battle which had played out on Calvary before God and all creation. His triumph had resounded throughout heaven, earth, and hell. Death had lost, and Life had won. Victory was His, and **I was the prize!**

Wow! What a mind-boggling, heart-stopping, Now revelation! For a few minutes my mind was at a loss for words. Something was changing deep inside of me. A "Hallelujah Moment" was being birthed. I closed my eyes, wanting to stop time and capture that moment. At some point, much later, my grateful, grace-filled heart whispered, "Thank You, Jesus."

You know something? The next time I'm tempted to listen to the devil's lies that say I am a failure...a loser...a nobody; I think I'll just pay a little visit to my Father's den for a look at what is standing proudly on the third shelf, second from the right.

Yep, that's me! All shiny and gold! I am God's trophy! 😊

Blessings, Peggy



Attention Ladies

Mark your calendars for **JUNE 6, 2015**. Our next **Ladies' Meeting** will be on that Saturday from 10:00-12:30. Our special guest will be noted author and speaker, Connie Hunter-Urban from Connersville, IN. More details will follow.

Sharing God's Heart and Bearing the Burden

By Becky Curtis

Until today I hadn't had a good cry in a very long time. The last one I remember was a few years ago at a Sunday morning service. I had learned that week that my daughter-in-law miscarried her second child. That Sunday morning, sisters huddled around me to share their love and I just broke. A grief came over me for my children. It was not so much my own grief as it was a sharing of theirs. I knew how much this hurt them and I felt the Lord was letting me bear some of their pain so that they might get through this, faith intact. I sobbed until the peace of the Lord settled on me.

This morning, the tears and the sobbing came again. I had picked up my laptop and set out to do some research for an article I wanted to write about Lent. Funny how, if you pray and ask for guidance, the Lord will take you on a journey that you would never have planned for yourself. My journey this morning took me to a picture of a man holding his daughter in what looked to be a church classroom. To the right was a picture of this same man. Once again my heart broke. This time for the families of those 21 martyrs. Yes, I had seen the picture on TV of these men, kneeling in a row. I had said "Oh Lord, be with their families." But this time, my heart ached for the wives, mothers, children and fathers of these men. This time I felt the burden of the persecuted church. This time it was real and I cried.



This time, I cried as if it were my son and grand-daughter in that picture --- my precious son on that beach. As I cried and prayed, the Lord moved me to do something that would *never* have crossed my mind. He had me pray for the men in black, standing behind the martyrs. It is hard to imagine, but He loves them too. They are His lost children that have fallen for a horrible lie. They are not acting on their own, but they have surrendered themselves to an evil master.

After my tears subsided, I went back to my research and a sign caught my eye. It said "Coptic Lives Matter" and listed the names of the 21 martyrs – all but one. As I took the time to read each name, the tears returned, especially for the man whose name is known only to God.

Hani Abdel Messihah,
Yousef Shoukry
Towadros Yousef
Maged Suleiman Shahata
Milad Makeen Zaky
Abanub Ayad Atiyā
Kirolos Shokry Fawzy

Bishoy Astafanus Kamel
Malak Ibrahim Sinweet
Girgis Milad Sinweet
Mina Fayez Aziz
Samuel Alham Wilson
Samuel Astafanus Kamel
Ezat Bishri Naseef

Loqa Nagaty Anees
Munir Gaber Adly
Esam Badir Samir
Malak Farag Abram
Sameh Salah Farug
Girgis Sameer Maglee
Worker from Awr village

I clicked on the sign and it took me to the blog *The Chronicles & Ramblings of Joe Azar* at www.joeazer.com. He wrote a powerful piece that I highly recommend. In the first paragraph, he confirmed what I was feeling, "The burden of Christians is not to pray for the 21 Coptic Christian Martyrs or their families, the burden is to pray for ISIS... I can't believe I just typed those words." He is not saying we shouldn't pray for the families, because later in the article he calls us to pray for them, but it is no burden to pray for those who share our love of Jesus. The burden is in praying for our enemies. I'll close with more of his words, because I can't say it any better.

"What ISIS is doing today is no different than what Saul did to Christians before his conversion to the faith, the difference is ISIS has camera's rolling and a larger audience.

We all pray for peace in these days but we also know ISIS will not win this war in the end. This is not a battle of nation against nation... this is Kingdom vs kingdom... and Jesus does not lose."



Kimberly Purcell	March 1	Patrick Guy	March 17
Noah Campbell	March 3	Karla Bensinger	March 17
Delilah Hagedorn	March 3	Bill Daugherty	March 19
Skylar Archambeault	March 4	Noah Lawrence	March 20
Tim Murphy	March 4	Zachary Byrd	March 22
Brad Cook	March 4	Billy Fisher	March 22
Peggy Hanna	March 9	Shannon Pilant	March 24
Julie Morgan	March 9	Matt Archambeault	March 25
Danielle Johnson	March 11	Penny Archer	March 26
Breana Daugherty	March 13	Allan Haskett	March 26
Charlene Stephens	March 16	Kim Peabody	March 27
Megan Heath	March 16	Frank Wey	March 30



happy anniversary

Jay & Sarah Heath March 19
 Lance & Tabitha Byrd March 26

Save this Date!
APRIL 14, 2015



Clear your calendar for the opportunity to hear the powerful pro-life speaker, **Shawn Carney** . . . live at the annual Crisis Pregnancy Center of the Wabash Valley Fundraising Banquet. This year's banquet will be on **Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at ISU Hulman Center.**

Deanna Still of Heartbeat Pregnancy Center says, "...the feedback we've received has been that Shawn was by far our best speaker ever!"