

## Newsletter for August 2019

Dear Church Family,

We are proving to be a church, despite our median age range, that is able to take off to places unknown. Sometimes it makes my head swim. And this could not be done without strong support from our precious MAC. And let me say also, that without Katie, well, we would not be heading out on this trail at all.

Let me describe something that both energizes and encourages me. In the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke, verses 35 to 48 is a parable about the servants of a master who are busily engaged in the work anticipating their master's return. The section ends with this: "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more."

Certainly, this is a complicated passage, but the way it settles down on me is that we have been given much and so then much is required. I have long felt this way about myself. Despite ups and downs, speaking for myself, I am still here and have never been better positioned. I could go on, but I think most of you know what I mean. Here's how I see it.

We are in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of our Earthen Vessel publishing. We are in our 36<sup>th</sup> year of television. Yes, 36, as we started The Bible Study in 1984. Now three programs, four YouTube channels, and about ready to launch our Church for Those Who Have no Church, or CWC for short. We have been given much, and much is then required. This means we are in the game, going about the work.

Yes, much is required. We are servants of the Living God, called and commissioned to take the message of Jesus to the entire world. When you considered this, all else pales to insignificance. In the sermon last week, Jesus said, "My Father is working until now, and I am working" (John 5:17). Notice the word "work." And it is work. It is good work, the best work.

I am asking for prayer now from all who read this (did you know that prayer is work?), prayer for someone skilled in biblical theology and is a mature Christian who speaks and writes Spanish, and hopefully is Hispanic, to be fully engaged with us. What we do in English, we ought to do in Spanish, everything from the publishing and television to our CWC. No hurry on this, but let us keep this in mind and put it on our prayer list.

Now another prayer request. A couple of years ago I made an audiobook of *Deliver Us From Evil: How Jesus Casts Out Demons Today*. Audiobooks make up about 30% of book sales. We have not yet put the 'Deliver us' book up on Amazon. This past week I have immersed myself in preparation to make audiobooks of at least six titles. I hope to have this completed by the end of September.

One more thing: At the last NRB convention we found creating our own radio station is within the realm of possibility, that or being part of a network like Salem.