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<sup>21</sup>"His (John Eaton) son, Isaac Eaton, A.M., was the first pastor of the church at Hopewell in that country. ----He was the first among the American Baptists, who set up a school for the education of young men for the ministry." p. 87



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**Bible Lands Tour**

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headed south for a distance of some 200 miles which would take us all day and into the night to return to our hotel in Amman.

Travelling south we had the Dead Sea to our right and the land of Israel. The first small town that we went through was Shuma, and a short distance further the old city of Philadelphia. Going down the Jordan Valley, and sometimes crossing the mountains also, from the high mountains we could look westwardly to the Promise Land as was seen by Moses before his death. (Deu. 34:1-6). As we journeyed through the land of Moab we looked upon the height of Mt. Nebo, and later upon Mt. Hor where Moses had gone with his brother Aaron whom God also took his life. (Numbers 20:22-29.)

We travelled through the valley where Og, the King of Bashan, came with his troops, but was defeated by the Israelites at Edrei. He was the king who had a king-sized bed. (Deu. 3:1-7).

We were also travelling over some of the area where Jacob met his brother Esau, after both were married and had families and wealth. (Genesis 32, 33, 34). We visited the Spring of Moses. Shepherds came from all directions with their sheep and goats. The waters were rushing from the rock and continuing down the valley. The water was refreshing to our thirst. It was November, but it was a very warm day and we were dressed lightly.

Patience, our guide, told us his grandfather was 105 years old and was still farming. Jordan has both private and government schools. Religion in Jordan is 90% Moslem and 10% Christianity. As we drove along we ate our sack lunch which had been presented to us in the morning. It consisted of boiled eggs, ham and cheese sandwiches, olives, cucumber pickles, cookies, candy and fruit juice.

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**The Body Of Christ**

(For a better understanding of the imaginary conversation which follows, read I Cor. 12:12-27 and Eph. 1:22,23. Jesus Christ is the HEAD, the Church is His Body; and you and I are members of His Body.)

HEAD: My body is sluggish and miserable. It is not functioning as a healthy body should.

LEFT EAR: What has happened to us?

HEAD: All the members are not filling their places properly and as a result, the body is weak and crippled.

LEFT HAND: Well, I would do my job, but the right hand was inactive and it put all the work on me, so I just decided to quit too.

HEAD: But don't you see, the right hand ran into some difficulty and was weakened for a time. All it needed was for you to pick up part of its load for a short while and help it get its strength back. You should show more compassion for one another.

RIGHT FOOT: I don't like my position in the body. I am always being walked on. I want to be an eye; that seems like an honorable position.

HEAD: But this body already has two eyes; wouldn't it look strange with three eyes and only one foot?

RIGHT FOOT: Then if I can't be what I want to be, I'll just pick up and move to another body; I'm sick of this weak one anyway.

HEAD: Yes, and if you move to a healthy body you will cripple it too. No body would be able to function properly with two right feet.

RIGHT FOOT: But other members move around to new bodies when they please, why can't I?

HEAD: I led you to this body because you are needed here. If there is any "trans-planting" to be done, you'd better let me take care of that. You are in the position I want you; now stand up straight and get to work.

LEFT EYE: I have not forsaken my post; I am to be congratulated. I seem to be the only member who is fulfilling his job.

HEAD: Yes, you have remained fairly active, but you are too busy peering into everyone else's business. And this self-righteousness of yours clouds your vision, and keeps you from seeing things clearly.

LEFT EYE: But if I don't look out for everything, no one else will.

HEAD: You just leave that to me, I'll let you know if I need your help with another member.

RIGHT EAR: Then what must we do to regain our health?

HEAD: everyone must find and fill the place I have assigned to him, so that my Life may circulate freely among you once more.

LEFT EAR: But what if someone refuses to do his part?

HEAD: That is quite possible, but I still have the power to amputate members and to bring in new ones to fill their places.

MOUTH: We need a new right elbow, that one does nothing but cause trouble.

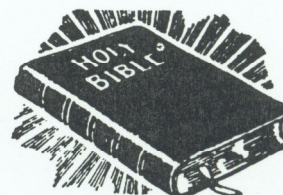
HEAD: Mouth, you are over-stepping your authority; if you would give that elbow a word of encouragement as you should once in a while instead of bad-mouthing him, he might find his job a little easier to do. Remember what I said in Galatians 5:14,15.

NOSE: Are you saying that we need to leave all the planning to you and simply have love and compassion for one another while we fill the jobs you have assigned to us?

HEAD: Yes, that's the only way we can operate successfully. And when this happens, the body will have life and vitality to confront its enemy, the devil, and the love of God will shine out to the world.

