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ANGEL LETTER

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Dearly Beloved,

We want to open this letter with an apology to all of you who have not heard from us for some time, especially those who have written to us and those who have sent love offerings. Our very small staff has been hard pressed to keep up with all there is to do in recent weeks and months, so the correspondence department has gotten way behind as our staff have been covering so many tasks with so few people. Please forgive us and pray for us. The following news will explain:

Sister Gwen Promoted to Heaven: Our esteemed leader, precious mother, encouraging sister, and dear friend, Sister Gwen Shaw, passed into Glory January 13, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. She was at home in accordance with her wishes. The peace of the Lord had been present in her room for days, and we felt the saints and angels present to usher her across to her heavenly home.

Shortly before the Lord took her home, Sister Gwen had dictated the following letter to send out to the mailing list. Little did we realize at the time how very prophetic it was.



Gwen Shaw
1924-2013

Sister Gwen's Final Angel Letter:

Another year has passed by, everything we have done, and everything we experienced is recorded in our book of life. We have been given a new book with clean pages for 2013. May God help us all to keep the records in such a way that when it is finished we will be able to say, all I did was for the glory of God, so that God will be able to say, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord"* (Matthew 25:21).

As we look back over this past year, we have been shocked to see how many dear friends, Handmaidens, and Servants have gone home, some of them still quite young. A couple of hours ago I heard of the passing of one of our End-Time Handmaidens. I had been thinking about her all week and praying for her and wondering how she was. Now I know why God laid her on my heart so heavily all week long. So many of my friends and your friends have crossed over Jordan and entered the pearly gates to walk on streets of gold and have joined the throng that has gone before.

THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE: As I pondered why so many are going home at this time, I was reminded of the words of Jasher, the book that was mentioned in the Bible two times, 2 Samuel 1:18 and Joshua 10:13. Jasher means *"upright."* In Chapter 5:21 of the Book of Jasher, the author said, *"And all the sons of men who knew the Lord died in that year before the Lord brought evil upon them; for the Lord willed them to die, so as not to behold the evil that God would bring upon their brothers and relatives, as He had so declared to do."* Something big is about to happen very soon, I believe we are entering the time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7). There are wonderful encouraging words from the Lord for these days in the Book of Daniel, Chapter 12, let me quote them to you:

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:1-4).

DEATH HAS LOST ITS STING: So we must not grieve too much when God takes a loved one home. It has always troubled me to see how many Christians are afraid of death when we know that death has lost its sting and the grave its victory (1 Corinthians 15:55).

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy ...and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." (Acts 2:17, 18)

“*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints*” (Psalm 116:15).

It must grieve the Lord how we are afraid of going home. In the sermon in the upper room, Jesus tried to take the fear out of the hearts of His disciples when He began His sermon with: “*In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also*” (John 14:1-3).

KING GEORGE VI BROADCASTS TO THE EMPIRE: Dressed in the uniform of the Admiral of the Fleet, sitting in front of two microphones on a table at Sandringham, King George VI spoke live to offer a message of reassurance to his people. This landmark speech at Christmas in 1939 was to have an important effect on the listening public as they were plunged into the uncertainty of war: “*A new year is at hand. We cannot tell what it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall all be. If it brings us continued struggle we shall remain undaunted.*”

He went on to quote from Minnie Haskins’ poem “The Gate of the Year” (1908):

*“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,
‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’
And he replied, ‘Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be better than light, and safer than a known way.”*

(Taken from website: ww2today.com)

I want to thank all of you for your kind remembrance of me and prayers for me, which I feel daily, and your faithful support. Our team has gone to many nations last year. They had glorious conventions, some in secret places which we don’t dare mention. Without your support, thousands would not have heard the gospel.

With love in Christ,



Holy Convocation at the Glory Tabernacle: When Papa Jim passed away, it was just days before our 2007 Winter Camp Meeting. Sister Gwen felt that we should hold his funeral as the first meeting of the event, and when the Camp Meeting was nearly over, she felt we should extend it for some more days. When she finally felt it was complete, we counted up how long we had spent and found it had been 30 days. At that time the Lord put it on my heart that when Sister Gwen passed on, that we would do the same for her, as the children of Israel in the wilderness had mourned 30 days each for Aaron and Moses. Sister Gwen’s funeral was held on January 22 and from that day we had appointed 30 days of celebrating the wonderful works that the Lord did through her life (through February 20). We “camped” in the midst of the Glory of this celebration and were so glad for all who were able to join us experiencing such a wonderful Presence of the Lord. The worship and preaching were terrific as the Glory continued to build! You may enjoy tuning in to our website to watch the archives of the meetings as you are able. (http://www.endtimehandmaidens.org/Media_Center.htm) Or you can order the CDs or DVDs (see the ad page).

