



# Life Lines



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"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. Satan is a vigilant, unsleeping foe, ever at work upon human minds, seeking a soil in which he can sow his tares. If he finds any whom he can press into his service, he will suggest ideas and false theories, and make them zealous in advocating error. The truth not only converts, but works the purification of its receiver."

Testimonies to Ministers, 54

## Crossing the Tiber River to Rome

The Tiber is a river that runs into the city of Rome and brings you to St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. "Crossing the Tiber" is a reference of conversion to Roman Catholicism by Protestants and is an illustration of how the world at large is on a so-called "spiritual" journey towards Rome. The whole world is on a pilgrimage that is described in Bible prophecy when it says "and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3).

This is the devastating result of multiculturalism, ecumenical dialog and interfaith cooperation. Everyone is going back to Rome. Orthodox, Pentecostals, Baptists, Anglicans, Lutherans and even some who claim to be Seventh-day Adventist.

Prophecy says that everyone, with the exception of a small remnant, will give their entire support and allegiance to Rome: "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (Revelation 17:13). These divine declarations describe the endtime universal apostasy that will exist in our world as men and women embrace the serious theological errors of Romanism—Sunday sacredness and the immortality of the soul.

"In the very time in which we live the Lord has called His people and has given them a message to bear. He has called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power, who has thought to change times and laws, and to oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honor Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath of creation, as holy unto the Lord" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, 118).



## ANCHORS



*"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3*

**“Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, the Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob” (Isaiah 48:20).**

### **Rome’s Agenda—Healing the Deadly Wound**

“And his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast” (Revelation 13:3).

“Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul, and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience” (*Great Controversy*, 588).

**Rome’s final agenda is to see her former glory fully restored as the most important worldwide superpower, ahead of everyone else.** Remember, she is the woman who rides the beast and not the other way around. This describes her desire to spread her wine (false doctrines and control) through the implementation of international policies so that the world will give her honor and allegiance. No one will be allowed to overshadow her. The day is coming and is already here when everyone—Jews, Muslims, Christians, pagans and even the non-religious will be forced to acknowledge Rome as both the chief spiritual and temporal ruler.

The journey back to Rome, the healing of the deadly wound and the world wondering after the beast is one of the signs that our world is reaching the limits of God’s forbearance. We are told that Rome has her sights on the conversion of the world, but not to God or to His truth. This conversion will only be a form of godliness without the power of the gospel that leads to salvation.

“Papists, Protestants and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a movement for the conversion of the world” (Ibid. 588, 589).

### **Rome’s Final Agenda Is in Motion**

The implementation of ecumenical cooperation and interfaith dialog has been set in motion to fulfill Rome’s agenda. *The Decree on Ecumenism* [Unitatis Redintegratio] given during the Second Vatican Council, November 21, 1964 states: “The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only.”

Ecumenism unites the Babylonian family together into one body while God is working to separate for Himself a people from the world by pulling them out from Babylon with the worldwide proclamation: **“Come out of her my people”** (Revelation 18:4). The ecumenical movement and the second angel’s message are in conflict. One is a message from God while the other is Satan’s counterfeit of unity!

The first major division in the Roman Catholic Church came in 1054 A.D. when the Eastern Church [now Orthodox] separated from Rome because they rejected the idea of a Papacy. The Pope was changing the church doctrine by his own authority and the Eastern churches believed that the doctrine of papal supremacy was absent from Scripture.

The Protestant Reformation during the 16th Century fragmented the Roman Church even further. Martin Luther wanted to reform the church without dividing it but he was excommunicated in 1521. It

was during this time that the Protestant Reformers began to identify the Papacy as the antichrist. The Anglican Church was also excommunicated by Rome in 1570. And since this time hundreds of churches have sprung up outside the fellowship of Roman Catholicism. Rome knows this and she has been anxious to bring all of these religious bodies back under one roof. Rome’s plan has nearly accomplished this through ecumenism. One by one all the churches have been crossing the Tiber River in their journey “back home” to Rome.



