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A LESSER GOD

A.W. Tozer, one of the great Evangelical conservatives of his day, wrote *"One of the most telling blows which the enemy ever struck at the life of the Church was to create in her a fear of the Holy Spirit."* He goes on to say, *"The very mention of His Name in some circles is enough to frighten many people into resistance."* If what Mr. Tozer wrote fifty years ago was true then, it is even more so today.

There is one thing that concerned me yesterday, it concerns me today and it will concern me tomorrow. It is this: In our Evangelical World, we tend to make the Holy Spirit a lesser god. We have a place for the Father and the Son, but none for the Holy Spirit.

Not that He hasn't been spoken of. We hear of Him as a doctrine, as a theological treatise, but always accompanied, it would seem, with the caveat of "there is nothing more than what we already have." This is a stultifying statement at best. Not that it is wrong in the idea that we have received all of God that we can, but to imply that there is not a filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit is wholly wrong and has robbed countless thousands of God's greatest blessing.

I have watched with great concern the growth of what I call the "Cult of Tongues" within the ranks of our Pentecostal brethren. The "gift of tongues" has become the center of gravity with many and allows for erroneous teaching, of abuse and misuse of the teaching on the Holy Spirit. There is a gift of tongues, the Bible teaches this, but the ever present danger is to worship the gift, not the Giver.

I have watched with equal concern the fear of Evangelicals of being "contaminated" if they speak of or stress any experiential activity of the Holy Spirit in the believer. This has led to the dead letter of orthodoxy. The

emphasis is on the Word of God without the Spirit. There is nothing more deadening than orthodoxy apart from the Spirit.

The problem arises with the inbred tendency of all or nothing. The mind-set is that the Pentecostals are all wrong and we have it all right while the Pentecostal feels that Evangelicals have missed the most important thing in Christendom – tongues.

Might I be bold enough to say that both positions are wrong. Why? Because they make the Holy Spirit into a lesser God! You see, to be doctrinally right and experientially wrong is no better than being experimentally right and doctrinally wrong.

Let me say categorically, a person can be filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit and not speak in tongues! To this both opposing camps will disagree. One will say there is no subsequent activity of the Holy Spirit such as being filled and empowered, that we have it all at conversion. The other will say it is impossible to experience the fullness of the Spirit without tongues.

Let me continue to speak candidly. Without doubt the most important Person of the Trinity in the Church today is the Holy Spirit! Jesus certainly thought so or He wouldn't have asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to replace Him here on earth. Jesus spent but 33 years here on earth, the Holy Spirit 2000, yet we know far more of Jesus than we do of the Spirit. This is a tremendous failing in our walk.

I say also, all the glory and splendor that belongs to God the Father and God the Son belongs also to the Holy Spirit. Mind you, if we worship One, we worship All. The great danger for we Evangelicals is turning the Holy Spirit into a lesser God because of our fear of being tainted.

Nothing happens unless the Spirit of God moves. Relegate Him to something less than God, and you will **Continued on page 3**

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NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS

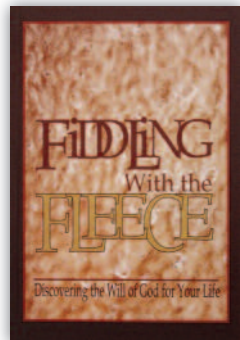
A Treasury of Basic Biblical Counseling Principles

THIS UNIQUE BOOK consists of poignant values, ethics and practical applications which have been developed from decades of personal counseling experience and observation. Jim Craddock, author, lecturer, counselor and educator, is sharing over 500 values and principles that have guided his ministering over the past fifty years.

This is a must read for those involved in Biblical counseling, but proves to be a valuable read for everyone.

Fiddling With the Fleece (Discovering the Will of God for your life)

IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE to know, and know for certain, God's direction for your life? In a day and age where job security and career opportunities are vague and uncertain, does the Bible offer any input to give us guidance? The answer to both of these questions is yes.

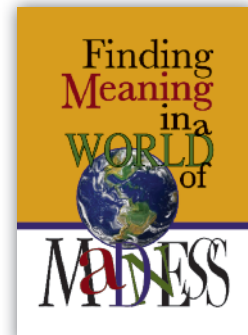


The author answers these questions by taking you to the Bible, using the life of Gideon, and showing you how he asked, "How can I know God's will?" God never intended for you to live in limbo nor in ignorance of His purpose and design for your life. As the author demonstrates, there are ways that will help you in ascertaining God's purpose for your life. By following the applications in seeking God's will, the assurance of peace will come.

