



**BIBLE LANDS TRAVEL  
AND  
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**A PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL – NOVEMBER 2004**

The poems that follow were written on a pilgrimage to Israel by the faculty, staff, students and friends of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and is a ministry of Bible Lands Travel, a division of Providence Educational Foundation. Clay Corvin, a professor of administration at NOBTS and executive director of PEF is the writer.

These poems are personal and written in the moment. They were inspired by the Lord as we journeyed through the Holy Land. This particular trip I wrote 47 poems that profile individuals, sites, and experiences. These poems are written to glorify and honor Jesus Christ. My hope is that one of them might bless you.

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LOT

Looking for the easy way  
Lot chose his land  
Missed his appointment  
To inherit any land

Failed in his journey  
Wealth turned to pain  
All of his life  
Destroyed without gain

Choices define us  
Good people and bad  
Reaching out when selfish  
Never makes one glad

Pay the price demanded  
Obedience and faith  
Your journey won't suffer  
Your life won't stink

Love our Lord Jesus  
Give Him your heart  
Peace and joy will grace you  
What you do will not stop

The Lord is always willing  
To help us choose our way  
Each day is a new journey  
Let Jesus lead your day

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## BARI

Sunrise on Bari  
A long way below  
In an airplane over Italy  
Told the Romans hello

Thinking of my journeys  
Many times before  
This is the best one  
Of all I've done before

Looking out for wisdom  
Lord teach me Your way  
Awaken my heart to service  
To help folks today

Help me encourage others  
To see Your way for them  
Exude Your gift of friendship  
I want to be a friend

Guide me with wisdom  
To face the trials today  
Cleanse my heart of evil  
And walk your way

Give me Your strength  
To listen as You talk  
And serve my fellow travelers  
With You as our boss

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## PEOPLE COUNT

People count with Jesus  
The Bible tells me so  
Look at all God's children  
He loves each one so

Holding hands together  
Defeating common fears  
Creating Godly remembrances  
To stock our years

All those special actions  
God works in our lives  
Help me store and treasure  
And use them in my life

Don't forget my problems  
Giants and all  
People solve problems  
That seek to make us small

Daily paths are changing  
People need the Lord  
Help me serve my Master  
And give for the Lord

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## NES AMIM

Nestled in the pine trees  
Not far from Acco's shores  
Helping heal problems  
Of the people at their door

Christians built a Kibbutz  
That meshes with the Lord  
Not ignoring Jesus  
They serve the living Lord

Few demands exhorted  
Rustic halls of faith  
They love the Jewish people  
Their lives express their faith

Listen as they labor  
I don't hear complaints  
They love Jesus' calling  
Helping before it is too late

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DO

Do what you can  
Right where you are  
God wants to use us  
According to His plan

Make sure your visions  
Are coming from the Lord  
The Father's hand is steady  
He knows who you are

Focus on His presence  
Respond to His Word  
Let the Father use you  
For the Son to be heard

People need Jesus  
Christ loves all  
His call includes service  
Share Him with your call

As we share our Savior  
We live what we speak  
Our actions shape the Jesus  
That others see

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## ROGER

A man of God  
Tireless worker  
Always sharing Christ  
With His Godly life

Loving parent  
Faithful husband  
He loves his wife  
And loves Jesus Christ

Quick to help his pastor  
A leader well skilled  
Wise in the work place  
A disciple that gives

Love is his watchword  
Careful with advice  
The Lord is his ruler  
He lives each day for Christ

His work is important  
His service is great  
People count with Roger  
He lives to share his faith

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## KING OF KINGS

All honor and glory to God  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
He held me in the hour of pain  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
Shepherded me through gain  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
Lifted my head in failure  
King of kings, Lord of Lords

Guided me to restoration  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
In the midnight hour comforted me  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
Knew my sin and forgave me  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
All my life accepted me  
King of kings, Lord of Lords

Carried me with history  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
Listened as I fumed  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
Failing with an evil bent  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
Loving me when I was vain  
King of kings, Lord of Lords

Even death cannot destroy me  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
The Lord loves all of me  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
This very moment loves me  
King of kings, Lord of Lords  
I am His into eternity  
King of kings, Lord of Lords