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9:45 A.M. — Missions — J. H. Smith

10:30 A.M. — Intermission

10:45 A.M. — The New Testament Church - In Prophecy - H. C. Vanderpool

11:30 A.M. — Lunch

1:00 P.M. — Apostolic Gifts — W. T. Russell

1:45 P.M. — Intermission

2:00 P.M. — Bible Revelation - F. W. Lambert

2:45 P.M. — Announcements and Benediction

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1979**

9:15 A.M. — Devotional

9:45 A.M. — Baptism of The Holy Spirit — W. T. Russell

10:30 A.M. — Intermission

10:45 A.M. — The New Testament Church - On Earth — H. C. Vanderpool

11:30 A.M. — Lunch

1:00 P.M. — The Two Natures of Man — F. W. Lambert

1:45 P.M. — Intermission

2:00 P.M. — Better Things of Christ in Hebrews - Part I — J. H. Smith

2:45 P.M. — Announcements and Benediction

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1979**

9:15 A.M. — Devotional

9:45 A.M. — The Intermediate State between Death and the Resurrection — F. W. Lambert

10:30 A.M. — Intermission

10:45 A.M. — Better Things of Christ in Hebrews - Part II — J. H. Smith

11:30 A.M. — Lunch

1:00 P.M. — The New Testament Church - In Glory — H. C. Vanderpool

1:45 P.M. — Intermission

2:00 P.M. — The Gift of Tongues — W. T. Russell

2:45 P.M. — Presentation of Certificates and Benediction

3:00 P.M. — Refreshments



## Bible Lands Tour

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As we passed a small village, we were told it was the home of the engineers who worked in a nearby phosphate factory. We saw a train also travelling south. It was a German train hauling phosphate to the Port of Acaba to be shipped to China and Japan. This is the first export for the county of Jordan.

We learned that a large apple orchard which we saw had been set from young trees from the United States.

Down in the afternoon we reached a valley that would lead us to Petra. The only access to the site of the ancient "rose-red city" was to walk or ride horses. So, we decided to ride horses into the valley. I was reared in a hill section of Tennessee where rocks were as common and multiplied as the stars of the skies, but, Oh, brother, I have never seen as many rocks! To beat it all the Arab men in charge of the horses would slowly trot and lead our horses through and over those rocks. Some were coming and some were going. We soon learned we had been going! We went two miles this way through caverns, mountains and rocks. All of them red. The entire ancient city of Petra or "sela" was of "red rocks."

The classical name Petra, and the early name Sela both mean the same thing, "rock." No city was ever more aptly named. But "Rock" only conveys half the picture of the city, the wild, fantastic shapes of the hills, the great chasms which cleave them, the brilliant colouring, all these must be seen to be believed. Petra is unique alike in its antiquities, its natural setting and its approach.

The trail winds down the hill from the entrance, the little village of Wady Musa, with its neatly terraced gardens and vineyards looking more like a model than reality. Entering this great ravine, the path runs along a dry torrent bed, and the sheer cliffs on either side rise higher and higher as it penetrates deeper into the heart of the mountain. Some places the rocks overhead almost touch and you feel squeezed in as you pass through.

An entire book, and many have been, could be written here on the historical background of this place. This was the land of Esau and his descendants, the Edomites. The meaning of the words themselves is "red." Into this area, and believed by authorities, to be where the Apostle Paul came for three years of study and medication after his conversion on the road to Damascus. (Gal. 1:15-18).

We enjoyed a great afternoon in Petra, viewing the majestic environment, after which we loaded onto our horses and rode the two rocky miles back to our bus. We had many things to discuss. We slept, talked and passed the time until the bright lights of Amman came into view. Our supper was soon ready and we ate a hearty meal and retired for the night.

Thursday, November 9, 1978

We were up at 5:00 A.M. at the Ambassador Hotel. We ate at 6:30 and left our hotel at 7:10 A.M. We arrived at Amman Airport. We went through



Tour group on our way to Petra in Jordan.

customs and then at 9:15 we boarded KLM Flight 512 for home. We landed for a short time at Beirut, Lebanon. We took to the air again at 10:45 A.M. At 12:30 P.M. we landed at Athens, Greece and then left there at 1:45 P.M. We landed at Amsterdam, Holland at 3:55 P.M. We had a brief shopping tour and then boarded

KLM Flight 643. We left Amsterdam at 5:30 P.M. (Amsterdam time) and arrived in New York at 7:10 (E.S.T.) We went through customs and then I called the motel in New York where we had rooms reserved for the night for the 23 of us. The motel sent cars for us and we were carried

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## LOSES SON, BUT REGAINS FAITH

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needs of the boy. She couldn't help her husband and he knew no solace.

Then came Christmas Eve. The father was awakened by the sounds of Billy tossing fitfully in his bed.

Walking into the darkened living room, the father looked at the presents under the tree.

There were so many unopened gifts there for Billy. They represented the plans so carefully made for the boy. What grand things the father had in mind and how proud of Billy he wanted to be.

The football was for the athlete Billy was to become. The books were to improve his mind, the chemistry set to challenge him, the toy train for pleasure.

The father slumped into a chair. He put his hands to his face and he wept.

Then, when grief could no longer come, he sat still for long minutes. The clock on the mantle ticked softly and the house was quiet as he thought.

He searched into himself, painfully, and with determination. And he remembered.

Slowly, awkwardly, he got down on his knees. Clapping his hands until the knuckles whitened, he raised his head.

"God," he said in an anguished whisper, "something has happened. I ask that You hear me out.