Finding Meaning in a World of Madness

WHEN PEOPLE FAIL TO FIND meaning, especially in the meaningless situations, it can create profound emotional and spiritual problems. Lack of logical meaning causes people to question God, while others turn away from Him. However, there are some who actually seem to grow during crisis and trauma. They are at their best when the situation seems at its worst.

It is this truth, that we can find meaning in this world's madness, that is being investigated in this book. The author introduces us to the book of James and explains that only God can bring meaning to meaningless events. So if you want to learn to be at your best when the situation is at its worst, it's time for *Finding Meaning in a World of Madness*—and for discovering how the Bible is an oasis in the turmoil of you life.



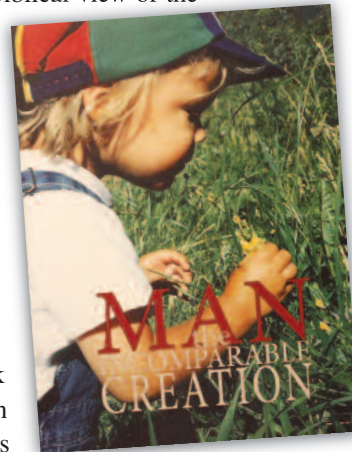
Price for these books is: \$4.99 each

Man: The Incomparable Creation

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what being created in the image of God means? Have you wanted to understand what makes man act the way he acts? Jim Craddock, author, counselor, lecturer and educator, answers these questions and others by giving us a fascinating understanding of the Biblical view of the creation of man. He helps us understand God's intention when He created man, and explains why it is so important that we know God personally to fully understand man, as God created us to be.

In addition, this book gives Biblical insight in explaining who man is by using the example of the Old Testament Tabernacle in the Wilderness, and relating it with man's nature (body, soul and spirit). It also shows us how our nature relates to man's consciousness, self-consciousness and God-consciousness. This book is written for those who are in biblical counseling, but is a valuable read for everyone.

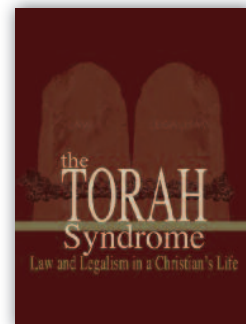
Price for this book is \$6.99 each



COMING IN MAY: **TORAH SYNDROME** (Law and Legalism in a Christian's Life)

In this book, Jim Craddock, author, counselor, lecturer and educator, introduces what he has found to be one of the most destructive forces in the life of a Christian which is living a life under law (or legalism) rather than through grace. He calls it *The Torah Syndrome*.

This book explains the effects of law on the Christian's walk and ministry, revealing the correlation between the law and sin and resulting damage when one tries to live this kind of life. It also explains the remarkable freedom that comes when one truly finds living a life of grace as God intended. This book is highly recommended for those in biblical counseling, but is a valuable read for everyone.

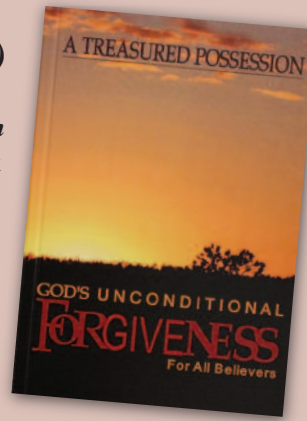


A Treasured Possession (God's Unconditional Forgiveness for All Believers)

We pray that you read and enjoyed *A Treasured Possession (God's Unconditional Forgiveness for All Believers)* book we sent with our Christmas card.

We praise God for the financial gift that allowed us to send this book as our gift to you.

It was sin that separated man from God. It was sin that brought death. It was sin that turned man against his Creator, man against man, and man against his environment. It was sin that made man love himself above God and declare war against the One who cherished him. Man has always tried to either rationalize his sin away or to ignore it. Man refuses to see himself as evil. In his own mind and in his own way, man has become his own god, a god who is powerless to deal with his own sin. Great



God's forgiveness. *At the Cross, forgiveness becomes not ours to seek, but ours to possess!*

Price for this books is \$4.99

religions have been created by man, yet none of them deal with man's basic problem of sin.

