

**Miracles that follow the plow :: Dorcas - Traveling Mercies****Dorcas - Traveling Mercies, on: 2006/2/19 0:24**

I know this is kind of a tradition to pray when someone 'travels' somewhere.

And I see nothing wrong with any kind of prayer. Cause no prayer is sinful. Because prayer is just getting close to His Most Holy. And Holiness and sin can't co-exist.

Anywho. (<https://www.sermonindex.net/userinfo.php?uid11094>) Dorcas will be flying over to the America's going from state to state, she will be seeing many SI members. Including myself. I pray that God just has His hand on EVERY aspect of her journey's. Not just a simple prayer for 'traveling mercies' but also for God to open tremendous doors while she is here, to minister in love.

So ya! She left today I believe....

Re: Dorcas - Traveling Mercies - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2006/2/19 1:43

Hi Yeshua'sMyGD...!

I will be praying for dorcas. Please keep us updated! Will she be traveling anywhere in Texas? It would be great to meet up with some others from the SI family!

:-)

Re: Dorcas - Traveling Mercies, on: 2006/2/19 8:45

Hello everyone,

Hi Chris the nearest I'm going to be to Tx is western Fla. I did think of you, and have a relative in Texas, but decided to save you both for a future visit, if that's ok. :-P I know you may be elsewhere by then, but I promise to consult you for sure, next time.

In fact, I'm at home for about another 10 hours.

Because I'm travelling overland - to see what I can of the country - my windows for meeting are now limited.... but, if you have me on your heart from the Lord and want to know what I'm doing, or, to see if you can catch me somewhere, email me please.

If you pick this up after I've left, still email, as I'll be near the internet whenever I'm not in transit.... And if no-one emails, that's fine too. 8-)

I do appreciate *all* of you, and your prayers, as the Lord leads.

Thank you. May the Lord be glorified.

Re:, on: 2006/2/19 21:31

Praying, sister. Amen.

PEACE and His prospering !!!

me again

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Re: precious fellowship - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/2/19 23:53

This news makes my heart leap for joy. It reminds me of the apostle Paul - how he would go and visit those whom he had invested a part of his life in.

May God direct your steps and reward you with many blessings.

Diane

Re: travelling mercies, on: 2006/2/21 16:00

Thanks y'all for praying. I'm loving every minute of my experience in the US..... not as close to the internet as I expected, tho' so it will be quieter from me than usual. Maybe that's a good thing. The Lord knows.

Re: Dorcas - Traveling mercies, on: 2007/2/18 16:21

Diane said

'This news makes my heart leap for joy. It reminds me of the apostle Paul - how he would go and visit those whom he had invested a part of his life in.

May God direct your steps and reward you with many blessings.'

Diane's prayer still very much applies.....

A year later, and a second trip already completed, I am, as some of you know, planning another trip to the US. It is partly because of a couple of enquiries, that I'm reviving this post.

Diane's words rang in my mind at the time she wrote them, but I will make no such claim for myself. However, when Diane heard of my second trip (which I thought would be *now*, not last November when it actually happened), she was swift to ask if she could travel with me. :-D

But, as the second trip was organised quite quickly when an unexpected window opened very much by the Lord's arrangement, Diane was swift (again) to say 'This is of the Lord', and recognise she could *not* join me right then. In every other way, and despite a continual flurry of glitches, that trip flew by with amazing ease and tremendous blessing, (according to all feedback), and I enjoyed my first Thanksgiving - in *Florida* :-).

Therefore now, with Diane's participation, and also the involvement of others - Bro Daryl (dohzman) and Dian (Spitfire) - in the *planning* of two or three little gatherings for fellowship *and worship*, this trip is looking very different from either of the first two, *however it pans out as we live through it!* (See, I'm learning!)

This, then, is an invitation to any of you who would *like* to connect with us, to get in touch with me or Dian (Spitfire), to work out if this is practicable for you (and us).