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## WHAT A JOY

What a joy  
Seeing you  
The journey here  
Is finally done

Now we go  
To see the land  
Hold my hand  
I need you

All the sights  
We read about  
Especially Jesus walk  
Show me where He talked

We'll share together  
Sights and sounds  
Including Your work  
Changing my heart

Days are long  
Nights so short  
Help me rest  
To walk with You

Speak to me  
Now we go  
Jesus lives in me  
I want to be His

Soon we'll end  
Our trip to here  
Israel will be a memory  
But You will live

Bigger than life  
I'll see Your place  
And carry it with me  
To share Your grace

We've seen the saints of old  
We've walked the dusty trails  
As we return to home  
Make us saints anew

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ENDEL LEE

Marines are special people  
They learn how to last  
Holding off the world  
So others may pass

How special for us to have  
A Christian Marine  
Who will not stop  
Until he tells all he sees

He tells them of Jesus  
How Christ died for them  
Then leads the way  
So they can find Him

A man who loves his family  
He cares for them  
And shows the world  
By the way he lives for them

Others can follow  
Endel's example is great  
And those who have trouble  
He helps them relate

Always at the ready  
To do each and all  
He shares Christ's love  
With the weak and strong

A spiritual giant  
Who dons humility's cloak  
Endel is a professor  
Who helps his students cope

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## DEAD SEA

Sea of salt  
Dead to life  
Creating death  
Providing life

Filled with ores of value  
Making many jobs  
The life from this dead place  
Does much good

Our lives can be of value  
We were made for good  
Focus on Jesus  
To find your good

Life without Jesus  
Is dead and full of strife  
Look around your location  
What is God's advice?

So many like the dead sea  
A deserted, barren pit  
Now this pit has value  
From the ores in it

Everyone we look at  
Anywhere we go  
With Jesus as their master  
Will bloom and grow

We are called to tell them  
No matter what it costs  
The dead can become living  
If they accept His call

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## QUMRAN I

Hidden scrolls by the sea  
Waiting to be found  
God had them covered  
By His loving hand

A little shepherd boy  
Not even a Jew  
Found God's scrolls  
By throwing rocks in a hole

Again God's hand was active  
What could have been lost  
Was carried to the Jews  
At very little cost

Not unlike my life  
Focused on strife  
People always pawns  
To fulfill my dreams

Then God's hand moved  
I walked into Christ  
All my empty feeling  
Was filled with life

Every day I marvel  
At God's strong hand  
Used by Him to lead me  
To serve my fellow man

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## MASADA

Masada was a refuge  
Where David hid from Saul  
A place of strength  
Rising up like a wall

A wall against attackers  
Safety from a king  
David and his fighters  
Found peace and relief

Today we face the future  
We need a place to flee  
Hide me from these troubles  
Always seeking me

Jesus Christ my Savior  
Is just like this rock  
He is a refuge from our troubles  
Where we can feed our hearts

Victory comes in Jesus  
When we turn to Him  
Let Him have our troubles  
And deal with our sin

Sin is the destroyer  
Christ frees us from  
Sin has no victory  
Our peace has been won

Masada was a refuge  
Used by many men  
Jesus is the Savior  
Who can rescue us from sin

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## QUMRAN II

A desert place  
Hidden away  
From Rabbi's views  
O Jerusalem

The shelter from the prophets  
Often stoned and abused

Unwilling to be converted  
By evil priests and scribes  
Qumran built religion  
Community from diatribe

The strong often preying  
On weaker men's views

Life out in the desert  
Was peaceful and serene  
Worldly views by rebels  
No contact to refuse

Sheltered from the world  
Holding hidden views

God loves people  
All the ones we see  
Calling all His children  
To bend their knee  
And help Him plea

Come to the Savior  
Jesus Christ our Lord

Qumran failed survival  
Romans burnt it down  
But God used their destruction  
To send His scrolls to man

11/20/04

## EN HAROD

En Harod a part of me  
Seen the stream  
Saw the tale  
God showed me in 3-D

How men of faith  
Performed great feats  
Not of strength  
But faith

Courage that could walk  
Where others only talked  
Risking life and limb  
To blow a lighted horn

How much more for me  
To be the man of God  
Christ died on a tree  
So I could live in victory

Ah but words can sting  
Courage melting fast  
Who am I to think  
God can use me

God used Gideon  
When all he had was faith  
I have Jesus Christ  
I can survive in strife

I must tell them all  
Jesus set them free  
No more chains of sin  
Jesus is king of them!

