"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2

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# May 2014 Newsletter

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." – Romans 11:5

To all our partners and friends, we send our greetings!

I want to apologize for you not receiving our April newsletter. Because of some technical difficulties and problems with my MailChimp account, it was not sent out.

Throughout history, God has always used a *remnant* of believers to keep the Gospel going forward. In his day, Elijah thought that the nation had totally departed from God (see 1 Kings 19). But, Elijah discovered that there was yet a remnant of true believers. He thought he was the only faithful believer left and discovered that there were 7,000 more. As in the days of Elijah, the number of those who had not bowed the knee to Baal was far greater than the prophet believed it to be, so the number of those who acknowledged Christ as the Messiah, in the times of the apostle Paul, was no doubt larger than is generally thought.

Last month, God graciously worked our schedule so that we were able to attend the **Capital Connection** campaign in Washington D.C. It was an amazing opportunity and blessing to see that *there is yet a remnant* on Capital Hill. I have been guilty of complaining and criticizing our nation's leaders, while also neglecting to pray for them, as I should. It was a great blessing to see that there are yet a few believers who are taking a stand for Biblical principles in the midst of idolatry, greed, deceit, self-interests, arrogance, and an anti-God political arena.

We had the unprecedented opportunity to meet in the Congressional Auditorium of the U.S. Capital where several of our national officials spoke to over 250 pastors and guests. It was during these sessions that I was personally convicted of my lack of prayer and encouragement for those still fighting for the principles that made our country great and that have given us the wonderful freedom and liberty that we have so much enjoyed.

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**There is a remnant!** We heard powerful testimonies and challenges from such leaders as: Sen. Ted Cruz, TX;



Rep. Jeff Ducan, SC; Sen. Roy Blunt, MO; Rep. James Lagford, OK; Rep. Joe Pitts, PA; Sen. Rand Paul, KY; Rep. Kathy McMorris Rogers, Eastern WA (She is a graduate of PCC and was greatly influenced by Jack Hyles & David Gibbs. She is the high-ranking Republican woman in Congress.); Rep. Robert Pitenger, NC (former Youth Pastor, staff for CCC, Asst. to Dr. Bill Bright of CCC); Rep. Bill Johnson, OH; Rep. John Fleming, LA; Rep. Reed Ribble, WI; Rep. Doug Collins, GA (former pastor & Attorney); Rep. Robert Aterholt, AL; Rep. Steve King, IA; and Sen. Tim Scott, SC (He did not just speak to us, he preached to us!)

Rep. Randy Forbes (VA) was responsible for getting, "In God We Trust," placed above the entry to the Capital Visitors Center.

Rep. James Lagford: "The work in D.C. reflects our nation. The Church affects our nation!"

We need to pray for our leaders as they battle against the forces of evil. Friends, we must hold them up in prayer and encourage them to stay in the battle. Just as we do, they get discouraged. Just like Elijah, they often feel like they are alone.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

— 2 Chronicles 7:14



Pastor Don Strange of Winkler Road Baptist Church in Ft. Myers, FL prayed for Senator Ted Cruz.

Every person that spoke was prayed for individually.



Every U.S. Representative and Senator was presented with a token of appreciation for his or her service. This beautiful book, "*The Prayers That Shaped America*" was the gift. If we were not able to give it to them personally, then it was left with one of their staff. We also had prayer with the leaders and their staff upon presenting them with the book.

I highly encourage every pastor to plan to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Capital Connection next March! This is our opportunity to make a difference in our government and our country. For information on *The Capital Connection*, go to "Awake America Ministries" online. Dr. Chuck Harding is the founder and president of Awake America.

Please continue to pray for us as we travel. We praise God for new partners and opportunities to present our burden for West Africa.

God's Best, Rick & Brenda Osborn