

# Good News

Tom Shanklin Ministries

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## You can change the world!

Dear Friend,

*Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (Romans 1:13-16, NKJV).*

The Apostle Paul was someone who lived his life for the cause of Christ. This passage in Romans reveals both the struggle and the commitment to fulfill his destiny in Christ. I want you to notice several statements which will point you toward success in finishing your course in Jesus Christ:

**“I was hindered.”** Paul had purposed in his heart to preach the Gospel at Rome, but he was hindered from doing so. In fact, other Christians even discouraged him from going there. Many times we start out to do something for the Lord, but when the going gets rough, we give up on our dream. Because all the pieces of the puzzle do not immediately come together, we think, “This must not be God.” But, the first rule of success is determination.

**“I am a debtor.”** Paul saw his call to reach the world with the Gospel as an obligation, rather than an option. He was in debt, not to Mastercard and Visa and this world system, but to God, to fulfill the Lord’s mission to take the Gospel to the world. The cares of the world so often quench the zeal of God in believers, because somewhere in their mind they have determined that something else is more important than helping hurting people and bringing the Gospel to a lost and dying world.



**“I am ready.”** The scripture talks about having a “ready mind.” or an attitude of preparedness. Are you ready today to do God’s will? Preparedness is not only about education and training, but also a deep inward commitment to the purposes of God. This is an inward surrender to the will of the Father for your life. Living for today will not prepare us to be world-changers for Christ. We must sell out to the cause and be prepared for deployment as the Commander-in-Chief directs us.

**“I am not ashamed.”** Paul was beaten, stoned, mocked and criticized for the Gospel, but he did not let man’s opinion stop him from fulfilling his mission. Even though others did not always recognize it, he knew that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for everyone that believes—Jew, Greek, male, female. . . everyone. God so loved the world that He gave His Son. The question that we face as believers is “Will we walk in the love of God toward a lost and dying world? Are we willing to sacrifice that others might find Christ?”

Success in the Christian ministry is not defined by the size of your budget or the number of people in your church or how many you have on your mailing list. Success is becoming Christlike. The ultimate goal of the Christian life is be like Jesus . . . to walk in the love of God. . . and to give yourself that others may find Him. Maybe you’ve been hindered in reaching that goal up until now. . . but get ready, God has a plan and a purpose for you, if you are willing to move with Him in this hour.

If you are sold out, **God can use YOU to change the world.** In 1792, God used an impoverished rural pastor from England named William Carey to inspire the formation of the Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathens. This is considered the beginning the modern missionary movement. At that time, only 7 out of every 1000 Christians in the world lived in either Africa or Asia. By 1992, just 200 years later, 590 of every 1000 Christians lived on those two continents. This is what can be accomplished by one person who is in earnest about the cause of Christ, especially if that one person can convince others to align themselves to God in the cause of evangelizing the world.

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## IN THE RIGHT SADDLE

Some people have asked me if I am happy about the decision I made last September to leave pastoral work and to concentrate on evangelism and missions. Yes, most definitely. It was God's timing and the right thing to do. I feel as though I am riding on the right saddle. Thanks to everyone who has helped us to get to this point. This change has presented its own set of challenges and has required Susan and me to dig a lot deeper in God to find the faith and strength to go forward, but it definitely is the will of God, and we are blessed and thankful.

God is sending me to the churches of America right now. America is really at a fork in the road, and God's people must respond to the call of God to repent and follow the Lord with a pure heart and to rise up and be salt and light in our nation. The Lord's vision for America is that we would be a lighthouse to the world. Where will the world be if the light goes out?

## WHITE EARTH RESERVATION REPORT



It was a joy to work with Pastor Pat Olson and the congregation of Mt. Calvary Full Gospel Church in Ponsford, Minnesota. Pastor Pat has been faithfully serving the Lord on the reservation for nearly 30 years.

She has also been a chaplain for the county jail and an area nursing home.

Alcoholism, drug addiction, sexual abuse, incest, Native American religion (including demon worship and witchcraft)—these are the destructive forces at work in the area. The Lord led me to minister in the area of Blessings and Curses, focusing on the New Covenant promise of the blessings on Abraham upon every tribe and nation and every person that will receive Christ, who redeemed us from the curse of the law. (Gal. 3:13-14). This includes the Ojibwe people of the White Earth Reservation as well as all the other tribes

and nations of this world. In three days of ministry, we saw encouragement and hope come and faces lighted up with God's glory and fresh revelation. Truly Jesus is a great light to all of us.