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DAVID MEACHAM

A man with a message  
A life that lives His talk  
Seeking to grow  
Churches that show  
Christ is Lord of all

A dearly loved  
Children who know their dad  
His life is real  
Walking with reality  
His head in the clouds with God

A wit that is a witness  
A heart that melts strife  
Giving all he's got  
People flock to him  
He helps them grow in Christ

Now his journey is changed  
From a chief to an Indian brave  
I marvel at his strength  
To bend his knee  
Serving in Jesus name

Always a blessing  
Always a friend  
Balanced in his living  
Giving of his gifts  
He is Jesus friend

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## BET SHEAN

Bet Shean is gleaming  
In the daily sun  
Bones of marble shining  
Where once great deals were done

Romans flocked to purchase  
Things that money buys  
Always didn't last long  
Bet Shean soon would die

Saul was hung on meat hooks  
Caravans streamed past  
People built their lifestyles  
With things that wouldn't last

A carpenter died in Jerusalem  
Paid for my sin  
Today I walked those long dead streets  
The carpenter alive in me

I cannot let my city  
Be only wealth and goods  
I must share the carpenter  
So all can receive Christ's good

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## JOHN'S THOUGHT

Morning on the Galilee  
Fishing boats and birds  
Pretty weather blooming  
We even heard the Word

Busy healing people  
Going from first light  
Crowds are flocking to Him  
Just to catch a sight

He spoke in many pictures  
Parables you might say  
But unlearned me could see them  
5,000 came that day

We were all exhausted  
He went off to pray  
We took the boat across the sea  
How would He get where we stay?

At 4am we saw Him  
Walking on the sea  
Peter went to Him  
Sinking to his knee

But Jesus save my brother  
Both got in the boat  
Did we see what we had seen?  
His had stilled the boat

Those were days we touched Him  
Now He's gone to God  
Jesus Christ is with us  
Our lives are hid with God

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## STONES

Stones in the river  
Stones on the shore  
Brought and put on dry land  
The stones cried God is more

More than we can fathom  
More than man can serve  
God is not a vapor  
He is here for man to love

Call upon His wisdom  
Tell Him what you need  
Listen as He answers  
Then hurry to please

Fearing God is wisdom  
Obedience crafts a good life  
Plans by God are perfect  
They demand man's sacrifice

Evil is seductive  
It whispers in man's ear  
Has God said? Is cursing  
It costs a man dear

Bend the knee to Jesus  
Remember those stones  
Christ died on Calvary  
He will not leave us alone  
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## DMZ

Israel is a land bridge  
Used by everyone  
Egyptians liked to rumble  
Assyrians just had fun

Romans ruled for ages  
Then got fed up  
They burned down the temple  
Killing folks as they won

Armies, armies, armies  
Fifty centuries full  
Coming and destroying  
Everyone was cruel

Frustrated people  
Scattered round the world  
The Jews stayed faithful  
But still don't have God's land

Middle Eastern DMZ  
Pillaged for its trees  
The only thing that lived there  
A few Arabs and lots of fleas

The trees were burned  
And the land stripped bare  
No crops were growing  
The world didn't care

God turned His hand  
The Jews came home  
Cleaning up their land  
They were all alone

Then the desert blossomed  
Many faked their love  
A Middle Eastern DMZ  
Was spawned by Satan's hand

Oh for a treaty  
Peace in Jerusalem  
Lord give them protection  
By Your strong eternal love

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DAN

Just a little love song  
Let's do it our way  
Give God His old temple  
It's not the modern way

We are enlightened  
We know what is just  
Jeroboam flouted  
God's precious love

Israel ran for cover  
No more Jerusalem  
Dan and Bethel  
Are the God's they could serve

