

THOUGHTS

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FEELING YEARS YOUNGER!

Following up on my report about the ablation procedure to correct the Atrial flutter in my heart, I am grateful to God that I am feeling terrific! The change in breathing, stamina and general energy has been dramatic! I had not realized how sluggish I had become due to the compromised heart function. Now that I am three weeks out from the procedure I am setting new records in my personal fitness regimen, measured by calories burned in an hour of activity on various elliptical-type machines. Please join me in thanking the Lord for this blessing!

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR TWT IN JAPAN

We have signed the contracts; The Word Today will air in Japan! It will take several months to finalize the stations to air the program and to produce the programs in Japanese, but we are on the way! Pray the Holy Spirit works powerfully in the hearts of that nation as they are introduced to Christ through our program!

CHANGE INEVITABLE...

A lot has been happening in connection with Pastor Paul's retirement; his last sermon and retirement party are on September 13 this year at 12:00 noon. If you can join us, please contact Our Shepherd's church office and speak with Beth, who will note your attendance for lunch.

Will you please do me a favor and write a note – perhaps your "Thoughts" to Pastor Paul for all of his leadership and teaching on The Word Today over the past 37 years? His leadership has been instrumental in grooming me for this ministry, and I would like to see him enjoy your comments. As he has been struggling with weakness from chemotherapy related to his leukemia, which it seems will eventually be in remission, he would be greatly encouraged by a note from you!

... THE POWERFUL BLESSING OF CHANGE!

A fabulous blessing associated with the consistency of The Word Today is that we have a large database of programs. This allows The Word Today to make a strategic change never before possible. We are able now to set a ten year program loop in many languages so as to cease production costs for those languages. The ten year loop will remain fresh enough over a decade to be "new" even to long term listeners. There are a great many languages to which this applies.

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*The Bible is God's Word . . . Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh . . .
His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

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In terms of resourcefulness, being good stewards of the gifts given to The Word Today, the savings from fixing the cycle of programs in those long term languages allows the money saved to be redirected toward production of programs for entirely new languages! This will allow several more languages to be added *with no additional cost to The Word Today!*

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There will be, as always, incremental increases in airtime costs, and your faithfulness in supporting The Word Today will help offset those costs. The overall effect will be that hundreds of thousands to millions of people will be reached with the Gospel, *simply because Pastor Paul and friends of The Word today have been at it long enough to make this transition a possibility!* **Thank you for your faithfulness to the Gospel and The Word Today!** I look forward to reporting on the new languages as they are added over time!

A NEW TRACT ON THE WAY

I'm trying my hand at a tract for evangelism. I have written a couple tracts, but this one will be quite different, as it will be incognito. I don't want to say too much at the moment, but I will ensure that you receive one when they are printed.

PROUD OF MY SISTER

My sister, Dana, began doing triathlon races about eight years ago. She had a touch of cancer, was treated and is in remission long term now. However, the experience changed her in many ways, including participating in such events to raise awareness and funding. I recall as a young boy seeing her fierce competitiveness in sports such as volleyball.

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Then came the "great limiter," spinal scoliosis, which was treated by the insertion of a steel rod in her back, fusing three vertebrae. She became much more limited in her activities. But now her zeal to be active has surged and she is full of the fire of friendly competition. She has one of her races this week; mighty impressive!

DESIGN IS ALL AROUND YOU

Don't let the incessant droning in our culture about Darwinism dupe you into forgetting that design in nature is all around you, and even inside you! Consider that nearly every product you touch, everything you handle, is designed by someone. All of that stuff, even a computer, is not remotely as complex as the living machinery of plants, animals and humans. Remember, *one cell in your body is vastly more complex than anything humans have ever made!*

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Take a moment to hold a leaf or petal of a plant up to a strong light source, or hunch down toward the dirt and see the myriad of miniscule creatures scurrying – all of which have a complete *system of systems* enabling them to function. Notice the design from the Creator's hand all around you, and praise Him!

Blessings!
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