Pray for the Christians living on the reservations. There is much opposition, discouragement and oppression facing them. They really need a victorious spirit to overcome all that the enemy would throw at them on a daily basis.



## MINISTRY IN ILLINOIS AND A TRIP TO MICHIGAN



In July, I ministered at two churches in Illinois, my old stomping grounds. In Glen Carbon, Illinois, I met with the saints at Shiloh Christian Church. Pastor Nick and Su Nalbeisen and the congregation have a vision for revival in the St. Louis metropolitan area. They believe a great move of God will begin there that will touch our nation.

I spoke on "God's End Time Harvest" and we had a great time of ministry in prayer. Beverly Snedecor, who was my first grade teacher in Collinsville, Illinois and who is now a partner with our ministry, is a member of that church. What an awesome blessing to see her and all God's people at Shiloh Christian Church.

While in Illinois, I ministered at Celebration of Life Church in Salem, Illinois with our friends, Pastor Jim and Susie Boyd, who I preached for years ago at a church they pastored in Iron Mountain, Michigan.



I ministered on "The Goodness of God", gave my testimony, and spoke on divine healing. The church was encouraged and lives were touched for the Lord.

From Salem, I travelled to Jackson, Michigan for the Missions Conference at New Covenant Living Church. Pastor Jerry and Jodie Cox and the congregation have been holding the conference for many years, encouraging and helping missionaries to reach the the world for Jesus Christ. I received some good encouragement and a refreshing and several invitations to minister in other nations.

## SPRING GROVE REPORT

In July, we had a wonderful baptism in a creek near Freeburg, Minnesota in Houston, County. (See photo on page one.) What a glorious thing to see people following the Lord in Christian baptism, and burying the old man!

It's nearly two years now since we started For His Glory Church in Spring Grove, Houston County, Minnesota. . The people of the church have started a prayer initiative and we are seeing the Holy Spirit giving insight into the spiritual forces at work in the area.. God's people are being stirred to action and change by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Pray for revival in Houston County.

Check us out on the web at:  
[www.ShanklinMinistries.org](http://www.ShanklinMinistries.org)

## RICHWOOD MINNESOTA REPORT

We had an excellent three days of ministry at Northern Lights Tabernacle in Richwood, Minnesota. The Good News was proclaimed. People experienced healing in their bodies and restoration in their souls, and the church was encouraged and strengthened.

On Friday night, I spoke on "The Prodigal Son" and gave part of my testimony. On Saturday, the church worked well together and held a fish fry and served approximately 200 people from the community. Some stayed afterwards for an evangelistic service. I spoke on "Can Jesus Use Your Boat?" from Luke 5:1-11, where Jesus used Simon's boat and taught the word of God, and then was told to let down his nets for a great catch of fish. Several people came forward to receive Jesus Christ as Lord.

Sunday morning I ministered on "The Mission of the Church" how the Lord wants to use His church to reach this world for Jesus Christ. The mission of the church is the same as the mission of Jesus: "to seek and save the lost." We all need to come in order and alignment to the Commander-in-Chief and follow Him with all our hearts and lives. God moved in a mighty way as almost the entire congregation came forward to enlist for active duty in the army of the Lord.

The message on Sunday evening dealt with becoming a healing church to bring healing to broken hearts, broken lives, broken families and broken bodies. God has a great plan for our local churches.

On Sunday morning, I also received the following prophecy from Charlie Walker of Richwood, Minnesota:

*"I can sense the fire of God going into you. And the Lord says, You have activated activators this day, you've activated activators this day, says the Spirit of God. And my son, the anointing is penetrating deep, deep, deep, deep, deep within you even now. And I see stars being put on your shoulders. I see this is a day of promotion in your life and in your ministry. And I hear heaven crying out, "Come into order. Come into order. Come into order." And He's speaking to realms of people who are coming into the order to work with you and around you. There's a breaking this day, in the name of Jesus. And God's going to send you to places that have such a desperate need for the same word you preached here. It's the word of the Lord for this day. And the Spirit of God is on you in a mighty way. And the Lord wants you to hear this. He's saying "Well done, my faithful servant." And today you have broken open the vile and the oil is running, sayeth the Lord."*



Cindy St. Claire working at the fish fry.



Pastor Bob St. Claire reaching out.

### A RECOMMENDATION

Tom has a wonderful way of presenting the life-giving Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we had him at our church, he challenged the body of believers to a higher commitment of service to our Lord and to a greater love for people. His message entitled; "Can Jesus Use Your Boat?", was memorable. It alone challenged people to allow God to use all that they have for the work of the ministry. During the meetings we had people receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and we had people healed, physically and emotionally. I highly recommend Tom to you for the work of the ministry.