Are YOU Ready? A couple of nights before she crossed over into Glory, Sister Gwen spoke up about 4:15 a.m. and excitedly said, “Jim Shaw! I see Jim Shaw!”

Myrna asked, “Is he coming for you?”

She replied, “He’s coming for all of us. He’s calling us to come. We need to get prepared. *I’m* ready. Are *you* ready?”

Rona asked, “Do you see Jesus?”

At first she said, “No.” Then she said, “He’s coming for us all **now**. Praise God! Hallelujah!”

When we talked about it in the morning, we were reminded of what Jesus said recently to a sister who saw Him in a vision: “Don’t say anymore that I’m coming soon. Tell them I’m coming **NOW!**”

Sister Gwen’s words have been ringing in my ears—“*I’m* ready.” Then she turned and looked directly at me and said, “Are *you* ready?”

Commissioned: At our last World Convention, following my message on “Ask God for the Nations as Your Inheritance,” Sister Gwen called my husband, Philip, to the platform to stand by me and she laid hands on us, commissioning us to carry on the work of the End-Time Handmaidens and Servants when the Lord took her home. She introduced me as the next President.

When Papa Jim had passed away and our Board of Directors met to elect new officers and Board members, I remember leaving that meeting and feeling the enormity of the new office of Vice President I had just received. Just as I was about to become overwhelmed, I had a vision. I saw what I understood to be a yoke about 30 feet long and about six inches in diameter, suspended about six inches above my shoulders. Then I saw two very tall angels near me, one on each side of me, holding up the yoke. Then I understood that my job was just to remain under it. I said to myself, “Now, *that* I can do!”

About a year ago, I was meditating on abiding in the Lord and I saw myself actually standing in Him. Imagine my delight when I realized that His shoulders stood about six inches higher than mine! His yoke is truly easy and His burden is truly light. He bore all our sins and sorrows for us and is so faithful to even carry the yoke of the “burden” He gives us!

Now that Sister Gwen has gone on to glory, I still see myself just “under the yoke,” only now it is much larger and more elaborate. Sister Gwen’s greatest desire was to simply obey the Lord, and she taught that principle to us. We intend to keep that as our highest goal.

In her challenging article called “Share My Burden,” Sister Gwen tells of her experience when was in Argentina in 1966:

Throughout Argentina I had seen the mighty hand of God working with signs following the preaching of His Word. It was there in Buenos Aires one night that something happened which would change many lives. I had just ministered in a large Assembly of God Church. God had poured out His Spirit. Miracles of healing had taken place. People had seen angels. God had come down to be with us. As I went to my lonely hotel room that night, tired and exhausted, I lay on my bed. I looked up to God and asked Him a question. “God, how can you use me? I am nothing. I make mistakes. I am far from perfect. Yet I have seen Your glory like a trail of fire following me everywhere. How? Why?”

He answered me! “It’s because you are willing to do anything I ask you to do!”

“Is that all, Lord? Then You could use anyone, any woman, who, like myself, would be totally surrendered to You!”

“Yes, My child, I could,” He answered.

“Then, Lord, raise up ten thousand women—women just like myself, who will pay any price, make any sacrifice, be totally obedient to Your will.”

The Word of the Lord to Sister Gwen in 1970 was, “You are raised up of God to call out the End-Time Handmaidens.” So here we are! We’ve been called out. We are a mighty army of women and men who, like Sister Gwen, have declared our willingness to surrender totally to the will of God and obey Him in whatever He asks. We will go on carrying the torch that she has passed to us. (You might enjoy her message, “Passing the Torch,” that she preached at last year’s Branch Officers Convocation.) We trust you will continue to stand with us as you did with her.

Board of Directors: Toward the end of this recent Holy Convocation, we were able to assemble our Board of Directors. Brother Emmanuel Jibuike came all the way from Nigeria for three weeks to help us through this transition, and Arla Dill was with us for several weeks as well. We elected Catherine James to occupy the empty seat. The Board then ratified Sister Gwen’s appointment of me as her successor as President, then, in recognition of Sister Gwen’s example of having Papa Jim serve as her Vice President, and in accordance with her statements of “Sharon and Philip will lead you,” Philip Buss was elected to the office of Vice President/Treasurer. Arla Dill is our new Secretary. Thank you for all your prayers as we steer this “ship” into the future by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

In Memory of Sister Gwen: We are so grateful to the many who have already sent offerings in memory of Sister Gwen. Years ago our accountant calculated that it costs around \$1,500/day to run this ministry. We try to practice being frugal and still try to keep it around that rate. Perhaps there will be those that would like to **donate a “day”** in Sister Gwen’s memory. Knowing that the Lord showed Sister Gwen and Papa Jim many years ago that Engeltal would become a refuge, there are many projects that need to be done to get this “Angel Valley” ready. We have a seven-page list of repairs, improvements, needs and wants that the staff has been praying over. A memorial donation could be made in Sister Gwen’s honor to “**get Engeltal ready.**” Of course the nations were always in Sister Gwen’s heart so dearly, so donations to “**Missions**” in her memory are always appropriate.

