

Pastor Danny and Jenny's Daily Updates

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We thank the Lord for His hand upon us as we continue to "build the walls". The book of Nehemiah is about a vision the Lord gave a Jewish exile who was a cup bearer to a great king in a distant land. His heart yearned for his homeland, his heritage, and his God.

He had heard of the deterioration. The vulnerability of the people. The walls had fallen down. They had been broken down by enemies and neglected by themselves.

The answer was obvious to Nehemiah, although hidden from the minds of discouraged people.

Neh 2:18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, **Let us rise up and build.** So they strengthened their hands for *this good work*.

God sent Nehemiah back home to Jerusalem to help his people rebuild the walls of their broken down city.

I see the similarity in our lives as members of our church body. We see the needs in the lives of people to be healed, delivered, saved.

We are rising up in the power of the spirit, building people up with God's word, and helping them "get back" the life the devil has tried to steal from them.

On the natural level, we are also restoring our glorified chicken egg, snake and alligator skinning building! What a "rubble" we were met with when we took it over! We have made a lot of progress. The "gaps" in the walls, as it were, are closing. Thank God.

Our next project of painting the foyer and back hallway and installing chair rail and base boards is now under way. Slowly our building is turning into an excellent facility. We are people of faith; and faith is everything about action.

Jas 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

We also believe in the "Great Commission" (Matthew 18:19). That is why we have "risen" and are going to the nations each year to fulfill the missions assignments the Lord has given to us in Europe, India, and Africa.

It takes "faith" to "rise and build". It takes "genuine love" to embrace and activate this faith. It all starts with a yearning to see beaten down people helped, to see wrong things made right, and to take away pain.

Let's all be Nehemiah's. Can we overcome the discouragement, assaults from enemies, and ridicule as Nehemiah did? Yes! We have the same Holy Spirit that helped him overcome all obstacles and get his job done. We'll get ours done too, by God's grace.

Many Blessings, Pastors Danny and Jenny