Losing all their morals  
Sin was so much fun  
Their wealth became their chains  
Assyria soon reigned

Israel of the Bible  
The ten lost tribes  
Disappeared from eyesight  
The Lord was justified

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## GALILEE'S GROWTH

Green hills beckon  
The desert traveler here  
Fish and water dear  
A home we can clear

All around the shoreline  
Ages built its towns  
People by the thousands  
Put their roots down

Then the Roman's conquered  
With a heavy foot they taxed  
In the middle of this suffering  
Jesus dealt with strife

In service to the Savior  
We find the right life  
Over our temptations  
Over evil's strife

Jesus spoke to the suffering  
Folks like me and you  
His word had no equal  
He gave us the right to choose

Each of us make choices  
Christ can change our way  
All those chains that bind us  
Will no longer have a say

In addition to as future  
We claim strength today  
To live a life victorious  
Walking Jesus way

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## TABOR

Tabor, Tabor, Tabor  
A John Wayne movie?  
No a Christian site  
In Eretz Israel

Jesus and His disciples  
Went up on a mount  
Jesus showed His glory  
To three mortal men

Peter, James and John  
With Moses and Elijah  
Saw creations King  
Transfigured by the Lord

Just like normal people  
Peter was amazed  
Instead of a magic moment  
Man's instinct was displayed

Seldom right, never in doubt  
Peter had a cure  
Activity to distract him  
While the moment matured

Then the Father spoke  
"I'm pleased with my Son"  
An eternal declaration  
Jesus brings life

At that moment  
The lesson wasn't heard  
But later in Rome  
They lived Christ's word

Jesus is alive  
Giving is right  
Power in surrender  
Live like Jesus Christ

11/22/04

TOM BRIMMER

Faithful man of God  
Serving Jesus Christ  
Stepping out for Jesus  
Giving up his life

A vision for God's people  
He came to Israel  
Living on God's statement  
Jesus showed him the way

Just he and Becky working  
Tough to make their way  
Didn't know a person  
Working hard each day

Fifteen years of service  
Fifteen years of pain  
Fifteen years of joy  
Living by Jesus name

Quitting not an option  
Guiding in the land  
Becky works at "Bridges"  
They've held each others hand

Time has now proven  
The vision they both had  
So many miracles  
As they serve by God's command

Gentle strength and service  
Both are living proof  
When all you have is Jesus  
Jesus is all you need.

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MARGIE WILLIAMSON

Margie loves her family  
Serving them with care  
At the same time excelling  
In her work done so well

Overachieving daily  
Able to cope  
And still be gentle  
Joy bubbles from her soul

Committed to being excellent  
Concerned for her flock  
Urging them to star  
In Jesus action bar

Tireless  
Insightful  
Competent  
Hard to top her heart

Margie is the kind of servant  
Who captures other's heart  
Enabling them to be  
The best at what they see

11/22/04

## ZIPPORAH

Bird on a limb  
Overlooking the trade  
Important city  
Had it made

Jew's lost their faith  
Inside your town  
Even the Mishna  
Was jotted down

Power corrupts  
What power you had  
In the days of old  
Your sun was never sad

Then one day  
It all went away  
People and trade  
No longer stayed

Fashion streets  
And buildings rare  
Were covered with dirt  
As though no one was there

O Zipporah  
Fragile bird  
A tree with no roots  
Will no longer be heard

Christ the King  
Was in your view  
A journey to hell  
Wound up your due

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## BRUCE

Promise and potential  
Hurdles ahead  
Facing many choices  
But Bruce is led

He loves Jesus  
With all of his gifts  
Willing to bend his knee  
He serves with glee

Looking for right answers  
Sacrificing his life  
Standing by the fire of strife  
He will survive in service to Christ

Many questions still to know  
Heartache and trouble ahead  
Staying in God's Word  
He grows in Christ each day

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BRANDON

Hearing God speak  
Believing he has heard  
Walking to the Word  
When others cast doubt

Troubles and strife  
Only Christ to help  
He's learning on a level  
Few ever know

