

Sowing & Reaping



Coming Home from the Harvest

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Report on Religion

"Christians gathered at Missouri's state Capitol to pray the legislators will have wisdom in crafting a state budget. The keynote speaker was... Anne Graham Lotz, the daughter of evangelist Billy Graham. Lotz said she wasn't telling Missouri lawmakers how to solve their budget... 'I know God has the wisdom, I know He can give us ways to get out of this.' Participants gathered in the Capitol Rotunda for a prayer service, and then walked through the halls of the Capitol praying outside legislators' offices" – *Associated Press 3/30/2010 in ONENESSNOW.COM.*

"A new study by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism finds that 41% of Americans say that the news media does not devote enough coverage to religion and spirituality. Young adults and women are particularly likely to express a desire for increased coverage of religious issues" – *The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life Weekly Update, March 4, 2010.*

"The Rev. Billy Graham's daughter says the 91-year-old evangelist would like to preach one more time, and his family is 'praying that he'll have that opportunity...' Lotz says her father has trouble hearing, seeing, and walking, but gets out of bed on his own and watches television to keep up with the news. Unable to read his Bible, Graham has caretakers write verses of Scripture in large letters for him, and Lotz says he prays now more than ever. She adds that he misses his wife, Ruth, who died in 2007, 'but he's not ready to go join her yet'" – *Associated Press 4/2/2010 in ONENESSNOW.COM.*

Behind every great man is usually a great woman. For more than 60 years as Michael Guido was sowing spiritual seeds as "The Sower," the great woman that stood behind him every step of the way was his wife, Audrey Guido.

Audrey dedicated her life to following Michael into the fields to pick up the leftover grain scattered from the reaping of the Lord's harvest after Michael's seeds began to yield an abundant crop.

On Sunday, March 7, after battling a long illness, the Lord decided to call Audrey in from the fields to return home to her Sower, as she passed away at the age of 88.

Audrey was a sharp business woman, an entertaining magician, a successful radio programmer and a loving homemaker. A native of Metter, Georgia, she spent her years supporting Michael's evangelistic ministry wherever the Lord guided them. The couple spent many years traveling together to revivals around the country and finally settled in Metter in 1961. Audrey invested the rest of her life helping to mold the Guido Evangelistic Association into an instrument of God that continues to reach countless millions with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Known for her knowledge of chemistry, she passed by a scholarship to study medicine at Johns Hopkins University to join Michael's ministry as a magician. She was able to use her background to colorfully demonstrate the truths of God's Word through chemistry experiments and demonstrations that would stun large crowds who would never forget her spiritual examples and applications.

Equally important was Audrey's keen business sense. Through her guidance and direction Michael's "Seeds from the Sower" messages are now being heard on an estimat-

ed 400 radio stations and nearly 100 television stations worldwide, as well as many satellite and cable networks. The radio and TV programs are also broadcast on the Armed Forces Radio and Television Networks and reach every military installation and ship. Audrey also contributed significantly to the publication program of the ministry which at one time went to over 32,000 homes, hospitals and institutions and 1,500 newspapers.

Finally, there was Audrey Guido the homemaker. Despite spending endless hours on the road or in the office, Audrey always made time to welcome guests into the Guido home for lunch or dinner, where food was delightfully prepared and words of encouragement were offered.

Audrey's cousin, Evelyn Warren, once said, "I don't know how she did it all. She ran that office, pinching every penny. There was nothing wasted."

"[Michael] was always bringing somebody home for lunch," Warren added. "And she always had something prepared for them."

Perhaps the life of Audrey Guido could best be described in the words of Proverbs 31:10 which says: "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life."

Please keep the family and staff of the Guido Evangelistic Association in your thoughts and prayers as we mourn the loss of one of our founders. Audrey was a woman of God, and may her legacy continue to flourish like the flowers that bloom in the Guido Gardens she once built herself.



