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"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease." (Lamentations 3:22)



A Great Story

Dr. Duane & Mary Spaulding attended a performance of *The Man From Aldersgate* at Sunrise UMC in Colorado Springs, in May 1992. That evening Mary received Christ as her Savior. Not long after that her husband, Duane (an MD) also placed his faith in Christ. **Roger Nelson**, knowing nothing of this returned to Colorado Springs, this October to give a presentation at Trinity Church of the Nazarene. That morning Mary introduced herself to Roger and said, "You don't know me, but I received Christ following a performance of TMFA in 1992, and tomorrow morning my husband and I are headed out to Africa, as medical missionaries. Our daughter is already serving there." They both showed up that evening to see *TMFA* for the second time. They were kind enough to have their picture taken with me for this winter *Journal*. **All glory be to God!** You never know what God might do when you share your testimony (or that of John Wesley). (Photo left)

Focus on the Family Presentations

Dr. Ted & Linda Pampeyan, faculty members at **Focus on the Family Institute**, Colorado Springs, invited me (**Roger**) to give morning devotions at FOTF Institute in October. They lecture on family & marriage issues and do a tremendous job. There were 84 exceptional college grads enrolled in the Institute this fall, whose average GPA was 3.5. The Institute courses are designed to prepare the students for issues relating to the family, government, economics, global, and moral issues. I shared about my ministry and the many ways God has used it in the lives of others as well as in my own life. Shortly after devotions at the Institute, I received an invitation from the **FOTF Counseling Center** to give the same devotional presentation the following morning for their staff. I accepted.

(Photo right: **Ted & Linda** in the back with FOTF Institute founder, **Dr. Ken Ogden & wife Sarah** seated right. **Dr. Archibald Hart** is seated left.)
(Photo right & down one: **Roger** speaking at the Institute.)



Rev. John Coulombe interviewing "William Wilberforce" (portrayed by **Roger Nelson**) at the annual **CASA Leadership Conference**, which, was held in November at the Orange County Costa Mesa Hilton in CA. **CASA** (Christian Association Serving Adult Ministries) ministers to those in midlife and beyond by providing resources for its member churches. **John** just celebrated his 20th anniversary as associate pastor at the First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, CA.



SWITZERLAND: My August 2nd performance of *TMFA* at the **Aarau Methodist Church** (near Zurich) was hosted by **Ueli & Maja Frey-Baumann**. We were friends during Ueli's student days at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena. It was a joy to stay with them for a week. Pictured with **Roger** on Mt. Pilatus are **Ueli, Maja, Jonathan, and Mirjam**. (Daughter **Priscilla** not in photo.)

Aaron & Hur

(Exodus 17: 10-13)

Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of a hill. As long as Moses held his hands up, the Israelites were winning; but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' arms grew tired, Aaron and Hur found a stone for Moses to sit on. They stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the Amalekite army in battle.

Just as **Aaron & Hur** lifted up the arms of Moses, so you too can lift up my arms as I seek to reach thousands through the Word as John Wesley, St. Patrick, and William Wilberforce. Your support frees me up to focus on developing the creative aspects of my ministry and going to places which cannot afford to pay an honorarium. A good example of this is an evangelistic outreach scheduled for May 29 - June 12, near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with United Methodist evangelist Rick Bonfim.

I am so grateful for those who have been **Aaron & Hur** to me for so many years. Yet many more "arm lifters" are needed now. If you have the financial resources. I invite you to be an **Aaron & Hur**. Simply write your name and zip code in the "Gifts" column on the back, designating what you are able to give on a regular basis. As a token of my appreciation. I will send you a copy of *How to Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer*. Thank you very much.

Your friend in His Service,



Dear Friend,

A deep sense of gratitude for all God has done this year filled my heart as I reviewed the articles in this *Journal*. Thank you very much for making it all possible through your prayers and gifts.

Looking ahead to **2009**, the Lord has opened doors for the *Confession of St. Patrick* at two great theaters - one on the East Coast and the other on the West Coast. **On Friday, March 13th, TCOSP is booked at the secular Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center on Long Island, NY, and on March 15th, at a Christian venue, Lifehouse Theater, in Redlands, CA** (please see *Lifehouse* article below).

A man whom I have yet to meet in person, **Michael Brunetti**, saw my interview with **Pat Boone** on TBN last January. He called and asked if I would be interested in coming to Westhampton Beach, in March to give *TCOSP* as an evangelistic outreach event at the **WBPAAC (whbpac.org)**. I said, "Yes definitely!" Michael then organized a committee to plan the event, finance the theater rental, and design a publicity campaign. Thank you for joining Michael, the committee, and myself in praying for this event. Shalom in the Hebrew name of our Lord, **Hamashiach Yeshua**,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Pat Boone & Roger Nelson share a laugh with the studio audience on TBN's *Praise the Lord* last January, in Costa Mesa, CA.

