



I want you to know I am here for one reason. I have a testimony. I'm not a preacher.

Never been to the seminary. A fact you'll probably find out as soon as I open my mouth. I don't really have an education in communications even

electricity. The rest of the year we had to have a way to make a living so he bought a "honey dipper." Anyone know what a honey dipper is? Well, some people call it a septic tank truck. It felt much better to call it a honey dipper. If your friends wanted to know what your dad did you could say, "Oh, he drives a honey dipper." I've dipped a lot of honey in my life.

I mention my background because I want you to know first and foremost that God can use anybody

where you come from, what your background is, or how young or old you are God has a work for all of us.

As I mentioned last night when Jesus was hanging on the cross you and I were on His mind. He could look down the stream of time and see a people that would be willing to give their lives unto death. God has people in all churches and He has always had a church that gives present truth. He has always had a group of people that will give a message that is not popular to the

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though I am in the business of communications.

My family were very poor. My parents dedicated their lives to the Lord. They used to be Country/Western music entertainers. They made a good living and after that, not having an education, my dad got an old truck and we used to pick tomatoes in the summer time in Northern Indiana. We lived with Amish people and lived in houses with no running water and no

who is willing to be used today. As I mentioned last night, I don't have a plan or notes. I never know what I am going to talk about until I stand up. I always pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give me words of wisdom. I travel to many places and each group and their needs are different. I prayed "Lord don't let them hear what I say but let them hear what they need to hear." It is the Holy Spirit that does the work. It gives me courage to know that no matter who you are,

world. We have been blessed with the opportunity of giving the undiluted three angels' messages. One that would counteract the counterfeit. It is found in Revelation the 14th chapter. I praise God for this opportunity.

I was impressed to build a television station, but I'm a carpenter; I worked in construction for a number of years. A part time Gospel singer. Traveled 3 years or so in an old diesel Greyhound bus

singing gospel music. I loved singing on weekends but I never dreamed of being in television. My first wife was killed in an automobile accident in 1982. My daughter and I continued to travel for the Lord. We began to sing on a lot of different television stations in the early eighties. We traveled across the country as far as California down to North Carolina and over in Kansas City.

I began to see the power of television and I said, "Lord, If we as Seventh-day Adventists have the truth shouldn't we be the heads and not the tails?" I am thankful for the half hour programs on Sunday mornings, It is Written, Breath of Life, a Spanish program and a few others that we can see in some cities. Why shouldn't we be dominating the air waves with this message that you've given us?" It seems like the farther we go the behinder we get.

I read in the "Review" about 1987. That in 1970 the Adventist church commissioned A.C. Nielsen to take a survey to see how many people in America knew about Seventh-day Adventists. The results were that 51% of the people in the United States had never heard the name Seventh-day Adventist. About 1987 another poll was taken and the results were the same, 51%. We had not gained one percentage point in spite of all the technological advances at our disposal in the interim. As I was traveling to these television stations I said, "Lord, you know back in 1970 you didn't have all these."

They were literally building television stations 24 hours a day. I would go on these stations, see the prayer partners, see people calling in with all the needs but I also heard a lot of things I knew weren't true. I heard them say, "Johnny, Jesus loves

you. He died for you. He made a plan of salvation for you. He's coming back for you very soon. He loves you so very much. Give your heart to Jesus. But Johnny if you don't serve Him we need to tell you Jesus will burn you for ever and ever." One night in 1984 I turned on my television set at home and I heard someone on a station that was reaching potentially millions of people. He was talking about the secret rapture soon to take place and if you didn't make it on the first round you had seven years to get your act right with God. But the Lord wants to save many people so as soon as the secret rapture takes place Jesus himself will come right here in this studio and John the Baptist, Moses and all the prophets will come and preach for seven years trying to get the rest of the people. That night I couldn't sleep. I said, "Lord shouldn't we have a television station that would reach the world with your message?"

I speak to many people over the world and only two things intimidate me anymore and they are English teachers and when you are too quiet. So talk back to me so I'll know you are awake.

In the 1980s I would go into a television station and all these people, the singers and the speakers would be behind the stage getting ready to go out and they'd say, "Brother, how are you doing? What church do you go to?" One and another would tell what church they were in. Then they'd ask me and when I said, "I'm a Seventh-day Adventist," they'd go "Oh, Seventh-day Adventist? Well, actually one of my brothers cousins is a Mormon." I'd say, "Really? I don't really know any Mormons. I guess they're good people" "Oh, I thought you said"—

I said, "No, I'm a Seventh-day Adventist not a Latter day Saint. "Seventh-day." "Oh, Okay, I see." Another would say, "Oh, I have a relative that's a Jehovah's Witness."

That particular night it was like the Lord said to me, "I want you to build a television station that will reach the world with an undiluted three angels' messages. One that would counteract the counterfeit."

