

# Praise the Lord SPECIAL MOMENTS



Author of "The Barbarian Way" and "Soul Craving," **Erwin McManus** is the lead pastor of Mosaic church in Los Angeles, CA. Pastor Erwin spoke with **Matt and Laurie** about the need for Christians to cultivate "raw, untamed" faith in Jesus.



Communicating the love of Christ through music is the message of piano virtuoso, **Dino Kartsonakis**. One of the premier musicians of our time, Dino has over 40 recordings to his credit and has performed before millions worldwide.



**James Bertrand**, founder of Just for Jesus ministries (left) and author, international speaker and Viet Nam veteran **Bob Wieland** (right) joined **Matt and Laurie** for an inspiring time on *Praise*.



Winner of multiple Grammy, Stellar and Dove awards, **CeCe Winan's** powerful, Holy Spirit anointed music always blesses us when she ministers on *Praise*.



"Ability in Disability" was the theme of a *Praise the Lord* program with hosts, **Matt and Laurie**. Among their guests was **Jennifer Rothchild**. Blind since 15, Jennifer is a motivational speaker, author, publisher, songwriter, and recording artist.



**Mark DeMoss**, president of The DeMoss Group and author of "The Little Red Book of Wisdom," shared his insights on the nature of wisdom with hosts **Matt and Laurie**.



**Matt and Laurie** joined evangelist **Arthur Blessitt** and **Paul** for a wonderful time of reminiscing. Since 1969, Arthur has walked around the world—visiting 313 nations—while carrying the cross and witnessing for Jesus.



**Paul Sr. and Paul Jr.** were on hand to greet **Jonás González, Jr.**, president of TBN's Spanish language network affiliate Enlace. Enlace is reaching all of Latin America, including Spain, with Christian television 24/7.



The Jerusalem Model at the Holy Land Experience was the backdrop for a special *First to Know* program with **Jan** and her guests, prophet **Kim Clement** and Holy Land Experience cast member **Les Cheveldayoff**.



**Paul Jr.** spoke with award winning author **Lee Strobel** on a recent *Behind the Scenes* program. A former atheist, Lee is now one of today's foremost Christian apologists with over 10 million books in print, including *A Case for Christ*, *A Case for Faith* and his newest work, *The Case for the Real Jesus*.



**Don and Sondra Tipton** of Friend Ships ministries visited with **Jan** recently on *First to Know*. Through the years, TBN and Smile of a Child have worked with Friend Ships in helping to provide medical and humanitarian aid to needy areas of the world.



**Matt and Laurie** were delighted to have 13-year old child prodigy **Akiane Kramarik** and her father **Mark** with them on *Praise*. An accomplished artist since the age of 4, Akiane has been inducted into the Kid's Hall of Fame and World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.

"The Prince of Peace" painted by Akiane at age 8.



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## "BLESSED IS THE NATION"!

**"BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD; AND THE PEOPLE WHOM HE HATH CHOSEN FOR HIS OWN INHERITANCE." PSA. 33:12**

**P**raise the Lord! *Do we really understand why America is a blessed nation above all other nations of the world?* I'm sure most of us older ones know full well, but to our young people a brief word of history — especially since little of this is taught in our schools and colleges.

Our Pilgrim Fathers left many parts of Europe to be able to worship God after the dictates of their hearts. They were weary of crowned heads telling them how to pray and even withholding the Bible in many places. There is so much more to this than these few words, but show me another country that stamps on every coin and prints on every dollar bill, "IN GOD WE TRUST"! What other nation would adopt as its national battle hymn, lyrics like those of Julia W. Howe's in 1861?

**"Mine eyes have seen the coming of the glory of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on!"**

There are six verses to this powerful hymn and I will give you my favorite in a moment, but I have



**Paul and Jan** on the newly remodeled *Praise* set at WHFT Ch. 45 in Miami, FL.

to stop sometimes and ask myself and others, "What has happened to our beloved America?" Some statisticians call us the murder capital of the world! God help us and forgive us.

Why are there mass killings right inside our schools and colleges? Why do our children — many of them — have to pass through metal detectors to even get into their classrooms? Why do hundreds die of drug and alcohol abuse? Why are there over 2 million

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**Jan** in front of the Washington Memorial in Washington, D.C. The aluminum cap at the top of the monument is inscribed with the Latin words, "Laus Deo," which means "Praise be to God"!