**The bridge that crosses the Tiber River is a well-worn path. All those who would come to give honor to Rome must first cross this river. Below are masses of people making their way to St. Peter’s Basilica to honor the Pope of Rome.**



**“Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD” (Jeremiah 50:14).**

### Rome’s Global Christian Forum

There is a modern ecumenical organization that had its beginning in 1998 called the Global Christian Forum (GCF). The GCF is a new initiative that is accomplishing for Rome what the World Council of Churches has not been able to do. According to a newspaper report published in the *Vatican’s L’Osservatore Romano*, in February 2015, Roman Catholic Father, Andrzej Choromanski explains that the origin of the GCF was so that Rome could come into unity with those churches that are outside the World Council of Churches:

“The GCF made its appearance on the scene in the late twentieth century. Its beginnings are closely linked to the World Council of Churches (WCC). During the last decade of the last century, the leadership of the WCC acknowledged that there were still many Christian churches and communities remaining outside the ecumenical movement and for different reasons not willing to join the WCC. In this perspective, Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, then its Secretary General, raised the idea to set up some “table,” some “neutral space,” a kind of “forum,” in which representatives of existing ecumenical institutions such as the WCC or the **Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity [the Pope’s ecumenical agency]** could take part together with representatives of Pentecostal, Evangelical and Charismatic churches. In 1998, the Assembly of the WCC in Harare, encouraged the pursuit of this idea.”<sup>[1]</sup>

In other words, this new ecumenical forum was designed so that the World Council of Churches and the Vatican could have better, intimate relationships with the churches who are not members of the WCC. **This new wave of ecumenism is aimed at the unification of every Christian church into one forum or body. Could this be the final movement that is spoken of in the book *Great Controversy*?**

**“Papists, Protestants and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a movement for the conversion of the world”** (*Great Controversy*, 588, 589).

### Adventist and Jesuit on the GCF Committee

If all we saw were Protestants, Evangelical, Orthodox or Anglican churches involved in crossing the

Tiber and going back to Rome, we’d have little to be surprised about. But there is more. **Some who claim to be Seventh-day Adventist have become involved in this ecumenical epidemic.** In the October 2012 edition of the Global Christian Forum’s newsletter two additional members were added to the GCF’s governing committee. **The Seventh-day Adventist General Conference has nominated Dr. Ganoune Diop to represent our church.**



These two pictures were taken from the Global Christian Forum’s October 2012 newsletter. Above is the Jesuit representing the Pope and below is the Adventist representing the General Conference at this ecumenical forum.



The second new member is from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity; they have nominated Father Luis M. Melo who is currently a staff member at the **Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies**, St. Paul’s College, University of Manitoba, Canada.<sup>[2]</sup>

**Today Dr. Ganoune Diop is a full-fledged member on the administrative committee of this ecumenical organization. It is important to know that the GCF has not just affirmed its positive relationship with Rome<sup>[3]</sup> but it has already crossed the Tiber River and has met with the top Vatican officials at the Vatican and have received the Pope’s blessing.**<sup>[4]</sup>

### Crossing the Jordan or the Tiber?

We are stunned when Seventh-day Adventists embark on this journey. How can this be? Have we become completely forgetful of our church history? President Ted Wilson recently preached the closing sermon for our 60th General Conference Session entitled “Cross the Jordan, Don’t Retreat.” Was his powerful message just a political speech to entertain the members? Are we serious about leading God’s people toward the heavenly Canaan or will we continue “on the track to Romanism?” (*7 Testimonies*, 181).

Adventists joined the GCF under Ted Wilson’s administration. Ganoune Diop was commissioned by Ted Wilson’s administration to sit down with Rome so that we can all get to know each other better and learn how to become “one.” These kind of things don’t just happen without Ted Wilson’s knowledge. God has called us to finish the work of the Three Angels’ Messages, to prepare for the coming of the Lord and to cross the Jordan River so that we can go home. It is obvious that some professed SDAs don’t want to cross the Jordan. Instead they are crossing the Tiber and joining hands with Rome.

**“Romanism as a system is no more in harmony**

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret” (Ephesians 5:11,12).