To tell you the truth I didn't even know what all that meant. I told the group last night I don't usually elaborate on it but at that time even though I was raised in the church, considered myself a good solid Seventh-day Adventist I was not really into the Bible and my relationship with the Lord had a lot to be desired. It still does but we're growing. My brothers and I loved playing fast pitch softball in the summer time, basketball in the winter, anything that we could play with a ball we always loved to do. We were such good Adventists that if sundown was 8:12 on Friday, we would only play ball until 8:11. We didn't want to break the Sabbath. Sabbath evening when we came back to play with sundown still at 8:12 we would get into our ball suits, drive out to the ball diamond where the tournaments were going on. We had our own team so we could come in when we chose. We'd wait 'til 8:13 then go call time out and put ourselves in the game. We didn't break the Sabbath!

I began to think about it. I could argue and I did about the Sabbath, the state of the dead and a number of subjects. I argued rather than witness to them. I realized I would have to study the messages to know their significance. The point is, God doesn't use us because of us. He uses us in spite of us. He could have

chosen somebody who knew all about what I'm doing. He has chosen each of you to do something equally important.

The miracles to get us on the airwaves are not nearly as big as the ones I see everyday. June 25th 3ABN is scheduled to go on 3 satellites that will allow us to encompass the earth. By the end of this month on planet earth, if somebody wants to watch 3ABN, they can. Is that a big amen? It is not because they see Linda or me. It is because of God's message. Why is God blessing 3ABN? People tell us how wonderful we are, how great we are. Of course they want to come and tell us how bad and awful we are too. I tell people 3ABN is not about me. I really don't care what people say about me. It isn't good for people because sometimes people begin to believe what they hear about themselves. Pretty soon it hurts their ministry. It's fine to come up and say I'm blessed by 3ABN. Please when you see Doug Batchelor, Mark Finley or any of the other people that are on 3ABN, it's not good to tell them how wonderful they are. It's not good to tell Linda and me these things. We realize that we are nothing. We are sinners saved by Grace. None of us have anything good within us to offer. There is nothing we can do that merits God's Grace and love and favor to us. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The 19th verse says, "For my God shall supply all of your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Isn't that wonderful?

What that means in a nutshell is that when the Lord commissioned us to go into all the world preaching the gospel to every nation, kindred,

resources in advance and found that He is not wanting. Would the Lord tell you to go into all the world and not give you the resources to do it? Listen, we are living in a time that is absolutely awesome. We have signed a contract, the Lord willing, to get the GC session around the world, and it is coming up at the end of this month. While we don't have the separate uplink built we're actually going to be renting one for about 3 months as we build the new uplink in Southern Illinois that will accomplish this. It's just in the last few weeks this occurred to me. Even Adventists say, "Well, you know my mother said the Lord is coming and her mother thought the Lord was coming in their time and back in the 1800s they thought the Lord was coming. What's so different about it now? How can you prove to me that Jesus is coming very soon." I said, You know, it's very simple. All the signs weren't fulfilled. There was room for improvement. There was room for growth as long as we could reach out to the world." The Lord said, "When this gospel of the kingdom goes into all of the world then the end shall come." The 18th chapter of Revelation says, "...The earth was lightened with his glory." Think about this for a moment. This is amazing.

We send a signal from a former cornfield by satellite technology, dishes pointed toward heaven. It hits another satellite that takes it across the Atlantic. At the same time it sends the signal geographically to all of South America, sends it to all of Europe. Now it goes down in Paris from Paris it goes back up 22,300 miles. Linda and I come on and say, "Hello, Welcome to 3ABN presents." Immediately it goes up 22,300 miles and sends it to South

America, to Europe, goes down into the homes to those millions on the hotbird. Then it goes back up and is taken down in Jerusalem. I think this is more than coincidence because from Jerusalem it will, next week, be up linked to the entire rest of the world. Asia, Indonesia, China, Philippines, Australia, literally the rest of the world that we've never been able to cover. All of that happens in less than a split second. This signal is traveling at 186,200 miles per second. That's fast isn't it? The signal can go around the world eight times in one second. All these ups and downs happening in 1/3 of a second.

Daniel said knowledge shall be increased, Men shall run to and fro. Let's say the earth lasts another 100 years. Somebody says, "How do we know the Lord is coming?" Because we keep improving. How much can you improve on 1/3 of a second around the world in the next 100 years? You can't improve on it folks. God has given us the technology! No I'm not Pentecostal but at times I get that way. I get loud and noisy. I say, "Praise the Lord." We ought to be, today, the most excited people on planet earth. Seventh-day Adventist Christians with a message to give to the world ought to be the most excited, happy people on the face of the earth. There needs to be a peace in your life that passes all understanding. You see, when I was playing ball and doing all those things before, I didn't have the joy of the Lord. The joy of the Lord was not my strength. I didn't have the peace that passes all understanding. I want to tell you, today, you can have that peace. What I see as I travel this world many, many Seventh-day Adventist Christians though they know all about the Sabbath, and they



know all about the doctrines, they do not have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is our relationship that will save us and get us home. It is not how much we know. It is not that we are third or fourth generation Adventist, It's not if we play the perfect kind of music in church. It has to do, folks, with our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to challenge you before this service is over to search your heart and think about your own life. I'm not here to talk about Danny and Linda Shelton but I'm here to give honor, praise and glory to God. He says "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

