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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).



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By President Daniel E. Taylor

SECOND IMPACT SYNDROME

"But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly. Yet I supposed it necessary to send

to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow" (Phillipians 2:24-27).

Second impact syndrome: A spiritual condition where a second major problem hits the life of a Christian before they recover from an earlier blow!

In verse 27, Paul is referring to a tragedy that could easily have happened but didn't. Paul's faithful fellow laborer was so sick he could have died, but God had mercy on Epaphroditus. If Epaphroditus had died it would have caused Paul "sorrow upon sorrow," which means that, in addition to the tragic loss of a dear friend, Paul would have also lost a much-needed fellow laborer.

Paul would have been greatly hindered if Epaphroditus had died.
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The first impact would be the painful experience of losing a good Christian brother. The second impact would have been losing a capable fellow laborer.

So the phrase “*sorrow upon sorrow*” suggests a compilation of problems, “if it is not one thing it is another” sort of situation.

It is like the story of Job—one problem after another! First, the oxen and donkeys are killed; second, the sheep and shepherds; third, the camels and servants; and fourth, the sons and daughters. With these four messages, Job faced a “compilation of problems,” “if it is not one thing it is another,” “*sorrow upon sorrow, upon sorrow upon sorrow.*”

Life gets like that sometimes, and it is the combination of things that makes those times so dangerous. We tend to handle one thing pretty well. But when the first blow is immediately followed by “second impact,” it can have a devastating effect.

I. How can second impact syndrome occur? The condition occurs whenever you are hit by another huge problem before you have recovered your spiritual composure after the first problem hit. I have noticed there is a certain characteristic about those who are usually affected by “second Impact.” **They care!** People who don’t care about the important things of the Christian life seldom suffer from the “second Impact.”

The reason this is true is because: serious-minded Christians are conscientious and really want to do things right and be a help, and because they are that way the devil hates them and tries to take advantage of their good nature.

II. What are the symptoms of “Second Impact Syndrome?” One is deep depression and sometimes the effect is that we get discouraged to the point of despair. The devil

tries to make it look as if you have done more harm than good. **Another is panic. We become distraught and we over react and even make matters worse.** We lapse into a kind of spiritual incoherency. We become unable to think, and distinguish between a friend or a foe. We become withdrawn and want to try to just avoid facing it.

III. What should a person suffering from “second impact,” do to prevent further damage and make a full recovery? **First, you have to cry out to God and ask Him to help you do what is necessary to strengthen your soul.** When a blow comes that is strong enough to affect your spiritual life you have to take it seriously. When something happens that really shakes you up, often it prevents you from thinking straight.

Here is a list of things to do that will strengthen your soul: 1) Pray and honestly search your own heart. 2) Let the Holy Spirit show you things in God’s Word that will help you know what to do. 3) Go faithfully to church and put yourself in an environment where God can speak to you. You need to declare your commitment to move on and not let your problems defeat you!

There is something morbid about most of us that wants a little pity. Not that we really intend to give up, but we want a little attention, and we want people to worry about us a little. But it is important that we state our intention to overcome our hurt, our pain, and our problems! Jesus put it in the mouth of the prodigal, “*I will arise!*” We need the Holy Ghost to help us confess our determination to move on!

Another thing you need to do to get over this and prevent further damage is: **Give yourself whatever time you need to recover, but get right back into the “good fight of faith” as soon as you can.** People say “I’m hurt,

and you just don’t understand, I don’t feel like getting hurt again!”

The next time you are tempted to say, “People don’t know how I’ve been hurt.” Remember this, “No, they don’t, but they can see how much you are allowing your hurt to hurt you in ways that could hurt you for eternity!”

Nineteen years ago, I started teaching Homiletics. I open the class with Scripture reading, and in the spring semester we read Romans 12. The last verse reads like this, “*Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good*” (Romans 12:21). That verse reminds us that the devil has an evil plan and that plan is to overwhelm us with problems. Sorrow is a huge problem and the devil piles it on in an attempt to cause us to give in or give up. I wrote a poem about Romans 12:21, and the last verse says:

Christians have struggled all through
the years
There’s fightings without and within,
many fears.
You no sooner whip one devil than
you’re faced with another.
While reaching out to the world you’re
attacked by a brother
Blamed for things you couldn’t have
done,
You feel frustrated and ready to run.
You would have already gone, rather
than stayed
If you didn’t know, only to overcomers
are His promises made.

“Be not overcome,” but overcome.