As incomprehensible as it seems, God, in one decisive moment in history, took man's sin—the sins of the world—and put them upon His Son, Jesus. There on the Cross, the penalty of sin, death was removed, the power of sin broken, and God's righteousness was freely given to man. Consequently, as our Lord Jesus dealt once and for all with the issue of sin, so He also made possible the free gift of

TESTIMONIALS:

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"Thank you for your little book – *God's Unconditional Forgiveness For All Believers*.

in her church, I sent your book to her after I had finished with it. What a nice way to begin the new year."

Truly a new thought for me – simply 'agree' with God– He knows it anyway... but although I've been a Christian for years, it is always good to go back and review the basics. A friend in Washington State was asking for suggestions for a Bible study for a group of young women

"I've struggled for years with really trying to get forgiveness and love, this booklet helped me to see more clearly that I already possess by faith the love and forgiveness of God. That it is by faith in Jesus' blood that He covered me

long ago and all who struggle with unforgiveness can know that it is by faith and grace alone that we are saved and secured not by works that we do. Thank God for this! I purchased extra copies to give away to everyone that I come in contact with praying they get free from the bondage of unbelief and struggling to get it right. We are right in His sight! Praise Him." Denise

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A Lesser God Continued from page 1

have to replace Him with programs and projects. Make the Holy Spirit any less than God either in doctrine or experience and your religion will become man-centered and self-works oriented. I would say with Tozer: "It is time for us to seek again the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Man's lordship has cost us too much."

Dr. Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, the largest missionary movement in the history of the Church, always emphasized the need for Christians to be filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit. Every Christian he met, he endeavored to bring them to a point of decision over being filled with the Spirit. He gave the Holy Spirit the rightful place in the believer's heart.

I think it most wise, yea imperative, that you examine your own life. Are you experiencing the incredible joy and power that comes with the fullness of the Spirit? If your Christianity is anything less than a great and grand adventure, then perhaps you have made the Holy Spirit in your life experientially a lesser god.

TO UNDERSTAND MORE about experiencing the Holy Spirit in your life, read our article, *Becoming a Candidate for a Miracle!* on page 10.

This article was written by Jim Craddock, Founder and CEO of Global Training Network. If you have any questions or are interested in obtaining material related to this topic, give us a call us at 405. 917.2219 or 1.888.544.5486 or order online on our website at www.gtnonline.org.

PNEUMANETICS ORIGINAL

"The *Pneumanetics Original* study is the best thing I've ever done. It is so exciting! I can sure tell God had His hand in it. God bless you guys! "

The primary purpose of *Pneumanetics Original* is to build the confidence of the Christian Community in the reliability and authority of the Scriptures in addressing the solutions that God provides for the complex problems of our contemporary society. The secondary purpose is to provide a practical and workable model of counseling that will enable Christians to minister to each other effectively.

Not only will the *Pneumanetics Original* course enhance your ability to understand and apply God's truths in your life but it will equip you to minister and disciple others. Pneumanetics is a word coined from two Greek words: Pneu, meaning "spirit" and kubernetes meaning "to guide." The word Pneumanetics conveys the thought of "being led by the Spirit" or "Spirit-led."

Pneumanetics Original consists of 18 separate books.

Each book can be purchased for **\$6.99**

The set of 18 books for **\$99.00** (save \$26.82)

The **DVD** can be purchased separately for **\$29.99** or

The set of 18 books with DVD is **\$120.00**

Quantity discounts can be obtained
(tax and shipping applied separately)



Book One: INTRODUCTION

Book Two: THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURES

Book Three: THE NATURE OF MAN

Book Four: THE FALL OF MAN

Book Five: THE SELF-LIFE

Book Six: SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Book Seven: OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Book Eight: IT TOOK A MIRACLE (Forgiveness)

Book Nine: CANDIDATE FOR A MIRACLE (Being Filled with the Spirit)

Book Ten: LIVING ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Book Eleven: BELIEF SYSTEMS

Book Twelve: THE TORAH SYNDROME (Legalism)

Book Thirteen: BECOMING WHO YOU ALREADY ARE
(Building a Christian Identity)

Book Fourteen: A.W.O.L. PARENTS (Absent Without Leave)

Book Fifteen: ABBA FATHER (Knowing God as Father)

Book Sixteen: A GOD FOR ALL SEASONS

Book Seventeen: THE GRACE CONNECTION

Book Eighteen: WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY

PLEASE JOIN US in praying for editing, publishing and financing of the following books:

- **Pursued by Grace**
- **It Took a Miracle** (God's Incredible Forgiveness)
- **Faithworks**
- **Conflict of Angels** (A Study of the Conscience)
- **Preventing Emotional Meltdown Series** (Addiction, Anger, Anxiety, Bitterness, Depression, Fear, Guilt, and Hate)
- **Attack - Attack - Attack** (Confronting and Defeating the Powers of Darkness)

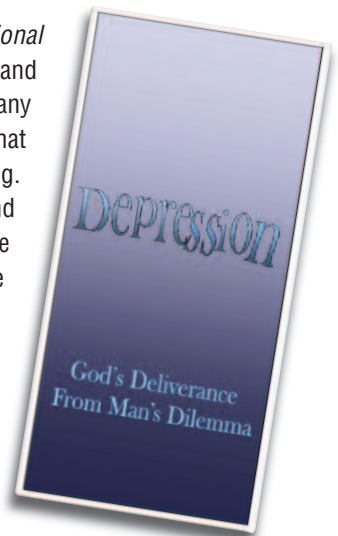
DEPRESSION

We are continuing to offer our brochure on Depression because it is so widespread and suffered by so many. This brochure presents the causes, effects and wrong responses that can bring on depression. It then shows the right response to wrongful thinking and actions with timely helps on avoiding this debilitating emotion.

PREVENTING EMOTIONAL MELTDOWN SERIES

Our upcoming series is designed to help the Christian both understand and cope with the emotional upheaval that accompanies the various renegade emotions and to enable them to minister to others who might be affected by a renegade emotion. The series includes Anger, Anxiety, Bitterness, Depression, Fear, Guilt, and Hate.

As part of the *Preventing Emotional Meltdown Series* we will have a concise and informative brochure, that will accompany each book, of the renegade emotions that are so harmful to one's well being. Because depression is so widespread and suffered by so many, it was chosen to be the first in this series. This brochure presents the causes, effects and wrong responses that can bring on depression. It then shows the right response to wrongful thinking and actions with timely helps on avoiding this debilitating emotion.



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As a service to the Christian community we are offering this brochure on Depression free of charge. However, for larger orders a minimal charge, plus shipping and handling, will be applied.

FOLLOW-UP: FINANCIAL FORUM

BASIC TAX INFORMATION FOR FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY GROUPS SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

We had a great turnout for our seminar. Jim Craddock opened the seminar, Christi Craddock emceed and Robin Jones with Faithlinks welcomed everyone. This was a first-time seminar for a lot of attendees so they were very appreciative of the one-on-one interaction between Norma Woodard and themselves.

We want to thank our sponsors for their participation and our women's ministry who came and helped with registration.



Picture details (counter-clockwise from left):

1. The registration table.
2. Christi Craddock, Norma Woodard, Doris Craddock and Robin Jones.
3. Seminar attendees listen attentively to information presented.
4. Christi Craddock emceeding.
5. Jim Craddock opening the seminar.
6. Speaker Norma Woodward.



“BEST INFORMATION I have ever been given. I wish I had known/understood all this years ago before starting my ministry.”



“I will use this information to get our organization compliant to IRS rules and to better manage financial issues.”

“I will use this information to change some things and re-evaluate how we do some things.”

“We will use this information today by improving the way we have been handling the finances at our church.”

One of the exciting things about the Christian I completion of a number of our materials, we have asked God to open