Right now it is costing over a million dollars a month for 3ABN to go into all the world. To some of you that may not be a lot of money. To us that's a lot of money. Our satellite transponder bills alone are over a quarter million dollars a month. That's our electric bill. We have no commitment from the church financially. We are not expecting the church to pay our bills. You see, we believe that as laymen we are the church. Right? Some of you got quiet. I hope that didn't offend anybody. I have to tell you, folks, this building is not the church. You are. It's not just the pastors that are the church or a conference employee, we are the church. Ellen White says in Testimonies 9 page 117 "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." That's what we have to do today. We have all these factions. People come up to me and ask, "Brother Shelton, are you Celebration or anti-celebration?" "The nature of Jesus before or after the fall?" Many of you come and ask

me all these questions. In some of our churches people are lifting their hands.

I'm going to take you back for just a moment. Teresa Boot was an agnostic. She was raised a Catholic. Started going to a Pentecostal Church several years ago in Ottawa, Canada. She started praying, "Lord, help my family and I keep Sunday Holy. I started reading the Bible and we should keep Sunday holy." She went on, "That night I turned on my television set, my engineer husband who loves computers stays up late." (She worked in real estate and is an educator.) I turned on television and I heard somebody talking about the Seventh-day Sabbath. In the same sermon I heard them talking about the beast power and all of these things and I got so offended I turned it off." I want to tell you today, folks, the reason 3ABN is a success is because of the message. It's not the messengers. Messengers will fail. If you want to be successful in your life then put your emphasis on the message that God has given you as a Christian to give to the world around you. God will bless you. There is no such thing as failure. When we put on the mind of Christ God doesn't fail. When He takes over and the Holy Spirit begins to work, He doesn't fail.

People tell me all the time, "You shouldn't be giving Daniel and Revelation Seminars. You shouldn't be talking about the "Mark of the Beast." I say, "Look if this is part of what we believe then we ought to be telling it, with love." Don't get up and point fingers at people. God has people in all churches. As I mentioned earlier, God has always had a people with a special message. The Baptists came with baptism by immersion. Seventh-day Adventists

have a present day message. It is encompassed within the 3 angels messages. "Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgement is come:..." "Babylon is fallen, come out of her my people. The Mark of the Beast- all of these things. Teresa Boot turns on and says, "I'm offended by this." So she shuts the message off. You see, it's not for me to decide. If I believe this message and love it I simply give it. The people we can get to give it with love, we let them give it, let the chips fall where they may. If a person is not ready to accept the Holy Spirit I don't care how you go around it, you are going to trick them into it.

We have all these plans that we come up with. Well, let's not tell them who we are. Let's go over here and we'll kind of lure them in. We used to have those and many people came in. God uses anything. No matter what we try, if it is for His benefit He'll bless it. We used to have these seminars and we'd rent a "Red Lions' Inn" or something and send scary monster pictures to their homes. They would come to the meetings and we might get several hundred the first night. They would say, "This is interesting. What church group are you?" and we stumble around and say, "Come back a few more nights and we'll talk about it." I wouldn't come back. I'd say, "These people are weird. They don't want to tell me who they are." Everybody else is doing it. How many know that Billy Graham is a Baptist? Does anybody not know that Jimmy Swaggart is a Pentecostal? Then why should we be ashamed of who we are? It is not who we are. When you educate people on who Seventh-day Adventist people are and that we love Jesus Christ and believe in Him



crucified, we are saved only by his shed blood on the cross of calvary and we up lift, magnify and glorify his name, people who are Christians have to respect that. Right now we are too mystic. That's what happened from 1970 to 1987, we made no improvement.

Teresa Boot hears this message and turns it off. She is offended. The next morning she goes out and on her door step is a book on the sidewalk put out by the World Wide Church of God on the Seventh-day Sabbath. She thinks this is too strange. Last night I'm praying that God would help me to keep the Sabbath holy, Sunday, and I hear these people talk about seventh day Sabbath and this morning there's this book. She says, "Lord, if there is anything to this at all I'm going to go and turn on that network again and have them be doing a program on the Sabbath."

She wrote me about a nine page letter and in it she said, "I went and turned on my television set and as I turned it on you and Linda were there and you said, "Hello and Welcome to 3ABN. Today we are doing a special 2 hour program on the seventh-day Sabbath. She said, "I was awed by that." We don't have to worry about offending people. As long as we give the message in love.

Christ and his message were rejected when he was on earth.