If you have been hit hard with “*sorrow upon sorrow*” look to the One that came to help you survive the pain you feel and live to see God turn it around and use it for your good.

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By Editor
Wallace E. Joice

“JOICE AND REJOICE”

In the 1970’s, I had many senior classes. Often, they were back-to-back. Some seniors said that they “JOICED and REJOICED.” Since I am forever teasing people, I try to take as well as give.

In this connection, I would like to observe that—

THE CHRISTIAN DOES NOT DEPEND ON LUCK.

In Wycliff’s translation, the first translation of the Scriptures into English, Wycliff said concerning Joseph in Potifer’s house, “and he was a lucky fellowe.” The King James Translators more accurately translated this “...and he was a prosperous man...” (Genesis 37:2).

It is said that “luck” is derived from Lucifer. Be that as it may, the Christian does not depend in any way on Satan. We have the devil to thank for nothing!

THE CHRISTIAN DOES NOT

DEPEND ON HAPPINESS.

In Matthew, Chapter 5, we have what are called the Beattitudes. Many times the word “makarios” is translated “blessed.” The word “makarios” originally was used for the estate of the gods. The Greeks thought of them as having everything they wanted to make them happy. In other words, their happiness was dependent upon outward circumstances.

Happiness is derived from hap (ideal outward circumstances).

THE CHRISTIAN DEPENDS ON JOY.

Sometimes things go wrong. Even Christians grow old. Physical senses fail—sight, hearing, taste, etc. Life becomes bitter if there is no inward source.

Someone has said, “The devil has no happy old men.” If circumstances are your source of meaning and purpose, life becomes meaningless.

However, the Christian can have joy even in the midst of trouble. In Habakkuk, Chapter 3, and verses 17-19, we read, “*Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields*

shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds’ feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.” All of this seems very bleak. Yet in the face of all this trouble, Habakkuk could sing. Note the postscript, “*To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.”*

It was this inward joy that enabled the Apostle Paul to write to the Philippians, “*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.*” This was written to the Philippians from prison. I would remind you that the prisons of that time were no paradises. They were dank, dark dungeons. It would seem like Paul had little reason to rejoice. Yet this epistle is known as the Epistle of Joy!

Yes, we can be “rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation” (Romans 12:12), because we know that the eternal future belongs to the children of God.

The Academic Dean Writes



By Mike Shelton
Academic Dean

THIRTY-FOUR GRADUATING STUDENTS

Praise the Lord!! Another great group of dedicated servants of the Lord have finished their course at Ozark Bible Institute and College. Brother Taylor preached masterfully in the last chapel on the fact, we know you have to go, but we sure do hate to see you go. Brother Jeremy Margeson did a great job preaching the student part of the graduation, and Brother Randy Snow challenged the students to commit themselves to Christ, the Cross, and the Church. There was a great crowd and a wonderful spirit in the graduation service. As a school, we would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the students, the parents, the pastors, and the friends who attended the service. I know that God has great things in store for those who have yielded their lives in service for His Kingdom. When God trains a soldier, He has a place of service for them. May God bless each of you for your support, and prosper you in His will.

Business Office News



By Joshua Ritchie
Business Manager

NEW ACCOUNTING MEANS NEW CHANGES

The Business Office for Ozark Bible Institute and Ozark Christian Missions is in the process of an accounting upgrade. The implementation of the new system will help reduce the wait time for checks to be deposited as well allow for contributors to receive a detailed year end contribution receipt for tax purposes. Current and former students who are paying on their school account will notice changes on their student financial statements. Balances accrued before January 1, 2016 may not have detailed account history available. All previous balances have been imported into the new system as “previous balance forward.” Please contact the Business Office for any further questions.



By Mike Pennington
OBI Guatemala
Field Director

Establishing and Maintaining a Right Relationship with God

“Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me” (John 12:44, 45). *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me: and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me”* (John 13:20).

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Saviour of mankind. Believing on Jesus for salvation from

your personal guilt of sinfulness is receiving God’s gracious plan for your life. While we usually do not visually see Jesus or God, we do see and feel the effects of His presence in our lives when we receive Him. We then become “sent ones” or missionaries to others who need this life-changing message. Someone has aptly said, “Everyone on earth either is a missionary, or they need one.” Those who receive God’s messengers and His message begin a life-long relationship that breaks the plane of mortality, and becomes an eternal obsession, possession, and progression of perfect communion with the God of the universe.