BURUNDI EAST AFRICA

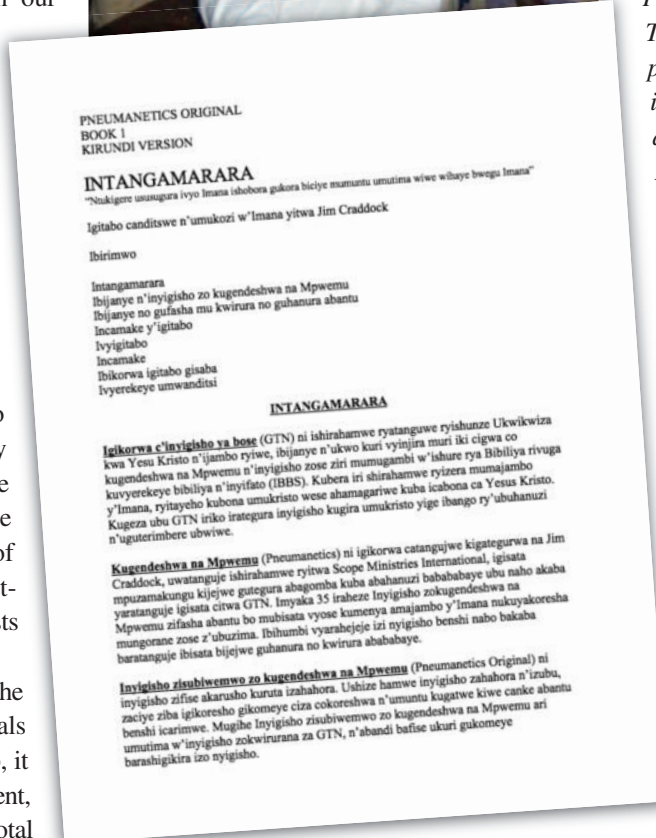
GTN has a Training Mission in Burundi, East Africa. Through some special friends who had just returned from a medical mission in Africa, Jim was introduced to a remarkable pastor in Burundi – Jean-Baptiste Sibomana. Not only had he made a great impression on our friends personally, but his sincere requests for help in training left an indelible mark.

So in the spring of 2009, they put Jim in touch with Jean Baptiste. They hit a common accord and immediately set about implementing a training program using *Pneumanetics Original*. In no time he recruited 12 men and women who are currently taking the 18-week training course.

Jim shipped the training materials to him and in no time he was busy translating them into Kirundi, the native tongue. He has already completed the first three books. However, the cost of shipping anything to Burundi is cost-prohibitive. For example, one DVD costs \$105 via FedEx.

Therefore, Jim asked him if he had the means could he reproduce the materials there. To be able to do an effective job, it would require several pieces of equipment, including a computer, printer, etc. The total cost would come to approximately \$5,000. So together we are praying for God to raise up this amount to further our ministry in Africa.

As with every African country we have ever visited there is a great hunger for things of the Bible, training materials, etc. Burundi is no different. With our materials



above top – Jean-Baptiste Sibomana meets with widows and orphans of the Musenyi war zone.
above – A sample of Kurundi translation.

translated into Kurundi, it broadens tremendously the opportunity to minister. Please pray with us over this great opportunity. Pray also for those who are currently in the training program.

TESTIMONY– Why Jean-Baptiste Sibomana wants to take course:
The reason that makes me desire take this course is that I cannot settle without seeing Jesus known and served in the whole world starting with where I live, Burundi. The scripture in 2 Timothy 2:2 that speaks of multiplication (reproducing reproducers) is my key motivation to really want and desire to take this course. Moreover, we live in a crushed world, in a world that is so much wounded and needs people with the balm from Gilead to heal the world; thus, the great need of Christian counselors who might do the work of a Barnabas and lift up people. Christianity has to be alive and bring eternal impact to the lives of people. That is my heart desire, just to be a tool in the hands of God that can transform lives of other people. What I feel is too big that I do not get words to express everything. But all in all, I anticipate a lot in this course for the great change to the people around me here in Burundi.

Life is there is never a lack of opportunities to minister. With the growing venues of ministry that will utilize them in ways only God can work.

SPANISH TRANSLATION

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PRECIOUS FRIENDS, GLENDA AND DR. PEDRO GISMONDI FOR EDITING THE SPANISH TRANSLATION.

To find out more about their ministry see:
www.regencyministries.org

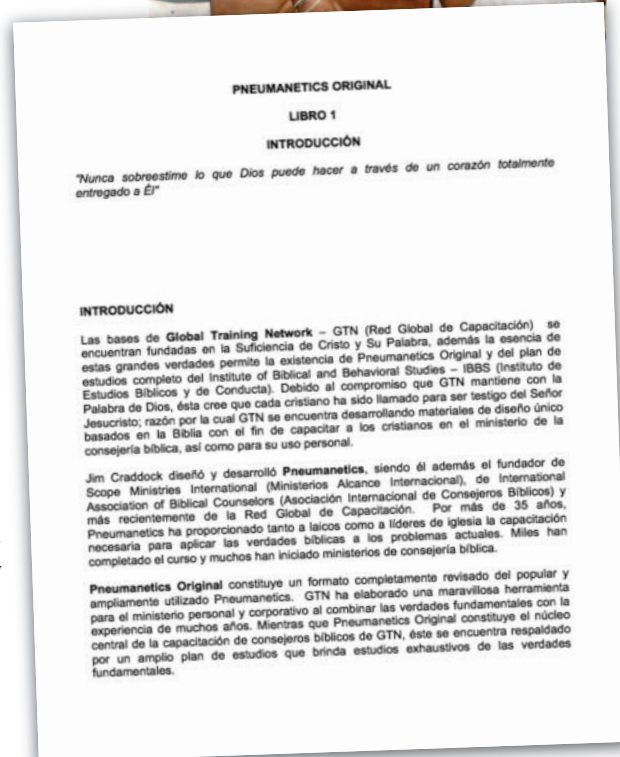
Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. — Matthew 28:19-20

