

Praise The Lord

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TBN Around The World

Beloved TBN Co-Partners:

On February 1, your Television Station took another giant leap forward! Our Spanish language PTL program made Christian TV history by sending forth the gospel on Channel 11 in Guatemala City! Now the entire country of Guatemala, Southern Mexico, Belice and parts of Honduras are receiving a powerful new Christian witness through your Spanish PTL program - PRAISE THE LORD!

Pray for Manuel Bonilla and all who work with him that the gospel will penetrate the SIX MILLION population of this Central American region.

We have also received approval for our Spanish PTL program to be broadcast on two other powerful South American stations in Bolivia and Ecuador - as this newsletter goes to press, Mel Tari is in Indonesia with the first two Christian Indonesian TV programs over produced, making final arrangements with the state owned TV network to broadcast the gospel to the 4,000 islands of that country's 160 million souls via satellite! Pray for Mel on this vital mission for Jesus!

Only as we pray and intercede for the lost will we see the actual result of their salvation.

Paul Billheimer gives this powerful exhortation on the importance of intercessory prayer in his book, "Destined For The Throne":

"That He will do nothing in the realm of human redemption, since its inception, outside of this scheme of prayer and intercession is indicated by God's many pressing invitations to prayer in His Word. He not only invites us; He intreats, He importunes, He urges. He even begs us to exercise this privilege. One translator has paraphrased Matthew 7:7 thus: "Ask, I ask you to ask; seek, I intreat you to seek; knock, I urge you to knock." Evidently He can do nothing without our prayers.

"He not only invites and exhorts us to pray, He also commands: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38)."

"This is why God never goes "over the head" of His Church to enforce His decisions. He will not take things out of her hands. To do so would sabotage His training program. Only by bearing this overwhelming weight of responsibility can she be brought to her full stature as co-sovereign of the universe. This is why when she fails He will wait. This is why He will do nothing in the realm of human redemption until she accepts her responsibility and uses her privilege and prerogative of intercession. If she will not pray God will not act because this would abort His purpose to bring His Church to her full potential as His co-sovereign. *Paul's letter cont on back page ->*



JOY IN THE MORNING

Paul Davis, of Spirit Song, is hosting a new program for Trinity Broadcasting Network. This early morning Christian News and Views show will feature special items of interest to the viewing public. The latest and best in Gospel Music will add that special inspiration needed to get your day started with a song. Complete with phone counsellors, the 7 to 9 presentation will be another step towards 24-hour Christian Television.

With Love To Pastor Ed & Ella Smith

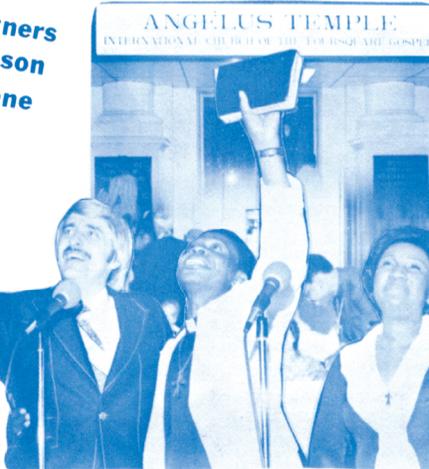
FROM: 4,000 TBN Partners
Betty Jean Robinson
Paul and Jan
Dwight and Zonelle
Jene and Evie
Pat Boone

ANGELUS TEMPLE
INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURGANG GOSPEL

John Wesley Fletcher
Dean and Lory Jones
Jimmy and Carol Owens



Paul "howdyin" w/some beautiful partners



Paul - Pastor Ed & Ella PRAISING JESUS at Angelus Temple.



*Sweet angel partner,
I love you so much,
1 Cor. 13
Jan*



Pat Boone and his coat of many colors



Paul & Jan thanking Pastor Ed & Ella for 3 years of love



Betty Jean Robinson "On The Way Home"



"Go ye into all the world"



Dean & Lory Jones sharing Jesus' love at Angelus Temple



"Rise & be healed in Jesus' Name"



Channel 40 will soon have a new Bible Study program on PRAYER taught by the Pastor of Church On The Way, The Reverend **Jack Hayford**. Southern California partners will recognize him as he has made guest appearances on our PRAISE THE LORD programs. He has also taught a series of lessons recently for CBN and Pat Robertson.

