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Dear ones,

As usual, because of holidays and end-of-year requirements, this issue will be late going into the mail, thus late reaching you. Whenever it reaches you, I pray that it will find you blessed and that it will be a blessing that you can share with others.

The year of 2016 will definitely be a pivotal year of destiny. The Fall elections could well decide the difference between the irreversible collapse of what is left of our once-solidly Christian culture, and the loss of freedom and peace as we have known them on the one hand, or the beginning of a return to cultural sanity and the strength and freedom of the God-honoring, Bible-based society that we once were, on the other hand. There is no other possibility. There can be no religious freedom without political freedom; be informed, get involved and, at all times, pray.

THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARDS

As I have said for years in this issue (but it bears repeating), Marty and I had to give up sending Christmas cards many years ago, because there were just too many, and we were bound to overlook someone. However, we read and share every one, and thank you for them. Please accept this way of saying, "We hope you had a blessed Christmas, and that your new year will be one presided over by the Spirit of God, and filled with pleasant surprises."

OBAMA DECREES THAT WOMEN BE ASSIGNED TO ALL COMBAT UNITS

Obama, through his new Secretary of Defense, Ashton Carter (a physicist, by the way), has announced that henceforth women **must** be assigned to any and all combat units, emphasizing "No exceptions!" This struggle has been going on within the Department of Defense for years now, pushed by radical feminists who make the absurd claim that women can do anything a man can do, and they have "a right" to be in combat roles. Can a 100 pound woman, 5 feet tall, pick up a wounded Marine who weighs 220 pounds and carry him, running, out of an ambush kill zone, firing a weapon with one hand?

That "No exceptions" closing declaration by Carter was apparently aimed at the Marine Corps especially, the only branch that still refuses to train or billet men and women together, and recently concluded a scientific study proving that having women in infantry and other combat units doesn't work.

This absurd idea flies in the face of thousands of years of human history, logic, and the age-old principle in Western Civilization that men are protectors of women. The recruiting slogan for Women Marines in WW II was "Free a Man to Fight," and that is precisely what they did.

In the Vietnam War there were 13 military females killed; they were all nurses, killed by mortar and artillery attacks on field hospitals. Had this irrational policy now forced on our Armed Forces, been in effect during that war, there would have been tens of thousands of women killed, to say nothing of the mangled who might have survived it. Some of the 17 dead in the attack on the destroyer Cole were young, female sailors, enjoying their "equality" when blown into unidentifiable body parts.

And, if this insane policy is carried out you may be sure of **one, certain, thing**: the radical feminists who have pushed for the policy will not be among the women who die or are mangled, to spend the rest of their lives with large parts of their bodies missing or brains so damaged by trauma that they will never see another day of normal life. And, we may be just as certain that the venal, self-serving politicians and bureaucrats, living in pampered luxury, who force such insane ideas on the rest of us, have never been shot at, never worn a uniform, never sacrificed in any way to serve the nation, except to live in air-conditioned comfort, ride in limousines to cocktail parties in Georgetown, or in our defiled White House, bathed in the rainbow colors of the depraved. And, as they milk the political system for power, wealth, exaltation and their outrageous free medical care (even free hair styling), and retirement benefits, you may be sure that **their** daughters, educated in exclusive private schools, will never serve a day in any of the Armed Forces, not even in protected assignments in the States, let alone in the mud, blood, heartbreak and tears of the battlefield!

This unusual piece, and its passion, flow from what's left of my brain (I left significant parts of it in Vietnam), from my heart, and from painful real-life experience. I hope you will indulge me. (Various)

A POINT TO PONDER

It is a significant fact that every female captured so far in the Iraq/Afghanistan wars was raped while in captivity, including a female Air Force flight surgeon, who was captured with a broken pelvis when her aircraft was shot down. Can you imagine her pain? But why should we be surprised? Our president assures us that Islam is a religion of peace, which protects women.



Let us wipe away and disregard all of the phony talk about “equal rights;” this is what is already happening because women have been placed in combat zones. This is the reality that those protected radical feminists, and spineless, gutless, politicians are forcing on the rest of us. This is a picture of the end-result reality; and, for many women, it will be worse.

THE CDC FINDS THE HOMOSEXUAL LIFESTYLE VIOLENT

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has conducted a study which concludes that homosexuals are much more likely to suffer rape, beating and stalking by their “partners” than are heterosexual couples, married or unmarried. More surprising was the finding that the rate of sexual and physical abuse and stalking was significantly higher among homosexual women than among homosexual men.

A significant percentage of both homosexual men and homosexual women reported being sexually abused and raped, some in an ongoing way, at early ages. Although the highly politicized CDC did not go so far as to suggest that experiences of sexual abuse and rape, suffered as children or adolescents were a cause for their adopting the homosexual lifestyle as adults, it is implied in their findings and the statistics definitely point in that direction. (ONN/www.cdc.gov)

BLUE LETTER BIBLE

I have announced this before, but it bears repeating. There is an excellent web site called Blue Letter Bible. It has multiple functions, including commentaries and a great search engine for finding words, phrases, verses or larger passages in the Bible. It also includes Hebrew, Greek and English lexicons, and many other functions that I don’t have space to list here.