St. Patrick Booked at LifeHouse Theater

The Confession of St. Patrick is booked for March 15th at the **LifeHouse Theater**, Redlands, CA, complete with children on stage. Would love to see you there! Bring friends too! Like Westhampton, this also is an evangelistic outreach. Founded 15 years ago by CEO **Wayne Scott**, LifeHouse Theater has presented many classics of the stage as well as productions like *Pilgrims Progress* as a musical. **Miracle on 34th Street** is currently playing from Dec. 6-30. For tickets call 909-335-3037 or go online at: lifehousetheater.com

THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- ★ Outreach performance on March 13 at the Westhampton Performing Arts Center (NY) & March 15 at LifeHouse Theater (CA).
- ★ More AARON & HUR "arm lifters."
- ★ More bookings for 2009. Please remember also The Five S's: Safe travel, Stamina. Solid relationships, Sterling performance, & Souls.

2009 Itinerary (as of 12/10/08)

(All bookings for *TMFA* unless otherwise specified. T - Tentative)

February

21 Air Force Village West, Riverside, CA

March

- 1 South Pasadena UMC, South Pasadena, CA (AM) (St. Patrick)
- 8 Gifted Hands fundraiser, New York, NY (date tentative)
- 9 Christ UMC, New York, NY (St. Patrick)
- 13 Westhampton Beach Performing Art Center, NY (St. Patrick)
- 15 LifeHouse Theater, Redlands, CA (St. Patrick)
- 25 First UMC, Lancaster, PA
- 27 Bellevue UMC, Nashville, TN

April

19 First UMC Oklahoma City, OK (AM)

May

- 1 Hope Ridge UMC Mentor, OH
- 29-31 Rick Bonfim Ministries, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

June

1-12 Rick Bonfim Ministries, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

August

- 20-21 Military Christians Worldwide, Estes Park, CO (St. Patrick) (T)
- 23 UMC of Estes Park, Estes Park, CO (T)

The Battle of Lexington

(A Special Book Offer)

Jerry Nordskog (NordskogPublishing.com) has graciously donated a supply of these books to TFOJW. Written in 1776 by the pastor of the Church of Lexington, **Jonas Clark**, *The Battle of Lexington* gives a sermon and eyewitness narrative of the battle. Hearing the cry, *The British are coming!*, Clark encouraged his flock to stand their ground against the British. This 88 page book offers 14 beautiful illustrations as well. To receive your copy, please check the second box under "Gifts" in the order form and return it along with your check of \$50 or more to **The Friends of John Wesley**. Those enrolling in **Aaron & Hur** may receive a free copy for the asking. It will be shipped along with your free copy of *How to Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer*.

A Letter from the Pasadena District Superintendent of the UMC to his Pastors

Dear Fellow servants and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, My weekly itenerating brought me to South Pasadena UMC last Sunday. It has to be one of those "God-moments" as my soul received a fat portion of inspiration from listening to *The Man from Aldersgate*, portrayed by Roger Nelson, a Pasadena based actor and dedicated servant of the Lord. I am encouraging you to have him come to your churches to share with you an opportunity to be touched by God through the life and story of the father of Methodism, John Wesley. You may wish to call our colleague Tom Tran at South Pasadena UMC to get his take on the church's experience of having Roger Nelson come for a visit. Feel free to visit Roger's website for more information. Thank you very much for considering this!

God bless you! **Rev. Adiel DePano**

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DVD

- The Man From Aldersgate* (80 min.) \$20.00
[Includes the Video Discussion Guide plus 6 bonus feature tracks (36 min)]

VHS

- The Man From Aldersgate* (82m min.) \$15.00
[Includes the Video Discussion Guide]
- The Confession of St. Patrick* (42 min.) \$15.00

Video Discussion Booklets

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(20-page personal study booklet)

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- The Man From Aldersgate* (82 min.) \$5.00
- The Confession of St. Patrick* (42 min.) \$5.00
 - Cassette CD (check one)

Books

- How to Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer* (Drawn from the writings of John Wesley, we see his heart of prayer.) \$3.00
- The Confession of St. Patrick* by St. Patrick \$3.00

Music

- Celtic Hymns* CD \$15.00
- Celtic Hymns* Cassette \$10.00
- Celtic Worship* CD \$15.00
- Celtic Worship* Cassette \$10.00

Sculptures by Scott Stearman

(for viewing please go to our website.)

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- Wesley on Horse* \$130.00
- Frontier Messenger* \$135.00
- Our Listening Lord* \$135.00
- Wesley Standing (10")* \$95.00
- Wesley Standing (20")* \$195.00

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Name: _____ Zip: _____
Here's my initial gift of \$ _____
God willing, I will give \$ _____
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- Please find enclosed my one-time gift of \$ _____. *The Battle of Lexington* will be sent to those donating \$50 or more.
- Please send me an info packet for both the **John Wesley** and **St. Patrick** productions.

Monthly Updates

- Yes, I would like to become a **Prayer Partner** and receive monthly updates online. **My email address is:**

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