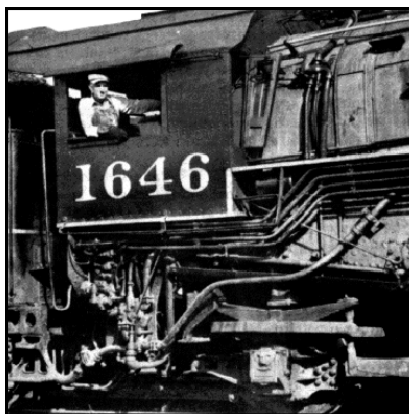


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WE BELIEVE

1. We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings. They are the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
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5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice. In addition that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed Blood.
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**"Proclaim
the good news
of His salvation
from day to day"**

Psalm 96:2

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The Lord - Our Shepherd

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Psalms 23

"The Lord is my shepherd." - Yahweh, the mighty God and creator of the universe, lowered Himself, by putting on flesh and becoming a man. This condescension expressed God's extreme love for His children, His sheep. Notice that, he does not say "the Lord is the shepherd of the world at large, and leads forth the multitude as His flock, but rather it states: "the Lord is personally **MY shepherd**." If He be a shepherd to no one else, He is **my shepherd**; He cares for me, watches over me, and preserves me, and because He is my shepherd, "I shall not want." Without Him, I might have some wants, but once I got saved, He became my shepherd, and therefore I will not be in need. I shall not lack for temporal things. Does He not feed the ravens and cause the lilies to grow? How shall He then leave His children to starve? I shall not want for spiritual things. I know that His grace will be sufficient for me. Resting in Him He will say to me "as thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25).

So, "I shall not want."

"The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing" Psalms 34:10. Come what may, if calamity shall destroy the city, or famine should devastate the land, "I shall not want." I have all things and abound; not because I am loaded with money or not, not because I have skill and wit with which to profit and live, but because "the Lord is my shepherd!" The wicked always want, but the righteous NEVER! A sinner's heart is far from satisfaction, but the righteous dwells in the place of content.



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We pray and trust God will abundantly bless you for your sacrificial giving as He **"is able to make all grace abound towards you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work."**

2 Corinthians 9:8

"A LITTLE IS A LOT WHEN GOD IS IN IT"

Luke 9:12-17

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International Railroad Evangelist

Where in the world has brother Arulraj been?

Brother Arulraj, Chennai, INDIA

I sincerely thank you and all of the leaders and members of REA for the ministry of encouragement and constant prayers which help me take the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ far and wide all over the world.

With your prayers and blessings in Carlisle when God helped me to be in the REA convention, Sep 2011 -- God has been so gracious in helping me visit thereafter to Columbus, Dublin in Ohio, Maryland, Richmond in Virginia, Saint Louis, Boston, Dallas, Houston, San Jose, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and some more cities in the USA as well as Toronto, Montreal, Brampton in Canada; Dublin in Ireland and London, Manchester in the UK.

Wherever God helped me to visit, The ministries of REA had been shared and people were much blessed; God has been so gracious in helping me to have a time of prayer and fellowship with Bro David Pringle of CTI and Bro David Duraisamy of Toronto Transportation Christian Fellowship in Canada during October 2012..

As inspired by the Spirit of God, I was praying about visiting Ireland and knowing not any point of contact had my itinerary to visit Ireland in Dec 2011. Miraculously, close to my travel date, God opened a channel and took me there by His Amazing Grace.

God helped me to minister His word in Irish, Tamil and Romanian congregation for His Glory. God also helped me to meet a believer working in Irish Railways and he was impressed by our ministries and was ready to help in starting a prayer fellowship in the Irish Railways. Glory to God!

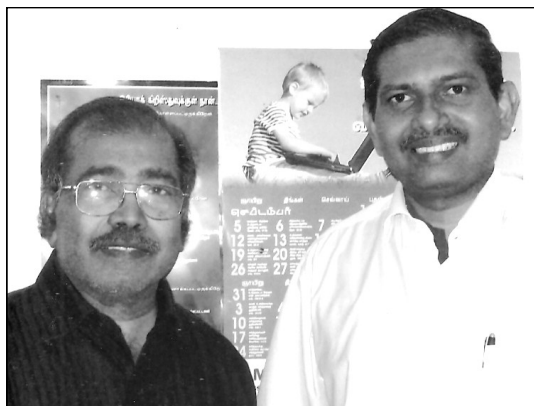


Bro Arulraj with David Pringle of Christian Transportation Inc. in Canada.

minutes in that August gathering.

