

“...THAT THEIR HEARTS MAY BE ENCOURAGED,
HAVING BEEN KNIT TOGETHER IN LOVE...”

Colossians 2:2



From my Heart

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My dear mother, Alberta Bailey, turned 93 on October 4. And she is still going strong. She has over 70,000 miles on her stationary bicycle. Before her hip surgery she biked 10 miles a day, now she does 5 miles a day. It is during her “bike time” that she prays for her children and other things on her heart.

Raised on a wheat farm in Oklahoma, the youngest of four daughters, she learned early to work hard, to persevere and to have faith in God. At age 11 her school teacher led her to Christ.

Mother was always the one who took us to church, served on school committees, drove carpool, and encouraged us in our various endeavors. She was the one who took me to a Billy Graham Crusade when I was 15, and it was there I heard the crystal clear Gospel message and accepted Christ as my Savior.

Almost always when I call her she is not home. She likes to be out and about eating with friends or helping out at the church.

All four of her children say, “she runs circles around us.” And she does. In fact, she is in better health than all of us. I’m not kidding.

Forty-three years ago when I joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ, few people had ever heard of it. I was in the first 100 staff members. But mother trusted me, and she supported me, encouraged me and believed in me and the mission of Campus Crusade. She put her whole heart and prayers behind me and my mission to help reach the world for Christ. She has rejoiced, as have I, to see the ministry today encompassing the world with 27,000 staff members and 225,000 trained volunteers in 190 countries.

Ten years ago when I started getting involved in the Women of Faith conferences, I invited mother to come to one. She loved it and started asking if Women of Faith could come to Shreveport —my hometown where mother still lives. I said, “Mother, you know they only go to the large cities like Dallas, LA, Chicago, Atlanta . . . and besides, Shreveport has no arena.” That didn’t stop her. She started praying and asking the Lord for them to come.

THEN one day Mother called excitedly with the news, “Shreveport-Bossier City is building a 13,000 seat arena!” When the arena was finally built, Mother again asked Mary Graham, President of Women of Faith, if the conference could come to Shreveport. Then came the day when the Leadership Team of Women of Faith made the decision to have their first conference in Shreveport in 2002. Mother was ecstatic. She reminded me of the person in Luke 11:5-11 who was persistent and never gave up knocking and seeking and asking until the answer came. Next year will be the fourth year to go back to Shreveport, and, in fact, it has become the city Women of Faith does their first conference each year.

As Mary Graham says, “Your mother is an example of what one woman can do. In some mysterious way, God has honored her faith.”

So, wherever you find yourself today, I encourage you to continue to knock and seek and ask in the face of impossible odds. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all you could ever ask or think. Just ask my mother.

In His love for you,

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At the Women of Faith Conference in Shreveport (left) and on Mother's Day 2004



1st Row: Mother, Ashley Owen (my niece)
2nd Row: Brenda Owen (sister), Ed (brother), Kim (sister), Me



Mother received a rose for being the oldest mother in church on Mother's Day

Many of you have asked about my foot injury. Thank you very much for your prayers. I continue therapy twice a week and there is still a long way to go. Please continue to pray for my healing. Like my mother, I'm praying and persevering.

Even though I'm not traveling as much, it delights my heart that God continues to give me a strong personal ministry by bringing people to me. The Lord has kept me very busy and blessed me with my involvement in a variety of things such as:

1. A supportive role in the Women of Faith ministry. (1,500-2,000 trust Christ EVERY week!)
2. Serving as Advisor to the Women's Leadership Team of Stonebriar Community Church.
3. Entertaining a variety of visitors from the U.S. and other countries. Meeting with and ministering to people in the Greater Dallas area.
4. Our Campus ministry asked me to prepare some articles of Christian growth for new believers to be on a new website: startingwithGod.com. They are getting over 100,000 hits a month!! Amazing.
5. I speak at our Worldwide Day of Prayer in Dallas and a retreat in Fort Worth in the next couple of weeks.

Middle Eastern Visitors



Vaji and Mali, who are a combination of Mother Teresa, Brother Andrew and Corrie ten Boom. I was honored to be in their presence.

Visitor from Asia



Holly Sheldon, my dear friend, guide and translator.

Missionary Hero



Heather Mercer with Mary Graham and me.

At this season of the year, I am especially grateful for YOU and your faithful prayers and much needed financial gifts for my ministry. With all my heart I thank you and I thank God for you.

In His love for you,