

# MPRESSIONS

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**Old Faithful**

This past summer my wife Della, and I traveled by mini-van from the Niagara area to the west coast of British Columbia. We have done it on a number of other occasions and always enjoy the wonders of God's marvelous creation as we pass through the changing landscapes from one state or province to another.

It happened to be Della's birthday as we passed near Yellowstone National Park, so I asked if she would like to spend an extra day on the road in order to visit the park, as my birthday present to her. She hastily agreed and together we had an interesting experience.

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Yellowstone National Park is situated in the mountains of north west Wyoming and there are parts that attain elevations of approximately 10,000 ft above sea level. Since it is a park, it is a protected area for an abundant variety of wild life. Tourist vehicles are often stopped beside the road with occupants taking pictures of prong horned deer, herds of elk or bison. There are accounts of encounters with bears along some of the hiking trails. Cougars and wolves are also present in the woods as well as birds of many descriptions including the baldheaded eagle.

One of the featured drawing cards to the park is the renowned geyser, 'Old Faithful.' Over the decades it has been known to spout fountains of steam and hot sulfur water as high as 184 ft at regular intervals of approximately one hour. I was a little disappointed, because on the day we were there, even though an estimated audience of about 2,000 people were waiting for the spectacle, the geyser was about 20 minutes late and, in my estimation, rather fizzled, when it only spouted for a few seconds with a plume of hardly more than 75 feet of steam and hot water. I noticed other geysers in the proximity with much more impressive performances.



As we toured the area of the geysers, there were sections with board walks and cordoned-off spaces with bold notices to indicate that the ground underneath was not safe to walk on

due to the caldrons of boiling sulfur water under the surface supposedly caused by the subterranean heat of molten rock from an old volcano. Some of the crusts were less than 6 inches thick and would not support the weight of an adult. We stopped to watch the water literally boiling in large pools, creating a strong smell of sulfur.

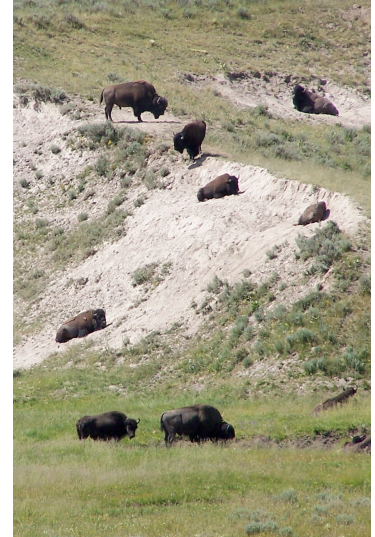
One of the stories, whether legend or true, was that some years ago a tourist had visited the area with his dog. The canine was fascinated by the activity of the boiling water and jumped into the pool. Without thinking, the owner jumped in after the dog to save him and as a result both pet and owner perished.

There are several lessons we can glean from this incident. One is the unpredictable behaviour of pets, even ones we assume to know well; another is the extent to which someone will go for the love of a pet. A third lesson, surely, is the matter of leaping before considering the full consequences of our actions.

We can also draw some spiritual applications. When the Lord Jesus came to this earth, He did not accidentally wind up on the cross as the result of a sudden impulsive decision or mistake. His death was planned and He willingly died as a substitute for others. It was the single purpose for which He came and His death on the cross was the only way in which a holy God could satisfactorily deal with the sin question of mankind.

The notices around Yellowstone National Park fairly and boldly warn the visitors of the folly of stepping too closely to the boiling pools of water. Failing to heed the warnings could end in a very unhappy experience.

Here at Everyday Publications we identify in a small way with the warning signs at Yellowstone National Park. Through the medium of the printed page, we are able to produce and distribute books in a number of languages with articles about the Bible that clearly present the issues as God sees them. Materials are



available in easy-to-read English for new Canadians or for other areas of the world where English is used as a second language. Other materials are also available in French, Portuguese, Spanish and Swahili. We even have a popular little book available in the Chinese language for new believers.

This ministry has been active for more than 42 years and from time to time the mail brings letters of gratitude from missionaries or national workers who have used the literature. The Lord also sends encouragement from His dear people with reminders of their continued interest and prayer support. Together we shall share the rewards.