We will always be a minority. Yes, we want to give the message. We want to give it with love but we have to be bold about it. Give the message boldly. We have to love people enough. Someone says, "I don't want to offend people." I went to one church and they said to me, "Some of the people here want to give out the Great Controversy and other books. They want to pass them

out and our church is almost split." The elder I am staying with said, "I need you. Maybe you can help us tomorrow. Some of the people want to pass out these books but we are a heavily populated Catholic area and some of the church say we shouldn't do it, we might offend people." I said, "Which side are you on?" "Well" he said, "I don't think we ought to pass out these books. This is a Catholic area and people will get offended." I said, "How do you win people?" He said, "I think we ought to love them into the church." I said, "Oh, I'm with you. That's the way to get them in. Let's love them into the church." "Well, will you get up in church tomorrow and say we shouldn't pass out Great Controversy and that we should just love people into the church?" I said, "Sure, that's what I'll do. But I have a question first. I know that the answer is probably astronomical but how long have you been loving people into the church?" "Well, I've been a member here over 40 years." I said, "Well, how many Catholics have you loved into the church in the last 40 years?" He said, "Well about 12 years ago we had a family that came for awhile but they quit." I said, "You mean your method of loving people into the church in 40 years, the Lord through you has never won anybody to this message?" "Well, I hadn't looked at it that way."

You see folks, if the message is true, it is not my message. If Ellen White was inspired by God and she put it in books and says, "these books should be spread like the leaves of autumn", we should spread the books like the leaves of autumn and let the chips fall where they may. What we'll find out is that if people are ready they are going to come in

spite of what you say. If they are not ready, no matter how you think you can out smart them and go to all these seminars telling you how to do these things, they are not going to come in anyway. If they do they don't know what they are getting into because we haven't been bold enough.

Example: Teresa Boot. She's offended, turns off ( have you ever heard anybody talk so fast? This clock is my enemy. My pastor says I speak 250 words a minute with gusts up to 550 so you have to hold onto your seats if you are going to hear the rest of this.) So Teresa Boot finally writes me a letter and says, "Never quit giving the message. I have been watching for weeks and weeks now. I believe what you are saying. I know it's true. Praise the Lord for this." So I take this letter because I don't want just anybody to answer it. I'll answer it myself. I put it in my top drawer so I'll pay attention and I'll make sure she gets answered. I forgot about it for about 6 weeks. Here is a woman really pouring out her heart that she is receiving this message. It is changing her life. She is so thrilled and I didn't even write her.

One night I go into my office about 8 o'clock. I open the drawer and wonder what that big letter is. I open it up and go "Oh, no" this lady from Canada she has been watching. I should have answered her before now, this is terrible! I thought, maybe I ought to call her. So I said, "Lord, if you want me to call these folks tonight then let me get the number from information." I called information for Ottawa, Canada, I ask for a Frank Boot, get a number and to my surprise the operator says, "Hold for one minute." These are the people that were so offended when

they began to watch 3ABN. But you see she had a desire and had been praying that God would give her truth to help her to keep the Sabbath holy. When people are looking for truth, God will always send them truth in spite of themselves and through miraculous ways if necessary.

So I called the house and a little girl answered, "Hello, this is Shelly of the Boot residence may I help you please?" I said, "Shelly, may I speak to your mommy or your daddy?" "Well, my mommy and daddy are busy right now, can I give them a message?" I said, "Yes, let them know that Danny Shelton called them." "Danny Shelton, is this the Danny Shelton we watch on 3ABN?" I said, "Yes, I suppose it is." She said, "They are in the bedroom and said do not disturb them no matter what. But I know they want to talk to you so I'm going to go"—I said, "No, don't you dare, you leave them alone and if they want to talk to me they can call me later." She drops the phone. I hear her say, "Mommy, Daddy, Danny Shelton is on the phone!" All of a sudden I hear a woman's scream. A loud scream. I think, "What is going on." Finally the husband comes. "Hello, This is Frank Boot. Who is this speaking?" I said, "This is Danny Shelton." "Danny Shelton with 3 Angels Broadcasting Network?" I said, "Yes it is." He goes, "Yes it is." I hear a big scream again. He says, "Do you hear my wife screaming?" I said, "Yes, I do. I'm sorry she is taking it so hard." "Let her calm down and let her tell you, what's happening." I said, "Okay". It gets quiet and then I hear a lot more noise. I wait a few minutes, "Hello, this is Teresa Boot whom am I speaking to?" "This is Danny Shelton speaking." "Is this

really you from 3ABN?" "This is me." A few more shrieks come out. I say to her, "I'm really sorry but I put your letter in a drawer. I should have answered you a long time ago. I can't call everybody. Linda and I get around 8 or 10 thousand letters a month. It is hard to read all the mail but we try to do that. But I felt that I really should call you tonight."

