

Visit with Betty Schaffer

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week we went to visit Mrs. Schaffer in the Senior Home in Oshawa she has a wonderful spirit is still active in good health she was 96 years old in October, her Granddaughter Lauren came with us she was so happy to find out many things as we talk about her



Visit with Betty Schaffer, Emery and Mary Kovacs

Grandparents the early days how much Mr. Schaffer helped out with the Hungarian ministry in Toronto specially in the Rama Hungarian camp. She has so many fond memories with old friends and sending her warmest greetings to every one.

Blessings,

Imre & Mary Kovacs

MAN-POWER ALONE?

The other day I was watching a small bulldozer at work. In a matter of hours it cleared a jungle of trees from a large lot. The same job would have kept several men busy for a week or longer, without the bulldozer.

Automation has brought amazing efficiency into many secular fields. But do we realize that the use of mechanical power to supplement human strength -physical and mental- is relatively new? In contrast, do you realize that the use of additional power in the spiritual realm is very, very old? In point of time and importance, it is present from the inception of the Christian era. "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high". "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; go ye, therefore, and teach all nations..." (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18,19)

Jesus himself makes these declarations and sweeping promises about power. To do the work of the Kingdom of Heaven, Christians are promised the

power of Heaven to supplement their own: the power of faith "to move mountains;" the power of the Gospel to bring "salvation to everyone that believes"; the power of prayer to "ask anything and receive" (Matt. 21:21; Romans 1:16; John 14:13,14).

As a Christian, do you still operate on man-power alone?

Dr. Ladislau Biro (1987)

PERFECT LOVE

by Max Lucado

Isn't it good to know that even when we don't love with a perfect love, he does? God always nourishes what is right. He always applauds what is right. He has never done wrong, led one person to do wrong, or rejoiced when anyone did wrong. For he is love, and love "does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth" (1 Cor. 13:6 NASB).

God passes the test of 1 Corinthians 13:6. Well, he should; he drafted it.

So where does this leave us? Perhaps with a trio of reminders. When it comes to love:

Be careful

Until love is stirred, let God's love be enough for you. There are seasons when God allows us to feel the frailty of human love so we'll appreciate the strength of his love. Didn't he do this with David? Saul turned on him. Michal, his wife, betrayed him. Jonathan and Samuel were David's friends, but they couldn't follow him into the wilderness. Betrayal and circumstances left David alone. Alone with God. And, as David discovered, God was enough. David wrote these words in a desert: "Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.... My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods" (Ps. 63:3, 5 NIV).

Be prayerful

What if it's too late? Specifically, what if you're married to someone you don't love—or who doesn't love you? Many choose to leave. That may be the step you take. But if it is, take at least a thousand others first. And bathe every one of those steps in prayer. Love is a fruit of the Spirit. Ask God to help you love as he loves. "God has given us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with his love" (Rom. 5:5 CEV). Ask everyone you know to pray for you. Your friends. Your family. Your church leaders. Get your name on every prayer list available. And, most of all, pray for and, if possi-

ble, with your spouse. Ask the same God who raised the dead to resurrect the embers of your love.

Be grateful

Be grateful for those who love you. Be grateful for those who have encouraged you to do what is right and applauded when you did. Do you have people like that in your world? If so, you are doubly blessed. Be grateful for them. And be grateful for your Father in heaven.

(From: A Love Worth Giving)

O Lord,

*The house of my soul is narrow;
enlarge it that you may enter in.*

It is ruinous, O repair it!

It displeases Your sight.

I confess it, I know.

But who shall cleanse it,

*to whom shall I cry but to you?
Cleanse me from my secret faults,*

O Lord,

*and spare Your servant from
strange sins.*

Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

Honorary and Memorial Fund

Sister *Ethel Kish* had encouraged us during the 2009 Convention to establish an "Honorary and Memorial Fund" for the purpose of supporting the missionary initiatives of our young people. Donations from this fund will be allocated by the Missionary and Benevolence Board at its mid-year meetings. The written applications addressed to the MBB should state the goals and the duration of the mission trip, and should include a letter of support from the pastor of the applicant.

The initial deposit is the money donated in memory of *Ernest J. Kish*.

We request donations to the Fund mailed to the Treasurer.

SALVATION

The question in salvation is not whether Jesus is Lord, but whether we are submissive to His lordship.

— John MacArthur

It is not thy hold on Christ that saves thee; it is Christ. It is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee; it is Christ. It is not even thy faith in Christ, though that be the instrument; it is Christ's blood and merit.

— Charles Spurgeon