Real belief  
Real joy  
He knows God's presence  
In daily life

Yes-you are faithful  
Yes-God provides  
Yes-you are His servant  
Yes-your times arrived

Be calm  
Be strong  
You are His man  
You will not stand alone

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## MATT

Business was his view  
Until Christ broke through  
Now Matt serves the Lord  
One day at a time

Working, schooling, traveling  
Every day so long  
Strong faith keeps on pulling  
Jesus is along

Tomorrow is a shadow  
Right now each day is tough  
But Christ has given His vision  
Matt will not give up

Not sure of the details  
But he knows God's plan  
School and serve and experience  
He will always be Christ's man

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Muhraka

Tom o Muhraka  
Caught me by surprise  
Letting God speak through him  
Giving us spiritual eyes

I saw Elijah speaking  
Only Christ is true  
You are called to morals  
God values you

Each day is a blessing  
A challenge parallel  
The choices we are making  
Lead to heaven or to hell

Only Jesus is the true God  
All ways are not right  
My life is my weapon  
To serve Jesus Christ

Choose each day correctly  
Measure your life by Christ  
Godly living is a sacrifice  
Other ways do not give life

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## ACCO

Acco's surf pounding  
Crusaders in our ears  
Walking through the harbor  
We could see 3,000 years

The suk was delightful  
Smells everywhere  
Fresh fish on the table  
Baklava in my mouth

Bread from the oven  
So hot it burnt my hand  
We ate it in its hotness  
It was good going down

What a joy in the sunshine  
Men and women of God with a smile  
We tromped through the alleys  
And tracked a bathroom down

Jim asked for coffee  
Even though he said "na"  
Now he knows how to say no  
Remember say "lo"

Venetians, Pisans, and Genoans  
Fought across the town  
Napoleon later lost here  
He said in Acco he drowned

Chris reinforced my experience  
As I walked through old Acco  
Jesus touched my heart  
"Remember these people need to know"

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## DAY IN GALILEE

Dawning day on Galilee  
Maagan we've enjoyed thee  
The land is fertile, the air is clear  
Kibbutzniks rebuilt around the sea

Galilee you heard the Word  
All creation straining to see  
Christ will return  
I see you waiting your turn

Galilee saw the risen child  
Felt the walk of the paralyzed  
Watched as the blind men saw  
There will be no excuse

Now we leave for Jerusalem  
I enjoy Galilee best  
We go to see the prophets  
How Israel stoned her best

The Temple is destroyed  
Moslems rule the mount  
Today may be the day  
Eternity breaks the land

I am glad to see  
All Israel has to offer me  
But one day soon  
Christ will return

I am here Lord  
Jesus use me up  
Help me tell each one I see  
Of Jesus and His love for me

11/24/04

## SPECIAL

This group is special  
Lots of fun  
Committed to Christ  
Each one is wow

Coming to Israel  
Seeking the Lord  
To know Him more  
Equipping them to grow

Dan to Beersheva  
We've traveled the land  
Sleepless nights  
Sleepy days

It was a struggle  
At times the food  
Too much day  
Or that evening news

Feet aching  
Cold or wet  
Listening to Jim  
Na, na, na means yes

Learning new ways  
To drive a car  
Or riding the bus  
Through impossible streets

The land of the Bible  
Is a curious place  
Thank you Lord  
For this blessing and grace

11/24/04

## ARCHIE

Scholar  
Student  
Servant  
Soldier of the Cross

Touching our hearts  
Blessing our souls  
Teaching us about Jesus  
Helping us grow

Sacrificing  
Self-less  
Searching  
Solid

Listening to us  
As we pour out our care  
Helping us know  
More ways to serve the Lord

Open to share  
Original thoughts  
Gently prepared for  
Our listening ear

Animated presentation  
Attention claimed  
I have listened  
I won't be the same

Demanding  
Detailing  
Discerning  
Delivering

I feel as though I've sat  
At the feet of Jesus  
I am blessed  
Archie gave from his heart

11/24/04

## ISAAC

Sgt. Major  
Man of God  
Toiled long and hard  
Learning how to fight  
Now he fights for God