Pastor Bob and Cindy St. Claire  
Northern Lights Tabernacle, Richwood, MN

## Tom's Itinerary

**Sunday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m.,** Iglesia el Cordero de Dios, United Methodist Church, LeSueur, Minnesota.

**Sunday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.,** For His Glory Church, Log Cabin, City Park, Spring Grove, Minnesota.

**Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1 p.m.,** Sibley County Jail, Gaylord, Minnesota.

**Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 26-27,** Good News Fellowship Church, Gary, Minnesota.

**Sunday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.,** For His Glory Church, Log Cabin, City Park, Spring Grove, Minnesota.

**Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 9-10,** Agape Acres, Lake Park, Minnesota.

**Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.,** For His Glory Church, Log Cabin, City Park, Spring Grove, Minnesota.

**Saturday-Sunday, September 30-October 1,** River of God Church, Crystal Falls, Michigan.

**Sunday, October 1, morning.,** Northern Lights Church, Iron Mountain, Michigan.

**Contact us to schedule a service in your church.**

**Check out our website** at [www.shanklinministries.org](http://www.shanklinministries.org) for the latest info on Tom's itinerary, information on our ministry, teachings, products and much more.

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## Letters from our friends

Dear Tom,

Thanks for putting us on your mailing list. Pastor we received the tapes and the book you sent us. This is the word that we need to hear. This word will bring transformation to our nation. All of that is revelation knowledge to us.

Pastor Victor Hernandez, Faith Outreach  
Punta Gorda, Toledo, Belize, Central America

Dear Tom,

It's great to read your newsletter, so solid and simple in Jesus. The gift of God I always treasure in you is the simplicity and sureness of the words you share. It reminds me of how solid the ground we stand on is on Jesus Our Rock, so assuring. Thank God for the strength He is for us. I hear so much confusion in the world and even in "Christian" people and churches. But of all preachers in the world, your words always ring so true and grounding for me.

L.S, California

Dear Susan,

I just wanted to write and thank you for your delightful article, "It's Spring on the Homestead." It was fun to read it. Blessings.

Alan Langstaff  
Kairos Ministries, Excelsior, Minnesota

Dear Tom,  
Greetings to you from our LORD! Thank you very much for you prayers and gift for our ministry. By the grace of GOD I am doing fine and need much to recovery and I have to gain strength in my body, please continue to uphold me in your prayers. We

are praying for you and the LORD is going to bless your ministry, I am sincerely grateful to GOD and thankful to you for your partnership in our ministry and the LORD has been richly blessing us we are praying and planning to begin two Bible school this year and we are thrilled to see people accepting Christ and baptism are been taking place every month. I have to visit all the Churches soon after my recovery please pray for me. Just this month we have opened our school by the grace of GOD new children are coming, we are trying to renovate the school building and construct new toilets, bathrooms and septic tank for the children. We are prayerfully waiting for your next trip to India.

With Prayers Dr. I. Benjamin  
Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India



## *How can I help?*

You can be a part of this ministry and help reach this world for Jesus Christ. Here's how:

### **You can pray!**

John Wesley stated that it seems that God will do nothing unless His people pray. The ministry of Jesus Christ literally moves forward on the wings of the prayers of God's people. Will you commit to praying for Tom Shanklin Ministries. Pray that the Lord will guide us continually. Pray for boldness to speak the Word of God. Pray for divine connections for the Lord's purposes.

### **You can give!**

God's plan to finance His mission of evangelism is to work through His people. God gives us the opportunity to participate in His Great Commission by sowing finances into His Kingdom. When you give to Tom Shanklin Ministries, you are helping to fulfill the vision He has given us to take the Good News to the world. You are planting Gospel seed in good ground, which will be multiplied in the earth and bring forth a harvest in your life and around the world.

### **You can invite us to your community!**

Do you sense a connection with this ministry and its mission? Invite us to come to your church or community. We can unite with you to bring change to your area. God has anointed us to equip the saints and reach the lost. Let's work together to reach your area.

### **You can help us reach India!**

Tom Shanklin Ministries is working to further the Gospel in India by sending support and going as the Lord directs us. Your offering for India can help us to move forward to reach the 1.1 billion people in a nation that is only 2.4 percent Christian, according to the 2001 census. (Some sources say this is an underestimate, but the percentage is very low.) Some states in India are less than one percent Christian.