Pictured above are 22 of the 25 committee members who are the official representatives that manage and provide oversight to the mission of the ecumenical Global Christian Forum. SDA, Ganoune Diop is at the extreme right. The churches represented are as follows: Salvation Army, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Roman Catholic Church [specifically, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity], Mennonite World Conference, Syrian Orthodox Church, the Anglican Church, Baptist, Church of God, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal Church, various Evangelical Churches and several other denominations and groups.<sup>[5]</sup>

with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness or they would discern the signs of the times” (*Great Controversy*, 565).

Ellen White also saw in a dream how some of our own people would try to take us Rome-ward bound: “I dreamed that I was in Battle Creek [the former headquarters of the General Conference] looking out from the side glass at the door and saw a company marching up to the house, two and two. They looked stern and determined. I knew them well and turned to open the parlor door to receive them, but thought I would look again. The scene was changed. The company now presented the appearance of a Catholic procession” (*1 Testimonies*, 578).

There are two parties being developed in these last days and not just one ecumenical party. On one side is the beast—who receives its power from the dragon, who glorifies herself and exalts herself above God, who has attempted to change His law. The whole world has been mesmerized and is wondering after her—in worship, in fellowship, in partnership and in friendship. On the other side is God’s faithful remnant people who fear Him and give glory to Him (Revelation 14:7). They are faithful in keeping His commandments and in giving His final message of warning, in spite of all the opposition and challenges. May God help us to take a stand for truth and to stay our course towards heaven.

“There are only two parties upon this earth—those who stand under the bloodstained banner of Jesus Christ and those who stand under the black banner of rebellion” (*7 S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, 974).

We as Seventh-day Adventists believe and understand through the Holy Scriptures that we have been raised up in the final hours of earth’s history in order to proclaim the final message of warning to all of mankind. We are not called to join in on the antichrist’s agenda or

to promote a compromising position of a false, apostate ecumenical movement. May the Lord help us to return to our true identity; to our historic Seventh-day Adventist mission and message.

“Those who become confused in the understanding of the Word, who fail to see the meaning of antichrist, will surely place themselves on the side of antichrist” (Ibid., 949).

“The Lord is about to punish the world for its iniquity. He is about to punish religious bodies for their rejection of the light and truth which has been given them. The great message, combining the first, second and third angels’ messages, is to be given to the world. This is to be the burden of our work. Those who truly believe in Christ will openly conform to the law of Jehovah. The Sabbath is the sign between God and His people, and we are to make visible our conformity to the law of God by observing the Sabbath. It is to be the mark of distinction between God’s chosen people and the world” (*Kress Collection*, 105).

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# Witchcraft for Christians

By David Meyer, former Wiccan Witch  
& Patti Heinrich

I am writing this urgent message because our children and grandchildren have opportunity to experience numerous bewitching and deceptive occultic indoctrinations; in games, toys, books and movies shown not only on television for the whole world to see, but in Christian churches and schools. ***The Chronicles of Narnia*** have paved the way for even more dangerous and deceptive occult phenomena coming to public notice through the Harry Potter Series. This article will have to do with the famous writings of Clive Staples Lewis, better known as C.S. Lewis.

On December 9, 2005 a new Disney movie was released entitled *The Chronicles of Narnia*, based on one of the books by C.S. Lewis entitled *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. It is a sad fact that mainstream Christianity esteems C.S. Lewis as a great Christian author and his writings as edifying with profound themes of Christian teachings. **The C.S. Lewis books can be found in Christian bookstores everywhere. These same books, however, can also be found in occult bookstores everywhere!**

It is a well-known fact to most Christians that Lucifer fell from heaven and became Satan (Revelation 12:9). His primary objective is told in Scripture. He is a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). Luciferian organizations work hand in hand with Satan and his imps. Most all of the names given to characters in their movies, books and games are the actual names of Satan and his imps.

**As a former witch, astrologer and occultist who is being saved daily by the grace of God, I know that the works and teachings of C.S. Lewis are required reading by neophyte witches**, especially in the United States and England. The Lewis books teach new witches the basic mindset of the craft. **Therefore, millions of "Christian believers" have been led to think like witches and have become involved in witchcraft through the "innocent" chronicles of Clive Staples Lewis, a disguised "Christian witch."** 2 Peter 2:1-3 says, *"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the Way of Truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time liereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."*

The release date of the movie, December 9, 2005 was significant. That was the 13<sup>th</sup> day before the witches' quarter Sabbat of Yule. The full cold moon was midway between the release date and the Sabbat of Yule. (A Sabbat is a secret rendezvous of witches and sorcerers for worshiping the devil, characterized by orgiastic rites, dances, feasting, etc. It is also called The Witches Sabbath.) The waxing moon was also directly on the equinox on December 9 of 2005. This is far too precisely occultic to be coincidental; the producers of the movie no doubt consulted upper-level witches regarding the perfect day to have the opening show.

