

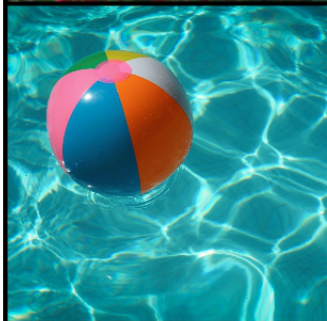
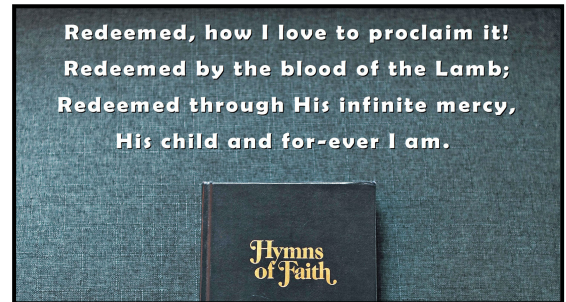
SPRING IS WONDERFUL!



Spring 2023

Dear Friends:

The hymn writer Fanny J. Crosby wrote, *Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child and forever I am.* This hymn, treasured by probably millions over the years, is so precious for the picture and the joy of which it speaks.



In the book of Ruth, in the Bible, God shows us how Naomi was devastated by the loss of her husband, Elimelech, and two sons, leaving her with the sons' foreign wives from Moab. A point of this story is that the one daughter-in-law, Ruth, clings to Naomi and her God, "Israel's God" and rejected her foreign idols. Boaz, the kinsman redeemer of Elimelech, fulfilling the Old Testament practice, bought Ruth, and thus also Naomi, for Elimelech who was now deceased, to raise up children through Boaz through Ruth the Moabitess.

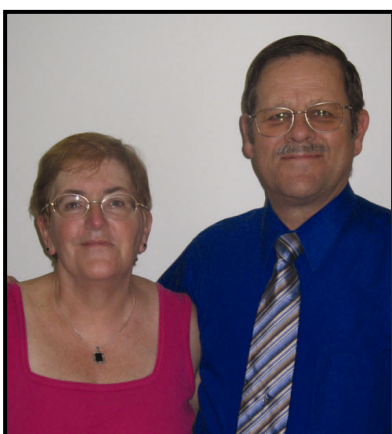
The other day I talked with Hal in the truck stop, who felt he was living a good life, like so many others. He was raised to live a good life, but he doesn't know Jesus as his Saviour and Lord. **Jesus said, "I am the way, the Truth and the Life..."** The picture of spring is a picture of new life, but the season leads into summer then fall, a picture of beauty and dying, then winter. Pray that God will lead me to share the Gospel with these truckers, travelers and staff and lead them to Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer who left Heaven's glory to come to earth. He was tempted and tested in all points like as we, yet without sin, and died on Calvary's cross to pay our sin debt that we might have new life in Him. I shared the Gospel with Hal, but he would like to stay with his way.

My friends, I find more and more people very willing to talk about many things, but when it comes to their debt of sin -- the need to believe in a Redeemer purchasing them for God seems unnecessary. The trucking industry is very dark without Christ. Please pray for these men and women that God will open their hearts, and also that God would bless us with more chaplains with the wisdom and blessing of God to reach out to the truckers and travelers for Christ.

However, it is a delight to find and talk with Christian truckers who know Jesus. Please pray for them as well, that they walk faithfully with God.

Thank you for your prayers and support. May God richly bless your in this year.



Your servants to the truckers for Christ,
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