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We Are Not Home Yet

A Selected Article

Some years ago I read a story of a man who had spent almost all of his life preaching Christ in foreign fields. The day came when he was no longer able to carry on his work and so plans were made for him to return to his homeland. The ship that brought him home also had a very famous world leader on board.

When the ship arrived at the harbor a great delegation was on hand to greet the famous world diplomat. Everywhere there seemed to be a celebration and festivity honoring this great man. Bu there was not even one person to greet the old preacher.

The evangelist was a bit disappointed. He said, "I thought after all of my years of preaching in foreign lands, that since I had come home surely somebody would be here to greet me." Then his wife leaned over and whispered, "Remember, you are not home yet."

At times we become discouraged when we feel that our labors are not appreciated. Preachers sometimes give large segments of their lives to building up a congregation, and then when they move on to other fields, they are never invited back to view some of the results of their labor. Elders often are never praised for the effort they exert in overseeing the flock. Christians are seldom thanked for acts of service they perform. There is then a tendency to become

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discouraged and feel unappreciated. When this occurs, we, too, need to remember that we are not home yet.

"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also."

John 15:20

Broken Toys

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As children bring their broken toys
With tears for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God,
Because He was my friend.

But then instead of leaving Him
In peace to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help,
With ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried,
"How can you be so slow?"
"My child," He said,
"What could I do? You never did let go."

Water of Life

Selected Thought

A preacher was speaking on the subject, "Jesus, the Water of Life." A Muslim interrupted him and said, "Your religion is like this little stream, but Islam is like a great ocean!" "Yes," said the preacher, "but there is this difference: When men drink ocean water they die, but when they drink the water of life which Christ gives they live forever!"

Sunday Evening Service

By Billy Moore

Our Sunday evening meetings offer a good opportunity for you to learn more of the Word of God. Much time is spent in preparing for the sermons preached, charts to help you get the point we are talking about, etc. We believe it would be beneficial to any member of the church to attend. If you have not shared in these meetings, we invite you to come on Sunday nights, share this hour together with us for one month and see if you are not learning more about what the Scriptures teach and strengthen yourself in a spiritual way.

Hugs**Submitted By One of Our Members**

It's wondrous what a hug can do.
 A hug can cheer you when you're blue.
 A hug can say "I love you so"
 Or, "I hate to see you go."
 A hug is "Welcome back again,"
 And "Great to see you! Where've you been?"
 A hug can soothe a small child's pain,
 And bring a rainbow after rain.
 The hug, there's just no doubt about it ---
 We scarcely could survive without it!
 A hug delights and warms and charms,
 It must be why God gave us arms.
 Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,
 Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers;
 And chances are your favorite aunts
 Love them more than potted plants.
 Kittens crave them, puppies love them;
 Heads of states are not above them.
 A hug can break the language barrier,
 And make travel so much merrier.
 No need to fret about your store of 'em;
 The more you give, the more there's more of 'em.
 So stretch those arms without delay
 And give someone a hug today!

"Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:10