The Parliament prayer was organized by a devout Christian and believer, Honorable British Member of Parliament, Mr. Jeffrey Donaldson MP and attended by a host of dignitaries; The prayer time was scheduled between 330pm and 430pm and God has been so gracious in giving me the opportunity to Share the Word of God (shared from Psalm 106:23 - Standing on the Bridge), Testimony and about REA and International Railway Ministries in that august gathering. All Glory be to the Most High (Psalm 91:1); Honorable Members of the August Gathering were

excited to know about REA and its Global outreach Ministries through ALL ABOARD and many of them spoke personally about the same after the prayer session.

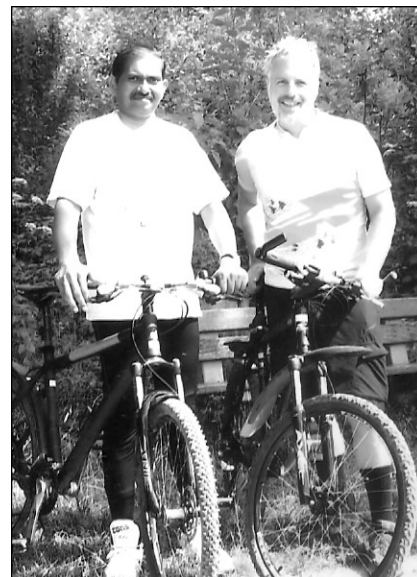


With David Duraisamy of Toronto Transit Commission Christian Fellowship in Canada.

By the Grace of God I was able to visit Auckland, New Zealand. God helped me to visit Mr. Eddie Simmons a retired rail staff from British Railways and is eager to found Railway prayer in New Zealand. God also helped me to meet a believer working in New Zealand Railways and he is interested in starting a prayer group there.



Southern Railway Employees Prayer Fellowship of Chennai, India. Seated in the plaid shirt is brother Victor Swamidoss who has been receiving and faithfully distributing the Railroad Evangelist magazine for over 40 years. Seated next to him is brother Wesley Rajabhushanam, Secretary of the Southern Railway Employees Prayer Fellowship.



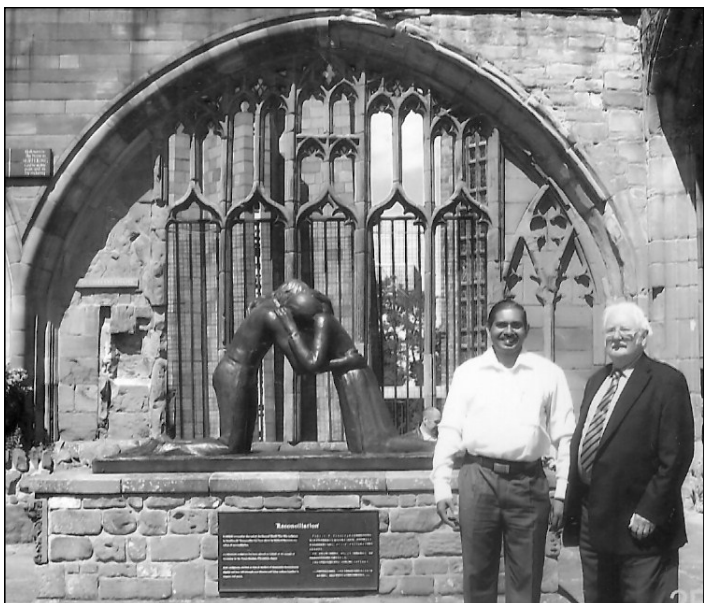
Brother Ueli Berger, President of International Railway Missions during Arulrajs visit to Switzerland.



With Bro John Lunn when I met him at the Paris Railway Station in France on our Way to Basel, Switzerland.



Prayer in front of Irish Parliament in Dublin during December, the temperature was below 0 degree C.



With John May, President of British Transport Christian Fellowship. The photo was taken in front of the Church of Reconciliation in Coventry, UK.