The staff and students at OBI Guatemala are daily actively engaged in presenting the Gospel to those who need to hear about the One who loves them

most. Through daily evangelism, weekday radio broadcasts, and outreach services with various church contacts, the greatest story ever told is shared and folks begin their own relationship with God. It is an awesome thing when God changes the direction of a person’s life, and they begin to focus on spiritual concerns in themselves and others. **God grant that we never lose the initial excitement of conversion.**

Thanks for all that you personally do in prayer and financial contributions to keep this ministry solvent. Many souls have a right relationship with God because of your faithfulness, sacrifice, and burden for the work of God on this sin-cursed world. Our love and prayers are with you all.

For souls, The Penningtons



Outdoor community outreach service at La Gomera, Escuintla, Guatemala



Indigenous Guatemalan student preaching on the radio



Outreach service at Santa Rita, Siguatepeque, Guatemala



Community outreach service on campus Los Alamos, Guatemala



Students L to R from Nicaragua, Columbia, and Mexico with director Juan Carlos prepared for radio ministry at studio



Student praying with a sinner for salvation on street evangelism at a market in Guatemala City

Donation Coupon

Radio
\$275 each month.

Yes I would like to Contribute to OBI Guatemala’s mission work.

- One Time Gift \$ _____
- Monthly Gift \$ _____

General operations
\$3000 each month.

Thanks and God Bless you is our prayer!



By Gene Canter

“AND IT CAME TO PASS”

The phrase “*and it came to pass*” is listed nearly 400 times in the Bible and is applied to many different occasions. Readers observe it with varying emotions, sometimes happily, other times with indifference, and sometimes with dread. It is with a certain sense of dread that I personally have reached one of these occasions.

It has been my privilege to enjoy ministry with OBI for 34 years. Beginning in 1974, I was asked to serve as Dean of Students as well as teach classes; in a short time I was given the responsibility of Academic Dean and served in that office until 1982 at which time I gave my full time to a pastorate. In

1990, I was still pastoring a church, but was asked to consider teaching part-time; three classes a day and two days a week. For several years it has also been my privilege to serve as OCM’s developmental director. However, all of this is subject to the biblical statement “*And it came to pass.*” Several physical limitations: vision, hearing, and a decrease in stamina, has made it necessary for me to tender my resignation. I have expressed my appreciation to Brother Taylor and the administration for the opportunity afforded me in teaching these precious young people and working in the missions department. OBI is the best, and OCM is making a difference on the mission field, spreading the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. Please continue to support OBI and OCM with prayer and consider increasing your financial giving.

For some months, Sister Rachel Prihoda has been sharing the OCM workload with me. She has a heart for missions; she has visited and worked in many different countries. Please hold her up in prayer as the mantle of responsibility now rests upon her shoulders.

We have a group of students traveling to Germany in mid-June. They will be doing children’s work, street evangelism, visiting public schools and churches. Brother David Schminkey and Brother Mark Thomas will be going to India in the last two weeks of July for a pastor’s school. Please pray for these students and Bible instructors. OCM’s funding comes from contributions of those who have a heart for missions; from loving hearts, praying hearts, and giving hearts. **Thank you for your continuing support.**

Donation Coupon

Yes I would like to Contribute to Ozark Christian Mission’s work around the world.

One Time Gift \$ _____ Monthly Gift \$ _____

Thanks and God Bless you is our prayer!

William Carey excerpt from Biography for Boys and Girls By Percy Jones; edited by Stephen Ross Chapter 3 — What Carey Saw in India

Carey wrote some very interesting letters home, telling of what he saw in India, and how he carried on his work. I am going to give you some extracts from these letters, just altering a few hard words. But before I do, I should mention that the majority of the people in India in Carey’s day as well as today are Hindus (81% in 2005). **The Hindu religion is the third largest religion in the world, after Christianity and Islam.** Hinduism encompasses a wide variety of beliefs and practices, that includes a caste system, which divides society by social class and occupations, reverence for Brahmans (the highest caste) and cows; abstention from meat (especially beef), and belief in reincarnation. Most Hindus worship Shiva, Vishnu, or the Goddess (Devi), but they also worship hundreds of additional minor gods.

Referring to the caste system, Carey said: “Perhaps this is one of the strongest chains with which the devil ever bound the children of men. This is my comfort — that God can break it.”