I find it most useful as a handy concordance. The concordance always opens to the Authorized Version (King James Version); and, if you like, you can compare a word choice or passage in a number of other versions. There are 20 complete versions of the Bible to compare, including the Spanish Reina-Valera version, the Greek Septuagint, and St. Jerome’s Latin Vulgate. I can enthusiastically recommend Blue Letter Bible (BLB), and it is free. Check it out. You can reach BLB via a link on our web site under “Resources.”

KARLITA: AN UNDENIABLE MIRACLE OF LOVE

As many of you know, my son, Jeff, is a missionary surgeon on the north coast of Honduras. Having found

the place where he believed the Lord would have him build a mission, he started literally with nothing but a calling, standing on a mountainside in the Honduran jungle. There was no water supply, no electricity, and only a rutted dirt road. Today there is at Mission Loma de Luz (“hill of light”) a full-service, 50-bed hospital. As the hospital grew, Jeff and his wife Rosanne (a nurse and anesthetist, “the other half” of Jeff’s surgical team) saw needs, and in time the mission expanded, gradually developing a Bilingual School and Sanctuary House, a children’s shelter, among other ancillary services.

Sanctuary House has continued to grow, because the need is so great. As the number of children has grown, so has the building; the need is ongoing and increasing. A wonderful Scottish couple, Iain and Liz McKenzie operate the Children’s Center, and they have seen many miracles in rescuing young lives on the brink of destruction. But none, I think, has been so amazing as the miracle of Karlita (“little Karla”).

Other missionaries, working out of the nearest city, found Karlita, near death from starvation, and brought her to Loma de Luz. Desperately poor Honduran women like Karlita’s mother take up with men in order to survive; but the man who takes the woman in often does not want to feed “another man’s child,” and the child will literally starve. Such was the case with little Karlita. It is believed that a grave for Karlita had already been dug in waste ground when the missionaries found her. Her mother and the man she was living with were simply waiting for her to die.

When the missionaries brought Karlita to Loma de Luz she was eight years old and weighed 27 pounds. She was so dehydrated that Jeff and Rosanne could not find a vein with enough structural integrity to start IV hydration and nourishment. For two days and nights Karlita was fed spoonfuls of sugared water, every five minutes, to keep her alive.

Slowly they were able to build her up with IV fluids, a feeding tube and a light, high-protein diet, and, eventually, regular food.

The Children’s Center was able to obtain complete custody of Karlita, so there is no danger of her being taken back into the hellish life that she miraculously survived.

By the grace of God I am a teacher and a writer. I am in the word business; I paint word pictures. As a combat Marine, and as a missionary in Haiti, I have seen children terribly victimized, in war and in peace. But, as of the moment that I am writing these words, I remain unable to find words to describe what I see in this little girl’s face. Can you? I simply can’t. The story that I see in that face is so profoundly terrible that words like “abused,” “starved,” and “hopeless,” become vapid understatements of what I see. After three months of protection, medical care and love, Karlita was transformed; but she was still at the very bottom of the scale of height/weight/age ratios.

And now Karla (she is no longer “Karlita” [little Karla]) is growing up to be a beautiful young lady. Although by all reasonable expectations she should be significantly brain-damaged, she is unusually bright, scoring above 90% in all of her academic classes at the bilingual school.

She is, indisputably, a miracle of love, and the fruit of loving Christians, in hospital Loma de Luz, and in Sanctuary House, led by Iain and Liz.

Epilogue. If you would like to receive Jeff’s newsletter, with stories of other miracles of love, send your name



Clockwise from top left, Karlita in her early days at Loma de Luz, already clean and being loved, but far from being healed. The miracle: Karlita, three months after being brought to Loma de Luz. Karla, the miracle girl, growing up to be a beautiful young lady.

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DO WE HAVE FOXES GUARDING THE HEN HOUSE?

A Massachusetts congressman, Rep. Stephen D. Lynch (D-Mass.), has made public the fact that a congressional investigation recently found that there are at least 72 employees of the Department of Homeland Security who are listed on the Terrorist Watch List. Congressman Lynch said, on Boston Public Radio, that he has "very low confidence" in DHS because of its many failures over the years. This level of incompetence is

MARTY'S CORNER

When you hear media pundits use the term *radical jihadists* rather than just jihadists or Muslims, you know that they're either playing to the politically correct / diversity crowd or they have no idea what Muslims believe ... nor are they Christians or, at the least, uninformed. The same people, organizations and some well-known "Christian" personalities proclaim that Allah and our God are the same which is completely irrational and false.

If you are a Christian, you believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You know John 14:6 (*Jesus said ... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*) and you know the Apostles Creed. Our God is a loving God with whom we have a Father-child relationship. The Muslim has a master-slave relationship—you must submit or be killed.

