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Revelation 14:6.

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The newsletter of Hope International

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Introducing *Nuestro Firme Fundamento*

We praise God that we are able to report that once again we are publishing *Nuestro Firme Fundamento*, the Spanish edition of *Our Firm Foundation*! It has been in planning and production for a while, and it is now available.

It is not in the same format as the English version yet, but as the number of paid subscriptions increases, we plan to make it available with the same color and layout as the English version. In the meantime we wanted to make the translated text available as soon as possible. As sufficient interest in the Spanish version justifies it, we will invest more time and funds into producing a regular magazine and adding illustrations and color.

Currently, all of the magazine articles are translated (with none of the ads). The text is printed in

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a simple format, copied, stapled together, and is then ready to be mailed out.

This method is quite expensive and labor intensive, but we feel strongly that there are Spanish-speaking and reading brethren that are hungering for a truth-filled publication.

We will also e-mail the Spanish version to our brothers in Panama who will then copy it and send it all over that country. And it will go to Portugal for those who can speak Spanish there and everywhere else we find people who have an interest in our publications.

We are making a subscription to this publication available for \$18.75 per year. As you can imagine, that does not even cover our costs, but if we can reach some of our Spanish-speaking brethren for the Lord, it will be worth all we invest.

If you know anyone who would benefit from the Spanish translation of *Our Firm Foundation*, please let him or her know it is available. Or, send in their names for a free three-month trial subscription, just like what is available with the English magazine. Better yet, why don't you mail them a gift subscription? Only in heaven will we be able to judge the results of our self-sacrificing efforts for others.

If you don't know any Spanish-speaking people, but would like to be a part of this outreach, please send your donation marked "Spanish Work."

Please pray for the success of this endeavor. More and more Spanish-speaking people are coming to the United States and into the church every day. Please ask our heavenly Father to especially bless this effort.

May God bless you also as you work hand in hand with us to try to reach our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters.

Miracles of Hope

By George Gomoll, Director of Development



Usually, when we hear the phrase “for such a time as this” we think of the story in the Bible about Queen Esther, but there are people sent to help God’s work in 2004, too!

As I continued my mission to get signs put up around the county to help direct people to Hope International (see previous newsletter), I needed to meet with the city officials in Knoxville, Illinois.

Being from a big city (Chicago), I thought this would be a monumental task. Expecting meeting, after meeting, after still more meetings, I was pleasantly surprised when at my first meeting with the city administrator, he said, “No problem. Just get the signs made and deliver them to city hall.”

Next stop: the sign company. A week later the signs were delivered to city hall, and then the waiting game started. Not wanting to push the issue, I tried to find things to talk to the city administrator about and then would ask about the signs. Each time he seemed surprised that the signs were not put up yet. Finally he told me that he had been instructed that it would be best if Hope International made a formal request at the next city council meeting. The day of the meeting he called and said our request was tabled until the following city council meeting in two weeks. Now worry began to set in. What would the city council do? Some of our staff thought this might be the end of the sign project, but God was still in control.

At the next city council meeting the room was very full. Newspaper reporters and radio crews joined many residents to discuss a very volatile city issue. Right after this issue was discussed, we made our request. Many, not only in the room but also over the radio, heard the presentation about Hope International. The city council approved our request unanimously!

The next week, the city administrator called and said the signs would be put up that day. And they were! The following week, I was shocked to read in the paper that the city administrator had resigned! Surely he had stayed in his position “for such a time as this” in order to facilitate the Hope International signs being placed in downtown Knoxville.

For more miracle stories call 1-800-468-7884 and order our *new* videotape “*God’s Miracles at Hope International.*”

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 19

Clark Floyd
Walnut, NC

July 10, 11

Ron Spear
Joe Olson
Lee Forbes
Terra Nova
Portugal

August 17–22

Clark Floyd
Czech Republic

August 20–22

Ron Spear
Glendale, CA

August 24–31

Clark Floyd
Germany

September 2–4

Ron Spear
Colton, CA

*“Not forsaking
the assembling
of ourselves
together, as the
manner of some
is; but exhort-
ing one another:*

Spiritual Meetings

We have been so blessed with the opportunity to meet so many of you as we have scheduled meetings all around the country. For that we are so grateful to God!

Just of late, we have had meetings in Portugal; Glendale, California; Orlando, Florida; Kettering, Ohio; Orlando, Florida again; Deltona, Florida; Ooltewah, Tennessee; Riverside, California and Birmingham, Alabama.