"As I sat here, I remembered what a personal success I've been, and how You've responded when I've asked You to give me a hand.

"But I know now that these were selfish prayers, for my own personal gain. And when I asked You to save Billy, that was personal, too.

"I couldn't stand to lose him. I had such great plans for him, and I wanted someday for him to carry on for me.

"I wanted everybody to know what a fine boy I had raised.

"You know what I remember now?

I remember Your Son and Your great love when You gave Him to the world. What sadness You must have known when He died. And so God, if You would do this great thing for all of us, then I must be comforted by Your sacrifice.

"It's long past the time, oh God, when I must put my trust in You. So I pray that You will welcome little Billy when he comes. I know he'll be in good hands. I know that it is Thy will be done."

### Time for Billy's Pill

The father got to his feet and went into Billy's bedroom. It was time for a pill.

The boy was still. It almost seemed he wasn't breathing. On his cheek was a dried tear brought by the pain of only minutes before.

Tenderly, carefully, he took Billy's limp head. He looked upon the boy he loved.

Suddenly the little hand tightened. Billy opened his eyes.

"Dad," he said simply, "I won't be needing that pill tonight."

Desperately, the father closed his eyes. Then he took a deep breath and asked the question he knew he must.

"Why not, Billy?"

"I've been dreaming, Dad. I've been dreaming about Jesus. He seemed very close. It might sound funny, but it's almost like He's here in the room with us right now."

Billy's fingers loosened in his father's grasp. The breath of life, so silent it could barely be heard, escaped his lips in a gentle sigh. And his eyes closed.

The father bent over little Billy, and he took the tiny hands and folded them.

Straightening, he quietly spoke his final words to his son.

"That wasn't a dream, Billy. And what you said about it probably sounding silly—it didn't."

"He's here and He's watching over you . . . and me. He's watching over both of us.

"Goodbye, son."

## Baptist History Republished

Several years ago while doing some historical research in Nashville, I found a copy of "The Annual Register of The Baptist Denomination in North America," By John Asplund, 1790. I paid \$35.00 for this book.

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If you have someone in the Smyrna area that you would like for these brethren to contact you are invited to call them. Call Bro. Snoddy at (615) 643-4686; call Bro. Oldham at (615) 459-9276.



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## NASHVILLE CHURCH SERVICE ON TV

Pennsylvania Ave. Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, will televise a program on WTVF, Channel 5, "Your Church" on Sunday, April 1. Those in the viewing area may check your TV schedule for the time. Elder Tommy Ashford is the pastor of the church.

Also, other Missionary Baptist churches in Nashville have been, and will also in the future, be on this program "Your Church."

## Ordination Service



On Saturday, January 13, 1979, at 2:00 P.M., an ordination service was held at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, TN, for the purpose of ordaining Brethren Colin Dyer, Key Dillard and Harold Petty to the Deaconship. They are pictured above with their wives and the pastor and his wife. They are from left; Bro. Colin Dyer, Mrs. Dyer, Elder Henry Smith, pastor of Mt. Calvary, Mrs. Smith, Bro. Key Dillard, Mrs. Dillard, Mrs. Petty, Bro. Harold Petty.

Twenty-four Baptist churches from Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee were represented in the ordaining council by forty-five deacons and ministers. Elder Henry Smith, the pastor, served as moderator. Elder Tom Armstrong was elected clerk. The candidates were presented to the presbytery by Deacon Clarence Petty and they were interrogated by Elder W.T. Russell. Elder H.C. Vanderpool led the ordaining prayer. Elder K.W. Massey gave the charge to the deacons and Elder Calvin Perrigo gave the charge to the church. The Bible was presented to the newly ordained deacons by Elder W.R. Overton. A large crowd was in attendance and a good spiritual fellowship was enjoyed.

## Singing

There will be a singing at Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 209 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, TN on Sunday, March 11, beginning at 2:00 P.M. The Christian Aires of Lafayette, TN will be the featured singers. The public is invited to attend.

## Country Parson



"Kids sure can embarrass parents —when they do in public what they learned to do at home."



"UNTO THE MOUNTAIN OF NEBO." On the skyline to the left is seen the point, at the edge of the uplands of Moab, identified with Mount Nebo, last scene of the life of Moses. From there he viewed the Promised Land before his death (Deuteronomy xxxiv, 1-5). This headland, 2,643 feet above Mediterranean level, drops precipitously to the Dead Sea valley some 4,000 feet. Pisgah may have been the name of the ridge. In the foreground is the glen through which the "Wells of Moses" fall and stream.

## Bible Lands Tour

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to our rooms for the night.

Friday, November 10, 1978

We were up at Holiday Inn at 5:00 A.M. We had taxi cabs to transport us to the airport where we had breakfast. At 8:15 we left New York on Braniff International

Flight 119 for Nashville. Again we were served breakfast. We flew over New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., West Virginia, Knoxville and on to Nashville. A large number of families, neighbors and friends were there to greet us. After a time spent for homecoming activities, we made our way to our respective homes feeling richer than ever before because of the past twelve days and the experiences we had had together.

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