A Muslim is an adherent of Islam so it's an oxymoron to refer to "the peaceful Muslims" because the official document which they say they believe is not peaceful. That would be similar to saying one is a "legal murderer" or "honest thief." The Koran (Qur'an) or Hadith calls for the complete eradication of those who do not believe in Islam. "Seize them and slay them wherever you find them..." (sura 4:89) or "I will instill terror into the hearts to the unbelievers [in Islam], smite ye above their necks, and smite all their fingertips off them. **It is not you who slew them; it was Allah.**" (sura 8:13-17) When you hear Muslims shouting Allahu Akbar (god is the greatest) as they murder any Islamic **unbeliever**, they are referring to their Allah who has just done the slaying, not themselves. The term *Allah* is derived from a contraction of the Arabic definite article *al-* "the" and *ilah* "deity" to *al-ilah* meaning "the deity, the god."

Christians are the specific enemy of Muslims and are held in explicit contempt for our belief in the triune God. Jews are considered corrupters of the "truth of Allah." Therein lies the root of the problem because their god, Allah, was dreamed up by Mohammad over 600 years **after** the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and millennia after God created the world. And that Allah is harsh and vicious. *Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

almost impossible to believe. (NewsMax/WND/Daily Caller, et al)

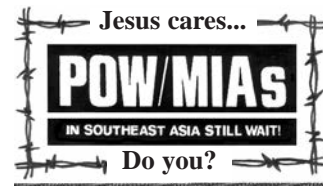
8TH GRADERS PONDER THEIR DRUNKENNES, SEX AND HERPES

Eighth graders in a "language arts" class in M.L. Powell Elementary School, in Cedarville, NJ New Jersey, were told to write what it would be like if, "You have had a really rotten day, but lucky for you your best friend is having an awesome party later." This is the actual beginning of the assignment for 13 and 14-year-old kids. They are then to write about their getting drunk, having intercourse with a stranger, and contracting genital herpes, an incurable sexually transmitted disease. Complaints were made by parents, who were told that the assignment was part of Common Core, and is associated with the book, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens." (ONN/Breitbart/Daily Caller)

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MILESTONES

Born

18 Dec - **Emmett Thomas McCommon**, at 9 Lb, 8 Oz, to Keran S. and Ryan J. McCommon, in Memphis. Little Emmett is the first grandchild of my good friend Bobby Joe McCommon, of Hardeman Co., Tenn.

Married

22 Nov - **Shirley Hartley and Adrianus Van Leeuwen**, in Macon, Ga. Shirley is a very dear and long-time Christian friend, and widow of the late James Hartley of Reynolds, Ga. James was also a very dear and long-time Christian friend.

Died

January - **Dr. Richard Matthews**, husband of Marie Matthews, in Verona, Wisconsin.

18 Feb - **Major Rolf R. Kreuzer, USA (Ret)** in Raleigh, NC. Rolf was a good friend and a great soldier. He was a Hitler youth, migrated to the US and spent his entire Army career in Special Forces. He was a true patriot and stayed very much informed and engaged in current political affairs because he remembered so well what had happened to the German people whom Hitler deceived and led to terrible destruction.

16 Aug - **Tom Carr** husband of Mary Jo Carr, in Morganfield, Ky. Tom and Mary Joe have been long-time Christian friends and participants in Believers' Retreats.

20 Oct - **Walter Bennett**, of Dresden, Tenn., in Paducah, Ky. Walter, a veteran of WW II, led us on

many Lay Witness Missions and was, in many ways, an inspiration and a Christian mentor to me. He touched countless lives with the good news of Jesus. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary.

11 Nov - **Nancy Missler**, Christian writer and wife of Chuck Missler, prominent Bible teacher and Christian philosopher (formerly of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho), in Franklin, Tenn. Nancy was a sweet lady whose writings and teachings touched many lives.

13 Dec - **Corporal Adam Tonkin, USMC** of Centerville, Ohio. Adam died tragically while serving on Okinawa. He was a fine, multi-gifted, young Christian, a champion athlete, and an outstanding young Marine. Adam was the grandson of my dear fellow-Marine friend, John Tonkin, and his wife Jane, of Lebanon, Ohio.

A FINAL WORD

Treasure and use each day as if it were your last, and never give up hope; God has a limitless supply of new beginnings, and He makes beautiful things out of broken pieces.

(Sources: AP-Associated Press; BBC-British Broadcasting Corp.; BP-Baptist Press; CNS-Cybernetic News Service; Fox-Fox News; Brightbart-Breitbart News; FOF-Focus on the Family; FRC-Family Research Council; HE-Human Events; HC-History Channel; HuffPost-Huffington Post; IMG-Israel My Glory; JP-Jerusalem Post; LAT-L.A. Times; NA-New American Magazine; NM-NewsMax.com; NR-National Review; NW-Newsweek; NYP-New York Post; NYT-New York Times; ONN-OneNewsNow; PWB-Pastors' Weekly Briefing; USAT-USA Today; VOM-Voice of Martyrs; W-World Magazine; WND-World Net Daily; and WT-Washington Times.)