While I intend that this should not be the last time I travel in the US, after getting the timing of my *actual* second trip so wrong, I'm not going to venture a comment on *when or where* the next may be, (although I am not forgetting I've already mentioned Texas in this thread; this trip is not to Texas either.)

For all the most obvious reasons we are not posting our itinerary on the public forum, and for the same reasons, I hope no-one else will, and **thank you all in advance**.

We all value the prayers of those who feel led to bear us up, trusting the Lord to bring His purposes for each life, into gre

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ater focus.

Please also pray for those who we should join and be joined by, that each individual will know they are doing what God wants for *them*, at this time. Thank you. 8-)

'The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up!'

Re: Dorcas - Traveling mercies, on: 2007/2/19 16:35

The dates of my trip are 26th March, arriving in Chicago, to 9th April, departing from Ottawa.

The reason for posting so far in advance is, on the first trip, I was within an hour of someone who wanted to meet me, but it could not be factored in at the last minute.

This really is an open invitation.

There can be time to socialise over coffee or a meal if that's all you want but, please understand, primarily I'm not a tourist.

While I was surprised by the amount of blessing experienced by those I met in November, this is a reflection on me, not God.

He is worth getting together for, and worth worshipping together, and that's really the only thing on my mind and heart.

Re: Dorcas - Traveling mercies, on: 2007/2/24 5:44

Hi everyone,

It's been pointed out to me that I'm making this invitation sound a bit too *secret squirrel*, but that is not my intention at all. Literally anyone who feels interested in joining some real 3D fellowship with other saints from SI, is welcome to get in touch for the exact details of where to come.

But, for the sake of families (in particular), who have young ones to protect, the venues will not be posted on the internet.

Our first gathering will be in **Chicago, on Wednesday, 28th March**, in the second half of the day. An exact time will be set later, and the venue will be refined according to numbers.

Our second gathering will be in **Ohio, on Saturday, 31st March, in the Columbus area**, give or take a few miles, again, depending on numbers. The start time will be very early afternoon.

Please PM or email to ask any questions.

I'm willing to answer questions on the phone, too, as I understand completely that it may feel too crazy to arrange to meet people to *pray* with, if you've never had even one voice conversation. :-o

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Re: Dorcas - Traveling mercies, on: 2007/3/22 0:04

When I re-read this, I realised it is a bit ambiguous.... :-?

Quote:
-----While I was surprised by the amount of blessing experienced by those I met in November, this is a reflection on me, not God. :-o

What I mean is, I should not have been *surprised* that **God** blessed us. :-D

The way the days in Chicago are shaping up, those of us who are ready to meet will be joining with Neil (bartle) to pray and fellowship together, on more than one evening.

We are expecting a very real work of God in each of us, as this journey was prompted by the Spirit first of all, some months ago.

If anyone wants to join us, please contact Spitfire (Dian) by email. (The address is available in her profile here.) You are welcome.

Of course, faith attracts a certain amount of enemy attention, which if nothing else, forces one to focus on God more, rather than less.

But, it is a discipline of heart and mind to walk out one's decisions in the face of distraction, disinclination, doubt and difficulty, all of which have tested our resolve from time to time.

I am grateful to every one who has become obedient to their belief God wants us to meet, and who has turned this into practical action at a cost of time and money at least. This is very humbling (for me) and causes a certain amount of amazement to my soul... not a little amazement, actually.

If anyone wants to join the throng in Ohio, you are welcome also.

Please contact Compton (Mike / MC) by email from his profile here, for details of our meeting location and directions to it.

I will be traveling from very early on Monday next, from the UK.

Others are travelling within the US and from Canada on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 8-) PRAISE GOD ! :-)

Early in my thinking on whether to plan detail for our times together, I wondered if we should have a theme, or a scripture on which to hang our meditations. Psalms 22, 23 and 24 emerged - famously described as 'the cross', 'the crook', (that is the *Shepherd's* crook) and 'the crown' - full of potential for praying into and testimony, but these remain in the realm of a suggestion only.