She said as she was trying to control herself, "Do you know why I was screaming?" I said, "No. I would like to know." She said, "You won't believe what happened. We have been watching 3ABN 6 or 8 weeks or more. We believe what we are seeing is truth but this Sunday we are to be baptized into this charismatic church. Frank is all ready helping them keep the books. I'm all ready helping with the young people. We are new Christians. We are supposed to be baptized Sunday night but yet we believe what we are hearing on 3ABN. I said, 'Frank, this is what we are going to do tonight, this is a decision that is going to affect our whole family. I read in the Bible( she had never read the Bible much) this guy wrestled with an angel that turned out to be the Lord and wouldn't let him go. Let's go in our room and ask God what we should do and wait until the Lord gives us an answer." So she said we told our kids we are going into our bedroom. We are going to be praying about something. Do not disturb us no matter what. This is the most important decision we can make as a family. She said she is in the bedroom and she prays for awhile. Nothing happens. They don't feel anything. This is a new experience. They are new Christians. "Then my husband, Frank, prays. Nothing happens. We look at each other and say, "Let's just keep praying, it has

only been a few minutes." For over an hour and a half we prayed first one, then the other. We would just stop and look at each other. We were going by what the Bible says and we expected something big to happen." She said, "An hour and a half later we are sitting here kind of discouraged. Frank says, "You know this could be so simple if we could talk to somebody about it and get some advice." She said, "For instance if we could just talk to Danny Shelton of 3ABN I bet he could help us. At that exact moment my daughter said, "Mommy and daddy, I know you said don't bother us but Danny Shelton is on the phone."

See how God works? I put that letter away. I had it for weeks. I thought I forgot it. I believe the Holy Spirit allowed me to forget about it. Sounds good anyway that I didn't let her down. I feel good about it. I don't want to stop and think about that too long. On the surface it sounds like the Holy Spirit allowed me to do that. Maybe the Holy spirit worked in spite of me. I should have done my work earlier but He still blesses if we will continue to go later. I think that is probably more accurate.

When I called, this lady got so excited. She says, "Where do you think we should be baptized?" What do you think I told her? I said, "Where do you think the truth is?" She said, "The truth, I believe is in the Adventist Church." I said, "If I were you I would want to be baptized as an Adventist." "How soon can our family come down?" They live like 1100 miles away in Canada. "How soon can we come down and be baptized?" I said, "How soon do you want to?" "Next week?", She says. I said, (continued on page 8) .

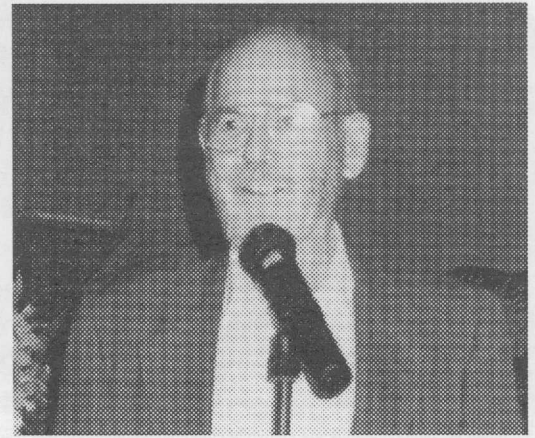




Elsie Stinchfield Brownlee, N '50



L-R Elder Conn Arnold, Mavis Savage Sutherland, N '50. Mavis presented the plaque of appreciation to Conn



Carl E. Baker, BSN '50



Bernard V. Bowen, BS '56, CRNA, MS, MA, D.Sc  
Dollie Russ Bowen, LPN '50



L-R Freda Davis Zeigler, N '48  
Violet Stewart Lang, N '50



Bob Sutherland & Dr. J.C. Trivett, MCA '33, BS '47



L-Retta Wiles Robinson, N '52, Shirley Drury, N '46 across the table. Genevieve Eaton Martin, N '49 in the background.



L-R Joan Young Harris, Louise Young Kuna, Robert (Bob) Kuna



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“That’s fine. We’ll arrange it. We’ll have pastors.” They came down.

They went home and looked up the Adventist church. She said, “As we entered the church I noticed that all the front rows were empty. My husband said, “Oh, we can go sit in the front.” I said, “That’s probably reserved for somebody.” In our church we had to go 1 ½ hours early to get a good seat because people loved to come to church and if you are not there early you’re not going to get the front pew. So we kept waiting and waiting and no one filled those seats. Finally we asked somebody if they were reserved and they said, “No.” People sat from about half way back and I had never seen anything like that. I thought why would you go to hear somebody and then sit so far back.?”

So Frank and Teresa walked for the first time into an Adventist Church. Here is an agnostic who was raised a Catholic who had just become a Charismatic a few months before that. She said, “Now that I have really found the truth and I’m gonna go to an Adventist Church, I want to look the best I can for God. I took my biggest diamonds and put in my best earrings and put on the best necklace I had. I fixed my fingers up with my most beautiful diamonds because I wanted to give God my best. The preacher was preaching and all of a sudden I hear this truth coming out and I say, “Praise the Lord!” Not a sound. She whispered to Frank, “Did everybody leave.?” He said, “I don’t think so.” She said, “We peeked around and here’s all these people looking around, or looking at their watches, I wondered why they were there. This is the most exciting thing I’ve ever heard. Oh, I praised the Lord

throughout but I never heard people so quiet. At the end of the service two little ladies came up to me. I thought well someone is going to be nice to us. One of them said, “Ma’am, are you planning on coming to this church very often?” I said, “Yes, I am.” She said, “We don’t praise the Lord in this church.” Can you imagine? I assume she meant “We don’t praise the Lord like this.” But that’s not what she said. “We don’t praise the Lord in this church and another thing, we don’t wear jewelry in this church,” she said. The other lady said, “Oh, come on now. Leave her alone.” “Oh, that’s all right honey, don’t pay any attention to her.” She started taking the little lady with her and Teresa heard her say, “Oh, honey, leave them alone after they come here awhile they’ll be like the rest of us.” Teresa thought, I hope not.

