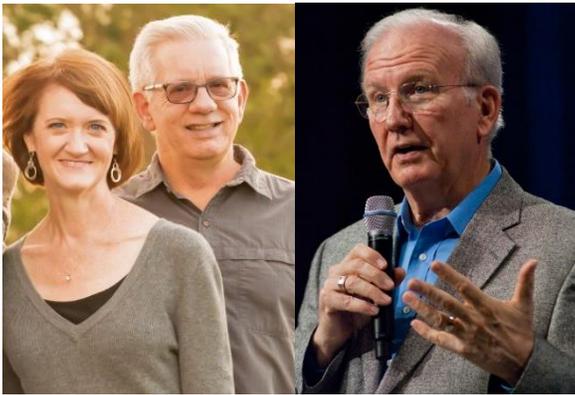




STOTES NOTES

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TALKING ETERNITY

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen ...
2 Corinthians 4:18

If the evangelistic approach I'm about to share seems a touch morbid, we get that. But I prefaced my sharing with, "Jim, I have something to ask you that could feel a bit odd."

In sensing a genuine tug of God's Holy Spirit, I knew I needed to ask this of a (still) unbelieving friend I've had since college. "Jim, if I should pass away before you – and you are healthy and financially able—would you fly to my service and help cart me to my resting place?"

Thankfully, with no hesitation, Jim smiled and asked for a "high five." He said, "I'd be honored."

The next 15 minutes, Jim and I had the best conversation we've ever had about the Christian faith and eternity. I've shared the gospel with Jim before, and with intention I asked Jim to edit two drafts of my book. But this time we talked in depth in an amazingly natural and comfortable exchange.

I was encouraged to hear Jim say things like: "I do give more thought now to the end of my life than I did; Greg, I respect the consistency I have seen in your life and how you live for your faith. I appreciate how you (and two other Christians he named whom we both know) have always accepted me in spite of our differences."

Jim's progressing in his spiritual journey.

Monday, May 6, 2019 — Zoom Call

**Greg and Linda Stoughton
with Cru President Steve Douglass**

Join one of these evening calls

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You will enjoy what Steve has to say about God's Kingdom work. Would you pray and invite one other person open to hearing more about our ministry, God's activity, and how to similarly help?

PRAYER AND EVANGELISM - GO 2020



In 2012, two Europeans with **Global Outreach Day** seemed “nutty” in calling Christians everywhere to proclaim Jesus on one set date in May. Now, 250,000 churches in 140 countries annually participate (6 million decisions).

They also then met with Steve Douglass. He encouraged them to think about helping people to develop a lifestyle of evangelism. He soon became chair of their advisory board.

In 2017, they approached him, saying: “We think God’s calling us to mobilize 100 million Christians to share Christ with one billion people.” Steve replied, “Can God do it? Of course, He can. Who am I to say ‘no’ to such faith?”

A number of parachurch ministries (Cru included) and some major denominations are aligning to **GO 2020** – an invitation to believers everywhere to pray, care and share Jesus in May 2020. (This to be repeated annually – every May - until the gospel is known everywhere.)

Big numbers don’t stir me. But I’m watching Go 2020 unify God’s church. Communication and cooperation on prayer/outreach strategy and resources is happening like never before.

At present, I facilitate a GO 2020 Prayer Group, a network that is praying together and sifting ways to clearly involve God’s people in simple and fruitful Kingdom prayer practices. Last week, I gave leadership to (revised) copy for a brochure. It’s Go 2020; stay tuned.

RYAN’S MISSION TRIP TO THE D.R. A SUCCESS



Ryan liked mixing concrete to pour floors for bateys in the villages. He also enjoyed his team, the food, and time spent with children in the Dominican Republic.