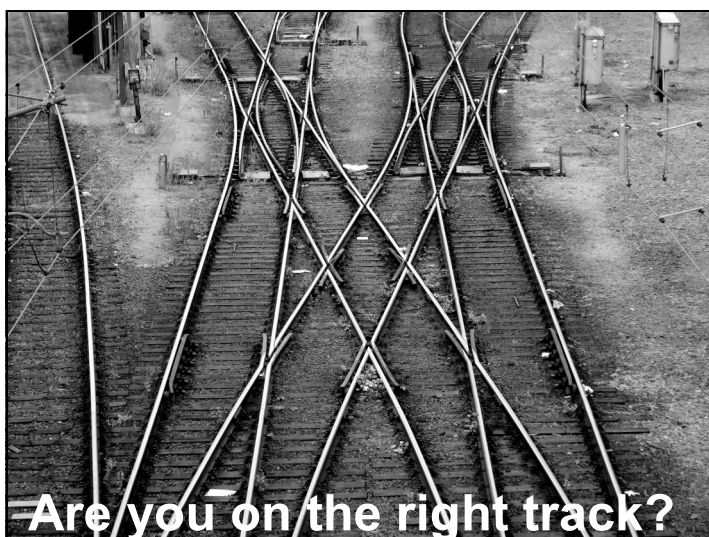
With Ian Markey, Rev. Liam Johnson and Bro Simeon Damdar of British Railway Mission - London, UK.

Please continue to pray for brother Arulraj as God has given him great favor wherever he travels into the railroad communities around the world introducing REA and Railway Missions of Europe. Pray for his safety as he travels and that God will meet all his financial obligations at home for his wife and children.



Jim R. Johnson, above and author of the poem “**The Last Good Bye**” and I (editor) met this past May 2012 at the NARVRE Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Along with Jim, I met many other wonderful railroad people. The next NARVRE Convention will be held in Sacramento, California in 2014. Following, Jim Johnson shares a little bit of his railroad career.

I worked for the Norfolk Southern RR from 1974 to 2006. I started with the Southern RR and in 1985 they merged with the Norfolk and Western RR. I worked as an engineer on the road running from Chattanooga to Oakdale Tennessee most of the time. Occasionally I would run to Danville Ky, and a few times even to Cincinnati Oh. I loved my job, the hours were a bit hectic at times, but looking back I don't think I would have been happier doing anything else. My railroad career actually began in Tampa, FL in 1964 with the Seaboard Air Line RR. which is now part of the CSX system. I moved to Cleveland Tn. to attend Lee College for two years, moved to Chattanooga in 1971 and eventually picked back up on my career on the RR in 1974.



Are you on the right track?

Jesus said,

**“I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.”**



The Last Good Bye

*Till we reach the pearly gates
Life on earth unsure, awaits.
Filled with joy, faced with fear,
Walk on boldly for God is near.*

*We never know what fate may bring.
But God's word has promised us this one thing.
That if in Him we simply trust,
His grace is sufficient for all of us.*

*God knows the plans that men have laid
With hopes and dreams and escapades.
Reaching high and falling short,
Still they press onward with full consort.*

*Looking ahead our hope is sure.
The solid rock will forever endure.
If to His Word we simply hoard,
He will guide us to that celestial shore.*

*Friends and loved ones have traveled the path.
Gone on before, but forgotten? None hath.
Memories rich, treasures untold,
Our life here the potter molds.*

*Trust in Jesus. He is the way.
The Father beckons us to a home far away.
The Comforter calls. We know him sure.
His Word is Truth. His Word is pure.*

*He says He'll come on clouds on high.
We'll never know till that last good bye.
What treasures await on that distant shore.
Till we walk with Him forevermore.*

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COLLISION and DERAILMENT of UNION PACIFIC FREIGHT TRAINS 5981 North and 9186 South

At 10:52 p.m. on June 22, 1997, Union Pacific Railroad freight trains 5981 North and 9186 South collided head-on in the small town of Devine, Texas, approximately 36 miles south of San Antonio. The trains were operating on a single main track with passing sidings in dark (nonsignalized) territory in which train movement was governed by conditional track warrant control authority through a dispatcher. The incident was a result of a dispatcher error, in which he permitted the two trains to occupy the same section of track. The Northbound was running at 19 MPH, while the Southbound had accelerated to over 40 MPH. The conductor from 5981 North, the engineer from 9186 South, and two unidentified individuals who may have been riding on 5981 were killed in the derailment and subsequent fire. The engineer from 5981 North received minor injuries, and the conductor from 9186 was seriously burned. Estimated damages at that time, exceeded \$5 million.

The following tribute was penned by REA member Jay Glenewinkel. Jay was a Crew Van driver for the Union Pacific Railroad at the time and was friends with several of the crew members.

******* IN LOVING MEMORY *******

NEIL WILHELM & TERRY YARBOROUGH

On June 22, 1997, a terribly tragic event took place when two Union Pacific freight trains collided head-on in the small town of Devine, Texas. Railroaders Terry Yarbrough and Neil Wilhelm, along with two additional unidentified individuals, sadly lost their lives. Conductor Randy Dennis survived, but sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 80% of his body. Engineer Brian Boner survived with only minor injuries, and was able to walk away from the fiery wreck.

