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## Hearing the Holy Spirit

It's always a personal encouragement to find it confirmed that you heard from God. Thurleen and I clearly felt that it was important that we spend this summer being available for our family. On the surface that might have seemed an easy choice. We haven't seen as much of our five kids and nineteen grand children as we would prefer since we have been on the mission field.

But this summer we were expecting number 20 and 21. The 1st baby due would certainly be a miracle baby. The chances of our daughter having a second child after thirteen years was...well...zero. She has struggled with extreme back pain for a decade. Much of the time she has not been able function as she would have liked, often barely able to get out of bed.

Under those circumstances it was expected that she would require intensive and continuing help after delivery.

Oh, did I say that after our Apache pastor friend Pete Reede, met our daughter Kerry in 2007, he (along with her parents and a lot of friends) continued fervently and effectually praying for her? God heard and both she and little Jacqleen Danielle Gray are now doing very well.

Next, we planned to visit our son and his

family in Texas when they would have their third child in late August. But in July Gracie was hospitalized and then ordered on bed-rest. So we made a quick trip to Dallas to care for her and the kids.

Gratefully, after some anxious weeks, little Anna Ysabella Bain arrived right on time. Grace's mother began a long journey from the Philippines to be here before the event. That trip got cut short at a stop-over in Japan when she found that *her airlines* required an unheard of extra Transitional Visa just for a few hours in a Canadian airport on the way to Dallas. They sent her back to Korea to await a new, more direct flight several weeks later.

So, all in all it was good that we were available for our family this summer.

And...one of the big maintenance issues that complicates our lives when we are away from our home in the summertime is the huge amount of mowing that needs to be done. Through much of the summer it takes as much as a whole day each week to stay ahead of the yard and barn lots.

Well, this year, every time we returned home, we discovered that all the mowing had been freshly done! It has been kept that way all summer by Travis, an awesome young man who has a heart for missions. Mowing is his way of partnering with this ministry.

PLANS... *In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.* Proverbs 16:9

## Oh How Marvelous...And my song shall ever be by Ken Bain

For those new to this newsletter, God called us to missions...after we were already great-grandparents. We should still be working, while we can, to make life easier later on. Instead we are investing in the Kingdom. We share a heaviness of heart with an increasing number of Americans for the plight of Native Americans who have little for which to hope. There's not enough "loose change" in this entire land to fix all their problems, so that's not the answer. But we know that Jesus is the answer...and he has the answer. For God *so* loved the world...

We have found a small number of Arizona Indians who are born-again believers. Typically, they are solid as a rock in their faith. Their "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness". It is our task to help them, by love and encouragement, to share their faith in Christ with their families and neighbors. We believe time is short. Neither of us are firecrackers by nature so we must find what God is doing and get in on that. He has not let us down.

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**Oh How Marvelous...**

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Woven into our demanding summer of seeing after the needs of our family and my dear old friend Willard, God prepared a series of colossal blessings for us. Because we have to raise our own support, we visited churches as God directed within the arduous but wonderful family schedule. In missionary "deputation" efforts we were able to reconnect with the second church I pastored almost 40 years ago. An old church, it was founded on the frontier six years before Thomas Jefferson died. Since we were there, it has prospered by growth, building, and *strong* Bible teaching...within great hardship...beyond my wildest dreams.

Then we tracked down a pastor friend who I was ordained with. He's been at a Central Illinois church for thirty-four years. Yet his vibrant leadership is far from stale. The hearts of those dear people were pre-warmed for our coming. Eager to hear, they gave us their *whole* Sunday Morning to tell of the work with our Indian friends.

A great church in Las Cruces, New Mexico found us through the North American Mission Board and invited us to participate in their "Global Impact Celebration". They were willing to fly us in but since it was on our normal trail westward, we left Illinois a few weeks early. Thurleen and I were simply overwhelmed in so many ways. Their people brought us in as co-laborers yet



complete strangers, but treated us regally. We left as part of their church family. And what a blessing of getting to know missionaries from Moscow to Argentina, from Brazil to North Africa and New Guinea...Turkey to Texas and Tucson, and so many more. Wow! That's what I call **here, there, and yonder!** (My *country* version of "Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth").

God was at work in the networking of all those missionaries. Friday at our banquet table, our Texas Hispanic missionary friend, C\*\*\* A\*\*\*\* told us of the Thursday kidnapping in Mexico of his friend, pastor V\*\*\*\*\*. I said, "Lets pray...now". We found on Sunday that the "now" was *when* pastor V\*\*\*\*\* was set free! Praise to God who hears our plea's in times of trouble...in *real-time!*

Our blessing continued with Nancy & Jerry, our gracious host couple. We found that we have many common experiences and interests. And there are the delightful Judy S. and her adopted Papago daughter Colleen, whose relatives and acquaintances are residents of the very villages where God has called us to work on the Tohono O'odham reservation in Arizona. God chose to introduce us to Colleen over 400 miles from our place on the Reservation.



God knew we needed the encouragement, blessing, confirmation, fellowship, friendship, and financial and prayer partnership.

...Ken

**The JESUS Film Project**

We may be able to bring in an experienced recording expert to expedite the dubbing of the O'odham spoken words into the Jesus Film. I know that God will provide if that option is the best choice.

After arriving in Arizona we are spending a few days in Tucson to make contacts before moving on out to the reservation. It is amazing how the Holy Spirit has gone before us. We trust that we will find volunteers soon who are willing to serve on the O'odham committee. Each of them will serve as a liaison with their churches to develop partnerships with the Native American believers who can use help and mentoring as they reach out and bring the gospel to their families and neighbors with the Jesus Film resource.

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**WINGS of Morning**

**On a Personal Note...**

Cousin Anna, come on, wake up. I know you're there.



Jacqleen Danielle Gray 7/6/10

Anna Ysabella Bain 8/19/10

Oh, cousin Dani. I'm dreamin' that daddy's getting me a Blackberry!



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