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SEVENTH YEAR REVIEWED

The 2014 Graduation exercises were held at the Hopewell campus with two students receiving their degrees. Many friends gathered enjoying the beautiful remodeling of the property, and all went away praising the Lord for His goodness.



The completion of our seventh year saw many preachers present during Alumni Week, which encouraged the heart of the young people and the teachers. The alumni fish fry, the Wednesday rally, the golf scramble, the Alumni Banquet, and the Commencement service brought many of the friends of Heritage together.



As we reflect on the third year on the Hopewell campus, we are so grateful to all those who have partnered with us in remodeling the new property. Thank you for all the funds that were raised during Graduation Week, and other gifts towards our dormitory project. Your support is richly appreciated and so vital for this ministry of training the next generation.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR YOU AT HERITAGE

- *Fall Semester Begins*
September 3, 2014
- *Fall Banquet*
Friday, November 7
Harry Strachan, Jr.
(Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria)
- *Spring Semester Begins*
January 14, 2015
- *Graduation Week*
April 28 - May 1
- *Wednesday Rally*
April 29, 2015
- *Commencement*
May 1, 2015

The President's Perspective



On May 6, 1942, Captain Austin Shofner was given the order by his commanding officer to surrender with his men to the Japanese Imperial Forces that had been attacking Corregidor Island in the Philippines.

For nearly a month after the fall of Bataan, this marine had held out with the many American troops against the takeover of Corregidor by the Japanese.

Captain Shofner now broke his officer's sword, and his men began getting ready for the Japanese soldiers who would soon arrive. They destroyed weaponry, hid money and other valuables, and gathered clothing and other items for their upcoming imprisonment.

Captain Shofner took out the plaque of the Fourth Marines Club that bore the emblem of the beloved corps. He would not discard it, but instead he called his personal message runner, Private First Class Arthur Jones. "Hang onto the plaque," instructed Captain Shofner.

The Japanese soon arrived, and in time Captain Shofner and private Jones became separated. Captain Shofner was interred at the terrible Japanese Prisoner of War Camp called Cabanatuan. Seeing hundreds of men die in these POW camps, Shofner eventually escaped.

Captain Shofner fought with the Filipino resistant, and later he led American Marines on Peleliu and Okinawa.

As a colonel after the close of WWII, Shofner received a call from his former message runner, Arthur Jones. Private Jones had spent the entire war as a POW, and some of those years in labor camps on mainland Japan. They were hard and cruel times.

Arthur Jones still had the Fourth Marines Club Plaque "Keeping the plaque safe," Jones said, "had sustained me." (Ambrose, Hugh. *The Pacific*. New York: New American Library. 2010.)

The Lord has entrusted us with the Word of God. Our marching orders are found in Matthew 28:19,20. When the days get difficult, that Word of God that we have hid in our heart, will help us to make it through.



Russell Dennis

Meet our Graduate - God's Goodness

One of our 2014 graduates, Francis Hires, has already seen the Lord work mightily in his life.

Like Job, the Lord has molded him over the past few years.

We first met Francis, who goes by the nickname "Beef", when he was a teenager at his local Baptist church in the farming country around Horace, IL.

Several years later, he and his young wife Angela, attended Heritage seeking the Lord's Will in their life.

On January 7, 2009, their first child, Allison was born into their family. They had been waiting seven years, and the families were thrilled at this beautiful little girl. Sadly, little Allison passed away the next evening from a rare blood/lung condition.

Heartbroken, they were directed to Job's testimony after Job's loss of his goods and family: *...the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.* Job 1:21b.

Instead of turning from God, the young couple searched their souls, and wrote a tract with the question: Is God Still Good?

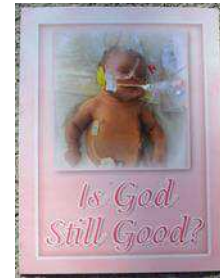
The answer is emphatic that **God is Still Good!** The message in this pamphlet is one of salvation, pointing out that God gave his own Son.

I often use this tract when dealing with parents that have lost a little one, and the pamphlet has been printed 10,000 times.

In Job's situation, it took 42 chapters for Job to understand what God was doing in his life. At the end of the book, Job was rewarded double.

God also blessed Francis and Angela Hires. The Lord gave not one daughter to them, but twins were next born into their family. These two special treasures, Stephanie & Victoria, are now 3 years-old, and each one is a blessing to the family.

Even though it may take time, we always will find that through every challenge of our life, God is Good All the Time.



Three Years of Blessings

Three years ago, the Lord brought Lilliana Joy Dennis into the family of President and Mrs. Russell Dennis. The little girl was diagnosed with Trisomy 18, a very serious congenital condition.

Medical statistics state that 99% of unborn children with T-18 never survive to birth, and those who are born have a 50% mortality rate during their first week. The survival rate continues to dwindle, until less than 5% arrive at their third birthday.

Everyday is a challenge in the development of this little girl, but every day is a blessing

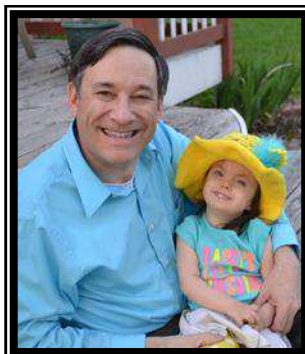
that holds the opportunity to tell others of how good is our God. We often share

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Besides strengthening our faith, Lilliana has touched the lives of many folks around the

country.

The Lord receives all the Glory for Lilliana's little life. The prayers and encouragement of God's people have made all the difference!



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