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Dear **Friends & Family**,

### "TRIANGLE TRIP' 2: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED"



[10/31] Kim & I arrived home last Wednesday from our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual (?) "**Triangle Trip**", vis, from the Delaware River, to near the Gulf of Mexico in Daphne, AL to visit our daughter Laura & family. From there we headed to Lake Erie to visit our oldest son Matthew & family. The "triangle" was completed upon our return home from Lake Erie to the Delaware River. I swam in the Gulf of Mexico for the first time & put my finger in the waters of Lake Erie (the water was way too cold for me to take a dip!). I've wanted to swim across the DE River since we moved to DE but have yet to accomplish that feat & I'm sure I never will, much to Kim's relief. 😊

Calendar-wise, our trip was a carbon-copy of last year's inaugural "Triangle Trip". It spanned **15 days**, embarking upon it just 3 days after my completion of Converge Church's "Boot Camp" youth retreat. We covered **2,600+ miles**, & traveled through/to **10 different states**. By rough estimates, Kim & I were in the car approximately **47 hours** together! And, we're still in love! 😊

Speaking of which, we celebrated our **45<sup>th</sup>** anniversary while on the trip, as well as our two birthdays. We both considered it a gift from the Lord to be able to do so with two of our children & their families who are so far away from us ☹️. Our hearts' desire is to be able to complete the trip next year as well. May it be so.

"FROM 'MISHAEL THE LEVITE' TO 'MARTIN LUTHER'"



Speaking of the **Boot Camp** youth retreat above, the highlight service of this retreat for me is always the Saturday afternoon meeting. This was my 7<sup>th</sup> time ministering at this youth retreat in the past 20 or so years. It was held last year in the church due to Covid still being an issue. Typically, I always perform my Time Machine drama during this Saturday afternoon session that I used for my 3 Hopewell **Network Summer Camps** the previous summer. This Boot Camp was no exception. This summer's drama was "The Death of Nadab & Abihu". Both the drama & ensuing sermon were performed & delivered to instill the fear of the Lord in the campers & retreaters. The Tent of Meeting in the wilderness in the Middle East during Moses' day was merely a prototype of the Heavenly one. Yet, given it was the Lord of Host's dwelling place on Earth, it was extremely dangerous to the irreverent & profane. Death was easily incurred should one violate any one of its numerous rules & restrictions laid down to protect its sanctity. In **1997, 25 years ago** this year, at **Wilmington Christian School**, I came out of my Time Machine as "**Nadab**", Aaron's son. This was the only time I ever portrayed this biblical character. It was one of my "one man" Time Machine dramas. Over the many years, "one man" TM dramas have become exceedingly rare, as I prefer & delight in having several of my brothers & sisters "time travel" with me to help "bring the Scriptures to life". Given the plague in the Body of Christ of the absence of the fear of the Lord, I felt last Spring the burden to bring this particular TM drama "out of my archives" & back to the stage, along with its accompanying message. However, this time, given my desire to incorporate more cast, I tweaked it somewhat. Since I wanted to present Nadab as slain by the fire of the Lord [Lev.10:1,2], I acquired a dummy for him which was lain on a stretcher, & I instead portrayed his kinsman "Mishael". I blackened my face, hands, & feet & wore a charred & burnt robe. Why? In the drama, Mishael was attending to his cousins Nadab & Abihu while they ministered to the Lord & was standing in close proximity to them when the fire of the Lord slew them for offering "strange fire". Mishael was scorched but not slain. He enters the chapel from the Time Machine stunned & in shock & then proceeds to relate the tragedy to Moses & Aaron as they listen in stunned silence. I have performed this drama now 4X. Later this month I head to NY where I will perform it for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> time before "retiring it" (?) for a season. The challenge? For the NY ministry event, I will not have my trained & seasoned cast. However, a very capable sister-in-the-Lord at the NY church has already been working with her church's drama team to perform it there. We'll rehearse it together the day after I arrive, I'm sure a number of times.

"THAT'S A SWITCH!"



Having performed as “Mishael” 4X since last June as stated above, I had to make a quantum leap through the centuries **5,000 years** to the time of the **Reformation!** Today, at the time of this writing, **October 31, 2022**, is the **505<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of **Martin Luther’s** nailing of his “**95 Theses**” to the castle church door in Wittenberg in **1517**. This was no small alteration! I had to revisit the character of Luther via former Time Machine drama mp3s & the “Luther” movie from 2003, a film I have owned, loved, & watched countless times-& have cried virtually every time I’ve viewed it. This movie, & its accompanying soundtrack were the basis of my “Trial of Martin Luther” Time Machine drama I first performed in **2007**. In addition, I consulted a “Luther Life Timeline” to further help me with the monologue of the drama. I performed this drama just yesterday in N.J. & will do so again in a week in PA. The drama is followed by a message re: how the Lord used Luther to save the gospel in his day & why the gospel is so unspeakably important to us today. Like Luther, we *must* protect it! Paul charged Timothy to “guard the treasure entrusted to you by the power of the Holy Spirit” [II Tim.1:14]. Why do we need the Spirit’s power to do so? Because the Devil salivates for the gospel; i.e., his every endeavor is to steal, dilute, pollute, tone down, water down, etc., its soul-saving, eternity determining contents! May our Lord help us. May He help us.

### “MISHAEL to LUTHER to ISAIAH?”



I have two invitations for ministry to the young in December. Neither **Mishael** nor **Luther** is “season-appropriate” per se, although Luther’s written works did entail Christmas topics as well. Hence, I may have to do yet another “dramatic transition” in my mind in preparation for ministry later this month. Yes, as I’m sure you’ve noticed, I do have the “acting bug”. I always

want to use this gift to honor our Lord, & point His people to His Word & glory. May it be so.  
Sincerely, **Michael**



PS-Kim & I pray you & yours have a wonderful & blessed **Thanksgiving** season.



**\*Caboose! Commentary Corner:** [Our daughter Laura once said she'd love to have my old Bibles when I passed for all of the notes I have written in them over the decades. This was quite humbling to say the least, especially coming from one of your own children. Hence, I've decided to post each month random notes/comments from Bibles I have studied from]: "The height of your pride is proportionate to the depth of your insecurity." [M.R.G. 9/22/22]



***Caboose! On The Loose!***

**Ministry/events for **NOVEMBER** & those not listed in last month's newsletter:**

**Oct. 23: Local Church, Westlake, OH: worship team: box drummer**

**Nov. 1: Petra Church, New Holland, PA: hsc board mtg.//Hopewell Network Pastors' mtg.**

**Nov. 8: Classical Conversations Home-School Group, Bible Fellowship Church, Oley, PA: Luther TM drama**

Nov. 12: Camp Andrews, Holtwood, PA: Camp Renew Feet On The Street Youth retreat: chapel speaker

Nov. 18-20: Family Life Center, Lagrangeville, NY: 2 Sunday services; train actors for TM drama

Nov. 21: Transformation Life Center, West Park, NY: chapel speaker

Nov. 22: Upton Lake Christian School, Clinton Corners, NY: K-12 student body chapel



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