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# Dear Friends,

This is the 300<sup>th</sup> *Nightlight* issue and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this monthly communication with you. Of course it has been far more than the mere monthly tape, I mean cd, I mean mp3...! It has been the sharing of vision, the cooperative work of combined resources given by you to us, which we know was often done sacrificially. It has been shared joys and shared sorrows. It has been wrestling through theological, political, and moral dilemmas. Most of all, it has been an ongoing adventure in exploring the Word of God and seeking to live in His love for us as we learn how to love others in these times of darkness.

I wish that you all could know each other as we know so many of you. And we wish we could know many of you more whose names are familiar to us but not your faces or your world. The one thing lacking in our community of *Nightlighters* is the community part. But I still can refer to

the community because I know if you knew each other, you would love and care for each other well. That's what you do. That's who you are.

Dwight Pryor and Mary formed the vision for this monthly teaching while sitting around a kitchen table one summer afternoon. I thought they were a bit loony. I couldn't imagine people wanting to listen to me talk on any regular basis, even if it was only monthly. Turned out I was wrong. You have been standing with us all these years. And because of you, many aspects of greater ministry outreach have been developed. You have helped finance numerous projects that not only helped us, but which touch several nations. There is no way to let you know how deeply we appreciate you. We never take for granted the lives we know we are privileged to speak to every month. And we pray we can be a real blessing and help to you in whatever days ahead we are given. For the glory of God! Amen.

# Through the years ...



Charles & Debbie Waymire (top) helped launch *Nightlight* in Texas...



John & Natalie Benson (top right) continued *Nightlight* with us after moving to North Carolina...

And today Nightlight is carried on with the help of our daughter, Holly, and friend, Robert Bernecker.



Closing Thoughts ...



When the first Nightlight went out, Bill Cosby was "America's TV Dad," Michael Landon was the perfect American frontier father in "Little House," and Bruce Jenner was the male Olympic icon of wholesome American achievement. Now in 2018, Bruce Jenner claims to be a woman, Michael Landon long ago abandoned his real life family leaving them to face a frontier of broken hearts and shattered family dreams, and Bill Cosby is awaiting his prison sentence for serial rape. This is not God's vengeance on America. It is the natural outcome of the fruit of bad seed sown for years and yielding its crop: God takes vengeance on evil by bringing forth goodness. What seeds then can we plant now that will bring a redemptive harvest? For just as surely as we have sown the sexually confused wind and are now reaping the whirlwind, so we can sow righteousness and reap redemption in the days ahead.

With Love, Clay & Mary

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