Also, musical contributions are welcome.

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Thank you to those whom the Lord has asked to pray for us.

Re: Praying for you all - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/3/22 0:16

Dorcas,

I wish you all were coming to the San Diego, California area. It's beautiful, particularly at this time of year, when it's cool and green.

Perhaps next year - I don't live near enough to host, but if we know ahead of time, I'm sure we can find and SI in San Diego. If not, there are great hotels that don't cost much during the week.

Praying for you all, for safety, and that your prayers be effective.

Blessings,

Re: Dorcas - Traveling mercies, on: 2007/3/25 23:01

Thx UWR,

I'm looking forward to meeting California one day.. ... maybe not next year, though.

All prayers are appreciated as I've decided to leave my (new) laptop behind, and communicate by voice. I will be posting when I can but not necessarily giving a running commentary. Perhaps others could put in some of the detail?

My journey begins in half an hour.

Thank you all for your love. May the Lord knit our hearts together.

Amen.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/3/31 18:06

Hi everyone.

Just a quick reminder that some of our brothers and sisters from SI had planned to meet together today in Ohio.

All goodness and graciousness of God be theirs.

Chris

Re: - posted by SeanHobson (), on: 2007/4/1 19:15

Quote:

-----All goodness and graciousness of God be theirs.

How quickly prayers are answered, even if they be typed...

You are probably still in the U.S. today Linn, so you are in my prayers (as well as the others) for a safe trip home.

Re: Dorcas - Traveling mercies, on: 2007/4/3 21:08

:D

Thanks Sean. It was great to meet and talk with you over the weekend. We are all still talking about it.

Later on Saturday, Mike, Daryl, me, Dian and Diane spent some time in prayer.

On Monday, Diane and I met Daryl's family and saw the church where he ministers locally, and had another precious time together.

Diane (roadsign) and I are now at Jeff's (rookie's), and I'm intending to meet others in Pennsylvania later this week. 8-)

Re: Continue in safety and return home in health. - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/4/4 7:32

Glad you are having a great time - am praying for your safety and enjoyment.

Blessings,

Re: my trip to the USA - posted by roadsign (), on: 2007/4/7 10:09

My trip was amazing – a blessing beyond what words could express. It was a joy to share in person – to see our Sler's in their home and community settings and with their families. I had some fabulous visits with wives too (and at one point jokingly suggested a support group for SI – “widows” – you know, like “golf widows”)

I must say that I noticed how naturally verbose SI'ers are – obviously accustomed to communicating their deep thoughts, thanks to SI. Rookie just couldn't stop taking about the Lord and the Word! Thankfully I got a good pic of him at the computer writing his morning post for SI. In general, I found it a blessing to be able to talk about spiritual things and be understood. It was as if we have known each other for years.

Dorcas is somewhat of a troubadour – traveling with guitar on her back, wearing boots, long skirt, and shawl. Sometimes we sang songs together as we traveled. I caught her sewing a few times, and got a picture of her with needle and thread and buttons. (Dorcas is definitely an appropriate nickname for Linn.) She and I made great traveling companions, marvelously adjusting to each other – me preferring to gallop, and her preferring to stop and “graze” frequently. I got to know more about her on an 8 hr bus trip between Columbus and Harrisburg PA. That helped me understand her like never before. She is indeed a workmanship of God – in the making.

As I listened to the various testimonies of God's dealings in various lives, I became acutely aware of the insurmountable challenge of maintaining ethical integrity in a world so hostile to God's principles – be it in acting, business, art, music, family, and even in church. We do indeed need to support one another in prayer and fellowship. It's a tough world out there.

Seeing Neil's play in Chicago helped me appreciate his ability to subtly weave Godly ethics into his script. I think that is the challenge for us all - to let light shine through the cracks.

