

Memories

It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High. To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night. Psalm 92 verses 1 & 2.

As we all live our lives, we tend to look back and call up memories we treasure. Long periods of being home and just the two of us, causes Lawrence and me to remember all the people we have had the privilege of knowing and loving.

Lawrence and his Mom and Dad came to England from Scotland when he was a little boy. We only lived a couple of miles from each other, but never met until later. The extraordinary thing was that my family were neighbours to his best friend Joe, and my best friend Val was a near neighbour to Lawrence. We all finally met when Lawrence had his 21st birthday party. He invited Joe and I brought Val. They ended up being our Best Man and Chief Bridesmaid, and two years later they were married. Wonderful times of friendship and shared vacations.

Such memories.

We give thanks in our heart for all the people who have guided, taught and helped us along the Lord's path. As Jesus prayed for His Disciples in John 17 verses 16 to 20, verse 20 says "I do not pray for these alone but also for those who will believe in Me through their word"

Do you recall people who love the Lord and have influenced and strengthened your faith?

We think back to Pat, our church warden in England. She kept us involved with regular Bible study and church occasions. Such a devoted Christian lady. Our friends Alison and Martyn with a constant Prayer group at their house on a Monday night, and times out in the community, where Alison would stop and pray about a situation or person right there. Our young friend Timothy came to know the Lord in a very dramatic way. He was filled with so much love for Jesus that it spread through our congregation which produced teaching, Bible study, Prayer groups and all kinds of outreach. (He had a "Eunice" and a "Lois" praying for him since birth!)

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There are stories within our family which we have been told and now have handed down to our children and grandchildren. All these contain the thread of hope and love of which we have been blessed.

Those who have been planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit in old age. They shall be fresh and flourishing. Psalm 92 verses 13&14.

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