



30th 1993-2023 ANNIVERSARY Truth Seekers Fellowship

Tom's Treasures - November 1993

"October has been hectic but very productive. The Board of Directors was installed, office space located, moving completed, phones activated, computers programmed, letterhead designed, supplies stocked, bank accounts opened, corporate charter approved, non-profit 501-C application submitted, and **now our first newsletter!** I am having a tremendous time visualizing all that TSF can be in the hands of our Loving Savior!

Days begin early and fly fast as I organize and develop

materials to be used in future classes and especially the "Milk to Meat" lay discipling ministry. **My prayer is that TSF will be used by God to bring many to the wonderful discovery that not only did Christ die FOR us, but that He is risen from the dead to give His life TO us and by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit to communicate His life THROUGH us to a needy world."**

That is how Tom Murray began the first official newsletter of TSF back in 1993. And now, 30 years later, Tom's prayer is still our prayer for TSF.

When Tom "graduated" into the Lord's presence in 2005, I thought that TSF might continue on for only a couple of more years. At that point, TSF *was* Tom Murray. But Tom told me many times, "I don't want TSF to be the 'Tom Murray Show'—I want it to be focused on Jesus Christ."

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Meet Mrs. Helen Hyduke



A while back, Steve Hyduke asked us to send the first MilktoMeat workbooks to his mother who lives in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Helen had recently connected with a younger

woman who had many questions about the Bible and the Lord. Steve suggested his mom get the MilktoMeat workbooks as a study they could use together. We sent Mrs. Helen the workbooks, and she began discipling the younger woman, who was in her 70s.

Mrs. Hyduke will be 103 this October!

Mrs. Helen was raised in the Russian Orthodox tradition. But in her early years, she heard a voice that spoke to her clearly: "I will always take care of you." She knew this was the Lord leading her into a deeper relationship with Him. Over the years she has been a diligent student of the Word, growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

Last month, Mrs. Helen suffered a fall and broke her hip. While in physical therapy she told the nurses that the Lord may have sent her there to be an encouragement to all the other patients! Her doctors have asked what the secret to long life is and she answers, "*Walking with the Lord!*"

Mrs. Hyduke is discipling at 102, soon to be 103. She told me, "*If I can do it, anybody can...*" We knew you would be encouraged hearing a little of Mrs. Helen's story. Please pray for her continued recovery.

Fall Classes Starting Soon

Our fall classes will begin the week of **September 11th**. This year Stacy will be continuing the study of Luke-Acts, picking up in the **Book of Acts**. Dr. Jim Allman will be continuing his study of the Book of **Romans**. Also, if you know anyone who wants to start a **MilktoMeat** group, please let us know. Keep an eye out for the class sign ups; We will be mailing those out in a couple of weeks.

TSF 30th... behind the scenes editing and assisting Tom. Tom was such a beloved teacher and I did not know how we could continue without him. But we did what Tom taught us: *“Teach the Truth; Focus on Christ.”*

As I look back over these years, I am humbled by all the ways the Lord has graciously used our efforts. Students who have studied with us have “made the material their own” and taught and disciplined throughout the US. Versions of Milkto-Meat have been translated into four different languages and used in Central America, South America, the Philippines, Ukraine, Russia, and now Uganda.

As I think about all that has happened in the life of TSF, I am always drawn back to **the grace and provision of Father God for us**. One of the phrases that I got from Tom (you can see a version of it in his prayer above) and have developed over the years is, “Father God working in Christ *through* the Holy Spirit *in* and *through* His people.” The Lord has constantly provided for us and He has done it **through all of you** who have supported us financially, prayed for us, attended classes, helped with newsletters, provided advice and guidance, and all the other countless ways you have invested in the ministry of TSF. As we have said many times before: this is not Tom’s ministry, or Stacy’s ministry; TSF is OUR ministry as we all partner together to do what we could not do by ourselves. **We simply could not have made it 30 years without each and every one of you.** Saying “thanks” is just not adequate.

In the days ahead, we will be posting memories and stories to the TSF Facebook page to celebrate our 30th. Use the QR code on the left or go to www.facebook.com/TruthSeekersFellowship to follow us there.



Grace and Peace to you all and may the Lord richly bless each and every one of you as you have been a blessing to us!

UPDATE: Mission Uganda

We continue to partner with Kaleb and Village Church as the Lord works powerfully in their midst. In May, Kaleb let us know that their landlord was selling the property on which the church meets and they would have to find a new location. *This was a real blow.* Finding a new place to rent land is extremely difficult in Kampala. But the Lord provides!

Through the support of Village Church Knoxville, Village Church Kampala was able to buy their own plot of land! They still have some funds to raise to build some basic infrastructure but we are praying together and trusting the Lord to provide for those things as well.

In the last several months, I have written a 12 week curriculum that teaches the “big story” of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Talking with Kaleb, we decided this would be a good starting place to lay a foundation for his people to then move on to MilktoMeat.

Here is the incredible thing: I wrote the curriculum in English, translated it to Luganda using Google Translate and then Kaleb and a few of his men only have to do some minimal editing before giving it to the people. We are now working on the MilktoMeat translation.

We continue to support Pastor Kaleb and Village Church in helping with the cost of internet and printing materials. If you would like to help with this mission, you can make a contribution at www.tsfmemphis.org/give and choose “Mission Uganda” in the preferred campaign option. You can also send us a check with a note letting us know you want to help with Village Church Uganda. Please Keep Kaleb and Village Church in your prayers; they are facing many challenges but the Lord continues to provide. [ST]

Please PRAY for us as We PRAY for You

As you think of us, would you please pray that we would be given the wisdom to do what is pleasing to Father God and also for the provision of our financial needs. As you are praying for us, know that we are praying for you, that the Lord would supply all your needs from His limitless riches. We are also constantly **giving thanks** and **rejoicing** that our Heavenly Father allows us to partner together to teach His Truth and focus on Christ, our only Hope and source of Life.

Blessings to you all in Christ’s Powerful Name