In one of his earliest letters Carey says: “The country is filled with people, and they are very ready to listen. It is astonishing to see the different kinds of business carried on, and the diligence of the people. They are remarkably talkative and curious; but go where you will you are sure to see something that has to do with the worship of idols, flowers, trees, or little temples by the wayside; and I have seen one or two men, with the marks on their backs, who have been swung by having hooks stuck in their flesh. Yet they are very willing to hear, and you are sure of a crowd to listen, go where you will.”

“In short, everything encourages us, and to see such people so ignorant and degraded is enough to stir up anyone who has any love for Christ in his heart.”

Scholarships given to twenty students to attend Ozark Bible Institute and College

Traditionally, scholarships are given based on academics. Although academics are considered, these scholarships are granted based upon total character. The OBI administration is interested in helping students and prospective students who are serious minded about training for four years of Theological studies and full-time ministry.

In recent years, Ozark Bible Institute and College has been blessed by newly created scholarship funds. These funds are proving to be most helpful and encouraging to several students. Each of the scholarships have been established by individuals who have a special interest in the training of young people for the work of the ministry. At present, there are twelve different scholarships that are being given on an annual basis.



The scholarship program has been a wonderful way to invest in God's kingdom by helping young people train for the ministry.

**On behalf of OBI, let me say "Thank you" to all who have made our scholarship program possible.
Sincerely, Daniel E. Taylor**

Rayelyn Shifflet Memorial Scholarship



Josh Adams Ben Shoemaker

Gene Huff Memorial Scholarship



Keilah Hosmon Lydia Trawick

Max & Mae Johnson Memorial Scholarship



Rachele Fouts

William Cherry Memorial Scholarship



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D.C. and Irene Branham Memorial Scholarship



Silas Zerbel

Marshall Stoner Memorial Scholarship



Eric Shelton

Three Rivers Scholarship



Cody Whitaker Benjamin Hiles

Voice of Truth Quartet Scholarship



Byron Henley Melissa Christopher Susanna Shaffer Philip Holden

OBI Textbook Scholarship 2 Semesters



Ashley Ernest Logan Whitacre



Each year scholarships are awarded to the students who are involved in the "Higher Ground Outreach Group," so they can experience active ministry during the summer and be able to return to school in the fall. This year there are 4 returning students who were awarded full scholarships for this purpose: Josh Adams, Ben Shoemaker, Cody Whitaker, and Ben Hiles.

Wishing everyone a great summer!



**PLANS
FOR
YOUR
FUTURE**

Jacqueline Hager
Sophomore 2015-16
For several years,
Ozark Bible Institute
and College's summer
group visited the camp I attended.
They made a lasting impression

on me by their willingness to
work as well as their dedication
to the Lord. I fell in love with
the Overcomers and desired to
become a member of the choir.
God used these as stepping stones
to lead me to OBI.

God confirmed my call to OBI
during "Decision Days" in 2013.
I enrolled in the fall of that same

year with the desire to draw closer to
God and become better prepared for
the ministry.

OBI has helped me in "*forgetting
those things which are behind, and
reaching forth unto those things
which are before*" (Philippians
3:15). It has helped me to realize
that no matter what your past is, God
still has plans for your future.



POEMS TO CHALLENGE US

*By Ethan Binkley
Senior Student
2014-2015*



*By Joshua Rogers
Senior Student
2014-2015*

"The People in the Pew, Next to You"

The people in the pew, next to you
Often influence much of what you do.
Make sure you follow the yielded one
So souls for the Kingdom can be won.

Days come and go;
The sun is sinking low.
We've been given a pound,
Nothing we have found.

The greatest gift,
Ah, how our burden did lift
Entrusted into our care
Its message we must share.

Now others we must tell
Or forever they will perish in hell!

Will we give our all?
Will we answer His call?

As the day grows later
The importance is greater
To boldly answer the call
To not flee, falter, or fall.

Christ shall soon return.
Oh, may our hearts yearn
To work while it is day!
So finally we can hear Him say

"Well done good servant
You have been faithful and fervent"
How glad you'll be
That day to finally see

How you followed the chosen few
That sat in the pew, next to you.

(Luke 19:12-27)

"The Lost Coin"

There once was a woman
Ten pieces of silver she had.
She lost one and it made her very sad.

She lit a candle and swept the house,
She swept so diligently she even stirred up a mouse.
She would not stop; she would not be swayed.
You see, she had to find out where that special coin laid.

She was not happy with the other nine.
No, not with that valuable coin to find.
Finally, "There it is, I have found it!" she said with a tone that did penetrate.
And called her neighbors and said, "Come, help me celebrate!"