Pastor Hayford has the remarkable ability to interpret his wealth of scriptural knowledge in a clear and orderly manner that any layman can understand. For this reason his studies are both inspirational and practical for abundant Christian living.

Paul Billheimer, author of "Destined For The Throne" has been scheduled for a series of studies for TBN also. He is a former radio pastor and Bible College president. His teaching sessions will encompass the principles set down in "Destined" and its sequel, "Don't Waste Your Sorrows". Our viewers will be challenged, blessed and better prepared for reigning with Christ after viewing these programs.

Dr. **Roy Blizzard's** TBN Production, "Inside Israel", has received enthusiastic acclaim from the Channel 40 family. The famous archeologist and lecturer is prolific in the Hebrew language. This coupled with his extensive study of Israel's place in the unfolding of Bible prophecy, makes the viewer feel like he is actually participating in the fulfillment of end time events. Dr. Blizzard is seen every week day at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Our beloved brother, Pastor **Bracy Greer**, has begun a Bible Study called, "New Born". His thirty-five years experience as pastor, teacher, convention and camp meeting speaker has amply qualified him to teach this course with the anointing. Not only will new Christians learn to "grow in grace and knowledge", but all Christian workers will gain valuable insight in teaching new converts.

You have shown your warm response to Pastor **Chuck Smith** of Calvary Chapel that you appreciate good Bible teaching. He uses a variety of background materials to set the stage for "In The Beginning", a study from Genesis. Every teaching segment is special as Pastor Smith digs down into the treasure of God's Word and brings forth a gem of truth that enriches the student. He is heard Mondays through Fridays at 1 and 7 p.m.

We are fortunate indeed to have **Ron and Betty Wiseman** teaching and sharing on our exciting new series, "Enjoying Marriage". Pastor Wiseman is an associate pastor at Calvary Chapel, teaches in the Bible School and is a full time counsellor. The program bears the same name as the extension ministry which he and his lovely wife, Betty share. At a time when even the Christian home is being pressured to the breaking point, "Enjoying Marriage" offers the scriptural plan for building your home on the Rock. Tune in every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.



WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE BORN AGAIN

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By Monica Surfaro

Great numbers of Americans are turning to religion. Here are some celebrities who found their new faith rapidly by means of an intense conversion experience. They tell of the moment it happened.

Evidence of a current religious revival is everywhere—CB channels blare the “good news”; road signs proclaim “Jesus Saves” messages; a network of new Christian media is flourishing; *Publishers Weekly* magazine reports that religious books are the season’s top titles; a recent Gallup poll indicates that 94 percent of all Americans now say they believe in God or a universal spirit.

The phenomenon of being “born again,” of undergoing an intense religious conversion that changes one’s life, is commonly associated with Southern Baptists. However, much recent evidence, including another Gallup poll, shows that Protestants in various denominations, as well as Catholics and Jews, report being born again. In addition, the born-again phenomenon seems to be part of a larger trend towards religious worship and church attendance among Americans in general. And some observers say that this itself is part of a yet larger trend of individuals seeking meaning in their lives.

Why this sudden display of

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spiritual fervor? Reverend Morton Kelsey notes in his book, *Encounter With God*, the need for religion during a time of disillusionment. He likens the healing powers of religion to the positive effects of psychotherapy and reports on studies by the American Psychological Association which support this claim.

Apparently, public personalities are not immune to the soul-searching spurred by today’s social ills. Entertainers, used to a surface-skimming existence, are struggling for meaning within. As one Hollywood producer says, “I don’t know anyone around here who is not empty, who is not asking himself, ‘Is this all there is?’” Dancer Ben Vereen and singer Carol Lawrence have publicly acclaimed Jesus Christ. Former Miss America Phyllis George, now a network sportscaster, recently professed her new faith. Other old-line entertainers, including Dale Evans and Pat Boone, have found new stardom by evangelizing their faith.

