

THE Intercessor



Visiting Colleen

The elevator opened and Elijah and I stepped onto the second floor of the nursing home.

We were looking for Colleen.

In front of us was a community room filled with residents in wheelchairs and hospital beds. A large screen TV droned on with a local news broadcast, but few seemed to pay attention.

The smell on the floor had that distinctive combination of human and medical odors mixed with that of institutional foods. I could tell from Elijah's facial expression that he was wondering how long this visit was going to last.

But, this was a meeting I didn't want him to miss.

We finally found Colleen. Her bed was in a room with three others. Far back. Right corner.

There she sat propped up listening to a portable CD player next to her. When she saw

us, she gave us her signature greeting, a big smile.

For over forty years Colleen had suffered from the affects of Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy. I had never seen her out of a hospital bed whether in her home or in a healthcare facility. I had never heard her speak either, but her smile spoke and so did the \$10 gift she faithfully sent to BVI each month.

I introduced Colleen to Elijah and then shared with her a few updates about the ministry and our family.

Then I heard the audio drama in the background. It was about George Mueller.

"Colleen," I said, "The story of George Mueller is one of the stories you have helped us to share with children through your gifts!"

There was the signature smile again!

After Elijah and I left, we chatted in the car.

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He was naturally curious about Colleen's medical condition. We discussed how it affected her ability to speak and walk.

We talked about how all those things could cause a person to be self-focused, to ask the proverbial question "why me?" or to be filled with anger and bitterness toward God.

But not Colleen.

Her signature smile was the signature of HER SAVIOR.

Shortly after our visit Colleen saw her Savior face to face as she passed into His presence on September 17th.

Even in death, Colleen is pointing others to Jesus. Memorial gifts from family and friends have continued to arrive in our mailbox.

We've decided to direct these gifts toward our upcoming story about missionary to Indonesia, Elinor Young. Like Colleen, Elinor suffered from the affects of a debilitating disease. In her case, polio.

Both are testimonies of how God uses us not despite our weaknesses, but how He actually uses our weaknesses for His glory.

Tom Luttmann—Executive Director

If you would like to have a part in this story project, please send a gift designated "Colleen memorial" or "Elinor story". Learn more at biblevisuals.org

Memorial Gifts

Bev was saved out of Mormonism many years ago. Alongside her husband Bill, she was a bright Gospel witness. At Bev's memorial service one woman testified of Bev's impact through a Good News Club she had hosted many years ago that the woman had attended as a child!



In memory of Bev Curtis

- Charlotte Bendell
- Tom & Betsy Luttmann
- William Crowe
- Rebecca Nicholson
- Celia Murphy

In memory of Colleen Olweiler

- David Cochran
- Jerry & Patricia Shenk
- Esther Cowan
- Amy Adams
- Mary Ellen Treese
- John Mercer
- Dorothy Nellenbach
- Ronald & Kathleen Shupp
- Raymond & Carol Olweiler
- Ruth & Eunice Potter
- Carol Buckwalter



A Wet Season

This has been a rainy fall in Pennsylvania, but the wet weather is even worse when it's inside. In early October, Melody arrived at the office Monday morning to find that a water pipe had broken in the ceiling above the ladies bathroom. Water was flowing down the wall and covered the floor of several sections of our office.

Thanks to Melody's actions the water was shut off and a repair team quickly dispatched to fix the plumbing.

We marvel at God's grace through this incident. Because of a conference scheduled later in the

week, Melody's dad, Jim Mayer, was in town and able to help. He did a great job in getting everything dried out in short order. Another volunteer, Carl Diedrich, also helped run a wet vac. And now a local plumber has volunteered his labor and materials to upgrade our plumbing system.

Please pray that we can get the rest of the repairs made soon, and join us in thanking the Lord for His gracious care.





Dishes Everywhere

Have you ever noticed how many satellite dishes there are in North Africa?

Probably not.