If people are looking for the message and their hearts are open God will bless in spite of them. It’s not that you and I have anything to offer but it’s the Holy Spirit. If 3ABN were not on the air waves, if you were not out knocking on doors, if It Is Written was not on, if we weren’t putting out the message, God could finish this work alone. He doesn’t have to have us. But He has blessed us with the opportunity and given us tools literally to reach out to a lost and dying world. Today I’m going to ask you to make a commitment to the message. You may have to go back and reread the 3 angels messages. You may have to go back and re-look at your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. You may have to ask for a brand new touch from the Holy Spirit. God is in the business right now of creating miracles so that this entire world will be reached very

shortly. I told the group last night John the Revelator saw three angels flying in the midst of heaven. Did you know, technically, for the first time in the history of the world, it is possible that are going to reach the world. I believe that John the Revelator saw 3 satellites. Did you ever see a satellite? It looks like it has wings. Think about it. You can laugh if you want to. John the Revelator saw 3 satellites flying in the midst of heaven because in the 18th chapter it say “The earth was lightened with the glory of God. How else can the whole earth 24 hours a day be lightened with the glory of God except through technology? An angel is just a messenger. Right? A satellite is an angel. It’s giving the gospel message. It’s a messenger. I’m not telling you that 3ABN is the 3 angels of Revelation. God has given all of us as Christians and as a church ACN, AGCN, AWR. All of us can use the communication tools that God has given us and the angels flying in the midst of heaven in the form of satellites, sending signals literally around the world.

Now, that does not excuse you or me from doing our door to door and day to day witnessing work. We found that people will come into the church from watching 3ABN but if you don’t love their ears off as we say in southern Illinois they’ll go out the back door. They won’t come back again. It is important. It makes us more responsible. The Lord says the more we have the more we are responsible. We are a generation like no other on planet earth. Right now I think 3ABN has 88 TV stations across the United States. Through satellite we are reaching millions and millions of people. Right now we are building a full power station in the

Philippines. Think about this, it will reach 22 million Filipinos whether they have cable or not. It will literally dominate the air waves in all of Metro Manila.

Right now we're in over 70 cities in Russia including Moscow. We have the largest Protestant facilities in the former Soviet Union. Over 100,000 square feet of facilities with television studios, workers and production people. The conference uses it for their headquarters because they had very poor headquarters. We have seen in one city alone where we held meetings with Elder John Carter, over 6,000 people baptized because people cared enough to go do something about it. The Russians there are on fire for the Lord. All around the world the latter rain is beginning to be poured out. If you don't feel it or sense it, it's because you are not in touch with God. It's because you are not in touch with the times in which we are living and you have not chosen to make Jesus Christ first and foremost in your life. Miracles are happening today. You don't have to look in the book of Acts and say wouldn't that be awesome to see, thousands baptized in a day. I've seen 3,000 baptized in a day in Russia. In a city that had been closed to the western world for 73 years by communism.

We are some of the first westerners to go there. We hold a meeting having no idea whether anyone will come. We rent an auditorium that will hold 6,000. We advertise on TV and over 20,000 people show up. We let 7,000 in, filled the place, locked the doors. Thousands of people were waiting. We had an hour and a half meeting and let the audience out one side of the building and brought in 7,000 more. When that was over we

brought in 7,000 more. Did all these meetings and there were still 2-3 thousand people outside. They were beating on the doors. They wanted in. They wanted in so badly that they broke down some large wooden doors. They had to get the KGB with police dogs to come to keep people from getting in. An American reporter who went over there with me didn't make it in. When I went in the back door the people wanted in so badly that they tried to escort me. They began to hang onto my arms and legs knowing that if I got in they would. The reporter on the outside took pictures of the lines a block and a half long of people waiting. There were some who found a small window and were dropping 7-8 feet into a basement because they wanted to hear about God. A man inside the sports arena was telling the people outside that they had to go home and come back the next night.

A man pressed his face against the glass, looked to be in his seventies and he was pointing at us and yelling. The KGB was telling them to leave, come back tomorrow you have to wait. This man yelled back. He was up set. I asked what he said. He said, "We've waited 73 years to hear about God and that's long enough. Now let us in tonight." Can you imagine the enthusiasm, the zeal? The Holy Spirit is doing a work that is absolutely phenomenal.

May I take a couple more minutes? Bar the doors and make sure nobody can leave. I don't want to force you to stay here but I don't want you to leave either.

