



Pastor's Perspective — God's Remarkable Ways

By Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

Unless I miss my guess, we don't often wonder about the people we meet whether the Lord would be pleased to use us to win them to faith in Christ. It tends not to be a matter of first concern, but if we were to think seriously about the implications of a passage like 1 Corinthians 3:5, it would become one. There Paul, correcting the Corinthians' faulty estimate of men, speaks of himself and Apollos as mere servants through whom the Corinthians came to believe *as the Lord had assigned to each his task*. God had a specific work of winning to faith in Christ for Paul to do with some and for Apollos to do with others. And there is no reason to believe God works any differently today. Indeed, there is every reason to believe that His working is the same. As encouragement to you, I offer the following in illustration.

*Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News...
Colossians 4:5
(Living Bible)*

A few weeks ago, I had lunch with a dear friend from China who the Lord brought into my life only this past fall. The purpose of the lunch was evangelistic. Though we had met on other occasions to build friendship and discuss the Scriptures, I really wanted the opportunity to sit down with him over a quiet lunch to review the plan of salvation from beginning to end—and I told him that purpose right up front in making the arrangements.

When we met, it was clear the Lord had prepared the time and place. He had also given me a wonderful prayer partner—a third party—to share the experience. At the end of nearly two hours of searching together the Scriptures that point to the need each of us has for Christ and how one receives Him as Savior, my friend bowed his head and humbly asked God to save him in Jesus' name. It was one of the sweetest prayers I've ever heard.

Of interest to me was my friend's comment that he had wanted to do that, but until then had not known how. In the next week and a half, two stunning events occurred. First, my friend's wife came to Christ through his testimony of faith—her mother in China having done the same years ago and having prayed for her daughter's salvation for over thirty years. Second, my friend and his family moved to Michigan on two days notice due to the provision of housing and work.

We sing about God's amazing grace, but what's really amazing is to consider its operations. That He would bring a man and his family all the way from China to Virginia that I might lead him to Christ in answer to the prayers prayed by a mother for over thirty years staggers me! But knowing how He works should prompt us to wonder, as a matter of first concern, of the lost he brings our way: "Might the Lord be pleased to work through me to win them to Christ?" He might, but the only way we'll know is by telling them.

The Students are Coming!

Each year our missionary Paul Briggs brings international students from Purdue University to the DC area for Spring Break to tour our nation's capital and learn about Christ. Fellowship has the privilege of hosting these students and sharing with



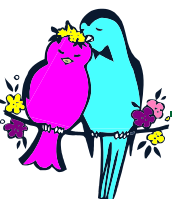
them from the Word of God. This year about 20 students will be coming, and 11 families will provide housing. Please pray that the Bible studies and the testimonies of the host families will be used of God to draw students to saving faith in Christ.

Reaching Kids at Home and Abroad



Fellowship's Sparks and Truth & Training Clubs will be participating in the **Spark-A-Rama** (2:30 PM) and **Awana Games** (4:30 PM) on March 18 at Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn, VA. Everyone is encouraged to come and cheer for our teams. This event affords a great opportunity to present the gospel to unsaved clubbers and their families.

Each year Fellowship participates in the **Adopt-A-Club** program through which clubs in the United States provide funding for clubs overseas. This critical ministry makes it possible for thousands of clubs to operate in needy countries, reaching many precious children and their families with the gospel. This year our goal is to raise \$240 for one of the Awana clubs in Ecuador.



Wedding Shower Luncheon

A lunch will be held at Tau Tau restaurant on Saturday, March 25 at 11:30 AM honoring Fawntrella Thompson for her recent marriage. See Tracy English to contribute toward Fawntrella's gift.

Getting to Know Our Church Family

Pastor Ron and Neita Lindholm

Ron was born in Valentine, NE and spent 5 years in Seattle, WA before his family moved to New Orleans where he spent the bulk of his childhood. His dad worked as a Public Health Service physician and his mom was a homemaker. He has one younger sister Cyndi. As a child Ron enjoyed bike riding, basketball and exploring New Orleans' drainage canals and underground storm water system. His parents were faithful to impart the precious truths of God's Word to their children and modeled for them what it means to live for Christ. At the age of 7, through the influence of his godly parents, Ron accepted Jesus as his Savior.

Neita was born in Buford, GA, the 5th of 8 children. She spent time in Rome, GA and Louisville, KY while her parents were in college and seminary. Then her family moved to New Orleans where Neita grew up and her parents served as home missionaries at Rachel Sims Mission. There they exemplified for her a life devoted to Christ, while serving the needs of their family and community. As a young person Neita enjoyed tetherball, her friends, traveling, volleyball, softball and waterskiing. Prompted to consider her spiritual need by the salvation and baptism of some friends, Neita was led to Christ by her father at the age of 9.

God brought Ron and Neita together through mutual involvement in their church youth group. After several years of maintaining a long-distance relationship they were eventually married at First Baptist Church-New Orleans in June 1980.

After high school Ron pursued undergraduate studies at West Virginia University and the University of Scranton while working as a hospital orderly. Upon graduation he worked for 2 years in the medical field.

Having gone to college planning to become a physician, Ron discovered that God had other plans for his life and was led to prepare for vocational ministry at Baptist Bible Seminary. During seminary he worked as a house painter.

Following high school Neita entered the job market, working over the years as a receptionist, retail clerk, secretary, teacher's aide, and preschool teacher. She is currently employed with Fairfax County Public Schools as a clinic room aide.

In 1986 Ron was called to pastor his first church in Altoona, PA, where he served for 10 years. In April 1996 the Lord led Pastor and Neita to serve at Fellowship, impressing upon them the unique opportunity to shape a church that could have a global impact for Christ through its ministry to the many-cultured people in its community. Neita serves at Fellowship in Sunday school, Kids Korner, nursery, special music, ESL, Vacation Bible School and hospitality.

Pastor is currently working toward a Doctor of Ministry from Baptist Bible Seminary, needing only to complete his dissertation. He asks that you pray for God's clear direction in the writing and completing of that project.

Pastor's interests include reading, running, basketball and tennis. Neita enjoys walking, time with family, crafts, going to ballgames and traveling.

Pastor and Neita's son David is a junior at Cedarville University. His desire is to serve the Lord as a physician. On May 8-June 12 David will be part of a Cedarville missions team going to the Amazon. Pray God will use this trip to reach souls for Christ and prepare David for future ministry.

Money Matters

February giving was adversely affected by the snow cancellation on Sunday morning the 12th.

February Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$4,400
Weekly Need	\$4,706
Year-to-Date Giving (General Fund)	\$38,628
Year-to-Date Need	\$42,354
Year-to-Date 50@1	\$1,218

Calendar

Mar. 11-16	International Student Ministry
Mar. 14	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
Mar. 18	Spark-A-Rama (2:30 PM) AWANA Games (4:30 PM) Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn, VA
Mar. 25	Men's Prayer Breakfast (8:30 AM)
Mar. 25	Ladies Lunch/Wedding Shower (11:30 AM) Tau Tau Restaurant