Now, fifteen years later, we remember those four souls who perished and honor the survival of those two men who will always remember this nightmare. Incidentally, one of the crewmen involved in this collision had lost his father in 1973 in the head-on collision in Cotulla.

TO ALL RAILROAD SONS, DAUGHTERS, FATHERS, HUSBANDS & FRIENDS

The trains keep on rolling; the days keep on passing; this world keeps on moving. But, for a moment, time stood still when you left this earth to go home into the loving arms of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

And to those who lived to tell the story, you are forever held in the thoughts and prayers of everyone around you. GOD BLESS YOU and may the Peace and Joy of God's love surround you each and every day as you work keeping America's railroads running safely. "Now may the LORD of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The LORD be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Model Railroader

The Model Railroader and Rail Fan pages are done by Associate Editor Rev. Stephen Seidler.

PATCONG VALLEY Model Railroad Club 50th year celebration!

Model Railroaders content themselves to build their dream layout to fit in the personal space they may have available. They will negotiate to find as much space as possible – be in the garage, attic, or the basement of their dwelling. They can freelance their own railroad idea or model a particular railroad. In doing so, they may narrow their modeling efforts to a specific era in time and even location. All of the incorporated history, research, scenery, equipment, rolling stock, power, and control details are theirs alone. It becomes their railroad empire. Your editor has *The LITTLE DAVID & GO-LIATH MODEL RR* which is set in the Twin Ports of Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin in the era of 1954-57. Some modelers will go to the next level and work within small groups. They share ideas, help on each other's layouts, and operate the layouts on a pre-determined schedule. Without complex organization, they get the real excitement of model railroading. However, other model rails who do not have the time and space to build their own layout, will form a club. This usually involves some type of membership so the group can locate and secure club layout space, raise the funds necessary to build the layout, and hold open houses at their discretion. Whether individually, or in small groups, or via a club layout, model rails will all enjoy the fact that **MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN!**

With some lovingly placed pleading and coercion, long-time REA member Ruth Lonsberry convinced her son to do an article on his model railroad club. Ruth has faithfully attended all REA conventions. She has submitted this model railroad layout story as told to her by her son.

This year the Patcong Valley Model Railroad Club is celebrating their 50th anniversary. Formed in April of 1962 by a group of seven men; Harry Mizrahi, Hank Force, Bud Bonello, Milt Watts, Bob Kip, Ike Angstadt, and Ed Bickerstaff. The group rotated in a round-robin fashion, meeting at a different member's home each week. Harry Mizrahi is the only charter member still in the club.



Their first club layout was to be built in an old chicken coop on the property of Hank Force, on Patcong Avenue in Linwood, New Jersey. Unfortunately, a layout was never built at this location. From 1963-67 the group continued their round-robin meetings at member's homes.

In 1967, the club found a home on the 3rd floor of the Masonic Lodge building on 9th and Asbury in Ocean City, New Jersey. The club built a layout about 30' x 40'. The theme of the railroad was east coast railroads during the steam to diesel transition period (1950-60). With track work nearly complete and some scenery in place, prob-

lems with the building arose. The building was inspected and found to be structurally unsound. In 1973 the club was forced to move.

Without a home, the club returned to its round-robin organization until 1977. Richard Schiereck offered the use of some horse stables on his property to the club on Bargaintown Road in Bargaintown, New Jersey. The club built a layout about 20' x 40'. The theme of the railroad was the same as in Ocean City, plus the addition of a 3 foot narrow gauge railroad.

In 1986 a second room was renovated and a 31' x 33' addition was built to the existing layout. Problems with the track on the original 20' x 40' layout forced the club to dismantle it. A new design was drawn and then built.

The club held its first open house in December of 1984. They were held annually afterward in December and January until 2003. In October of 2004 the final open house was held at this site, as Richard and his wife, Irene, sold the property. Thanks to Richard and Irene, the club enjoyed this site and called it home for 27 years.

