

FAMILY FAITH FACTS

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...from the desk of Pastor Ron



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One day the Lord revealed to Deb that she had never really released the hate she felt toward her father. He was living in the area, and Deb knew what she had to do. She started out slowly, a brief phone call; then came a fifteen minute face-to-face meeting at a local coffee house. The conversations and

meetings got longer as the Lord melted both their hearts.

Recently, Deb's father gave his life to Christ and with a broken heart begged the forgiveness of his children.

Relationships are vitally important to our lives. Good relationships inspire. Bad relationships wound. We are responsible for the relationships that we are in. It is our duty to cultivate, grow, and tend these precious flowers that make life worth living.

Are you holding up your end of the bargain in all of your relationships? Are there some that need mending?

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row. He noticed the man sitting in front of him was listening very intently to Ford's message. Once the altar call was given, Graham tapped the man on the shoulder and asked if he wanted to know Christ as his personal Savior.

The man replied, "Nah, I'll wait till they bring out the Big Gun tomorrow night."

Many of us fall into the temptation of thinking that evangelism is only supposed to be done by trained professionals—"Big Guns" who tell stories of saving entire plane-loads with each flight.

But each Christian has been

given the great responsibility of sharing the good news that is in your heart. As we continue this stewardship series, I want you to know that your talents, relationships, and wealth are all very important and need to be managed well, but there is no greater importance than sharing the good news of Christ with a lost and dying world.

NMI NEWS - NELDA YOUNG

"2009". It hardly seems possible that we are beginning a NEW year. 2008 has been a good year in Missions, but as we look ahead to a new year we have much to accomplish. God has been so good and has given us a new home in which to worship, but along with a new home we have a great responsibility.

As we are centered in the most active part of Greenville there are many souls passing our gates daily who do not know Jesus. It is a great Mission field, our task is great, but God is much greater, and with His help and our determination we want to see many of these souls brought to Christ. "As our Sunday School lesson stated recently we must "Let our lights shine for Jesus." Let's be much in prayer about what God wants us to do and

how He wants us to do it. This is our first task in missions, winning souls to Jesus at home and abroad.

There is four months left in our Church year. The previous months have been good. At this time 'Faith Promise' is far ahead, lets be faithful and keep our promise to God to meet this goal, our Links and Crisis Kits have been paid and we are working on our Readers. If you have books or CD's lets get them back to Margie Little so this goal also will be met.

As Nathan Covington brought to our attention "God never looks back, He always goes forward" That is our Mission. So this year lets pray as we have never prayed before, lets go out into the highways and by ways and

bring the lost to Jesus. PRAYER CHANGES THINGS. The unity and love that is felt in the Church at this time is

surely brought about by God's love and the love the people have for one another. The harvest is ripe and we as laborers need to go out into the harvest fields and proclaim God's message of love.



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