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HE DID IT AGAIN!

Living your life by faith is a day to day, even moment by moment walk. You never know what a day will bring but you should always know that the Good Shepherd is always one step ahead of you. John and Jeanette have experienced that once again. Some of you have heard already and for some this is news to you ... but God sold their house and moved them into a travel trailer. Here's the story of what our God has been doing.

A few people know that John and Jeanette have talked about one day downsizing and then moving to South Carolina to live near their daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Thomas. But the immediate plan was to remain close to John's nearly 94 year-old mom, Meg Bush, who lives in Seale. Somewhere in the past couple years Jeanette asked John which of their realtor friends they would chose one day to help them list the house. He said, "None. I'm asking God to sell the house when it's time." Jeanette admits that she only half-heartedly believed that would happen. She knew it was not impossible for God, but she felt it was not probable.

They were on vacation in Missouri when God showed Jeanette it was more than probable. She received a phone call from a friend asking if

they were still thinking about selling the house. A little stunned she replied that they were always thinking about it. 'Why? do you know someone who would want to buy it?' The answer was yes. John wasn't nearby when the call came so Jeanette had all day to think, "Oh my goodness! God's going to sell our house." That phone call led them to call a young realtor friend for help with pricing the house and she recalled John telling her that God would sell the house for them one day. She also said that if the interested party changed their mind



she had just been called by a couple the night before that might want to look at the house. That first call to Jeanette was on July 3rd and the young couple made a full-price offer and a contract was signed on July 29th with a closing date of October 1st. God was at work again!

But there's more. July 29th was a Sunday. John and Jeanette called their kids. Of course the kids all said, "Where are you going to live?"

Their answer was, "We don't know, but we know God has a plan!" Monday morning Jeffrey, one of their sons, called back and said he thought they should sell their van, buy a truck and travel trailer so they could just live at the sites during crusades, and then go wherever in between events. John had sent an email that morning to ask his board members to be praying and one of them had answered with "Guess we'd better get serious about praying for a travel trailer." Two interesting comments in one day. Then came Tuesday morning. Jeanette overheard John's phone conversation and prayer with a prayer partner about God's work. She was feeling overwhelmed by all that God was doing and sat down in her rocking chair as tears began to come. John came in the room and they talked a little about what it meant to yield their 'things' to God to begin downsizing. Then the phone rang again and the prayer partner called back to say he and his wife felt compelled to give them their truck and travel trailer! Wow! HE did it again! God was making His will known.

In the next weeks it was decided that the truck offered was not the right one to pull the trailer, so John and Jeanette began to ask God for direction in finding a truck. They actually tried out (continued page 2)

"IS ANYTHING TO HARD FOR THE LORD?"
GENESIS 18:14

HE DID IT AGAIN! (continued from page one)

a friend's truck but felt it was not adequate to pull the trailer. So, back to the drawing board, or more accurately, the 'praying' boards. In the midst of packing and purging, John was sent an invitation for an all-expense paid conference at "The Cove" Billy Graham Training Center. Although it seemed there wasn't time to do this they went by faith that it was from the Lord. There they had many opportunities to tell the story of what God was doing in their walk of faith. As they were about to leave after the closing meal, one of the couples called out to wait as they wanted to pray for them. Joined in a circle, the man began asking God to provide for John and Jeanette in their journey. In the midst of the prayer, he asked John, "What color do you want?" A little taken aback, John replied, "Uh, silver". So this friend continued praying that God would provide a silver truck with everything needed to pull a trailer. John and Jeanette returned to Montgomery to complete packing and prepare for the 'living estate sale' that would be held just before moving. You might be guessing what was to happen next ... three weeks later, and one week before needed, God provided a truck. It is gift to use as long as they continue to serve with Across Festivals. And, yes, it is Silver! On October 1, 2018 John and Jeanette drove away from the house on Lyman Court with the truck and travel trailer that God provided.

Through all this Jeanette kept singing lines from a song of she has always loved:

"He's still God and He will not fail you.
He's still God and He will not change.
Know that He's God and He's fighting for you.
... He'll do it again. If you'll just take a look
At where you are now And where you've been.
Well hasn't He always come through for you
He's the same now as then.
You may not know how, You may not know when,
But He'll do it again!" **

Now some may be thinking that things are just always incredible and perfect for John and Jeanette. But read on and find out that their life is not without challenges. Just 3 days down the road, when they were sitting up the trailer in Atmore, a rear stabilizer bent causing problems and making it somewhat unsafe to set up. The slide-out had been also been affected and was hanging up. It was time to be about the work of the crusade. No time for repairs.

About the same time they got word that the property they were planning to use as a home base near John's mom was not going to be available. It seemed like the devil was saying, 'Let's just see if they will still praise God if things don't go right.' They parked the trailer and accepted some gracious hospitality offered by a local ministry. In the mix of all this, Hurricane Michael was on the horizon! It was thought maybe the tent would blow away but God intervened. The crusade in Atmore continued and souls were saved.