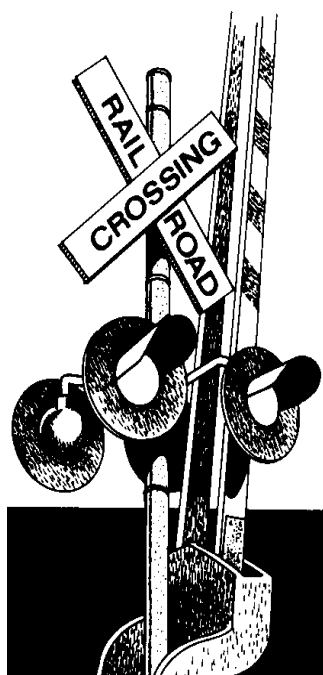
Once the sale of the Bargaintown location was evident, the club discussed its options for the future. Mayor Chuck Chiarello of Buena Vista Township offered to find a home for the club in Richland, New Jersey. In 2005, an old warehouse on Fir Avenue and Route 40 was chosen.

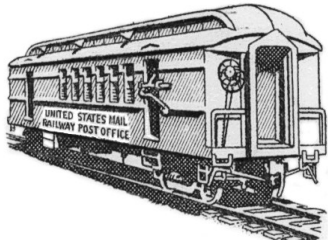
The club renovated the club room and the layout room while the township renovated the welcoming center in the front of the building and the exterior to look like an old freight station. The township also obtained a Central Railroad of New Jersey caboose which is alongside of the building.

The club started its open house again in December of 2006, on a new 24' x 70' train layout. After 50 years, the club is stronger than ever with 30 members.

This is an HO Railroad on the Move!

To inquire about future shows or to see more of the **Patcong Valley** layout go to www.patcongvalley.com or contact us at patcongrr@comcast.net. We are also on YouTube and Facebook.





LETTERS

From our REA MAIL BAG

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REA,

We enjoy reading the Railroad Evangelist magazine from cover to cover then we pass it on to someone we come into contact with.

God bless.

Graig & Bonnie James
Hammonton, NJ

Dear REA,

I have received the Railroad Evangelist magazine and I am enjoying it very much. Keep up the good work in evangelizing Railroaders and their families. It was nice to meet you in Minnesota at the NARVRE convention. Hope to see you again this side of Heaven, Lord willing.

Respectfully,

R.C. Smith
Decatur, Illinois

Hello REA,

I just went to our annual Model Railroad Show here in Bakersfield, California and I saw a lot of people but no one from REA. Perhaps next year I will bring a modular section and buy a table for REA to hand out some magazines and tracts. I saw a lot of father and sons at the show, it would be a great place to evangelize.

Thank you,

Geoff Taylor,
Bakersfield, CA

Hello,

it was a pleasure talking with you at our NARVRE convention in Bloomington, MN. Here is my membership, hope to see you in Sacramento, California at the 1014 NARVRE convention.

Imanuel E. Swikert
Sussex, WI

Dear REA,

Just note to let you know how often I think of the good times we had at our REA conventions. I am 91 now and my kids think I need to stop driving so I am now ready to go home and be with my Lord to be with my dear wife and sisters. The magazine looks great.

Lord bless,

Bill Mosley
Pennsville, NJ

Greeting REA,

We know that Jesus is Lord and He blesses us daily. May we continue to serve Him in REA.

Love in Christ,
Dorothy Steffen
Minot, ND



>The cat could very well be man's best friend, but would never stoop to admitting it.

>Age is only a matter of the mind, if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

>One day I shot an elephant wearing my pajamas, how he got in them I'll never know.

>Due to circumstances beyond our control we regret to inform you that circumstances are beyond our control.

>A bad day at Disneyland is still better than a good day at work.

>Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

>A man walks into a psychiatrist's office and says "Doc, you gotta help me. Nobody will talk to me!" The Psychiatrist says, "Next!"

>My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I wanted a second opinion. He said okay, you're ugly too.

>If you try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

>We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads.

>Retirement: twice as much husband, half as much money.

>Make yourself at home. Clean my kitchen.

*"A cheerful heart
does good like a medicine"*

Proverbs 17:22 - Living Bible

Melinda Fish

to be Ladies Night speaker



Melinda Fish and her husband, Bill, are founders and pastors of what is now River City Church of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA which they founded in 1979. Melinda was brought up in the Southern Baptist denomination and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour at 8 years old in the First Baptist Church of Angleton,

TX. In 1970 she graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and two months later married, Bill, her college sweetheart whom she had met on a blind date which was arranged by her friend, Betty Crocker. (Yes, Honey!) They have been happily married for 41 + years. They have 2 children who are happily married, and they now have 4 grandchildren.

In 1972 Bill and Melinda received the baptism in the Holy Spirit while they were teaching school near Wilmington, NC; and shortly after, they resigned their teaching jobs in NC and entered the path to pastoral ministry. Bill graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1975. In 1976 they received a call to a congregation in inner-city Pittsburgh where they have remained since that time. The congregation has relocated to the east suburbs and now meets in their church building in Trafford, PA.