The Narnian Chronicles are a blend of Greek, Roman, Norse and Celtic witchcraft; not Sunday or Sabbath School material unless your churches are de-facto witch covens. It is damnable heresy to consider these writings to be the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But the sad fact is that most all of nominal and fundamental Christendom has endorsed them and carried on a love affair of spiritual fornication with C.S. Lewis literature. As a former witch, I can see at a glance that this is a masterpiece of Satan and is rank blasphemy.

Now to review the books and show you how occultic they are, through and through.

Aslan, the lion appears in all seven of the Narnian Chronicles. (Aslan is the Turkish word for lion). **Christian teachers esteem Aslan to be the Christ figure but witches know him to be Lucifer.**

In the first book Aslan creates beings to inhabit the land of Narnia. These are presented as the good creatures and include wood gods, river gods, fauns, and satyrs. In witchcraft and pagan mythology, a faun is one of a class of rural deities represented as men with ears, horns, tail and hind legs of a goat, clearly the devil's creation. Satyrs are woodland deities represented as part human and part goat and are noted for riotous, sexual lust. Another is the Wiccan principality known as Pan. In witchcraft he is over the mind and causes panic, pandemonium and nervous disorders. He is also the nature god who is worshipped with lust and fertility rituals. How is it that Aslan can be presented as a type of Christ when he created such creatures as these? This is blasphemous!

In the second chronicle, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Christians again think it was written for them. But rather, it is one of clandestine occult mysticism. A child, Lucy, hides in a wardrobe as she is playing a game and suddenly finds herself transported

**“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:12).**

to another world where intelligent, talking animals and strange creatures dwell. She finds herself having tea with a faun. Now, why would a Christian child be having tea with a pagan deity? Why would a Christian have anything to do with sexual lust and fertility rites? Why would a Christian have anything to do with witches when Leviticus 20:27 says they are cursed by God and are to be stoned! According to Revelation 21:8 and 22:15 they will be left outside the City and destroyed by fire! Anyone who continues to associate with them by reading their materials and watching their movies will be destroyed with them unless they, by God’s grace, repent! This is clearly NOT Christian material!

In the third chronicle, *The Horse and His Boy*, we find the heroine, Arvis, asking her father for permission to go into the woods to do secret sacrifice to Zardeena, Lady of the Night. Aslan the lion sends one character to the temple of the evil god, Tash, to be healed. Tash is a type of Satan. In truth, Christ would never send anyone to Satan to be healed! Also, the names of the characters are truly the names of Satan’s imps. And Christians consider these books fit for Christians? I have heard some call them a parable. I’m sorry, these are not just parables! They are occultic phenomena written to entrap more of God’s children.

In the fourth chronicle entitled, *Prince Caspian*, Aslan, the supposed type of Christ, leads a wild woodland dance with Bacchus, the god of drunkenness and orgies. The feast of Bacchus was the very feast that Belshazzar was celebrating in Daniel 5 when he was found wanting, according to the heavenly handwriting on the wall. (In our day this celebration is known as Mardi gras. True Christians have nothing to do with this celebration!) In this book, the Maenads are frenzied, raging women driven to madness in the orgiastic cult rites of Bacchus. They tear apart live animals and humans and devour the raw meat of their victims like dogs gone mad. This book also contains spells with instructions on how to summon tree spirits with so called white magic. All such things are forbidden in Deuteronomy 18:9-12. And Christians call this reading fit for Christians? Blasphemy!