In fact, conversions have become so numerous that Doubleday expects to publish a book on famous spiritual turnarounds. The author, William Proctor, himself a born-again Christian and an expert

in the evangelical book field, calls the growing galaxy of famous new Christians “a grass roots movement that is cutting across class and denominational distinctions.”

Perhaps the most important factor for those giving testimony is the conversion experience itself. Pinpointing the exact moment of spiritual turnaround has prompted fascinating and often unbelievable accounts of being born again. Some say they have met Jesus Christ.

In all cases the new believers experience overwhelming feelings of love and joy during the conversion.

Most celebrity evangelicals are eager to relate the scenario of how they found their “good news.” The retelling of their testimonies seems to recharge them. Here is what it was like for some celebrities who have been born again.

John Naber

At the Olympic Games last summer, this University of Southern California senior attracted international attention with his swimming prowess that earned him four gold medals. But he says there was more than just talent on his side during the competition:

“I’ve formed a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.” John is sure that sharing his commitment with other members of the United States team helped him during the Olympics.

Just a few years ago John was searching for something meaningful in his life. After attending a Billy Graham meeting, John began to wake up to the realization of Jesus Christ. The actual born-again experience came gradually: “After thinking about it for three days, I realized I needed Jesus Christ, and I accepted Him. Now that my life has been turned over to Jesus Christ, I can function with an extra power bestowed by God.”

Natalie Cole

This rhythm and blues singer was unhappily living in her famous father’s shadow until two years ago when a conversion experience changed her life. “Every time I got a booking I was billed as ‘Nat King Cole’s Daughter Appearing Here,’” she says. “I was tired of it all and felt that there was nowhere left for me to go. Friends were not really friends. I had no motivation.”

Then came her experience with Jesus Christ. “It was in 1975, and I had been reunited with my father’s family. My aunt [now Natalie’s spiritual

advisor] led me to the Third Baptist Church in Chicago, and there I realized that I wanted to be saved.

Soon after that she won two Grammy Awards for 1976—"Best New Artist" and "Best Female Rhythm and Blues Performer." She openly thanked Jesus Christ in her acceptance speech.

Graham & Treena Kerr

"Our housemaid Ruthie told me to give my problems to God," recounted the radiantly beautiful Treena. "I did and God just took them!"

"Thank you, thank you, Jesus, I kept repeating. Then, all of a sudden it was as if the church lights went out and a bright light was directed on my face. I had closed my eyes, but when I opened them, I saw a wonderful Man all dressed in white and full of love.

I began to cry tears of joy, and all the terrible burdens of my life were lifted from my heart."

One night, after a grueling day's filming in Canada, Graham went back to his hotel room and got a sudden urge to pray. "Something forced me to my knees in the center of the room, and all at once I was saying, 'I love you, Jesus.' It was as if the ceiling had opened up, and love just poured in on me."

Graham's spiritual turnaround came a few months after Treena's dramatic experience. "I didn't exactly know what had changed Treena, but I wanted that peace and happiness for myself, too!" says Graham.

For the Kerrs, being born again was truly a life-altering experience. A shaky marriage was suddenly strengthened.

Wanting to wipe the slate clean of his former life, Graham pushed to have his old *Galloping Gourmet* series banned from the airwaves and is now trying to teach his audience the technique of cooking with love and the Spirit. The Kerrs have forsaken their

luxurious Maryland mansion and have moved to Wolcott, Colo., where they plan to open Rejoice Fellowship, a charismatic center for marriage renewal. There, they hope to help save troubled marriages through the word of Jesus.

Gail Magruder

During the harrowing months of Watergate, Gail Nicholas Magruder says she was able to gain strength and direction through a spiritual rebirth.

The young mother of four was attending a Bible fellowship group when her husband's

political crisis ripped through her family's life.

Gail clearly remembers being born again: "It was during the Congressional hearings, and I was nearing the end of my day's Bible study. I was with 350 women, closing our meeting in prayer. I bowed my head and asked the Lord to come into my life and help me."