**AMAZING
how God
works!**

Jim received a call from a man who gave his name that was identical to a close friend of his, Pedro Gismondi. Jim knew it wasn't his friend Pedro, so when he met with this young man he found out it was his friend's nephew.

Long story short, nephew Pedro is a Christian leader in Peru and is the Navigator representative there. What he was calling about was translating our *Pneumanetics Original* into Spanish, something Jim has been praying about since its completion in 1973. Not only is he translating the books, but will also translate the *Pneumanetics DVD*. He has completed Books 1 and 2.

The total cost for this astounding opportunity is around \$8,000. Obviously, this translation will open up many opportunities and venues for ministry. Our prayer has been to get this material translated so we could return to Mexico and Cuba and also minister in Peru and other places. We would ask you to pray for Pedro and his family as he completes the translation.



above top—Pedro Gismondi with his wife, Laura, and daughters, Gaby and Marci.

above — A sample of the Spanish translation.

GTN was born on a promise and a vision – the promise is to proclaim and demonstrate God’s power to the new generation and His miracles to those who come after us (Psalm 71:18) and a vision given in January of 1996 to begin to prepare for a global ministry.

In 2006 GTN became a reality and immediately we found ourselves in an expanding, demanding, exciting ministry. It continues to grow beyond our expectations, so much so, we feel strongly that we need others to partner with us.

Here at GTN we feel it is important that we trust God to supply and meet our needs, thus we avoid overt calls for funding. However, God does desire that believers partner together to work the works of God. As we share the amazing opportunities God has afforded us, we would challenge you to carefully pray about your involvement with us. Needless to say – we need you!

How? A partner is one who feels God has called them to assist in what ever manner possible, such as, prayer, personal involvement, planning, financially giving, traveling or teaching.

PRAYER:

- That we continually seek His wisdom as we minister to those who seek our help.
- To bring people that would enjoy the quilts.
- For editing, publishing and financing of our books.
- For venues to open to publish, market and teach the material we have developed.
- For Jean-Baptiste Sibomana and his family; the training in Burundi, East Africa and translation of material.
- For Pedro Gismondi and his family; the translation of *Pneumanetics Original* and DVD into Spanish.

PARTNERS:

- To partner with us in the translation of *Pneumanetics Original* into Spanish.
- To partner with us in developing teams to go to Peru, Mexico and Cuba.
- To partner with us in the teaching mission in Burundi and the translating of materials into Kurandi. To secure the equipment needed to become self-producing there.
- To partner with us in developing a team to go to Burundi, Kenya and perhaps Malawi this year.
- To partner together in the publishing of “Legacies,” a unique yearly devotional.
- For partners to work with us in the completion, editing, publishing and funding the following books:
 - The Torah Syndrome
 - Pursued By Grace
 - It Took A Miracle (God’s Incredible Forgiveness)
 - Faithworks
 - Conflict of Angels (A study of the Conscience)
 - Preventing Emotional Meltdown Series (Addiction, Anger, Anxiety, Bitterness, Depression, Fear, Guilt and Hate.)
 - Attack – Attack – Attack (Confronting and Defeating the Powers of Darkness)

THROUGH PARTNERING
WITH US WE CAN
ENLARGE OUR MINISTRY
IN THE FOLLOWING
COUNTRIES BY 2011.

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- MEXICO
- CUBA
- PERU



QUILTS



Homemade Indian Quilt — Indian Quilt Art

BY INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED QUILT ARTIST AND TEACHER, MARTHA GREEN, Oklahoma State Artist in Residence. Hand embroidered embellishment. Machine and hand outline quilt at 10 stitches per inch. Machine zigzag appliqué. Hand painting, 1/4" borders, loose fringed shawl, bead and sequin sewn-on necklaces and loose beaded necklaces. Seminole patchwork borders. Back is taupe with red flower, like middle borders. Horse head calico borders.

