



The End of the Spear

The place is Ecuador. The time is the 1950's. The people are the Waodani, one of the most violent societies in the world. They lived to themselves, and with their homicidal practices—even within the tribe—they were coming close to extinction.

Inspired by the Spirit of God and the vision of evangelism, five young Christian missionaries and their families set out to find the Waodani tribe and tell them about Jesus. Nate Saint, Jim Elliott, Pete Fleming, Ed McCully, and Roger Youderian were encamped along the Amazon, and some of them would fly over the countryside, hoping to catch a glimpse of the fighting Waodanis. Eventually Nate Saint spotted some Waodani and plans were made to approach the tribe. The storyline becomes involved with specific Waodanis at this point—too confusing for a paragraph to tell—but the sad conclusion to this chapter of the story is that the five men were killed by the Waodanis.

When news of this reached their families—wives and children—some distance away on the Amazon, a most amazing decision was quickly made: Rachel Saint, sister of Nate, decided to go into the jungle herself and make contact with the tribe that had just killed her brother. She not only made contact with them, but called for the other families of the missionaries to come join her.

Over the next few weeks, amazing (God-inspired) encounters took place between the violent Waodani tribesmen and the gentle missionary families. Finally most of the missionaries left, but Rachel Saint chose to stay behind. Her nephew, Steve, left, expecting never to see his aunt again.

Fast-forward to the 1990's. Steve Saint is grown and has a family. When his aunt, Rachel, died, he and his family went back to the jungles of Ecuador for her funeral and burial. While there, Steve met the man who killed his father.

For "the rest of the story," go this week to see the movie, "The End of the Spear," now playing at Eastside 9. It's one of the greatest stories of Christian missions and personal reconciliation in modern history. Watching it will be a gift to your family. *G. Crowe*

CSC Missions

Mission work is vital to the kingdom. It demonstrates his love and care for all those who go untouched without it. Please take a minute and read below about two mission opportunities that the CSC will be involved in:

This Spring Break the CSC will be going to Slidell, LA. Jimmy Huff has connected us to a mission campaign to aid in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. We will be leaving on Friday, March 10, and driving to Nashville, TN, where we will be staying overnight at the Central Church of Christ. We will then make the rest of the drive on Saturday. We will stay in LA for the better part of the week doing demolition (something all college students are great at!) and also help rebuild. There will be a total of 12 students going. It will be an amazing trip I know!

Also, LST is taking another team and with them they will be taking a few of the CSC students. They will be gone for six weeks during the summer, led by Josh and Gina Boyd. This is always a wonderful experience and has proven to be effective in connecting people with local churches overseas.

Please pray for us as we engage in mission work, both foreign and domestic. That is more valuable than you might imagine. Without prayer these would just be trips to work hard and see a different place. With prayer, however, it becomes a different thing entirely. It truly becomes a mission trip. Thank you for your prayers in advance!
~Dan



Natasha Risley's is home! Praise God for her recovery so far. Prayers are still needed as she faces several months of wearing a back brace and healing. (See Lee's article on the next page for her surprise and her address)....**Kaden Koebcke**, grandson of Jack & Sue McCoy, remains in neonatal ICU at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. He continues to get stronger (taking 12.5 cc of mother's milk every three hours) and overcome new hurdles daily....**Josh Dieterle**, 11, great-nephew of Brenda Gibson, had a second surgery on Monday in Louisville, Kentucky. Surgeons were able to correct 30% of the curvature in his spine. He will be in a body cast for 6 weeks....Shirley Farmer's husband, **Willard**, will have surgery on February 23 for cancer....John Stafford's nephew, **Josiah Baker, 10**, will not require immediate surgery on the benign cyst on his brain. An MRI and more evaluation is to be done before any surgery....The father of Purdue student, **Jessica Kimmel**, is having surgery to remove scar tissue on his heart February 9....Continue praying for **Doris Swensen, Terry Spenard, Marie DeWoody, Earl Leech, Sarah Watts, Neta Guthery, Jim Beghtol, Mark Eddy, Anna Dale, Eunice Whitesell, Ramona Farris, Irene Fox, Carrie High, and Delpha Allen**. Those in Rosewalk Village: **Paul & Ruth Marks, Minnie Scott, and Burnell Gulden**. Serving in Iraq: **Jon Kiefner** (*Amanda Guthrie's brother recently sent to Iraq*), **Loren Sniffen, Dustin Holley, and Brad King**.