Principled soul  
A giant made whole  
Serving Christ  
For the rest of his life

Gentle voice  
Fronts the lion  
Obedience controls  
Jesus says, he does  
Working to save his brother's soul

Lived a life of adventure  
Served his country more than well  
A man of God in civvies  
With a heart in Christ's dress blues

11/25/04

## NAZERETH

Nazareth is wide awake  
Cars and trucks abound  
Every street is covered  
With wealth and stuff galore

Nazareth isn't known for wealth  
But for the carpenter's son  
Taught a craft he used for years  
Until God's work was begun

Looked down on by the people  
Hated by the rich  
The religious game a political plum  
That Jesus refused to play

Money doesn't make us  
Poverty has a source  
Evil people break us  
The world serves a rich man's course

People are eternal  
Created for fellowship with God  
But you cannot buy your way  
It is a gift from Jesus the Son

Simple is the solution  
To life's most complex deal  
Who you are is found in Christ  
Not on Hollywood hills

Jesus loves people  
Nazareth does not control  
The Son of God from heaven  
Who seeks and saves a person's soul

11/25/04

## GARY HALLQUIST

Creative genius  
With music notes  
Writer of poems that sing  
Crafting sounds to touch our hearts  
Christ uses Gary's songs

Hard work  
A helping hand  
Gary knows how to help  
Those that are in need

Both he and his wife  
Minister to hurts  
That others often have  
Quietly and gently  
With out expectant sounds

Children taught  
Jesus love  
Then seen it first hand  
He is a man  
Who walks his faith  
Jesus is in control of him

11/26/04

## TOBEY

The homeless of New Orleans  
Know where they can come  
Tobey's built a shelter  
Where hurting is overcome

Always at the ready  
To feed or clothe a soul  
Jesus' hands and helper  
His life belongs to Christ

His life is given to  
The homeless of New Orleans  
Addicts and the lost  
Guiding them to life in Christ

Never acts in anger  
Gentle to the rough  
Yet his work is succeeding  
Ministering to those who think they are tough

Family man of valor  
Faithful servant of God  
Standing for the helpless  
Until Jesus Christ comes

11/26/04

## BYRON

He loves Cynthia  
And handles Ursula well  
A young man of service  
Who is committed to balancing his life

Faithful to the Master  
Superb with a song  
Adept at leading worship  
He walks Christ's song

Available for service  
Useable with great skills  
Never acts in anger  
Sensitive to other's pain

Helpful friend  
Strong in Christ  
Seeking to be like Jesus  
Serving those Christ loves

Tireless in his serving  
Focused in his work  
Reaching out to others  
Sharing Jesus love

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## THANK YOU

Thank you never says it all  
I am grateful to you  
For all of your forgiveness  
For sharing your hearts  
For letting me pen poetry  
From a once hard heart

For standing and sitting  
And being on time  
For all the things you've made mine  
We traveled through the Bible  
As we walked across God's land  
Holding on to Jesus  
We held each other's hand

For Stan who travels with me  
With strength and skill  
For those roommates  
Who suffered with our will

For all the meals, even yuckie stuff  
For Archie who blessed us from Jesus Word  
For Adam who is learning to love this land  
For Margie and her Royal Band  
For Gary a musician of note  
For Byron leading us in worship and the songs he wrote  
For those two-fisted mega-men and their lively song

Blessings more than I can count have come from you  
Thank you Dr. Lee and Dr. Williamson for the students you brought  
Thank you Jeff for counting and saving us from Wes  
Thank you Adam and Tom for the DVD's we get by faith  
What wonderful blessings good friends make  
I am grateful to travel with you  
Your life shared has made me love you  
People count with Jesus and all of us count  
Israel November 2004 is my best trip yet

Now we go to the places we know  
I will not forget you or your kindness to me  
One more thank you to Tom and Avner  
They have taught us well as they led us through God's land  
Thank you and God bless you  
ONE DAY SOON, LET'S COME AGAIN

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## PAUL

Wise and gifted  
Focused on Christ  
Serving Jesus  
By his whole life

Ups and downs  
Changed views  
May come along  
Now he is used

Used to lead  
A family from Christ  
Used to lead his seminary crew

Able to survive  
A black belt squared  
With a kind heart  
And zero guile

Years of counting  
Intuition adept  
Paul is a man of God  
Christ uses at our school

