



Crossing Borders News

Our mission: to support, encourage, and release FAITH in the needy and less fortunate

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few ... Luke 10:2

Jesus said:

There will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides.

People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory.

So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!

Luke 21:26-28 NLT

Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door.

Matthew 24:32-33 NLT

Signs and Wonders

by Elji Register

The other day I was in the post office, and a total stranger begins to talk to me about how distressed he is over all the events happening right now. I'm trying to figure out how to bring God into this man's thinking when he says, "so what are we going to do?" I replied, "We have to pray hard." He looked stunned at such a thought and went on his way. He wasn't ready to hear any more truth than that.

During spring break in March, I had a totally different reaction from a mother bringing her son to the last day of our Sport Camp. She, too, was worried and asked all kinds of questions about the end of the world. I told her what the Bible had to say; in fact, I thought I was pretty blunt at times. Yet she kept saying things like, "That's so beautiful it makes me want to cry." Before it was over, she asked Jesus to be the Lord of her life!

Every Wednesday, the kids come to us asking questions about the end times, and we give them Biblical answers. Some of their questions are tough, but we tell them the Truth - and show it to them in the Bible. It seems there's lots of people asking lots of questions, but very few want to hear

what God and His Word have to say. People are looking everywhere EXCEPT to God it seems - and that includes people who say they're Christians.

Joan and I were in East Texas at the end of March, speaking at a missions conference. People came up to us afterwards, saying we'd given them a lot to think about. A few weeks after we got home, we were shocked to learn that area was devastated by wildfires. One more sign of the times, but so heart-breaking. We pray for our precious friends there.

A "shock" of a different kind happened to us as we drove home from that trip. We'd been driving all day when suddenly there was this noise coming from the front of the van. We pulled over, couldn't find anything wrong, so got back on the road. But the noise started up at highway speed, so we drove slowly the rest of the trip, calling friends for prayer cover to get home.

The next morning, the front right tire was flat, a huge chunk of the tread completely gone! We'd driven the last 60 miles on a tire that should've blown apart! Somehow the Lord supernaturally kept it inflated and got us off a very remote stretch of freeway. We're living in

dangerous times, but the Lord is still in control of our lives! Over and over again He says, "Fear not!"

The Mexico pastors we work with are always saying, "Jesus is coming soon." They live with brutality and violence right outside their doors, yet they've taken a stand to resist the evil by continuing to do good in their communities. Just last Tuesday, 6 or 7 people were beheaded in Guadalupe - less than 20 miles from Fabens. A few weeks before that, the valley bus drivers were murdered and it was a week before the buses started running again.

With all they face, one pastor was on the verge of tears when he told me, "I hope you never grow tired of this ministry. You do so much and help so many families - people you don't even know." I answered him that sometimes we do get tired, and he said, "We will pray even harder for you then."

Until Jesus comes, we'll keep feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and caring for "the least of these". We want Jesus to find us busy about His business when He comes. Amen? Thank you for staying on this faith journey with us, and for your faithfulness to the Lord and us!



Updates & Prayer Requests

- ◆ Study materials in Spanish are like precious treasure to our pastor friends in Mexico. So this past month, the pastors felt like rich men with the materials we distributed to them. For one, it was copies of the Prayer of Jabez book, coming right when he'd started that study in his church. For two others, it was much needed Sunday School literature for the children - something they'd each been praying for! For others, it was books to help fill their small pastor's reference libraries.
- ◆ Speaking of treasure - you may recall Elfi being led by the Holy Spirit to give one pastor's wife a study Bible several years ago. It was a real "wow" moment to discover she'd been praying for one, as she was in seminary classes. You'll rejoice to know her studies are complete & she graduates at the end of May!
- ◆ The pastors want to have Vacation Bible School in their communities so they're asking for craft kits or craft materials. In years past, church teams came from the USA to help them, but the ongoing violence has stopped all that. New and good, usable used materials can be sent to us here and the pastors will pick them up.
- ◆ Brother Lorenzo has a vision to expand a clinic to help those traumatized by the violence in Mexico. It will cost about \$800, so he asks us to join them in prayer to see this vision become reality.
- ◆ Pray for Brother Willie & his wife (right) as they seek to adopt one of their foster daughters before returning stateside. They are the only "family" this girl has.
- ◆ Elfi and Joan will be at First Baptist Church in Cloudcroft, New Mexico Sunday, June 5 at both morning services, and in the area that week. Hope to see you!

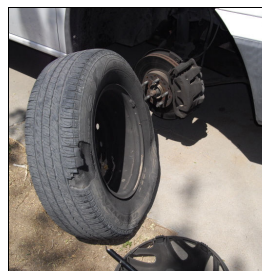


Elfi & Joel (our future doctor!) lead worship together on Tuesday morning

Tears of Joy: The Guerrero family put young Eliu in Elfi's arms and said, "He's your answer to prayer." His mother had several miscarriages before we joined together in prayer for her.



Thank you, Jesus!



Miracle on wheels: The Lord kept this tire inflated for 60 miles to get Elfi & Joan home safely!

Sign of the times: Brother Willie with his wife & their son. They've endured the violence for love of the children in their orphanage, but the Lord's leading them to return to the US.



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Times and Seasons

by Joan Wilson

While all the world has its eyes on the disasters happening globally, I'm seeing smaller, more personal signs of the times. I've been stunned by the number of friends and mentors who have passed from this life into the presence of the Lord within days of each other. It's as if some Heavenly roll call is being taken; men and women who've impacted my life now silent except in my memory.

I pray and weep for those they've left behind - all walking in that numb place where your world stops while everyone else's goes on, and there's this vague feeling of everything slowing down and spinning out of control all at once. It's something millions of

people from Japan to Alabama are experiencing, but it's an intimate sorrow that's very isolating.

Jesus said these days would be "the beginning of sorrows". All the elements are in turmoil one on top of the other. Right here in the US we've got water flooding the Midwest, fires burning up the Southwest, tornadoes blowing whole towns apart where they've never had them, and earthquakes shaking unlikely places like our own desert region.

The good news is Jesus also told us "fear not". None of the things going on right now are a surprise to Him. Those who place their trust in Him can be assured that

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no matter what dark days we go through, no matter the grief or the loss, we can "look up" and see HIM!

One day, He actually will return. But He is HERE - in the NOW. He wants to "show up" in whatever circumstance you're facing and help you come through stronger and better.