Melinda has written seven nationally published Christian books which are as follows:

*WHEN ADDICTION COMES TO CHURCH: HELPING YOURSELF AND OTHERS MOVE INTO RECOVERY (1990),

*ADULT CHILDREN and the ALMIGHTY: RECOVERING FROM THE WOUNDS OF A DYSFUNCTIONAL HOME (1991),

*RESTORING THE WOUNDED WOMAN: (1993),

* I'M SO TIRED OF ACTING SPIRITUAL: PEELING BACK THE MASK (1995),

*THE RIVER IS HERE: RECEIVING AND SUSTAINING THE BLESSING OF REVIVAL (1996),

* KEEP COMING, HOLY SPIRIT: LIVING IN THE HEART OF REVIVAL (2001). She has also published

articles in CHARISMA and other Christian periodicals.

* THE ACCIDENTAL INTERCESSOR: THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF AN ORDINARY LIFE (2012) Recently published online and available on Amazon.com in print and e-book.

From 1998-2009, Melinda was also the editor of SPREAD THE FIRE MAGAZINE which was the revival magazine published by Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship in Toronto, Canada (aka Catch the Fire.) In 1989, before the break-up of the Soviet Union, Melinda and Bill led their congregation to sponsor a Ukrainian Pentecostal family of 13. This family remains with their church to this day. The children are now adults serving the Lord. The children are engineers, Christian mothers and fathers, teachers, businessmen and are also married to committed Christians.

In 2005 Melinda invited a Brazilian girl to serve as an intern at their congregation. Ana Noguera arrived and wound up leading a group of 23 to New Orleans to serve Katrina victims. A few months later, Ana received a partial scholarship to a local university. In May 2010 with the congregation supplying much of the balance of the cost of her education, Ana graduated magna cum laude from this university and married a rocket scientist in their congregation.

Melinda has recently founded an organization called *Stitch for the Nations*, which establishes sewing rooms in developing nations to train adults and children in sewing and quilting with the purpose of giving trainees a marketable craft. The organization has already established and supplied sewing centers in Kenya, Mozambique and Brazil.

Melinda has spoken and ministered at conferences, churches and women's groups of many different denominations, on radio and television programs in America and other nations and to different organizations for over 40 years. She has ministered across the US and in Europe, Asia, Africa and Central and South America many times. Melinda has also guest lectured at the theology students' lunch forum at Princeton University. She is widely known for her humor and extremely down-to-earth demeanor as well as her ability to teach the Bible and express her love for Jesus with compassion and common sense. She believes that all teaching and ministry should center on the person of Jesus Christ because "He is the radiance of God, the Father's glory and the exact representation of His nature!" (Hebrews 1:3) Melinda believes that believers are saved by grace through faith in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our redemption. She believes that the Christian's life should be lived as an offering of loving obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Melinda's blog: melindafish.blogspot.com



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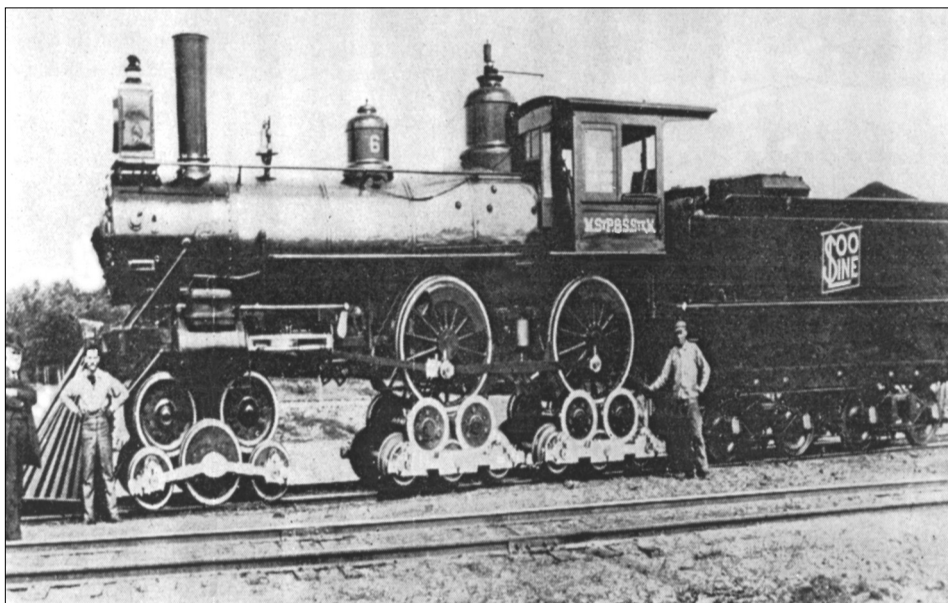
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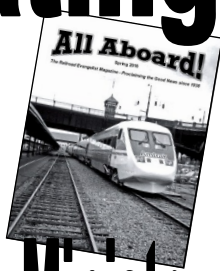
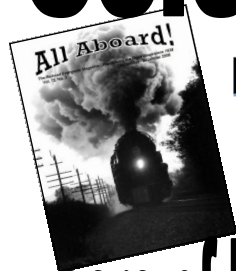
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Jesus said...