John and Jeanette brought the trailer back to Montgomery leaving it with a repair shop. They went to on Reynolds, GA to prepare for the next crusade. A 2:00am call came that John's mom was being taken to the hospital in Columbus an hour away. So away they went, sitting in the ER and waiting room all day while the tent was being set up back in Reynolds. God was faithful and all went well with the crusade. But there were difficult days with things so uncertain. Difficult decisions. Back and forth to Columbus. And word came from the repair shop saying it would be a costly fix. Would they praise God now?

The answer is "Most definitely". At the time of this writing, the trailer is parked at one of their friend's house. Another friend thinks he can fix it. John's mom is home getting better. John and Jeanette are living out of



their suitcases wherever they may be. They will spend Thanksgiving in Florida with their kids and other family. They continue to seek the Lord's plan. They know HE sold the house. HE GAVE them a travel trailer. HE has a plan. HE is always faithful. John and Jeanette encourage all who read this to trust God through every day and every circumstance.

"Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. *There is nothing too hard for You.*"

Jeremiah 32:17

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

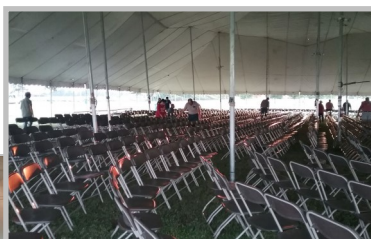
TENT used for VBS & Church Launch—July 17-222, Lisman, AL
(no photos at this time)

FINDING HOPE CRUSADE VALLEY, AL SEPT. 16-20



Hundreds hear the message

FIRE IN THE FIELD ATMORE, AL OCT. 7-11



(above) Prayer walking in the tent

(L) Praise and Worship in full tent

HAITI MISSIONS

Medical:
May 26-
June 1

Harvest
Training
Conf. :
Nov. 10-
16



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"It never grows old seeing
souls saved!"



Fun on the Farm
and
Stories from the
Word



MIXTECO DAY CAMP July 23-26 Dreamfield Farms, AL



FIRE IN THE FIELD REYNOLDS, GA OCT. 20-22



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Our equipment is on loan where this church lost everything to
Hurricane Michael.



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From the heart

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year My Faithful Friends!

As we enter into this joyous Season, my heart is overwhelmed with the grace and goodness of our Heavenly Father. I can look back and vividly remember His wooing of my heart toward Himself revealing my lostlessness. I can remember not listening and struggling with that lostlessness. I can remember that March Sunday afternoon in Ladd Memorial Stadium when I said 'I have to settle this right now', and how the Lord directed Brother O'Neal's footsteps toward me. I remember him saying to me: "What's wrong son?" I remember answering him: I'm lost Brother O." He replied: "Well, do you want to be saved?" I said: "I want to be saved more than anything else in the world." He said: Well, let's stop walking." I fell to my knees with my mentor beside me and cried out to Jesus asking Him to forgive me for living a lie of a life and telling Him that I believed in His life, death, and resurrection! And just like that, I felt the warm Presence of the Holy Spirit overwhelm me with His peace, assurance, confidence, and boldness! I was saved! And I am not over it yet!

At that point in my life I never dreamed that I would be doing what I am doing today. I was saved to tell His story! And, Across Festivals was born out of His mercy and grace and His salvation given to me. Since that day I have tried to live each day pointing others to Christ and discipling those the Lord has

allowed me the privilege of walking alongside. I am not perfect, but I know the Perfecting One, Jesus Christ!

Since receiving the greatest Gift ever, the Lord has not stopped Gifting me. This year He has more than affirmed the calling on my life with the Gifts that you have already read about in this newsletter and the previous issue. His Story and my story must be told as well as Your Story! Revelation 12: 11 says: "And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony loving not their lives even unto death." Our battle is not with the people of the earth, but truly it is with the powers and principalities of the air. We must tell as many people as possible about Jesus, and we must use the tools He has given us. Thank you for believing in Jesus, and thank you for believing in me, and especially Across Festivals! Your prayers and financial support are very much a part of our ministry! We cannot do this alone! Like my Pastor Jay Wolf says: "We need Jesus, and we need each other!"

May the Lord bless this special Season for you and your Family and the ministry He has given you! I remember you in prayer and am ever so thankful for each of you!

Blessings My Dear Faith Friends

... **John**

Special Note: Some of you have expressed the thought of Across Festivals coming and walking alongside churches in your area. We are not looking for a place to go, but looking for the places where God is at work and inviting us to come work with Him. We are now looking at 2019. We would love to come be with you! Check out our website: acrossfestivals.com.

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