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TBN's military prayer walls are covered with thousands of photographs of men and women serving in the armed forces. Please keep our military heroes in prayer. They are keeping America strong and free!

men and women locked up in prisons — many for life? Yes, what has happened to the lyric from *America the Beautiful*:

**“Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears”?**

The reason is simple and clear. The apostle Paul warned us that —

**“The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.” 2 Tim. 4:3**

*Oh, America, America — are we there now?* How many of our megachurches have become nothing more than social clubs? If you're in one — GET OUT! Find a church that preaches the whole gospel, including the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

When Jan and I assumed the leadership of the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Florida, it was on the brink of being disbanded. Why? Because they would not allow Holy Spirit filled people to work there. No books with Holy Spirit emphasis were allowed in the bookstore. When God made it clear that Jan and I were to take control, my first prayer was: “Holy Spirit, You are welcome in this place!” Immediately, the atmosphere began to change! Two hundred visitors was a good day as the beautiful theme park sunk lower and lower. A few days ago 1,200 visitors came through the park and sweet Jan has turned it into a virtual Garden of Eden! *The reason? God's precious Holy Spirit began to be poured out and we all saw it and felt it!* And one of the best sellers now

is dear Benny Hinn's book, “GOOD MORNING HOLY SPIRIT”! Praise the Lord!

Dear, dear partners: Pray for the prophet's “LATTER RAIN”! God has promised it — and we must pray it down upon all flesh (Joel 2:28)! *We can have our good old America back — we can pray it back.* TBN can be a big part of this last day harvest and renewal — IF you will catch the vision and help us keep 20,000 stations, cables, the Internet, and 70 satellite footprints covering virtually the whole wide world!

Remember our battle hymn theme? I actually have two favorite verses. Read them — no — sing them and rejoice for His coming draws near!

**“He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;**

**He is sifting out the hearts of men  
before His judgment seat;**

**Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him!  
Be jubilant my feet;**

**Our God is marching on”!**

And, now, my other favorite verse which is very precious and tender:

**“In the beauty of the lilies**

**Christ was born across the sea,**

**With a glory in His bosom  
that transfigures you and me;**

**As he died to make men holy,**

**let us live to make men free;**

**While God is marching on”!**

*Jan and I are marching — are YOU? Thirty-five years of love to all —*

*Paul*

*For many years TBN has been honored to work alongside the United States military in supplying programs for the Armed Forces Network (AFN). AFN provides radio and television programming to U.S. military personnel serving in 178 countries, including Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as to 189 military ships at sea. We were recently visited by AFN representatives, USAF Chaplain, Major Bruce Kite, Director of Religious Programming and U.S. Army SFC Klaus Baesu. Among the most popular TBN programs aired by AFN are Real Videos, Extreme Life and Top 3. (Pictured outside of TBN's Tustin, CA studios: Chaplain Bruce Kite, Brittany Crouch-Koper, and SFC Klaus Baesu).*



Paul Jr. recently paid a visit to TBN's new Manhattan, NY studio. Originally built in 1869, the theater is being renovated to accommodate 21st century technology—including state-of-the-art TV cameras!



Paul, Paul Jr. and TBN Vice President of Engineering, Ben Miller, give a 'thumbs up' to TBN's new studio and office facilities for station WDLI Ch. 17 in Akron, OH.



(Top left): This past March, Moslem extremists broke into and vandalized the TV studio and offices of TBN's affiliate station in Lahore, Pakistan. They destroyed, among other things, valuable TV production cameras. TBN helped replace the camera equipment and JCTV (Jesus Christ Television Pakistan) is back on the air! (Bottom left) Pastor Javed Rauf, the managing director and Rev. Rauf Sabir sent a precious letter of thanks to TBN and to all of our partners.

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## MINIATURE HOLY BIBLE



*Can you believe that a tiny 35 mm sized film can contain the entire HOLY BIBLE?* Well, I challenge you to get that high school microscope and see for yourself! I actually did this one time and sure enough, I read “In the beginning”...all the way to “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

Some years ago, RCA Americom allowed me to place one of these microfilm Bibles on the satellite that was to carry the TBN signal to the North American continent. Then, a few years ago, they allowed me to place a second one on a new satellite that was about to be launched! It is great fun to know that two Holy Bibles are up there right now—22,000 miles in outer space—driving the Devil crazy!

Our miniature Holy Bible sits on a crystal glass base and is itself encased in beautiful crystal glass. What a conversation starter and what fun for your child to take it to school and show it off! Your love gift or Praise-a-Thon gift will bring the tiniest Holy Bible to you with all of our love. *Paul & Jan*

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