Honestly, we receive the greatest blessing, getting to meet each one of you and, in some cases, renewing old friendships. We would like to share some of the comments we received on the comment cards that we hand out:

“These meetings were uplifting, encouraging and a great spiritual blessing!”

“Praise the Lord! The meetings were from up above! The messages gave hope and built a ‘Firm Foundation’ in me.”

“I would like to thank you for sending Pastors Joe and Ron, for they have given me a new hope that there are still people out there that are willing to answer the call of the original message of God.”

“Straight, simple reminder of staying in the truth and don’t go back to the world and its attractiveness that God says will certainly lead to death.”

“The sermon emphasized that we should always seek God and not man. I think it served to help us seek a closer relationship to God.”

“Thank God for your wonderful work and the way to help others to improve with the spiritual life! I think the meetings were very helpful for everyone.”

“Pastor Joe and Ron Spear were outstanding representatives of our Lord!”

“The meeting was a great blessing for me; you brought back to my memory many things the Lord had taught me that I forgot. May the Lord bless you and keep you always.”



UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 3–4

Clark Floyd
Portland, TN

September 17–19

Ron Spear
Joe Olson
British Columbia
Canada

**September 29 to
October 3**

Fall Camp Meeting
Knoxville, IL

October 27–30

Medical Missionary
Training for Home
Schoolers
Knoxville, IL

November 5–7

Ron Spear
Joe Olson
Ft. Wayne, IN

January 17–31

Joe Olson
New Zealand

*and so much
the more, as
ye see the day
approaching.”*

Hebrews

10:25

“These are my comments on Pastor Ron Spear and Joe Olson: We need more of them! Today, April 3rd, 2004, I was filled with the Spirit, such as I haven’t [been] since my baptism. I praise God for that! Ron Spear’s message along with that of Pastor Joe’s went in perfect harmony with a message I was convicted of last night (Luke 12:9). Today, I made a vow not to deny my Lord any longer, even if it meant losing my ‘friends.’ I have long denied Him, and I know, through His grace, I will deny Him no longer, for I do not want to be denied before my God and His angels (also 2 Timothy 2:12 and Matthew 10:33). I thank God for sending His [workers] to reinforce my boldness for Him as it was when I was first baptized. Praise God!” (Anonymous 16-year-old.)

As you can see by the above comments, *we* are the ones who were mightily blessed as we were uplifted by such an outpouring of love and encouragement.

We would love to hold meetings in your area also. Do you need some encouragement? Are you wanting some deeper, “meatier” spiritual food? Are you longing for the truths that were once taught by the faithful pioneers?

Call us and ask for George Gomoll. He will be glad to set up a meeting in your area. Remember, it is at no cost to you! We have come to be a blessing, not to receive one, although we *always* get one!

Call us a 309-343-1844 or e-mail at office@hopeint.org



Concrete grapevine arbors and stone fencing near old homestead.



Water tank being built for irrigation. All gravity flow.

“A right education will make the youth strong, well-balanced men and women, by developing and calling into active exercise all the powers of mind and body. It will make them a blessing to the world; for it will enable them to attain a true and noble manhood and womanhood.”

Signs of the Times, August 26, 1886.

Terra Nova

We have renamed our new school in Portugal to reflect more of the European flavor and yet have it be something that Americans can identify with. “Terra” means ground or earth and “Nova” means new. The new name will reflect what we are aiming for—the New Earth!

If you would like to become more familiar with exactly what we are doing, we welcome you to come and “check us out.” We have had many calls from prospective students inquiring about what they will learn and do. Some want to come just to be involved and not necessarily to go to “school.” We welcome all support, from general interest and desire to help get the school off the ground, to those wanting an education to prepare them for these final days and how to witness most effectively.

We have revamped our student handbook and policies, so if you have already been sent one, please let us know and we will send you a new, revised handbook.

If you have an interest in becoming a student or just helping at our “School of the Prophets,” please let us know. You can phone us of course, mail us or e-mail at office@hopeint.org.



Jose, our heavy equipment operator, is working to prepare the land.



Temporary staff and student housing for the team already there.

Update from Portugal

by Pedro Muga, Administrative Assistant



I would like to update you on Terra Nova Institute. The foundations of a School of the Prophets are being laid in Portugal. It is the first, of this sort, in the South-Western part of Europe.