Unwashed, mint condition. 78" x 74"
Appraisal included. **\$2,100**



Homemade Antique Quilt — "Diamonds"

Mid-1800's "Diamonds" quilt from Saltwater Farm, Southwest Harbor, Maine. Fascinating use of stripes to create a DYNAMITE PIECE OF GRAPHIC ART! Diagonal quilting at 6 stitches per inch. Fabulous early museum fabrics. Some staining on back.

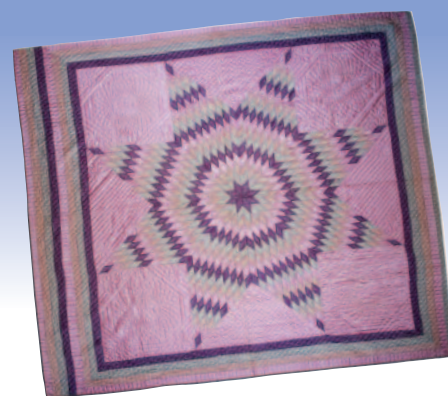
Two inch split fabric along center fold line at top now stabilized, otherwise in EXCELLENT CONDITION. 77" x 82"
Appraisal included. **\$3,000**

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Pristine. Mint, unwashed condition. 75" x 86"
Appraisal included. **\$4,000**



Antique Quilt — "Honeycomb"

1920's or earlier silk hand pieced around paper (English paper method) "Honeycomb" MEMORIAL QUILT from a Martin City, Kansas estate. Probably made in memory of a lost loved one. Tasseled rose and green edging.

Mint Condition - 21-1/4" x 24-1/4"
Appraisal included **\$650**

BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR A MIRACLE!

I find that a great many Christians find their lives in a perpetual struggle rather than continuous victory. There seems to be a contradiction in their minds between what they expected their Christianity to be and what their experience tells them. After many a futile attempt to live a life of victory, they give up in despair. To them, “it just doesn’t work!”

Christians caught up in this dilemma seem to renew their efforts rather than their minds. The harder they try, the further away victory seems. The high hopes they had yesterday have melted away into the oblivion of defeat. Strange, those who experience the greatest defeat are the very ones who are **candidates for a miracle**.

Either the Bible is true or not! Either what Jesus said is true or it is a lie! Either promises of God are real or God Himself is the cause of the disillusionment. First, the Bible is true; it is our emotions that are at fault. What Jesus said is true! It is our intellect and reasoning that is wrong. And as far as the promises of God are concerned, God guarantees His promises by His integrity (Psalm 138:3). This means that the great and endless resources of God spelled out in the New Testament have been placed at our disposal and are ours to possess as our own possession.

In becoming a **candidate for a miracle** you need to be filled with the Spirit. So what does it mean to be “filled” with the Spirit? Biblically, it means becoming a different person. How? Being filled with the Spirit releases the power of God – a power that flows through the human spirit, impacting both soul and body. It is the release of His empowering presence throughout our being

that makes us a different person, a person who can live the Christian life victoriously and serve our Lord effectively. As I said, it is God making us outwardly what He has already made us to be inwardly.

If, however, the Holy Spirit is to do all that He desires to do, then He must have a vehicle through which He can accomplish His task. The only thing the Spirit lacks as a “person” is a body. This was deliberate on God’s part, **for our bodies become the vehicle through which the Spirit of God performs the work of God**.

Therefore, **we need to present our bodies**. Romans 12:1, 2 is one of those great pivotal passages that are so important to our Christian walk. Paul begins this verse by using a very strong word in the original. “I beg of you, I beseech you,” he says. To do what? To present our bodies.

Now, what does that mean? First, there is the vessel to be filled. Of course, we are that vessel, but (and get this, for it is

important) **the vessel must be empty!** You cannot fill a full vessel. Unfortunately, it is our tendency to come to God and ask Him to fill what is already full. So God must begin the process of emptying the vessel so that He might fill it.

Second, Romans 12:1-2 is our passage for us to understand God’s means of emptying us. Third, the word “present” is a word used in sacrifices. The idea is placing the sacrifice on the altar. The difference here is that we are a **living** sacrifice, not a **dead** one. By a volitional choice, we are asked to present our bodies as a living sacrifice. This is total commitment, full surrender.