She was so happy the lost coin she did obtain.
She could rest now that her lost item she did regain.
She did not stop till she found the dusty corner the coin was in.
Likewise Jesus will not stop until the spiritually dead live again.

Just like the woman, God is never done.
We must realize that the Father is always happy to see the Prodigal Son.
Remember that Jesus will never stop pursuing the bound,
He will never rest until each lost person is found.

You see, the value of a soul cannot be told,
It's unable to be measured in that which is bought and sold.
Only when we look to the cross do we see a soul's true worth.
No wonder Jesus said, "Go into the uttermost parts of the Earth!"

Do you know the value of a soul, dare I ask?
Or is all the sacrifice to you just another dreary task?
Let us remember all that Jesus sacrificed
And promise in our ministries to never be satisfied.

Will you go through life, walking with an uncaring stroll?
Or will you see the heart of God and realize the true value of a soul?

(Luke 15:8-10)

Alumni In Action



By Terry Miles
OBI Graduate
1993

REMEMBERING CAMP PENIEL “OLD & NEW”

Wow! What a difference Camp Peniel has made in the lives of so many! In 1998, Rebecca & I were given the awesome opportunity to work along side of a couple of our great friends, Shane & Krista Lake, at the “old” campground. Now eighteen years later, we have seen lots of change. Change in location, change in the number of campers that come every year, and best of all, change in the lives of the campers by the power of God!

Remember the cold spring running into the large pool at the end of the “Old Campground,” the dinner bell ringing on the hill behind the dining hall, the crawdad hunting with Brother Frazier, the kids swimming in the fishing pond, softball under the old pine trees, water fights with the night guards, wishing you could pass

the swim test so you could go to the deep end and dive in, the “700” stairs to the valley, the messy fun time with pigs, goats, fish, melons & pickles? Then each night at the tabernacle we experienced the preaching, singing and power of God in the altars, the waves of glory till late in the night. Changed lives! Wow!

The place has changed! The “New Campground”... now it is the water slide, basketball, and volleyball courts, air-conditioned dorms, and air-conditioned tabernacle, fun time team colors, states, barrel roll in the Kesler, donkey pulls, extreme camper games, caramel covered onions, eating crickets and little fish, and a fireworks show at night. Then each night in the Tabernacle the moves of God, divine healings, higher callings, and deeper commitments, and again the waves of the glory of God. Don’t forget the concessions,

hot dogs, corn dogs, chili dogs, nachos and the “good old picking,” “Home Grown Tomatoes” song. Have any names come to your mind while reading this yet? Have any of the experiences at camp Peniel come flooding back to you? I trust your “Face to Face” experience with God can never be forgotten. We would love to have you come and be with us again this year at camp. Come and invite a friend or two.

What has not changed is the “Pull” that can be experienced at Camp Peniel, a pull that is clear and evident by the changed lives that leave camp on Friday morning with “New” Hope, “New” Dreams, “New” Power by their “Face to Face” experience received at Camp Peniel. What a way to remember Camp Peniel! “Old & New,” “Then & Now” can be remembered by changed lives!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births

Andrew and **Janna (Blake) Richens** have a new baby girl, “Lanelle Richens,” born March 12, 2016. Lanelle is the great niece of **Mike and Elizabeth Pennington** missionaries to OBI Guatemala in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Matthias and Nicole **Dement** have a new baby boy, “Charlie Micah Lee Dement,” born March 22, 2016.

Dathan and **Priscilla (Hosmon) Tucker** have a new baby boy, “Kanton Wade Tucker,” born April 26, 2016. Kanton is the grandson of **David and Donna Tucker**, pastors at Catoosa Assembly of God in Catoosa, Oklahoma, and are OBI alumni.

Marriage

Congratulations to **Matthew and Morgan (Kazee) Heath**, who were united in marriage April 16, 2016.

Death

Rick Logan of Lewisville, TX graduated from this life to his heavenly reward on April 25, 2016. Our sympathy and condolences to family and friends.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30, 2016	Annual Memorial Day Picnic
July 4-8, 2016	Camp Peniel
September 2	OBI Residence Halls Open
September 3 & 5	OBI Registration Days
September 6	OBI Classes Begin
September 6-11	Fall Revival
October 11-14	Midterm Exams
October 17-20	Annual Convocation
October 21-24	Midterm Break
October 25	Classes Reconvene
November 23-28	Thanksgiving Break
November 29	Classes Reconvene
December 12-15	Final Exams
December 15	Fall Term Ends

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