There is already a lot of activity going on. We are almost finished constructing a five-meter water reservoir that will hold water for the buildings and irrigation.

Several miles of road have been opened on the hills that enable people to have access to all the property.

We have a little team that is working full-time to launch this school. There are a couple of very talented local men who are working with heavy and light machinery. There is a brother from Germany who has been removing the thorny briars from the vines, olive trees, and terraces. My main function is to coordinate the work and to deal with all the legal aspects of our school.

The time is short and we must redeem it by preparing our youth to help us finish the work. Please keep us in your prayers, and be active yourself in helping to finish the work!

Golf Cart

We received more than \$1,100.00 toward our golf cart, so we stepped out in faith and purchased a used golf cart just in time for our April convocation. What a blessing it has been! We happened to have a woman come to the camp meeting that needed transportation to and from the dormitory and church. Praise the Lord, we were able to accommodate her! God is so good!

We are mindful of and thankful for every sacrificial dollar and donor that has made this possible. We still need \$500.00 to retire the debt on the golf cart. By the way, the maintenance men are very happy for this new (to us) golf cart! They extend their appreciation for your thoughtfulness.



The Ark

By R.F. Cottrell

When ancient Israel met the foe,
That aimed at them a deadly blow,
Though oft their prospect
seemed most dark,
They triumphed when they had the Ark.

The Ark when borne to Jordan's tide,
Caused its deep waters to divide;
They need no boat in which t'embark;
They cross—because they have the Ark.

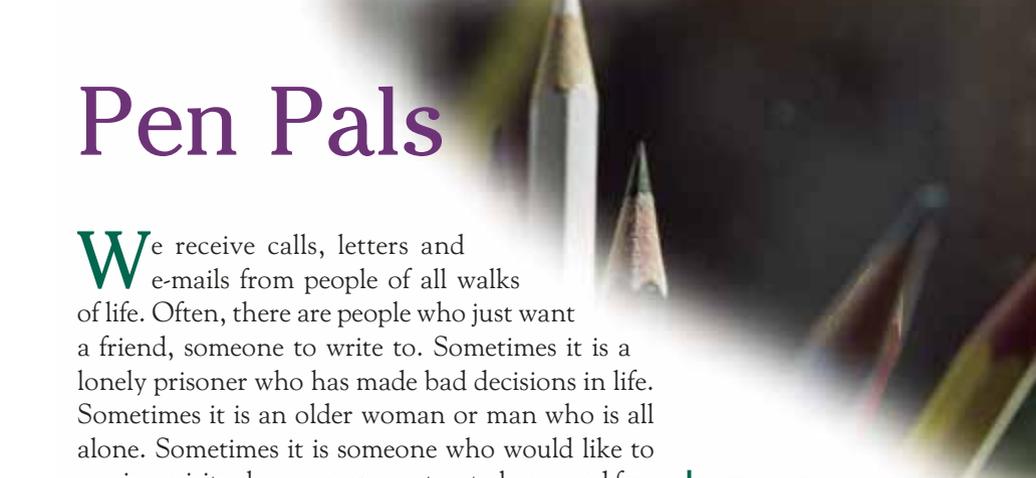
They march around old Jericho,
Its towering walls are laid full low—
Hear ye that mighty shouting? Hark!
They triumph, for they have the Ark.

Where was the strength
by which it wrought,
And to its bearers victory brought?
It was a chest of wood—but mark!
The Law of God was in the Ark.

When men oppose that law of love,
They lack the wisdom from above;
Deluded souls! they're in the dark,
Without the truth—without the Ark.

The remnant in these latter days
Will triumph sure; give God the praise!
They, of the beast, refuse the mark,
They keep God's law—they have the Ark.

Pen Pals



We receive calls, letters and e-mails from people of all walks of life. Often, there are people who just want a friend, someone to write to. Sometimes it is a lonely prisoner who has made bad decisions in life. Sometimes it is an older woman or man who is all alone. Sometimes it is someone who would like to receive spiritual encouragement or to be prayed for.

If you are interested in being someone's pen pal or would like someone to write to you, we would love to be able to put some interested souls together. If you could just read the mail we get, we are sure you would be touched with the same feelings we have as we go over each letter and pray and look for ways to be of service.

But, as many as we receive, we can only answer a portion of them. So, if any of you might be willing to invest a little time in being a blessing to others, please let us know.