In the fifth chronicle, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, Lucy summons Aslan by chanting a spell which is found in *The Magician’s Book of Spells*. Lucy is surprised that her spell works. Aslan (Christ) tells her, “Do you think I don’t obey my own rules?” Since when does Christ cast spells? Here, let it also be noted that a book of personal spells used by witches is known as *The Book of Shadows*, and Aslan (Christ) is supposedly the author of this book. Blasphemy!

In the sixth chronicle, *The Silver Chair*, centaurs are teaching astrology. Centaurs are a race of monsters having the head, trunk and arms of man with the body and legs of a horse. There is also a blood-letting ritual which Aslan uses to resurrect the dead body of King

Caspian. These are disgusting occultic activities that our true God would never condone or ask any of His children to be involved in!

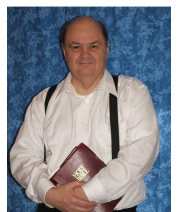
In the seventh chronicle, *The Last Battle*, the Antichrist finds that he was tricked into playing that role and ends up in heaven with Aslan. Another character, who was the faithful servant of the evil god, Tash (Satan), is confused when he finds himself in heaven. Aslan says to him, “Child, all the service thou hast done to Tash, I account as service done to me.” Here we see that no matter what evil you do, you can end up in heaven. And where in the Bible do you find that the antichrist goes to heaven? The very idea is blatant error! And notice, another counterfeit – there are seven chronicles like the sevens in Revelation.

Certainly, by now, enough is known to denounce these chronicles as satanic and blasphemous. I pray that our true Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ will have mercy on the deceived and sleeping remnant and that they will fully awake and come out of their deceptions.

Remember that Lucifer is now Satan. He is a fallen angel, very handsome but very wicked. He is not a demon with a pitchfork as so often pictured. The Bible says, “*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works*” (2 Corinthians 11:14,15). May God help us all, and may He especially protect our children and grandchildren from satanic devices and witchcraft.

Earnestly inquire of the Lord to show you any occultic books, movies, figurines, practices that you have or may be involved in and do as New Testament Christians did in Acts 19:18-20, “**And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed.**”

Main Contributor: David Meyer was born into an occultic family and started practicing witchcraft at age 13. He became a Christian at age 19. Although he is not a Seventh-day Adventist, we consider him an authority on witchery since he was involved in such. He passed away in 2010 at the age of 60. We pray that he faithfully lived up to all the Light God brought to him.



We have seen many Seventh-day Adventist people refer to the *Chronicles of Narnia* or heard them quote C.S. Lewis to share some anecdote or lesson of faith. Friends, we are to have no fellowship with the works of darkness. This author and his works in no way match Paul Bunyan, the author of *Pilgrim’s Progress*. We encourage you to leave the writings of C.S. Lewis alone!



## A Testimony: How God Brought Us through the Fire

Dear Friends,

In August the wild fires were raging here in Washington state. On Wednesday, the 19th of August, the wind came up and made the fire travel toward us much faster than it had been. It became evident that we must leave our home. About 4:30 in the afternoon we decided we better get ready to go (although we were never given warning) and we left about 7. The sky was darkened by the smoke and we could see the red glow of the fire all around us. The fire was traveling fast! My parents and brother were here at the time, so we were able to take all 3 of our vehicles and theirs. That was the last we saw of our home. Two different friends had invited us to come to their homes if we needed to evacuate. So we chose the one that wasn't eminently threatened by fire. On the way, for 12 to 15 miles we drove through fire on both sides of the road. We could feel the heat inside our vehicles. When we got to Riverside, we found the town was evacuated. We had to leave one car there because of mechanical issues. Then we went on to our friend's house where he graciously received us and helped us all get beds for the night.

The men tried to return on Friday to see what had become of our place. But they were caught in a whirl wind of smoke and ash which made it very dangerous and visibility was impossible. Sunday they returned and found our home and barn all ashes. But amazingly, the tractor was unharmed and the garden was fine, though the waterline to the garden was burned up.

My family had to go home. Their own town of Elk City in Idaho was being threatened by fire. The friend we stayed with had an old motor home which had been sitting for 12 years which he let us take to our property. So before my parents left my Dad helped get the old motor home going. Then he took it up to our place before they left. We are staying in it now. It's so good to be back on our own property that no longer has a home. But we are happy. We have been eating tomatoes, carrots and potatoes from the garden. The deer have gotten in now and are ruining it. (They are hungry too because everything around them is only ashes.)