"I AM the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

"I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

"I AM the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35

"I AM the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved..." John 10:9

"I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." John 10:11

"I AM the true vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

"I AM the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?." John 11:25,26

Think about this for a moment; either Jesus was a complete fool or He was in total deception, believing a lie, telling people He was the only way to God. Or, He was who He said He was.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 2:16,18

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My words and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." John 5:24

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17

The Bible says:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to clean us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." I John 5:11,12

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

Please consider the words of Jesus carefully as your ultimate conclusion and decision will have eternal consequences.

"God be merciful to me a sinner. Jesus come into my life and make Yourself real to me, fill me with Your Holy Spirit to help me live for You all the days of my life. In Jesus name. Amen."



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In the photo above, left to right is Bonnie and Rev. Stephen Seidler, then Joe Spooner and Bob Boltz attending the NAR-VRE Convention, May 2012, Bloomington, Minnesota. We still look better than the melting "ice train".

The Servant's Path

In A Day of Rejection

Servant of Christ, stand fast amidst the scorn
 Of men who little know or love thy Lord;
 Turn not aside from toil; cease not to work,
 Comfort and teach. Trust Him for thy reward.
 A few more moments' suffering, and then
 Cometh sweet rest from all thy heart's deep pain.

Have friends forsaken thee and cast thy name out
 As a worthless thing? Take courage then;
 Go tell thy Master; for they did the same to Him,
 Who once in patience toiled for them.
 Yet was He perfect in all service here;
 Thou oft hast failed; this maketh Him more dear.

Self-vindication shun; if in the right,
 What gainest thou by taking from God's hand
 Thy cause? If wrong, what dost thou but invite
 Satan himself thy friend in need to stand?
 Leave all with God. If right, He'll prove thee so;
 If not, He'll pardon; therefore to Him go.

The time is short; seek little here below;
 Earth's goods would cumber thee and drag thee down;
 Let daily food suffice; care not to know
 Thought for tomorrow - it may never come.
 Thou canst not perish, thy Lord is nigh,
 And His own care will all thy need supply
 -F.F.P.

The above poem, "The Servant's Path - In A Day of Rejection" was found in an old hand-cranked coffee grinder on a farm in Northern Minnesota in August 1973 by your editor who was saved a month earlier in Serf City, NC while crisscrossing the country on his way back home to Portland, Oregon.



Like the mail bags piled high on the mail cart in the above photo so can be our excuse for not being and doing all God would have us be and do. Like some of you I have used many excuses over the years for why I don't spend the time with the Lord through prayer and scripture reading as much as I should. Since I have recently retired and realizing I have entered a new season of my life there is a scripture I read recently that put this new season in perspective for me. Psalms 102:11 says ***"My days are like a shadow that lengthens, and I wither away like grass."*** As I examine my life over the last 39 years as a Christian and my relationship with the Lord, I have come to the conclusion that I need to recommit the reset of my days, each and every one of them, as few or as many as they maybe, to serve and love the Lord my God with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind and strength and my neighbor as myself, (Mark 12:30,32). That is my desire and I am looking forward to my latter years with a new fresh excitement in seeing what the Lord will do.

I just finished reading a book on Count Zinzendorf, (1700-1760) and the spirit of the Moravians, by Paul Wemmer. Count Zinzendorf made a statement that stirred my spirit when he said, *"Let my name and honor fly into the wind. Including all my earthly possessions and temporal grain. I have only one petition to my Lord. Let me die while I win souls for the Lamb."*

As an **evangelistic** association with our focus on the railroad community let us not only continue to do what we have done since 1938 but let us recommit ourselves in asking the Holy Spirit to help us in **"Witnessing with Power"**; (Acts 1:8, this years REA Convention theme) to be more effective to impact the field the Lord has placed us in, both locally and beyond.

