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## Soul Winning With The Sealy's Newsletter

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*“Be merciful unto me, O  
God, be merciful unto me:  
for my soul trusteth in  
thee: yea, in the shadow of  
thy wings will I make my  
refuge, until these  
calamities be overpast.”*

**Psalm 57:1**

*“Because thou hast been  
my help, therefore in the  
shadow of thy wings  
will I rejoice.”*

**Psalm 63:7**

*“And God shall wipe away  
all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more  
death, neither sorrow, nor  
crying, neither shall there  
be any more pain: for  
the former things are  
passed away.”*

**Revelation 21:4**

### CONQUERING COVID

This year Theresa and I felt the Lord leading us to take a Sabbatical from the road and allow our bodies to recuperate. We set aside January through April 2020. Little did we know we would be off the road during that period for other reasons. Covid-19 decided to invade our plans and call us from our Sabbatical to help people who were hurting and afraid.

### A few observations on Covid-19

- **The Virus has proven the frailty of mankind** - Every single world leader failed to find a way to fix the problem. Man, who placed a man on the moon, was brought to his knees by an invisible virus. It did not matter the political affiliation, all fumbled and failed. We look to our leaders for solutions, but they were helpless to deliver. **Psalm 118:8** *“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”*

- **The Virus has proven the uncertainty of science** – **1 Timothy 6:20** “O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:”

We were introduced to all kinds of PowerPoint presentations, graphs, charts and messages that said, “We will follow science.” They advised us to bend and flatten the curves on the lines on these charts. They now have concluded this was all wrong. “Thank you, Science.” I ask Science “What can you do for me right now, my world is falling apart?” The answer comes reverberating down those hallowed halls of science, “Perhaps in a year or less we will have a vaccine. We cannot even be certain it will be 100% effective.” I ask God the same question and I get an immediate answer. **Isaiah 26:3** “*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*” In my world of turmoil, He gives me instant peace. He also gives me a promise that I will immerse from this situation. His soon return will straighten out this mess. While I await His return, I have the promise of His presence.

- **The Virus has proven the shallowness and the sinfulness of our hearts** - **Psalms 51:10** “*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*”

When we were all submerged in the sinfulness which surrounds us, we did not always see clearly the wickedness in our own lives. Quarantine has allowed these things to surface so we can clearly see them.

The Lord has shown me things in my life that he wants changed. Thank You Lord! Having been cut off from all the sources of entertainment, hockey, football, basketball, etc and seeing that all our shops and places of business were closed, I find more time to read my Bible and pray. I sometimes get three weeks to a tank of gas.

- **The Virus has proven to be a reset for the entire world** - **Isaiah 43:19** “Behold, *I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*”

Furtherance Ministries is a ministry which conducts special meetings in churches and public meetings. We conduct gospel concerts. It looks like the entire year will be cancelled and I fully understand why. No one will want to attend a public meeting. We need a reset. While we wait, we have done some communication through Zoom. We have been sharing a video on Facebook most every day. Post outreach was just short of 20,000 people for April.

About 70% of the income at Furtherance is generated by love gifts which comes from the special meetings. We have had one meeting since January. We have marked off our building with tape to show us what we need to do to rearrange our building to make room to communicate via social media. We are seeking the Lord's face on this. We have taken to the streets of Woodstock to share Christ with the lost as we wait to see what the new openness will look like. This may well be a time for some new creative ways to reach out to people.

- **The Virus has proven the faithfulness of God and His people** – **1 Thessalonians 5:24** “*Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*”

Furtherance Ministries is still going. We are grateful to all of our many friends and supporters out there who stopped to consider that itinerate ministries and musical ministries would all have their bookings cancelled and have sent a gift to help. We say thank you.

- **The Virus has proven the emptiness of earthly cathedrals** – **2 Chronicles 14:3** “*For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:*”

I would look at a hockey stadium and see 18,000 people going hog wild and the churches nearly empty. I see people missing from church through the entire hockey season. This was the place where many of God's people worshipped on Sundays. These cathedrals are now empty. Do we now sense how God must feel as He looks at His church building?

- ❁ **The Virus has proven that God's church cannot be shut in, shut up or shut down - Matthew 16:18** *"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*

We have seen some people saved during this time. You can quarantine the church, but the gates of government and the gates of hell will not prevail against God's church.

- ❁ **The Virus has proven that it will take much more difficulty than this virus to bring this world to its knees - Luke 19:14** *"But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us."*

**Proverbs 29:1** *"He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."*

The recent riots demonstrate the rebellion that exists in the land. We want nothing to do with any standards of morality. (Psalm 2)

- ❁ **The Virus has proven the urgent need to be saved – 1Timothy 2:4** *"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."*

There is a need to place my life on a foundation which will never crumble (I Corinthians 3:11) Please make sure your soul is saved.

- ❁ **The virus has proven to be a challenge for the body of Christ to be more involved in getting the good news out in the midst of all the fake news (I Corinthians 12:12, Eph 4:11-16)**

On Easter Sunday, I woke up with a real sense of God asking me to take to the streets of Woodstock, NB which is near to where I live. I walked down the street with my guitar and sang outside homes and apartment buildings. People were deeply touched. One young man told me he is now a Christian and he was an atheist before. Triplets gather at an upstairs window for Bible study. We pass out gospel tracts, and make sure the poor have gift certificates for groceries. Last Sunday we gave out some Tim Horton coffee cards as a treat for their faithfulness to gather each Sunday. We received a note from the Triplets mom, saying, ***"Thank you for bringing your music and good Spirit around. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday."***



Singing at apartment buildings



4-Year-Old Triplets in the window



Triplets



Reasoning from the scriptures



Sharing and Singing the Gospel Message





Lincoln, Maine Valentine's Banquet



My Wife – Making Masks



Recording the Quiet Spot



Hanging Tracts on Door Knobs



Each One Reach One



A Kidney Stone Blast



49th Wedding Anniversary



### Furtherance Ministries and Ed in Major Publication

ED's life story and Covid-19 outreach will be published by Readers Digest in two other magazines they publish which are sold all across Canada. The one pictured here is a sample of the magazine. It is the edition just before Ed's story in their "Our Canada" August/September publication. The Covid story with pictures will be on another of their magazines.



**The Ed Sealy Story** – Now on YouTube. Share Ed's story with others and watch as Christ moves in their hearts. The youtube link is <https://youtu.be/6F0fgEosY0k>

## Gift Giving

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- **Personal Gift to the Sealy's** – please make cheque payable to **Ed & Theresa Sealy**. It would greatly help us if you can send along a note stating it is a personal gift so we can ensure it goes directly to them. Taxable receipts cannot be issued for Personal Gifts.

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