We are trying to decide how to go from here. People have been very generous and are offering to help us. We feel so blessed in spite of our great loss. The things that we are the most sorry to have lost—most difficult to replace—are our books (Ian had a big library, his grandfather's and his own, and mine), all my pressed flower art, my fabric (Mama had shared a good supply with me), and Ian's computer (mine was saved), and some keepsakes.

But we thank God our lives are all preserved and that we have suffered no real privation. We are not the only ones around here who lost their home, but it's amazing that more didn't burn. We thank God for what we do have, and that He has promised that "all things work together for good to them that love God." I'm also very thankful that I was not still laid up from child birth.

Christian Disaster Relief people came and helped us go through the rubble from our buildings and pile the remains of the house and barn so that it could be hauled away. Then others came with trailers and took the metal for scrap. Then the delivery truck came with a lumber package for a shed that another church is building for us. They say they will begin work on Monday. It is to be a 12x16' shed. It should be a better place to spend the winter than in an RV!

Thursday, September 30, Chuck, the friend who took us in when we fled the fire, went to visit friends west of here. That evening we got a message that he was in the hospital. Ian tried to call him Friday but didn't get through till Sabbath. He asked us to please care for his animals until he could return. Sunday we learned that he passed



**Ian & Susan Whitlock and baby, Nadilie**

**“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”  
(1 Thessalonians 5:18).**

away that morning around 7:30. It was another heart attack, and he didn't survive this time. The next day his children all came to his home and we went to meet them. They told us that we are welcome to continue staying at the place until probate closes. After that we will need to be out. A friend of Chuck's came and took his cats—so we don't have to be responsible for them, but we still had the 16 year old dog to look after. We are staying at our place a lot of the time, so caring for the dear old dog was a worry to us and he was very lonely. Well, on Wednesday we went to Chuck's place and were staying the night. We had just gotten all settled into bed when we heard a knock. At the front door was a young woman and she was sobbing. She had just learned that day that Chuck had died—she's one more of the many people around here who had found Chuck to be a good friend. She came because she wondered if his animals were being cared for. So we asked her if she would like to take the dog. She was so happy to do that—and we were very glad to let her do so. Now the dog won't be neglected or lonely! And she has a special reminder of Chuck. God cares about the animals—and He cares about people even more.



**Samples of Susan's Flower Art. She made magnets, bookmarks, framed pictures and posters, using pressed flowers, Bible promises and Spirit of Prophecy Quotes. You can see more of her work at her website:  
[www.susansflowerart.com](http://www.susansflowerart.com)**

Among the many kind people who have called offering their help and sympathy are those who had previously lost their homes to wild fire. They know by experience what it is like. But somehow some seem to be very mournful about their losses—still in so much pain because of losing everything—even more than we are, right after losing our home. It seems to us that they are causing themselves extra suffering by clinging in heart to their lost treasures. We think it's better to let our earthly treasures go. Yes, the pruning knife is painful, but the sooner we can believe that it is a kind Father who holds it, believing that He will bring good out of the trial, the better we will be.

What's burned up cannot be retrieved, and in the end, we can take nothing out of this world. It makes me think of the quote that says, "All trials received as educators produce joy." God has not left us destitute and He will give us everything we need. Often I think of my parents returning from Africa with only 2 foot lockers and a baby. That was less than we saved from the fire! We think too, of the many privations God's people have suffered in past ages and at present in other countries, and our suffering appears very small. How can we complain? Rather, let us look for the joy God has promised to give us in the trial—for the joy of the Lord is our strength!

Another friend that called said she almost envied me, in that I was unburdened from all my stuff. As harsh as that might seem, I can appreciate what she said. It's true. Many times our belongings can act as clogs to weigh and burden us down. May God help us know what we cannot use and pass it on, so that things can be a blessing and not a curse.

We pray that we can discern and learn all the lessons the Lord has for us at this time. We are blessed in so many ways! Keep us in your prayers and may God keep all of us in these last days.

Yours in the blessed Hope,  
Susan, Ian and Nadilie

## New Life Mission *Life Lines*

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