

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Showing God's Love

Doug Nichols went to India to be a missionary, but while he was just starting to study the language he became infected with tuberculosis and had to be put in a sanitarium. It was not a very good place to be. It was not very clean and conditions were difficult because there were so many sick people there. But Doug decided to do the best he could in that situation. So he took a bunch of Christian books and tracts and tried to share the gospel with the other patients in the sanitarium.

But when he tried to pass out tracts, no one wanted them. He tried to hand out books, but no one would take them. He tried to talk with them, but he was handicapped because of his inability to communicate in their language, and he felt so discouraged. There he was. Because of his illness he would be there a long time. But it seemed like the work that he had been sent to do would not be done because no one would listen to him.

Because of his tuberculosis, every night at about 2 o'clock he would wake up with chronic coughing that wouldn't quit. Then one night when he awoke he noticed across the aisle an old man trying to get out of bed. He said the man would roll himself up into a little ball and teeter back and forth trying to get up the

momentum to get up and stand on his feet. But he just couldn't do it. He was too weak. Finally, after several attempts the old man laid back and wept.

The next morning Doug understood why the man was weeping. He was trying to get up to go to the bathroom and didn't have enough strength to do that. So his bed was a mess and there was a smell in the air. The other patients made fun of the old man. The nurses came to clean up his bed and they weren't kind to him, either. In fact, one of them even slapped him in the face. Doug said that the old man just laid there and cried.

Doug said, "That next night about 2 o'clock I started coughing again. I looked across the way and there was the

old man trying to get out of bed once more. I really didn't want to do it, but somehow I managed to get up and I walked across the aisle and I helped the old man stand up." But he was too weak to walk.

Doug said, "I took him in my arms and carried him like a baby. He was so light that it wasn't a difficult task. I took him into the bathroom, which was nothing more than a dirty hole in the floor, and I stood behind him and cradled him in my arms as he took care of himself. Then I carried him back to his bed and laid him down. As I turned to leave he reached up and grabbed my face and pulled me close and kissed me on the cheek and said what I think was 'Thank you.'"

Doug said, "The next morning there were patients waiting when I awoke and they asked if they could read some of the books and tracts that I had brought. Others had questions about the God I worshiped and His only begotten Son who came into the world to die for their sins." In the next few weeks Doug Nichols gave out all the literature that he had brought, and many of the doctors and nurses and patients in that sanitarium came to know Jesus Christ, too.

He said, "Now what did I do? I didn't preach a sermon. I couldn't even communicate in their language. I didn't have a great lesson to teach them. I didn't have wonderful things to offer. All I did was take an old man to the bathroom and anyone can do that."

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:7-8)

What can you do to express the love of God to people around you today?

– Alan Smith

Psalms 119:48

**And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments,
Which I love; And I will meditate on Your statutes.**

Upcoming Events :

Service at the Manor : We are scheduled to conduct the services at Shelby Manor on Sunday the February 24th at 2:30

Annual Sweetheart Banquet : On this coming Saturday, March 2nd we will be meeting at the Lion's Club Building to enjoy our second annual Sweetheart Banquet. Everyone is invited, but all who will attend are asked to sign up on the sheet a back. There is also a signup sheet for food. **PLEASE** come !

Lady's Day : The ladies of the Lakeside congregation on Rita Rd. in Springfield will host a Lady's Day on March 23. Registration begins at 8:30. Celine Spark's will speak on "*Because I Said So*" which is the title of one of her books. lunch

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Writing tablets, stationary, Black ink pens, Small white envelopes, Baby wipes (must be unscented and alcohol free)

Birthday : Robin Shumard February 27

Reading : **I John 2: 15-17 ; 5: 1-5 ; Psalms 18: 1-6-**

NEXT WEEK : (**March 3, 2019**)

Song Leader : **Greg**

Scripture Reader : **Jonathan**

Table & Announcements : **Bob**

One daily reader is already on month four.

Are you on schedule ? ☺

Prayer List :

Stan Uphoff : Stan was recovering well from the procedure on his leg, but he had a sudden onset of illness on Tuesday and ended up in the hospital in Springfield. Thank God it turned out to be bronchitis which is being treated at home.

Stanley Rich : *At last report ..* Stanley seems to be handling his chemo and radiation treatments better than they feared.

Mike Nichols : Mike's therapy has been and will be an extended battle which Mike is fighting alone. Please keep his name before the Father's throne. Encourage him.

Bill Livesay : Bill is now home. His new kidney is working fine and he is beginning to adjust to his complications

Doris Faulkner : Her condition is advancing more rapidly.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Mary, Delores, Marge, Betty, Pete & Hazel

Others with ongoing issues :

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

Robin Shumard : Due to neurological issues which are secondary to diabetes, Robin is confined to a wheelchair.

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Wayne : Ongoing issues related to stroke recovery

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law is holding his own.

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend has severe kidney failure due to diabetes. His condition is slowly deteriorating.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list, always include our congregation and her elders**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



Ya'll Come !