

Notes from Dan and DeAnn!!

*Thanks being in ministry with us. We hope this letter communicates well the ministry that you are having in students lives.

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Prayer Requests:

- Pray that our visas would still come in. After all the work last month, the paperwork got lost somewhere in the Mexican mail system.
- Pray for our safety as we go to our training/orientation. We leave for L.A. on the 10th. Also praise God for a partner finding some travel vouchers we were able to use!
- Again!!! Praise God for new monthly partners and a number of one time gifts that will help us this next year.
- Continued prayer for our financial support. As of today (August 8) we still need 700 dollars of monthly support to meet our goal.
- Pray for the health of our puppy! (story on the back)

William R. "Bill" Bright, Founder of World's Largest Christian Ministry Dies

ORLANDO, Fla., July 19, 2003— William R. "Bill" Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, the world's largest Christian ministry, died today from complications related to pulmonary fibrosis. He was 81...

Here is an excerpt from one of Vonette Bright's emails to the staff on the 10th of July. It is very good to see how men of God face trials.

"Bill's condition took a turn downward about a week ago and has lost ground almost daily since. In a conversation with him, I ventured to ask a question I had refused to even entertain. The question was: 'Why do you think you're suffering? Why would God put you through this?' Immediately I received Bill's reply. 'I'm not suffering! It depends on the definition of suffering. Even grasping for breath for extended periods of time does not compare with what Christ went through during his trial and crucifixion. For Jesus, the agony of the trial was totally illegal; He was beaten beyond recognition; He had six hours suffocating on the cross; He bore the sins of the world; He was cut off from God because of our sins, for there was no other way for man to be redeemed.'

"Then," Bill continued, "think about Peter being crucified head downward; Paul's persecution and finally being

beheaded. All the disciples were persecuted and finally martyred, except John, who after being burned in oil, was exiled. Through the centuries, there have been many martyrs.

So, what I'm going through is very minor."

Bill says, "I'm here in a bed of ease; I'm surrounded by people who love me. Suffering is a matter of perspective. It's not pleasant, humanly speaking. All disease comes from Satan, but God allows only so much."



Bill Bright spent more than 50 years building and leading Campus Crusade for Christ

He referred to Acts 4 (paraphrased), Romans 5 and Philippians 2. And

He said, "We are most blessed." Speaking of himself and me, "We are to look to God's grace," and then began to pray, "Oh Father, how great You are." Bill has continually been filled with and voiced such praise. What a man!

It is still not too late for a miracle! I praise God for those who continue to believe and pray for a miracle, a divine physical healing. However, our options are running out. There must be some improvement soon or it will be obvious that God's choice is to take Bill to his heavenly home."

Amazing Faith

"Amazing Faith" is the name of Bill Bright's biography and it is on my top ten list of books every Christian should read. We have had some sad times recently but it is a blessing to know that Dr. Bright is now home. He impacted both DeAnn and I so greatly. It is hard to believe that we never got the chance to meet him. But through his willingness to follow God, Campus Crusade started and much of our spiritual growth came as a result of involvement with CCC.

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Three's Company...

Our new little boy came home with us on August 3rd. We had waited over a year for this day and were so excited. Everything was ready: toys, a place to sleep....all for our puppy.

Both of us grew up with dogs and couldn't wait to have one of our own. Our apartment would not allow pets last year so after we moved out the serious search began. This brought us to a humane society in Dekalb, Illinois where we had the difficult task of choosing out of a litter of seven. One stood out and we claimed him as our own.

One of our other difficult tasks was to name the puppy. We received many suggestions from Cody to Brutus but have chosen Phinehas* (fin-e-us) Gerard. Phin for short. He is named after one of the Levite priests who were zealous for God.

Unfortunately the story does not

end there. That night the puppy started not feeling well. He stopped eating and drinking and, un-puppy-like, he never played but only slept. He was getting dehydrated and we were worried about him. So the following day we called the humane society and found out two other puppies were sick. We then worked it out to bring the puppy back to the foster home where he will be staying with his brothers and sisters until he feels better. The veterinarian there has worked with him before and knows his health history so we felt it was best. It was hard to leave him; we are attached already.

Please pray with us that Phin will get better soon and return home to his new mom and dad.

(*son of Eleazer, not to be confused with the son of Eli.)



**Here's the little guy
before he got sick.**