Men's Small Group Bible Study

You are welcome to join the Men's Small Group Bible study that meets every Wednesday morning from 6:30 AM until 7:30 AM at the Hour Time Restaurant (SR 26 East). It's a great way to begin your day with breakfast, Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We are currently studying the book of Hebrews. You can still get to work by 8 AM, so, if you are an early riser, bring your Bible and join us.



Vicki Henke's brother, **Fred Whiteman, 45**, of Logansport, died Thursday night of an apparent heart attack. He leaves his wife, three teenagers, 16, 15, 14, plus a grown daughter who has 2 little girls. He had no prior symptoms of heart trouble. His funeral was Monday in Delphi.



The food pantry is in need of **canned fruit and soup**.

Senior Servants meet on Wednesdays

Elmwood Senior Servants meet **February 15** at 11:30 AM, in the fellowship room. Bring a sack lunch and come enjoy the fellowship.

New Address

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She's Back!

It was announced Sunday morning that **Natasha Risley** (and family) would be home late on Sunday evening. What a great surprise the Teen LIFE Group received just after 6:00. The lesson was finished, we had started eating and watching the Super Bowl and the door bell rang. It was Natasha (and Sherry and Sue and Bill). They stopped in to say hello on their way home. It was so good to see Natasha. Clearly, she was tired and you could tell she had been through quite an ordeal, but she looks so good. It is good to have her back within a few minutes drive instead of the 5 hours away like before. We all praise God for the wonderful results of the surgery and now we need to focus our prayers on the healing and rehab process. Natasha is now five feet, four inches tall, so she can see eye to eye with many of you. She will be in a brace for three to four months and will likely not return to school until after spring break. In the meantime, you may write her at home: 7259 N. 700 W., Delphi, IN 46293. You may also call her at: 574-965-2876. Welcome home Natasha! We have missed you and are so proud of you. Speedy recovery!

Elmwood Boys in Concert

Sunday, February 12 – 6:00 pm

I hope you have marked your calendars and plan to be here this Sunday night at 6:00 to hear our quartet in concert. Their voices may have changed since you last heard them, but they are still really good and love praising the Lord and having a good time together. Finger foods will follow the concert. This would be a great time to bring your friends. People of all ages love good singing.

Winterfest – Gatlinburg, TN

It is hard to believe, but Winterfest, February 17-19 is less than two weeks away! We have about 30 people signed up and we are really excited about the weekend. Rock Solid is this year's theme and it will focus on the age old thoughts as to whether Jesus was a "Man, Myth or Messiah." Jeff Walling will be the keynote speaker and there will be additional classes supporting the theme for the weekend. Winterfest has gotten so big that there are two venues now. There is the event in Tennessee that we attend and there is an event in January each year in Arlington, TX. The Tennessee event is so large (@15,000 people) that the convention center cannot hold everyone in one session, so there are two sessions, early and late. That has caused us a problem this year as there are pros and cons to each of the meeting schedules. Our group is divided over which track to follow, but we are in the process of picking one and we will all have a good time. Maybe you can join us next time – if you're not going this year. **-Lee**

The "Elmwood Boys" in Concert

The Elmwood Boys (Ben, Patrick, Josh and Andrew) will be singing at Elmwood on Sunday night, February 12, at 6:00. Invite family and friends for this "free" concert. Then stay and share **Finger Foods** in the fellowship room.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday morning, February 11, from 7:43 AM until 8:59 AM. Eric Johnson will be guiding our thoughts on male spiritual maturity. Our menu includes French toast and bacon. Come join us and enjoy some great fellowship and food.