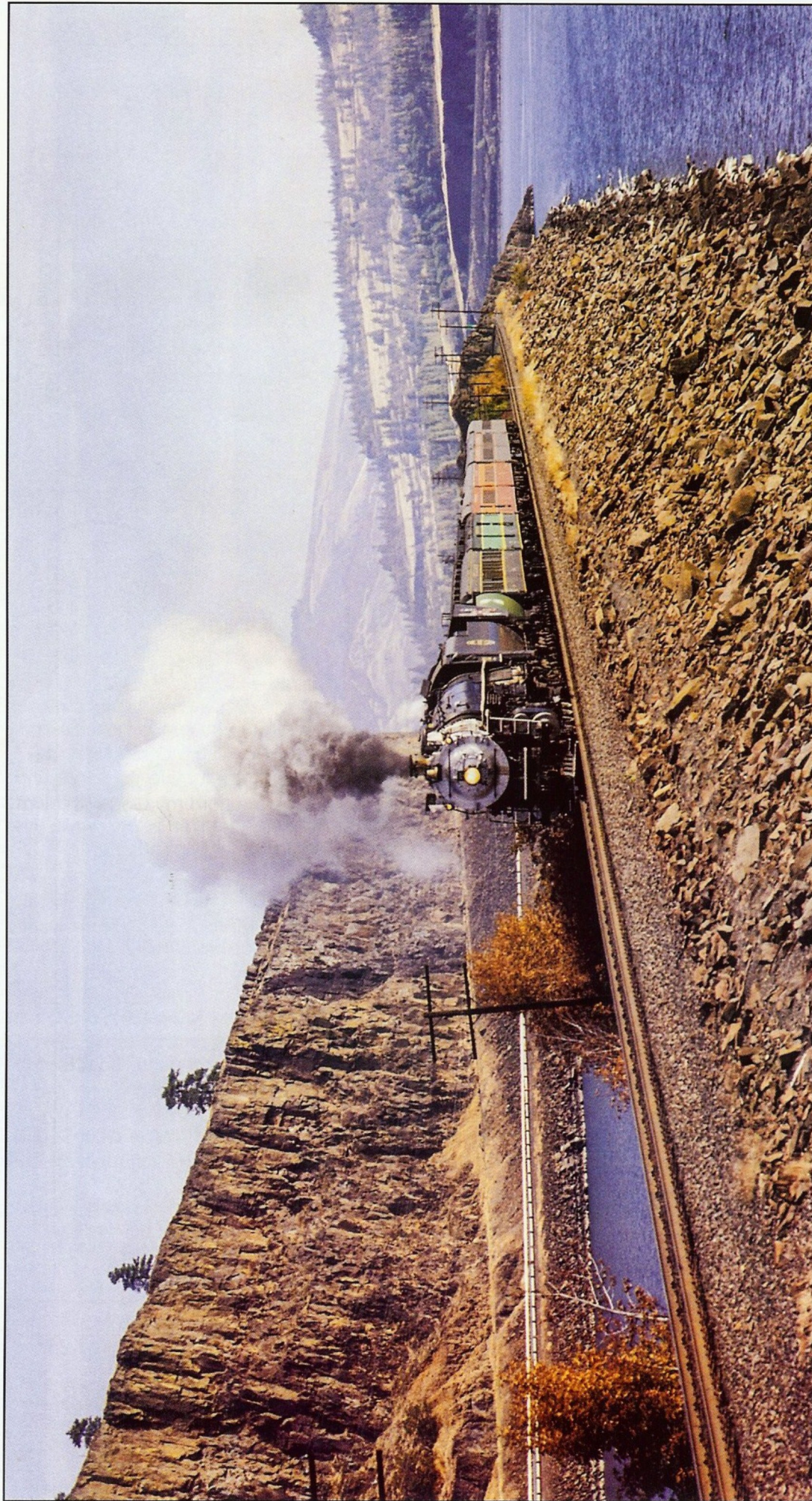
Someone said, *"We can do more than pray but we can't do more until we pray."* Let us continue to co-labor with God in reaching the lost that begins with prayer asking the Holy Spirit to increase REA laborers, to increase our influence in the railroad community and for an increase of lost souls ***"for His name's sake"***, (Psalms 23:3b).

The day will come, soon enough, when we will stand before our Creator without excuse, therefore let us stand knowing we did all we could while we could for our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ as He gave everything for us.

- Joe Spooner

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