No doubt I will incorporate many of the spiritual lessons I learned on my trip into future posts, as they fit in.

Diane

Re: streams in the desert - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/4/7 16:46

Hi everyone.

My wife and I were so blessed to be able to spend some time with Dorcas on Thursday and Friday here in Philadelphia.

Diane shared this in her post and my wife had said something almost exactly the same

"It was as if we have known each other for years."

I give thanks to God.

Re: - posted by GaryE (), on: 2007/4/7 17:09

Yes, it was a blessing to have a visit by Dorcas and Rookie at my house. Though I haven't been feeling well lately, the hours they were around seemed to revive me both spiritually and physically. It was one of those days where the time just slipped away because of enjoying the fellowship.

Peace to all,
GaryE

Re:, on: 2007/4/7 17:39

Dorcas,

I am just learning of your adventures, but I truly hope and pray that everything goes according to His will.

May you represent Him and His glory and may your presence be a blessing of flowing water to all that you meet.

Take the time to smell the flowers, because you never know whom God will stop along your very path.

God Bless those that go...
BrianMira

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/4/8 1:16

Quote:

-----...I noticed how naturally verbose SIÂ'sers are

Hey I resemble that remark. Actually as much as we often long to meet each other face to face, when we actually do meet we find a new appreciation for the edit button here at SI. ;-)

Not really...the open conversation with such wonderful saints is refreshing. I knew these people loved the Lord, but oh the talents and giftings that I discovered.

It is humbling and encouraging to see the work of God in the saints here at SI. In the days that followed I could somehow understand Revelations 7:13 a little more..."Who are these people all dressed in white?"

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And as an answer that echoed the one John recorded I was reminded of Psalm 107: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south." As the small assembly finally gathered together in fellowship I quietly marveled...what a glory to himself God has created in these precious saints! We were the lost, the rebellious, the foolish, and the self-sufficient who were all captured and humbled by the "pure holy love of God."

Together, as we shared with one another the mercy of God in our lives, we were all able to observe these things, and to better understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

After having met just a few of the wonderful people of SI in person it is easier to extend that goodwill to the rest of the saints at SI that I haven't met in person yet. :-)

Blessings all,

MC

Re: Dorcas - Traveling mercies, on: 2007/4/8 20:30

Quote:

-----Psalm 107:
*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he hath redeemed
from the hand of the enemy;
And gathered them out of the lands,
from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south."*

Not joking, Mike, I trust you see yourself among the throng of the redeemed, also dressed in white.....?

Quote:

-----what a glory to himself God has created in these precious saints!

And here.... This includes you....

Quote:

-----We were the lost, the rebellious, the foolish, and the self-sufficient ...

'He maketh the rebel a priest and a king,
He hath bought us and taught us this new song to sing!

*Unto Him who hath loved us and washed us from sin -
Unto Him be the glory for ever! Amen!*

Quote:

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...who were all captured and humbled by the "pure holy love of God."

As Diane said (paraphrased) this is a work in progress (for us all).

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But, it was *wonderful* to pray together, trusting each others' hearts towards God.

I set off for home in a few hours, and still have much to process about all that has transpired for me personally, but, the bonds of love in Christ which have been forged through this trip, will, I pray, be established further, through the coming years.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/4/8 20:39

"...the bonds of love in Christ which have been forged through this trip, will, I pray, be established further, through the coming years."

May it be so. Amen.

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/4/8 22:25

Quote:
-----And here.... This includes you....

Thanks Dorcas...you notice I did say

Quote:
-----we

:)

Amen Dorcas and ChrisJD.

MC

Re: Dorcas - Traveling mercies, on: 2007/4/8 22:45

Mike said

Quote:
-----you notice I did say 'we'

Now I do... :-)

Amen, Chris. I have been blessed by everyone; but those whom I met for the first time have made a particular impression on me, which I want to savour - as I did previously, after other 'first' meetings.