

## Hixon Family News May 2016

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Dear family and friends,

We hope you are enjoying wonderful springtime weather as we have been here in North Carolina. This year, 2016, is very special to Carolyn and to me as we have been begun celebrating our fiftieth wedding anniversary already. The date of 18 June is fast approaching, but we wanted to do some special things throughout the year rather than a lot of extensive traveling to far-a-way places. We started with a two night stay at the VILLAGE HOTEL on Biltmore Estate in beautiful Ashville, North Carolina.

From THE STORY OF BILTMORE, is a description of what began as Vanderbilt's vision of a country retreat which became the largest private residence in America with its 250 rooms with 65 fireplaces. The Biltmore is preserved and filled with thousands of original furnishings (which Carolyn really enjoyed) and artwork, while its luxurious public spaces and family quarters with the downstairs servants domain give Biltmore a detailed portrait of life on a great 19<sup>th</sup>-century country estate.



Biltmore Entrance



Tulip Gardens



Restaurant Anniversary Treat

We saw the original farm buildings on the property which include implements from the 1890's to the years right after WWII. The estate farm included barns for workhorses, blacksmith shop, wagon repair shop, storage sheds, and graineries for livestock.

As we viewed the historical Biltmore Estate, we noted it is truly a masterful restoration of early American life. It stands in vital contrast to what we have in our future prepared by our Lord. John states in chapter 14:2,3 *"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you."* Our men's bible study program (BSF) has concluded its study of the book of Revelation. By true comparison, John records in Revelation chapter 21:10 *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal clear jasper, vs 21, "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass."*

We want to thank you for your continued interest in the work and ministry of TWR, as well for your financial sharing in our retirement costs of health insurance, and items included in our retirement package.

Respectfully,

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### **11Year-Old Praying for Good Crops**

**CAMBODIA – Getting thrown in jail isn’t something that an 11-year-old fourth-grader usually has to worry about, but Raksa was thinking about that possibility during his school holidays. When the Cambodian fields in which his parents work don’t produce a good crop for harvest, they have to look elsewhere for work to feed themselves and their three children. Work on other farms around the family’s hometown is scarce, so to ensure that there is food on the table and that the children can get an education, Raksa’s parents have no choice but to secure work on a farm in a neighboring country.**

**During Raksa’s school holidays, the family heads off for these fallback jobs. As the crossborder venture is illegal, the threat of being thrown in jail if the police in the other country catch them looms large. Although Raksa is concerned about this threat, he realizes that there is nothing he can do to interfere with his parents’ decisions.**

**“Please pray for the field to produce good crops so we don’t have to go to work in [another country],” Raksa told a member of TWR Cambodia team when they visited his hometown.**

**“My happiest time of the week is when I am *Listening to Happy Children's Garden* program.” My grandma is the one who leads me to listen to the program. I believe in Jesus now and am so happy that I can learn more about him through listening to the program.”**

**Some adults too have responded:**

**“The radio programs broadcast is really a great blessing to my family and especially to my mother who benefits a lot from the teaching as she loves hearing God's word very much. Thank you.”**

**“Although I am blind and cannot go to church still I have an opportunity to listen to the radio programs. I enjoy these programs from Trans World Radio. My radio is precious to me.”**