This might be a great project for some of the children in your family to write to an older person and establish a lasting relationship. Maybe you have been looking for a way to do some kind of ministry but have been unable to apply as much time as so many things take. This can involve just an hour or so a week or as much time as you can devote to it.

Remember: "Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in. . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done *it* unto Me." Matthew 25:34-35, 40. Do you think we might be able to include letter writing in this? God bless as you consider this opportunity for service.

Faith & Hope

"When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, wonderfully change, the most hopeless, discouraging outlook.... God calls upon His faithful ones, who believe in Him, to talk courage to those who are unbelieving and hopeless. May the Lord help us to help one another, and to prove Him by living faith."

Review and Herald,
October 1, 1903.

God's Love

"I have seen the tender love that God has for His people, and it is very great. I saw angels over the saints with their wings spread about them. Each saint had an attending angel. If the saints wept through discouragement, or were in danger, the angels that ever attended them would fly quickly upward to carry the tidings, and the angels in the city would cease to sing. Then Jesus would commission another angel to descend to encourage, watch over, and try to keep them from going out of the narrow path;

Fall Camp Meeting

This may appear to be a bit early for an announcement about the Fall Camp Meeting, but we want you to have plenty of time to prepare for an old-fashioned tent meeting.

We plan to have a large tent out in our field, and we are going to expand the length of our meetings to start on Wednesday evening and go through Sunday noon. We are also going to expand our speaker list substantially. We will have several more meetings, and we plan to have live "talk back" sessions in the evenings. During these meetings a panel will be available to answer your questions. The questions will need to be written down and submitted beforehand so that we will be able to weed out duplication, etc.

We believe this fall's meeting will be well attended. We plan to advertise extensively and felt that it would only be wise to announce our plans as early as possible. If you would like to have accommodations at our "dormitory" facility at \$20.00 per night, please call and make reservations as soon as possible. Already some of the rooms are reserved, as people made arrangements at the end of the Spring Convocation. As we begin to advertise, the rooms will go quickly.

We have room for your RVs, but currently no hook-ups. You can plan to camp on site or use one of the nearby campgrounds. There are plenty of hotels in the area and the information on them will be forthcoming. We have negotiated excellent rates with several of them.

Please call 309-343-1844. We will get you set up and ready for the spiritual feast!

Tithe

Hope International does not solicit tithes, however we are a tithe-worthy organization and accept tithes. We use the tithe only for the gospel ministry. Donations designated "Gospel Ministry" will be considered tithe.

Meet the Board *of Hope International*

Our Board of Directors is a very important part of Hope International. We would like to introduce you to each board member so that you can get to know them better.

Lee Forbes is a licensed general contractor in multiple states, a licensed pilot, copper-smith, historic roofing consultant, certified welder, former paramedic and commercial diver. He was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He grew up a Southern Baptist and in his early teens, was one of the first converts through the radio ministry of Joe Crews of Amazing Facts back in 1968.

He loves his family, nature, flying, teaching, and music, but his greatest love is his Saviour Jesus Christ and living in service to Him. He has worked with his partner in ministry, Clark Floyd, as a radio talk show co-host on “Bible Answers with Clark and Lee” for some years. He has also served as a speaker, teacher and music evangelist.

During the week the best way to find him is by cellular phone, as he may be anywhere on the east coast, but on long weekends, if he is not speaking somewhere in the world, you will find him on his farm in West Virginia with his lovely wife and three beautiful children. He also has four older children who are on their own and four grandchildren.

Lee has experienced many times what it means to be a broken vessel, but the beauty of the gospel is that God can take something broken and marred and make it altogether new.



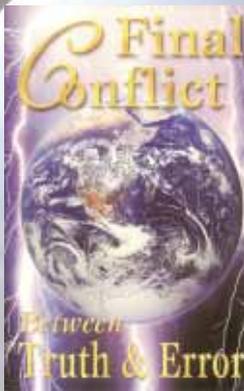
Lee Forbes

but if they did not take heed to the watchful care of these angels, and would not be comforted by them, but continued to go astray, the angels would look sad and weep. . . . But if the saints fixed their eyes upon the prize before them, and glorified God by praising Him, then the angels would bear the glad tidings to the city, and the angels in the city would touch their golden harps and sing with a loud voice, ‘Alleluia!’ and the heavenly arches would ring with their lovely songs.”

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