This is the times in which we are living, we will stand before Governors, Kings, and Presidents. The Lord says that. He sets them up. We have so many calls even in the middle of the night that we had to

get an unlisted number. One night about midnight I got a call and a man with a broken accent says, "Hello, is this Danny Shelton?" I said, "Yes it is. Who is this?" "I'm Bien Tejano. I'm in New Guinea right now. I'm from the Philippines. Is this a good time?" "I said, "Well it's awfully late at night. I'm asleep. Can you call another time?" "Oh, Yes. I'm sorry to disturb you but I am here with, Sir Silas Atopare the Governor General of the nation and he wanted to speak with you. We are on a speaker phone." I said, "Oh, well listen, this is a good time. Sir Silas Atopare, I'm so happy you called. Can you tell me why you called?" He said, "I can call back another time." I said, "No, This is a good time. Let's speak." He said, "I want 3ABN to be over all of New Guinea I know that Benny Hinn was just here and held meetings and several hundred thousand people attended. I know there are some other projects going on but I want 3ABN to be here. Can you come and see me?" "Yes I can, you tell me when and we'll be there." We went in a matter of days. We changed our schedule.

The day before we go, there is a picture of Benny Hinn with the Prime Minister of New Guinea and it says, "New Guinea gives last television station available to Benny Hinn for TBN." I say, "There's no use in my going if they have given the last license to Benny Hinn." So I called May Chung, one of our Board members who was going to go with me, she has the number of Bien Tejano, the Ambassador of the Philippines to New Guinea. I said, "Call Bien." She said, "It's one o'clock in the morning there." I said, "We don't care. They call us at anytime and I need to know something now." She called Bien

Tejano and he said, "No, I know that has happened. This man has done that without permission but we still want 3ABN so please come." So the next day we pray about it. "Lord, if you want us to have this last station available in New Guinea you're going to have to open the doors. You've got to create a miracle." I fly to LA and from LA to Sidney. In Sidney, between flights to New Guinea, I get a newspaper. On the front page is a picture of the Prime minister and it says, "Prime Minister resigns today." Isn't that interesting? He's the one that offered this TV station to the other group. When we got to New Guinea they say, "The Prime Minister has resigned. That deal is off. We want you to build a television station that will reach all four million people in New Guinea." I find out the Governor General of New Guinea is a Seventh-day Adventist. The Ambassador, Bien Tejano, is a Seventh-day Adventist. We go in to meet the Governor General, hadn't met him before. We walk in and some guys come out with a little trumpet, they roll out a red carpet and the Governor General walks out. We go into where all the dignitaries go when they come. We sit down. Directly behind the Governor General is a picture of the Queen of England and above her is a picture of Jesus and on either side are pictures of nail scared hands. He said to us, "When I first became Governor General in 1997 there was a picture of the Pope at the top. I took that down and put up a picture of Jesus."

Let me take you back to show how God is in control. In 1984 in November, that's when 3ABN started, this man ran for congress in New Guinea. He just knew that he would make it. He lost the election.

He was so torn up about it, he had been a local politician, he knew that God had a special calling for him. He didn't know what to do so he went to a little Adventist jungle pastor and said, "Can you pray for me? What is my life going to be. In what direction am I going?" He told us, I have it on video tape, the jungle pastor went into prayer and it was as though he went into a trance. When he got through he said, "Don't give up. Thirteen years from now in November 1997 you will be the next Governor General, Head of State for New Guinea." He said, "What? Thirteen years is a long time to wait." The man waited and waited. He didn't do much in politics. 1997 comes along. He is running for Governor General. He has been campaigning for a year or two. The process gets down to the top five and they vote on these. Silas is in his highlands area when he is listening on the radio, he tells everybody, "By the end of the day I'm going to be Governor General."

There are six people. He is one of the six. They announce over the air waves, "Silas Atopare has been cut. He is no longer in the running for Governor General." The people turn to him and say, "You said you were going to be Governor General." "I will be Governor General before this day is over." Later an announcement comes over the radio, "One of the other men has been disqualified. So we are putting Silas back in the running." By the end of the day they notified him, "You are now the new Governor General of New Guinea."

Isn't that a miracle? Think about it. Thirteen years later. Why thirteen years? In 1984 it was not technically possible to reach the world by satellite with 3 angels flying in the

midst of heaven. 1997 the timing for him to go in, 3ABN coming along with the other Adventist tools that we have using these satellites now he is able. He says, "I want you to file for the TV station. I can't do everything. You'll have to go deal with these people yourself." So we went to the F.C.C. and he sent someone from his office to escort us which helped. Finally they said, "You will have to meet with the I.T.C". The I.T.C. is the governing body that decides whether people can do business in that country.

I had to come on home so, Moses Primo, my Director of Broadcasting and May Chung were still there. Moses said, "Danny, I'm not a talker. You need to be here for this meeting. It is important that you be here." I had spoken in several of the churches. The Governor General and his entourage attended the meetings wherever I spoke. Moses said, "I'm not the speaker you are. I don't know what to say." I said, "Moses, the Lord will give you the words to say." The next day he meets with the Director of ITC and the assistant. Moses says, "I'm here to represent my company and we want to do business in your country. We understand that the last seven applicants have been turned down. Tell me what it is we need to do." The man looks at him and smiles and says, "That's Okay, I know who your President is. I heard him speak at church Sabbath." "You heard him at church?" "Oh, Yeah I'm a Seventh-day Adventist and so is my assistant."

