



NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,



Rather than the normal lead article, I want to make you aware of **four vital ministry opportunities**. Please don't assume they are printed in order of importance. We are happy to be able to provide you with solid, trustworthy ministry information so you can plant your money in places where you can know your offering is being used for trustworthy kingdom purposes.

1. Changing Hollywood A few months ago I told you about Dr. Jim Shores' meeting in Hollywood where he would gather with a think tank of writers, producers, actors, and other media professionals to focus on developing a stronger force for good via motion pictures. Thanks to those of you who responded to Jim's financial need. He was able to make that trip, which was supernaturally blessed from start to finish. Jim and his equally gifted wife Carol Anderson Shores are infiltrating the arts with a rare blend of Christian world view and solid dramatic/comedic skill. To see more of their work, go to: http://www.christian-movie.com/carol_anderson_interview.html



If you are tempted to diminish the value of investing in something so seemingly mundane and 'worldly' as art forms, please, please remember that ultimately the world view and character-forming force for good or for evil which finally reaches the minds and hearts of adults and children, is ultimately the arts; and primarily TV, film, and music. Because the church has mostly failed there, we have lost a huge territory to the enemy which is now being **retaken thanks to your help**.

2. Supporting New Music Even if you're not old enough to remember the 60s you still know that the power that brought about a cultural paradigm shift (and certainly not all for good) was not politics; it was MUSIC. Plato's statement is now fairly well known: "**When modes of music change, the fundamental laws of the state always change with them [for] this spirit of lawlessness, finding a home, imperceptibly penetrates into manners and customs...**" Bob Dylan told us the answers were *blowin' in the wind* while Barry McGuire warned of the *eve of destruction*. These and many more songs invaded the imagination and wrought transforming actions for good and/or for evil. We are ripe for another wave of culture-transforming music. This time, born not of the spirits of the age, but of the Spirit of God.

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I hear a lot of music, and I can tell you that the work of Joseph Coker has a unique quality so rare today: nonreligious prophetic poetry that is designed to bypass the stereotypical ideas of what is Christian while effectively communicating Truth. American-born, Joseph found his band members in Denmark, where an increasing European youth culture is hungry for truth.

Joe said to me, *"I bristle at the idea of being a Christian artist in the safe little walls of the church. I have always wanted to go out into the 'wild' and point to the Transcendent..."* He tells of a non-Christian Danish friend who would never set foot in a church, but his favorite song by Joe and his band says, *"the whole of the law would soon be fulfilled as Jesus hung on Jerusalem Hills..."* Europe is desperate and ripe for a non compromising message of hope, but that message must come in an art form that catches their hearts and minds off guard. Joseph Coker is called to do that. But as always, such a project needs financial help. You can contact Joseph to contribute to their recording project at: jcoker1@hotmail.com. THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER "CHRISTIAN BAND" MAKING A CD! There is prophetic power and purpose in the mission vision of Joseph and his band.

3. Building Godly Young People Two weeks ago I was asked to speak at a local Christian school's chapel program. This particular school has a vision well beyond reading, writing, and arithmetic. They are training potential world changers. I didn't get to speak. I was there, but mostly on the floor. The presence of God was already hovering as the students entered the auditorium. By the time we were twenty minutes into worship, the altar was full. One

of the most moving sights that morning was senior students, who stereotypically disdain younger ones, worshipping and praying with their arms around the younger students. I was asked to come back the next week to give the message I had prepared previously. This time I did get to speak. The altar was filled again, not because of my speaking necessarily, and not with hyped-up over-emotionalism that all too often is the bogus energy behind altar calls. The same holy Presence was there, and the responses from nearly half the student body was to bow in that Presence and to then stand up, ready to obey Him. But I need to tell you something about this school that is often true of many really committed Christian schools. They are barely making ends meet. We endure a government system that is focused on depriving parents our freedom of choice in education so that the "mind control centers" (we once called them public schools) can be financed by forced taxation, even by those of us who no longer wish to support their empty agenda. This leaves little extra money for providing private Christian education. The founding couple, who have pioneered Christian education around the world, have gone without pay for long stretches at a time. (Their schools in the Ukraine are still going strong.) If you have any money you want to invest in the Kingdom and don't know yet of a safe place to plant it, please consider *FAMILY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY*. For more information, go to: christianfamacad@aol.com



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4. Drilling Wells: Wine Into Water Back in June I told you about a young man named Doc Hendley in Boone, NC just up the mountain where Mary and I used to live. Doc is a 28-year-old former bartender who came to Christ a few years ago. He wanted to serve the Kingdom so he took the thing he knew best and brought it to the Lord. He began hosting wine tasting gatherings. The money raised at these gatherings, mostly attended by non-Christians, he invested in drilling water wells in third world countries for the poor. CNN covered his story and made Doc one of their featured HEROES. For more information go to: <http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/04/30/heroes.doc.hendley/#cnnSTCVideo>



HYMN LYRICS TO LIVE BY...

JESUS, Joy of OUR DESIRING

Lyrics by Martin Janus

JESUS, joy of OUR DESIRING,
Holy wisdom, love most BRIGHT;
DRAWN by THEE, OUR SOULS ASPIRING
SOAR TO UNCREATED light.

WORD of God, OUR flesh THAT fashioned,
With the fire of life IMPASSIONED,
STRIVING still TO TRUTH UNKNOWN,
SOARING, dying ROUND Thy THRONE.

THROUGH the way WHERE hope is GUIDING,
HARK, what PEACEFUL music RINGS;
WHERE the flock, in THEE CONFIDING,
DRINK of joy from DEATHLESS SPRINGS.

THEIRS is BEAUTY'S fairest PLEASURE;
THEIRS is wisdom'S holiest TREASURE.
THOU dost EVER lead THINE OWN
IN the love of joys UNKNOWN.





Movie Review



The Shoes of the Fisherman (1968)

A priest (Anthony Quinn) who spent 20 years in a Siberian labor camp rises to become the first Russian pope in this passionate drama. Despite world crisis and the prospect of global nuclear war, the newly elected pope refuses to lose touch with the people. Quinn brilliantly portrays the difficulty of the journey as the pope walks alone in the shoes of the fisherman. Acting on unconditional love, Pope Kiril mirrors for all of us the self-sacrifice of discipleship as we follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. A very inspiring story which reminds us that love is the supreme virtue.



Some Closing Thoughts...

Thanks to all of you who contacted us regarding how you wanted to receive Nightlight. It turns out about half of you chose going to the website, and half to continue Nightlight via mail. We were quite surprised that so many of you opted for the website. It has cut Mary's workload in half each month! Please pray as we prepare to make our teaching sets available in MP3 format, as well as edit new teaching material. Thank you all for your continued love and support.



*With Love,
Clay
&
Mary*



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