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Hebrews is one of the Bible's most captivating books. Authorship remains a mystery but the point of the book is clear- every chapter focuses on the amazing work of Jesus Christ. I struggled for weeks trying to illustrate this complicated book for The Picture-Smart Bible (I would like to give it one more try). Chapter 4 challenges us to examine the subject of "REST." Rest is a very elusive for most Americans (me included). I try to honor the Sabbath rest because I know Father knows best- my bod needs rest. God required rest for humans, animals and the land, and we violate that command to our own destruction. In closer examination, the "rest" in Hebrews 4 doesn't necessarily involve inactivity. Rest is part of "the gospel" mentioned in 4:2, "For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them (Israel)."



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End of the Fix-it Man

Question: What did the early Hebrews know about Jesus? On the way to Emmaus (Lk. 24:27), Jesus gave a stunning revelation, "Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures** the things concerning Himself." (Emphasis mine). That statement prompted the "Good News Starburst"- a symbol reflected in every TPSB Old Testament drawing.

Examples which Jesus may have included: God warned Satan of the Messiah's victory (Gen. 3:15), Abraham met Melchizedek (preappearance of Jesus), Moses was hidden in the cleft of the Rock (Ex. 33:22, I Cor 10:4), David often became the voice of the Messiah, the prophets continually pointed to the good news of Jesus Christ. The Hebrew writer implies that the Hebrews had no excuse regarding ignorance of the gospel; their problem was not a lack of the good news, it was a lack of faith. Their problem and ours is lack of genuine trust that God will take care of us.

Our unrest and worry is not His fault but ours. In places of trial, such as a convention that is not going well through lack of attendance, as I sit behind the table at our booth, I have a choice:

I can worry (and share my woes with worried fellow vendors), or I can rejoice; not a fake smile, but a true joy based on my trust that He WILL take care of me.

A year ago, in one of our most discouraging conventions, two miracles happened: a lady handed us a donation that offset much of our loss in the event, and Abhijit Nayak made the contact which God is using to send The Picture-Smart Bible to India.

I am a hopeless "Fix-it Man"...whether it be a faulty faucet or a ruptured relationship. I need my Father for both, but for sure I need to pray and let Him fix relationships. I mean, **let go and let God!** Even with my miserable record of making ruptured relationships worse, I still struggle with taking my hands off the steering wheel. The Hebrew writer concludes the section on rest with, "There **remains therefore a rest** for the people of God...let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience" (Heb. 4:9, 11). It's an oxymoron, but we have to work at entering His rest. We really have no choice, so hang up your tool apron.

India Report

Abhijit Nayak who is spearheading our 2 weeks of presentations in India, has made frequent trips there to set up meetings, direct TPSB printing and oversee construction of the office/church building. Many of you have asked about details related to the ministry. Below is the latest "prayer target" information from Abhijit. Our September/October newsletter (being the last letter before the trip in November) will have more details including the itinerary and specifics for intercession.



1. Cities scheduled for seminars to church leaders: Mumbai, Kolkata, Dimapur, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar. Pray for those who are arranging meeting details and for the registrants.
2. Pray for the printing process and that we will be able to ship the materials to our representatives on time.
3. Pray for God's provision that the office/church building will be completed on time.
4. For Dan- pray that he will hear clearly what God wants for each seminar. Abhijit and Dan will be meeting on 7/12, to discuss his passport, handouts needed for each seminar (which must be printed in advance), and presentation details. At each seminar, Dan will use 3 types of visual aids: his Ipad/projector, an overhead projector and a large drawing pad.

even sitting on the floor. I have no great qualifications and nothing that qualifies me to stand in front of anyone, except that I believe that what God gave you in this curriculum is simple, easy to use and affordable. Our booth was busy the rest of the day. My own church is pretty excited about this curriculum also."

Dan Peters (U.S.): We were traveling all of June, all across the U.S., conducting workshops, exhibiting in 3 states, presenting to a prayer group and a church staff. Our report: we are more convinced with each presentation that God has given The Picture Smart Bible as one

of the most powerful and effective tools in existence to reach this "picture generation." It is far beyond us- we just happened to be two people He has used. We prayed for "word-hungry" people to come to our booth, and He has answered. We are truly blessed beyond all words.

P.S. Dan has previously mentioned that he learned to draw cartoons from his brother, Fred (who worked as an animator for Walt Disney). Fred (89) worked with Dan in the NICHE convention (Des Moines) and was a main attraction at the booth. Everyone wanted to see a real live Walt Disney animator, asking him to draw Disney characters and portraits. With that kind of attraction, how

From the Field: PT Reps

We have mentioned previously that God has given us outstanding representatives...all over the United States. From time to time, they give us good reports from the field. Here are only a few:

Rebecca Cox (Texas): "We had a great time at the convention! Our busiest convention by far! We brought all of our left over product and still sold out. God is SO good and we were blessed! (Rebecca and her husband set a record for PT in sales this year).

Becki Rutledge (Washington): "My workshop was full, people



Last of the Conventions...for 2012

7/12-14	CHEA.....	Pasadena -Dan
7/19-21	AFHE.....	Phoenix- Marie
7/26-28	SE HS Expo.....	Atlanta- Nadja
7/26-28	VHE.....	Modesto- Kim
8/2-4	THSC.....	Houston- Rebecca
8/2-4	Hearts at Home...	Rochester- Michele



could I loose? At home, one of our former students Mike Kunkel, from Hillcrest Christian School took Fred and Dan to the current Disney lot. (Photo: Fred Peters in front of Disney animation building. The building and the fire plug are still there. Fred and the building may have changed a little).

Thanks for Praying