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## RAHAB

Canaanite party girl  
Using all her wiles  
To capitalize on commerce  
And live her life in style

Never far from victory  
Aware of all the news  
Rahab was delightful  
She would not be abused

Willing to deliver  
Able to choose  
She saw God the victor  
Gave solace to the Jews

She knew her place  
Jericho was doomed  
She bartered for her family  
And gave the Jews the news

Rahab saw her options  
The scarlet thread was hung  
Gathered all her family  
Waiting for Joshua to come

Come they did  
She was saved  
Her family close  
They all believed

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## CHRIS

A man of God  
With a helping hand  
A servant man  
Able and kind

Committed to Christ  
To live his life  
Gifted to care  
Willing to give  
Helping others live

Listens with his heart  
Uses his skills to help  
Working hard to grow  
So that others will know  
The Christ he loves and serves

Dedicated father  
Caring, loving husband  
Living out his faith  
Gentleness is his way

Wanting to be used  
So that others will know Christ  
A heart of gold  
With life its goal

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## MIKE

Works hard  
Lives right  
Serving God  
Seeking Christ's delight  
Reaching out to folks  
To help them know the Lord

Building man  
Wise and strong  
Generous life  
Helping others belong  
Able to help those who hurt

Brilliant mind  
Humble man  
Grace for others  
A helping hand

Active parent  
Loves his kids  
A wife he adores  
His life he gives  
Joy he instills

Delightful  
Insightful  
A giant today  
In all he does  
Each action he takes  
Serves the Christ he loves

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On the plane to Israel, thinking of one who makes this trip possible.

## WITH YOU

Lord of life  
All I do  
Focused on You  
Equipping to do

No step on my own  
Your word guides me  
Taking my hand  
Leading me where I belong  
Always in Your presence

You are life for me  
Sunshine in my soul  
Making all things right  
Giving me Your goals  
I want to know You

Your work  
Your way  
Every day  
Until I stand with You

Failures teach  
Hours seek  
Success comes from You  
Telling me people count  
You are always true

The world whirls away  
You never change  
Obedience is required  
You always knew my name  
I will walk Your way

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## GET BUSY

Each day a blessing  
Work for me to do  
Reaching out to others  
Serving them for You

People count with Jesus  
Much work to do  
Others need our Jesus  
Will they see Christ in you

Living close to the Father  
Christ is in my heart  
Guiding me to service  
Giving others delight

I give what I'm given  
Sharing what I hear  
Easily moved by Jesus  
Developing my listening ear

Caring in my failures  
Forgiving in my hurt  
Sacrifice is normal  
In daily Christian life

All of my horizons  
Each day that I live  
Focused on Jesus  
He has much to give  
Guiding me on my way

Now I stand receiving  
I want to do my best  
As I live for Jesus  
Today is the best

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## STAN

A man of God  
Full of peace and joy  
Teachable and quick  
A tireless worker  
Serving Christ at a fast pace

A thoughtful heart  
Gentle with his words  
And kind to all  
Consistently brilliant  
His soul is ten feet tall

Devoted as a father  
A partner with his wife  
Christ is his mentor  
Measuring all he does  
Jesus marks his path

Wise in his living  
Faithful to Christ  
Listens to his Savior  
Taking His advice  
Living a whole life

Stan seeks to grow  
And accomplish God's work  
Helping all he meets  
A caring, quiet servant  
A man who pleases Christ

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TOM

Grey beard  
Well versed  
Artistic  
Rehearsed

Well learned lessons  
In serving the Lord  
Quiet as a worker  
Accomplishing much

Ever a tireless learner  
Gifted teacher of note  
Faithful to Jesus  
Living as Christ wrote

Creative trainer  
Skilled with folks  
Gently helps them get better  
Seeks to enable them to grow

A loving husband and parent  
Faithful and kind  
Loving the Lord Jesus  
With all his heart and mind

Growing, daily growing  
Serving Jesus each day  
People count with Tom  
A man of peace in all his ways

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