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## Food for Thought

*You never know what you can do without until you try.*

*Don't think the Bible is dry on the inside just because it is dusty on the outside.*

*We openly claim to be people of faith, yet we always long for some irrefutable evidence that will clearly indicate the will of God.*

*Violent behavior is an expression of failure. It always takes more brains, resourcefulness, and heroism to make peace than to make war.*

## Report on Container to D.R. Congo

In the last issue of *IMPRESSIONS* we mentioned shipping a 20 foot container in June, 2006 with approximately 71,000 Swahili hymnals, daily devotionals and other books about the Bible in French and Swahili to the war-torn country of D.R. Congo. We praise the Lord that the container arrived safely in Kampala, Uganda and from there the materials were taken overland and reached their intended destination in Bunia, D.R. Congo. The books are being distributed by national believers among more than 200 assemblies.

## Postal Changes

For years the EPI shipping department has been making use of a postal meter. The meter was a rental unit and by sending a cheque, and with the help of e-mail, the meter was charged and ready for use as postage was needed. It was a convenient way of placing the appropriate amount of postage on each envelope or package that was shipped from our shop. As is the case in many other areas of our lives, technology has a way of changing. About a year ago we were informed by the Post Office, that these rental postage meters would be replaced with more technically advanced equipment. After some inquiries it was discovered that we could obtain a permit number from the Post Office that we can print on our outgoing mail. Then at the end of the month, the Post Office will bill us for the amounts used, rather than having to rent a meter. This should amount to a savings of more than \$1,000.00 in the course of a year, formerly spent on meter rental.

## Print Shop Upgrades

For a number of years the staff, directors and volunteers at EPI have been praying about the need for replacing some of the well-worn equipment in the bindery section of our shop. The paper cutter and the perfect binder, used for gluing covers onto books, had served well but were getting old and often needed repairs. Several of the Lord's people sent monetary gifts, earmarked especially for this project. We are happy to report that with the further help of a legacy, the Lord has made it possible to replace the perfect binder, the paper cutter and to purchase a scoring machine that is used to score the covers at the spine of the book before they are glued.



This is a marvelous answer to prayer and will make it possible for us to continue sending good quality books about the Bible to commended missionaries and national workers in third world areas from our own print shop.

### New Perfect Binder

## Letters from the field

Following are excerpts from a few letters received in the past few weeks from missionaries and national workers who have received books about the Bible from Everyday Publications.

*We received our last order OK...This was so good as we had planned to do several journeys in different provinces in the following months. We use the books to help...young men are showing promise or are already involved in the Lord's work.* Argentina

*Again we are very grateful to the people of God who stand with you...in such abundant supply of literature. We expect it to go quickly, but you can be assured that we shall be distributing it as wisely and efficaciously as possible.* Peru

*We have received the packing list for the EPI books you have sent and are excited and grateful. So many people want these books and we thank you for your generosity.* Nigeria

*Many thanks for the book (New Portuguese translation of Winning & Losing) received safely...It is fantastic to see the number of books translated into Portuguese increase...We are using your books to our spiritual profit...I enclose an order for some books which I look forward to receiving.* Brazil

*The last container arrived in July...Thanks so much for the books sent. We have given some to several provinces where refugees are settling back in...We are enjoying the new covers on some of the books. A new look stimulates some new readers.* Angola

*We are glad to have (the books) for free distribution and thank you very much for them. We continue to work with Christian literature and in visiting local assemblies in this region. Your books are a good help in this work and are much appreciated.* Venezuela

*Praise the Lord! The reading room is used constantly...The books you sent have been well used, and we are wanting to order some others...It's great to see so many interested in studying Christian things!* Zambia

*Since we are currently out of most of the booklets in Spanish that you publish, I'd like to place an order for 10 of every title you have in Spanish...They're definitely a big blessing to us in the work here.* Peru



## Visitors Welcome

If you would like to pay a visit to Everyday Publications, our hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to see the print shop in operation, please call in advance to confirm the shop schedule for that week (Telephone: 905 834-5552). You may wish to arrange a tour with several in your party or even a bus tour. We have conducted short guided tours on several occasions with bus loads of seniors. It's always a good experience and a happy occasion. You can take advantage of the opportunity and visit our next door neighbours, Gospel Folio Press. They have an excellent selection of Bibles, hymnbooks, biographies and good evangelical material as well as devotional calendars, cards and Sunday School supplies.