Israel Ministry: We were so grateful that the Lord brought Gene and Marylois home to Engeltal to be with us for Sister Gwen’s last two weeks and the Holy Convocation. They are such a blessing. They have returned to our House of Peace in Jerusalem along with our Galilee House staff to continue to carry the torch of intercession in God’s Land.

Expenses have gone up in Israel. We are so grateful to each one who has been helping us on a monthly basis to fund this vital ministry of prayer. By the time you receive this, my husband, Philip, and I will be in Israel, or perhaps will have returned from our "ETH&S Hearts for Israel Prayer Tour." Pastor Mark Bristow and Claren and Nancy McQueen are helping us lead this intercessory prayer journey with local healing meetings. Our dear friend and Travel Agent, Madeleine Cohen, is spearheading an effort to have a *Gwen Shaw Memorial Forest* planted in Israel in the Galilee region.

Friday Night Live Worship: Since our Harvest Gathering event a year ago in December, we have been holding our "Friday Night Live Worship" meeting each week (weather permitting) and streaming it live to the nations via the Internet. In fact, most of our events have been live streamed and you can see them in our archives on line. As we have been waiting before the Lord for His new orders, we feel He has shown us to have occasional all-night worship sessions, beginning at our usual time of 7:00 p.m. Central Time and continuing to around mid day on Saturday. This will be a team effort of worshippers the Lord brings to cover the whole night through for His Glory.

YouTube Devotionals: During the Holy Convocation, Derek Kuhn preached seven anointed sessions on "The Pathway to Glory." During one of the times when he was ministering, he gave a prophetic vision to us to begin using the technology of today to bring Sister Gwen's devotionals to the nations using YouTube on the Internet. I began right away to record the readings of *Day by Day* for the rest of the month of February. Rona is reading from *In the Beginning* during the beginning of March, and Marylois will start reading for the Passover season in *From the Heart of Jesus*. We plan to continue through the months to read from all of Sister Gwen's Devotional books. Go to YouTube.com and search for the channel called **endtime handmaidens**. Enjoy watching, and if you subscribe, you will be notified whenever a new video is posted.

Our Theme for the World Convention Is "Are You Ready?" I feel like this is our *kairos* time to soak in His Presence to get saturated with Him to get us ready for the days to come and for the Bridegroom to come. Don't miss this opportunity to close in the ranks and network together for God's plan for this season on His calendar.

We so appreciate your love and support in this time of transition.

In Jesus' love,



Sharon E. Buss
President

P.S. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of the following events, God willing.

SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2013

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| March 11 - 18: | Branch/Membership Coordinator, Betty Bazzle, visiting our ETH&S and Branches in Haiti . |
| March 29-30 | All Night Worship , Ozark Glory Tabernacle, Jasper, AR (870) 446-2252. |
| April 9 - 13: | Branch Officer's Convocation (also Potential Officers)
Engeltal, Jasper, AR (870) 446-2252. |
| May 10 - 11: | Ohio Statewide ETH&S Gathering , Shekinah Christian Center, 1281 Liberty Dr, Heath, OH 43056. Contact Patricia Abdalla, (740) 366-0950. (This is her correct phone number which was published wrongly at first.) |
| May 17 - 19: | End-Time Handmaidens and Servants Weekend
Blue Mountain Christian Retreat, 1 Christian Lane, New Ringgold, PA. 17960. Telephone (570) 386-2154 or (570) 386-2672. www.bmcr.org |
| May 31-June 1 | All Night Worship , Ozark Glory Tabernacle, Jasper, AR (870) 446-2252. |
| July 2 - 6: | ANNUAL WORLD CONVENTION at Airport Marriott , St. Louis, MO 63134. For reservations call (800) 228-9290. |
| September 7-14 | International School of Ministry
Engeltal, Jasper, AR (870) 446-2252. |
| November 7-10 | Harvest Gathering
Ozark Glory Tabernacle/Engeltal, Jasper, AR (870) 446-2252. |
| December 28-January 1 | Anointed Youth Retreat
Engeltal, Jasper, AR (870) 446-2252. |