On A Mission For God

In writing to his associate Timothy, the apostle Paul said, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12 NIV)

This verse has been brought to life by Metter's YOUTH ON MISSIONS (MYOM) as they have brought God's message of love and hope to the homeless in Savannah, Georgia. For several weeks the MYOM have taken food, clothing, blankets and toiletries to homeless families and individuals. (Prior to each of their trips, the MYOM would visit individuals and businesses in Metter to collect the items that they would distribute.) At each gathering, after they prepared and served the meals, they would also present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people.

The young people who make up Youth on Missions come from six

local churches in Candler County, Georgia. To celebrate the accomplishment of their first mission, they gathered together in the Hamstra Worship Center in the Gardens for a time of worship and witness. The rally featured the musical talents of the popular Christian group the JJ Weeks Band. Over 200 young people gathered for the event and several of them made professions of faith when they accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Others came to dedicate their lives to the Lord. (The adult leaders of the groups have reported an increase in attendance in the various youth groups and some of those who professed faith in Christ have followed Him in baptism.)

"These youth are doers and not watchers," said Joe Woodard, who is the coordinator of Youth on Missions. "We wanted them to see how they can be used by God. This rally was a celebration of what God did through them in Savannah."



FACTS & FIGURES

"One in five American workers continued to be underemployed in March. The percentage of part-timers wanting full-time work increased, while unemployment saw a slight decline. Among the underemployed, 6 in 10 are still not hopeful they will find work in the next month." – *Gallupnews@gallup.com, 4/01/2010.*

"Mississippians were the most frequent churchgoers in the nation in 2009, as was the case in 2008, with 63% of residents attending weekly or almost every week. Nine of the top 10 states in church attendance are in the South; the only non-Southern state is Utah, with 56% frequent attendance. At the other end of the spectrum, 23% of Vermont residents attend church frequently, putting it at the bottom of the list of churchgoing states. Other states at the bottom

of the church attendance list are in either New England or the West." – *"State of the States," Gallup.com, February 17, 2010.*

"Recently, Gallup discovered that better employee engagement means better health too. 'Engaged people feel less stress, and the stress they do feel is offset by a lot more happiness and enjoyment and interest,' says James K. Harter, Ph.D., Gallup's chief scientist of workplace management and wellbeing and coauthor of *12: The Elements of Great Managing*. The converse is true of the disengaged, who feel more stress and have fewer sources of pleasure at work...if people are in an ongoing work situation that is negative or stressful, they have a higher potential for negative health consequences." – *Gallup.com, 02 April 2010.*



Spring Term At GCCT

Two classes are being offered for Term Two of the Class of 2010 at the Guido Center for Christian Training. The instructors for the classes are well-recognized for their soul-winning abilities as well as their outstanding skills in preaching and teaching.

"Evangelism and Discipleship" is led by Rev. Andy Haman, pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Metter, Georgia. Rev. Haman is known for a "hands-on" approach to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. In introducing his material to the class he said, "I see no separation between evangelism and discipleship. Once a person accepts Jesus Christ, discipling the new Christian begins." "Pastor Andy" has turned an old John Deere tractor building into one of the largest and most active congregations in the area.

Dr. Al Wright, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Georgia, is teaching "Understanding the New Testament" class. A noted scholar in both Hebrew and Greek, "Pastor Al" places a strong emphasis on the importance of the Holy Spirit working through Christians as they witness to the Gospel if they are to see genuine results in their work in the Kingdom of God. In addition to his responsibilities as an instructor, he serves as the Dean of Academic Affairs of the Center and has been teaching classes for three years.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly the important role and responsibilities of the teacher in the classroom. Not only must they be recognized for their academic qualifications but they must be exemplary in every aspect of ministry. There are many who teach, but only a few teach by example," said Dr. Larry Guido, President.



Thoughts Worth Thinking!

Throughout the ages no nation has ever had a better friend than the mother who taught her children to pray.

Share the Good News – Spread the Seeds

Are you on FACEBOOK? Have you become a Friend of Dr. Guido's Fan Page? This is a great opportunity to share "Seeds from the Sower" among your friends. Log on to FACEBOOK, and search for "Michael Guido Memorial Page." After you enjoy his daily devotionals and videos, forward them to your friends. They can be a powerful witness when displayed on your own FACEBOOK wall for your friends.

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