At this moment, I would suggest that you find a quiet place, a private place, and be with God. In the quietness of the moment, follow the instructions above and ask Jesus to fill you with the Spirit. Remember, He is God and cannot lie. What He has promised, He will do! Therefore, as you have desired God’s fullness and presented yourself to Him in faith, now, on the basis of this passage, thank Him for filling and empowering you with His Spirit and for making you a **candidate for a miracle**.

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Doris Craddock

Doris is co-teaching a Bible study at her church, Covenant Community, with Sherry Jordan on the book “The Weight of Grace” by Paula Neall Coleman. Please pray for the women attending, that they will apply the God-centered truths presented in this study.

On April 9-10, Doris spoke at a weekend women’s retreat at a church in Sterling, Kansas on the character of God. The women commented the teaching challenged them to make necessary changes in their lives and to know God more intimately.

Doris is also a coach/teacher for the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative and attended a seminar “Forever For Real” in February. These seminars renew and strengthen relationships whether the couples are dating, thinking of marriage, engaged or married. Doris teaches a scripture-guided course and if you are interested and want



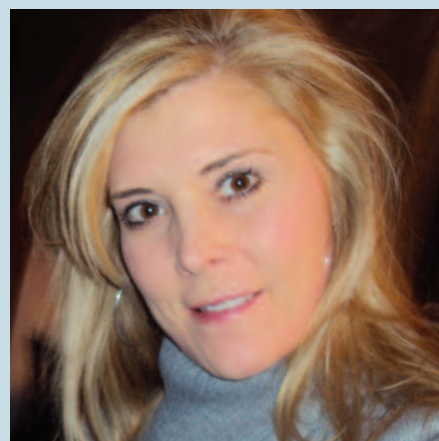
Doris Craddock at a weekend Women's Retreat in Sterling, KS.

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Christi Craddock

My continued prayer to God is, *Your grace is sufficient for me, for your power is made perfect in my weakness* (2 Corinthians 12:9). When Mom, Dad and I left Scope Ministries three years ago and started Global Training Network (so we could have a more global impact with what God was laying on our hearts) I was at a loss as I had never helped run a ministry. But who better to do it with than my parents who started Scope, which is still successful after 35 years!

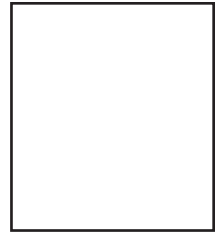
So we prayerfully proceeded knowing God would show us the way. I can tell you the weak part was not hard to find but I can boast how God has provided for us time and time again. I have relied on this scripture many times as I learned how to develop a website, prepare a newsletter, understand the financial aspects of a ministry, and editing and publishing books. There are days it hasn't been easy, but God has been faithful.



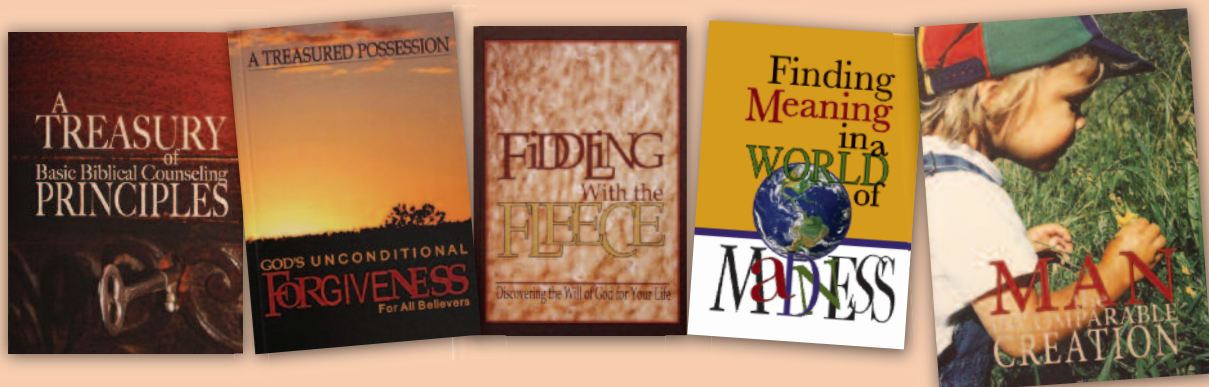
One way is by bringing precious, gifted people to walk alongside us to get the various jobs done. I can tell you after 3 years we are going strong and it is with great humbleness that I get to be a part of a ministry that is producing God-centered material that can literally help transform a person's life by helping them understand their personal walk with Jesus Christ.



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