"I'm filled with a new sense of peace," she explains. Jeb Magruder also has been born again. Last year, the Magruders moved to Colorado, where they became involved in Young Life, an interfaith, national organization which helps teen-agers realize their self-worth. Both Jeb and Gail have published books on their spiritual experiences. *A Gift of Love* is Gail's testimony—published earlier this year by Lippincott.

TBN'S FINANCIAL MIRACLE

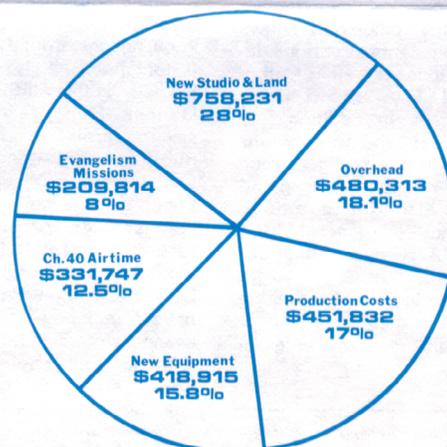
From the beginning of TBN's existence, we have always worked on what we call our "Open Book" policy. This goes for every part of TBN, but especially the finances. Recently the Board of TBN felt that it was time for an audit of the books so for the past several months an independent accounting firm has been engaged in the laborous process of auditing the entire operations of TBN from its beginning in 1973 to the present. The results of that audit are on file at the offices of TBN and are open to any of our partners during the regular business hours.

An abbreviated condensed version of our latest fiscal year ending July 31, 1976 is presented here for your information. What you are reading is a miracle! So rejoice with us at His goodness and love for Christian Television - This **IS** your station and we love you for being our partners in this beautiful soul winning ministry.

Miraculous is the only way we can describe what God has done through you - We give HIM all the glory!

Total Income
TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.
August 1, 1975 - July 31, 1976

\$ 2,650,852.00



This is how your funds were used



"The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree and the box together to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. Isaiah 60:13

Jesus Christ is going to return to earth one day and when He does, the land of Israel will have beautiful trees "to make the place of my feet glorious". Did you know that you partners can have a part in planting these trees? Each time we make a trip to the Holy Land we plant more trees as a love gift to that beautiful country which birthed our Lord. Hundreds of trees have already been planted in the area known as TBN Forest. If you would like to have a part in this blessing, mail your \$5 contribution into TBN today. Be sure to enclose the name on a small piece of paper and be a part of those who help to "beautify the place of my sanctuary".

Please plant a tree for me in the name of:

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

Enclosed is my \$5.00 contribution

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"This was God's plan from the beginning. He will not spoil it now by taking things out of her hands. He will let the whole world go to destruction first. His part of the work of redemption is full and complete. But He will not override His Church. His eternal purpose is the qualifying of His Eternal Companion for entering into full partnership with her Lord in the governing process of the universe. She can be qualified only through the apprenticeship of prayer and intercession. Only thus does she learn to enter into and participate in the eternal purpose of her Lord. Therefore, God will do nothing apart from His Church.

"This is why John Wesley said, "God will do nothing but in answer to prayer." This is why S.D. Dordon said that "The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray." This is why he also said, "You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed." This also explains his statement, "Prayer is striking the winning blow. . . service is gathering up the results." It likewise explains the statement of E. M. Bounds about prayer: "God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil. . . The prayers of God's saints are the capital stock of heaven by which God carries on His great work upon earth. God conditions the very life and prosperity of His cause on prayer." If these things are true, then "prayer should be the main business of our day."

Beloved partners, please join us in our 24 hour prayer chain for souls - write us and let us know the time you will be in prayer - we want to place your name in the big "Prayer Clock" here at TBN. We will see the beautiful fruit of our combined prayers as the reports come in from all over the world of new babes in Christ being born into the Kingdom of God!

Thank you for loving and caring for lost humanity. Thank you for being our faithful partners in this great harvest of souls. Thank you for your continued sacrificial gifts which make it all possible. We are praying daily for you that God will supply your every need. We love you - and remember,

Let everything that hath breath
Praise the Lord!

Paul