-Chuck Brown

Men's Wednesday Night Class

The men's class meets in room 18 at 7 PM. This week, Kevin Walters will begin discussing the topic of being changed from "Bitterness to Forgiveness," chapter 3 in **Jesus, Lord of Your Personality**. "Few emotions can destroy your personality like bitterness. An unforgiving spirit makes you vengeful, calloused, guarded, joyless, and depressed." We realize you have other choices for Wednesday night classes/activities, but, we hope you will come and allow the Spirit to transform you and give you peace. Hope to see you there.



Feb. 8, 7 PM....Bible classes for all

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Feb. 11, 7:43 AM....Men's Breakfast at Elmwood

Feb. 12, 6 PM....The "Elmwood Boys" (Ben, Patrick, Josh & Andrew) sing; Finger Foods to follow

February 17-19....Teen Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN

Read:
Leviticus 3-18; Proverbs 14
Hebrews 1-5

2006 Spiritual Adventure

Week 8: February 19-25

Who Is This Jesus?

While thinking about the reading for this week, I noticed that the passage from Leviticus and the passage from Hebrews both talk about priests of God. I also realized that Jesus as priest is not talked about quite as much as other roles he fills. I especially could not think of many songs that mention his priesthood. So I decided to attempt to write a poem that included this idea. I am afraid that it would need quite a bit more work to be much of a song. Here it is for what it's worth. I apologize ahead of time to those who are skilled at writing poetry. I am not very happy with the way it turned out but it is from the heart and I found it a good spiritual exercise. I would encourage others to give it a try.

Who is this Jesus, prophet of God?/Greater than Moses, he's the walking word,/The living truth, the bread of life./His words are living water,/Showing us God and his Kingdom/Jesus, Prophet, Priest or King?

Who is this Jesus, priest of God?/Greater than Aaron, than all of Levi./He made the great sacrifice, one time for us all/The priest became the offering,/The holy Lamb of God./Jesus, Prophet, Priest or King?

Who is this Jesus, King of the Jews?/He went to the cross, gave his body, his blood./He arose to his place at the right hand of God,/To be crowned Our King forever! /Praise to the King!/Jesus, Holy Prophet, High Priest, King of Kings!

- **Jim Jones**

 Weekly Schedule	 Elders	 World Missions
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Matthews 474-8369 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653	Kevin Chambers World Christian Broadcasting Anchor Point, Alaska 99556 Loren and Penny Hollingsworth Phuket, Thailand 83000
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This Week's Highlight: *Our Loving Father*

Don't Sit Under the Porch!

In his book, **Connecting**, Larry Crabb shares the following story:

"A friend of mind was raised in an angry family. Mealtimes were either silent or sarcastically noisy. Down the street was an old-fashioned house with a big porch where a happy family lived.

My friend told me when he was about ten, he began excusing himself from his dinner table as soon as he could without being yelled at, and walking to the old-fashioned house down the street. If he arrived during dinnertime he would crawl under the porch and just sit there, listening to the sounds of laughter."

The author continues by relating that he asked his friend to imagine what it would have been like if the father in the house discovered him huddled beneath the porch and sent his son to invite him in. What would it have been like to sit

around that table and be part of this happy family? Where, when you accidentally knocked over your glass of milk, there was laughter rather than anger?

Would it change your life?

When life has beat down your defenses and you "come to yourself" a long way from home...when you've made a lot of wrong turns to get where you are—would it be a blessing to know that when your father saw you coming home, he would run out with his arms wide open, crying and laughing with happiness and throw his arms around you and kiss you?

Don't sit under the porch! You don't have to be lonely. There's a loving Father and a caring family waiting for you to join them.

—Ken Stegall
El Dorado, Arkansas

Focus on the Family Programs

Upcoming **Focus on the Family** programs are heard on local radio, WHPL-FM 89.9 at **7:30 PM Monday–Friday**.

Feb. 9 & 10 **Living the Good Life**—Chuck Colson talks about finding meaning and purpose in life. (Part 1 & 2)

Feb. 13 & 14 **Twenty-Five Years and Still in Love**— Using scripture and personal experience, Bob Kraning shares 10 principles for a successful marriage. (Part 1 & 2)