We've gotten permission in the last couple of months and are now building in New Guinea to reach the entire country. God is still on the throne. He is making it so everybody can be reached. Now get this and I'll



close. I know that when most preachers say they will close it means nothing but I'll try to close when I say this. It is important that you know the time in which we are living. The ambassador, Bien Tejano, from the Philippines said to us, "I want you to build in the Philippines. There is only one more channel that's open. The Philippines has all of the TV stations they can have but there is one more right now, and he named a group, who has offered the government 7 million dollars for this channel but it is going up for bid with the F.C.C.

I said to Ambassador Tejano, "Bien, God is the one who gives favor to man and turns even the King's heart. Why don't you go to the President of the Philippines and ask that he give the license for this station to 3ABN?" Ambassador Tejano went to the President and asked that he give 3ABN the license. The President asked him, "Why should I give this station to 3ABN?" Bien said, "Because it is the only station that will teach our people how to live healthy, how to quit smoking and other things that are harmful to them, how to grow better gardens and about God everyday. They don't do pressure telethons to try to raise money and they give written information to try to help the people that want it." The President thought for a few minutes and made the decision to give 3ABN the license. We didn't have to pay millions of dollars for it—God impressed the President of the Philippines to give it to 3ABN because 3ABN will help the people. Although it will take at least one million dollars to complete the work and purchase the equipment, we praise God for His goodness and love for the people of the Philippines.



### Mavis Savage Sutherland:

"As we were driving up from Lawrenceburg we heard Porter Wagner say the three phases of life, are Early age, Middle age, and my you're looking good for your age.

When I was ten my mother became an Adventist. We lived in a little rural town, Richland Center, Wisconsin. They pitched a tent beside our house and we thought we were going to have a circus. We were thrilled. We went over and hung around the evangelist. Mother grasped the Adventist message right away and was baptized with one of my sisters in 1936. Immediately the pastors put my older sisters in Hylandale Academy in Sparta, Wisconsin, close to Lacrosse, Wisconsin. It is no longer functioning. It was there that we learned about Madison College.

Those were the Depression Years and there was no way my family could have educated us, so we packed up and came south. My father was the foreman on building part of Camp Campbell, Kentucky. We all started to school at Madison. I graduated from the eighth grade, the academy and from Nursing in 1950. My mother and two of my sisters became Practical Nurses, two of us became Graduate Nurses. Shaen and I were married in 1948. Shaen graduated from the Lab Course in 1949. I graduated in 1950. Shaen went to SMC to finish his degree so he could be accepted at Loma Linda and I stayed here and supervised General for a year. That was the only nursing I actually did. After that we went to Woodbury to work with doctors Myers and Bryant for a year. I am so happy to see Russell here today. It was while we

were at Woodbury that Shaen was accepted into Medical School at Loma Linda. We went and did our thing at Loma Linda and he graduated in 1957. We came back home and I was so glad to come home where there were trees. He worked with doctor Roy Bowes, a surgeon in Goodlettsville for a year.

Then Edwin Martin began to come up and pester us to come to Lawrenceburg. Of course it was self-supporting work and both of us were raised in the self-supporting work. Shaen asked his father what he ought to do. Dr. Joe said, "If that's what you want to do and you think that would be a good experience, you go and forget about me." Shaen has always regretted that he didn't practice medicine with his father.

Dr. Norman Henderson is here today. He and Shaen were associated together in Lawrenceburg for forty years. We had moved from a small sanitarium to a new hospital. It was traded, bought, sold or whatever you want to call it. Our self-supporting hospital closed in 1988, so our doctors went to the staff of the local hospital.

I did work for Shaen some in the office and I taught a couple of nursing assistants classes in Woodbury.

Shaen and I had five children. We have eleven grandchildren and we have one great-granddaughter that is very precious to us. Our bad experience was the loss of our son in 1979 with our pastor's son in an accident. Terrible thing—you never recover. But with the support of our good friends like Barbara and Norman and our church and everybody in Lawrenceburg, we weathered that. Following that, later on in life, another tragedy struck us. Our little granddaughter had thyroid



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cancer. Extremely rare in children. They had only had one case at Vanderbilt with papillary carcinoma of the thyroid. I thought, this is it. I can't go through this again. The doctors at Vanderbilt brought her through that. She has no cancer. She is cured. She went through one nine hour surgery. One eleven hour surgery and with the prayers of the people and a miracle of God she is a happy thriving little girl.

My experiences at Madison oh boy could Joyce Jones and I ever tell you experiences. I'll let Joyce tell you how we got into nursing in the first place but there is no way we would trade what we learned here. I love this place. I love that little house sitting down below.(Heritage House) I wouldn't have traded this experience for all the tea in China."



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