Neither had we, but someone did. Recently we were contacted by a broadcasting ministry that is using satellite TV to reach North Africans with Christian content.

Approximately 90% of North African households have some kind of satellite TV receiver, and there are no restrictions on this content.

We are working with this ministry to adapt some of our Bible lessons and stories into simple video presentations for this format.

... And God is providing for the need!

Several years ago God used a number of committed believers to translate BVI materials into Arabic, in particular Moroccan Arabic, which is what is needed. They also created audio recordings of Bible lessons being taught in this language. These files may be exactly what is needed now to help create the video broadcasts!

Stay tuned for more details!

Recent conferences & travels!

- Melody & Kristin Mayer at ACEA
- MACSA display
- Tom at BJU



MONDAY

- Give thanks for the nine individuals who serve on BVI's Board of Directors. They have been a huge blessing to Tom in recent days in the midst of important decisions. Pray for continued wisdom.
- Pray for Tom Luttmann as he serves the Lord as a husband, father, ministry director, member of his church and as a neighbor in his community.

TUESDAY

- Pray for both Patti Pope and Melody Mayer as they have struggled with colds this fall. Ask for healing and strength in midst of these trials.
- Pray for safe travels from Melody between PA and MI.
- Pray for Dave Spangler as he makes preparations to relocate to Virginia next year to be closer to his family.

WEDNESDAY

- Thank the Lord for volunteers John Griffiths and Christy Aucott who have worked on details of translation, printing and distribution agreements abroad.
- Thank the Lord for volunteers like Kaye, Juanita, Nancy and Betty Lou who help get print mailings out the door!

THURSDAY

- Pray for Bethany and Olivia Moy who continue to work on the illustrations for the David Brainerd story. They have both been dealing with eye issues recently.
- Praise! Several new illustrators have expressed interest in new BVI projects. Pray for wisdom as we select and evaluate test illustrations.

FRIDAY

- Praise the Lord for His protection over the BVI building and resources during the recent flooding.
- Thank the Lord for Duane's Plumbing that has donated time and materials to update the building.

SATURDAY

- Thank the Lord for the 28 children who have attended the Wharton Elementary Good News Club this semester. Tom & Betsy and family serve alongside other members at Harvest Bible Church in this Gospel opportunity.

SUNDAY

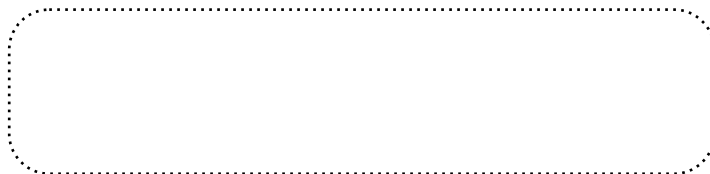
- Pray for a good response to the ExtraGive this month. This is an important source of funding especially for general expenses.



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SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

This month there is a special opportunity to support the ministry of BVI by taking part in ExtraGive. **ExtraGive** is a one day event hosted in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania where Bible Visuals International is located. Any donations made to BVI that day through the ExtraGive website (extragive.org) will be stretched by a donation to BVI by the ExtraGive sponsors. How much they give to BVI is determined by how much is received that day by BVI in comparison to the other non-profits included in the ExtraGive event!

**THE EXTRA
ORDINARY
GIVE**



NOVEMBER 16, 2018

How can you participate?

1. Mark this date (Nov. 16th) on your calendar and write down extragive.org Only gifts made through the ExtraGive website on that day will be eligible to be stretched.

2. We're hosting a fellowship at the BVI office on November 16th from 9:00-11:00am. We'll be hearing from **Jerry & Sharon Durston (Club DJ)**, our ministry partners in Saskatchewan, Canada. Come enjoy some refreshments and fellowship.

Please note: We'll be gathering on the UPSTAIRS LEVEL rather than the downstairs office level. If you can't join us then, we will have a drop in and snacks from 1:00-4:30pm in the BVI office.

