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Revelation 14:6.

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The newsletter of Hope International

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Hope
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School of *Evangelism*

Hope International School of Evangelism is a unique school. This school has been established to teach men and women how to minister to others, and thus find true happiness. The



object we have before us is qualifying laborers to give the Three Angel's Messages, by teaching God's plan of restoration for the whole person. We believe there is only one educational plan that Heaven can bless. That plan teaches an experimental knowledge of God. To truly know God is to experience Him in the daily life. It means a personal knowledge of Christ. And then we will reflect His character, the very reason why we were created. *"The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul."* Patriarchs and Prophets, 595.

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This kind of education does much more than fill the mind with spiritual food; it prepares the whole being to serve God. The students will be trained in the spiritual areas as well as in manual labor and acquire skills that will not only prepare us for heaven, but also to serve in this world now, including the ability to support oneself as he or she ministers. The training will prepare people to work for God in different ways. The foundational principles of education promoted are based upon the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. Historical examples of true education include the school of the prophets, Cooranbong and the self-supporting Madison school established by Sutherland and Magan under the guidance of Ellen G. White.

True Christian education centers in the Word of God. The Word, being the only guide, teaches to discontinue attempts to follow the methods of the world in education, following Jesus and the example of John the Baptist and the great men of God. Our goals also include helping people develop resourcefulness and character for maximum effectiveness in these last days. To educate the youth, and those not so young, of the final generation to discover the matchless character of Christ, to accept His claims upon their lives and service, and to prepare our students to give the loud cry, that the everlasting gospel may be taken to the last corner of the earth, is our ultimate goal.

In the school program and life-style, we seek to point students to the faithfulness and trustworthiness of God and Jesus Christ. As Seventh-day Adventists, we understand the Lord has called us to come out of the world for a definite purpose: to reveal to the world and to the universe the true character of God.

Today the Lord calls men and women to be educated to develop and use their individuality as leaders in the gospel work. This requires an entire

submission to the leading of God, as well as to govern self. HIS Evangelism, (Hope International School of Evangelism), seeks to train men and women to be strong in their thoughts and actions: who are masters and not slaves of circumstances, who possess broad understanding, clearness of thought and the courage to follow their convictions; men and women who make Christ the Lord and King of their lives. If this is what you are looking for, Hope International School of Evangelism is waiting for you.

For more information, please call Gary Foster at 1-309-343-1844 or e-mail him at his_ed@hopeint.org.

Log Home *Update!*

We are so excited to see the log home nearing completion! We hope to be able to move in by the end of April. It is such a humbling experience to see how God has moved in our behalf to give us more than we would have ever conceived of asking for. It still baffles our minds that someone would give this home away, and it is even more mind boggling that the people it was first offered to refused it!

We cannot praise our God too much for His wonderful gifts to us. We knew we were going to have to move out of the dormitory when our school started, but we knew not where we would go, and we certainly did not want to put a lot of money into building another structure. But God already had the timetable in mind and knew exactly what we needed and when we were going to need it. All we needed to do was to trust Him.

I hope each one of you will get the opportunity to come and see this "Ebenezer" that the Lord has provided.

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12.



Views of the log home being re-assembled with a new foundation at Hope International.

Meet the Director *of the School of Evangelism*



Gary Foster

Gary Foster has served as an ordained minister, church administrator, Bible worker, nursing home administrator, ambulance service director, K-12 school principle and as a literature evangelist. He is a Doctor of Naturopathy, graduating from Southern Graduate Institute of Natural Medical Science. He was on the founding Board of Kentucky Christian School and served as its principal for three years. He is married to Diann (Wade) Foster. They met while attending Southern Missionary College in Collegedale, TN. They have nine children, and have been married for 37 years. Diann is a Registered Nurse. Gary is a Licensed Practical Nurse. Gary and Diann have lived all their lives in Kentucky and Tennessee. Before coming to Hope, he and Diann lived in Campbellsville, KY for the past twenty-five years.

Before joining the Seventh-day Adventist church, Gary was a Baptist Youth Evangelist attending Cumberland College. He heard the message from his cousin, Gary Shepherd, and began to study and teach what he knew, while at Cumberland College, as the dorm's "spiritual leader." Joe Crews met and studied with Gary for two years, while Joe was a pastor in Louisville, KY. Elder Phil Neal baptized Gary into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1967. He left immediately for Southern Missionary College. There he met and married Diann. He served the KY-TENN conference as a colporteur-Pastor in eastern Kentucky.

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Brother Foster, while a student at SMC, visited Williamsburg, KY and found out that the Jellico Hospital was closing. Gary contacted Adventist Health System and related the situation surrounding the hospital, and AHS eventually ended up running Jellico. Eventary Gary and Diann both worked at the Hospital. Gary served as a department head, Diann as a nurse.

Gary and Diann have four children by birth. Patrick, Patricia, Philip and Penni. All are faithful members of the church and are married to wonderful, dedicated spouses. Gary and Diann then adopted five special needs children. Diann has worked with medically fragile children for over twenty years. All of the children have been home schooled or attended private Christian schools.

Gary and Diann believe strongly in Christian education. Gary was called one night by some people in the community who were meeting at a church in the town they lived in. Gary was asked to help start a Christian school. He was on the founding board and served also as principal. The school had over one hundred students in grades K-12. The book *Education* was used as a devotional and a work program was started—and this was in a non-SDA, private school.

Gary and Diann have held marriage seminars in different churches and enjoy this ministry. Gary has preached in Peru, Holland, Mexico, Jamaica, Canada and all over the United States.

Brother and Sister Foster love people and want to see our youth trained and active in missionary work so we can go home. Brother Foster wants to see that the Hope International School of Evangelism follows the plan established by God and revealed through the Bible and the writings of Sister White.

Employment Opportunity

We are looking for someone to head up our maintenance department. The applicant will need to be strong in maintenance management related to homes and small businesses. Having ability in HVAC would be a great plus, but is not required. Must have a general proficiency in electrical, plumbing, small equipment repair, roofing, painting, sheetrock work, etc.

We would like to have someone dedicated to the Lord and His work. We want to have someone who really believes the Lord is coming soon and would like to be a part of an organization that is striving to preach the straight message to the last generation of not only the world, but Seventh-day Adventists as well.

If you have an interest in helping finish the work, have maintenance abilities, and would like to work for a ministry, please email us at executivedirector@hopeint.org, or give us a call at 1-800-468-7884 or write to us at P.O. Box 220, Knoxville, IL 61448.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 8-10

Knoxville, Illinois
Hope International
Spring Convocation

April 15-17

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Ron Spear,
Joe Olson,
Clark Floyd

May 14

St. Louis, Missouri

Ron Spear,
Joe Olson,
Richard Harris,
Roscoe Smiley

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another:

Meeting Snapshots

Newfoundland, Canada

What a blessing we experienced with the people of Newfoundland! They expressed over and over again their amazement that Hope International would come all the way up there to visit them. These are some of the most friendly people we have ever met.

The meetings were very well accepted with several asking for tapes of the meetings to take to their friends. We were even able to have a small book sale after the meetings so people could take advantage of the free shipping. When we went through customs, we expected to pay heavily for the books we were bringing into Canada, but the customs agent looked so favorably on what we were doing, he gave us a special rate. We were then able to sell the books at a much lower cost than otherwise, for which we give glory to God!

We look forward to the opportunity to return and see the fruits of the work that is being started. Many people were interested in the meetings, and we believe that the next time, there will be an overwhelming positive response. Please pray for these dear souls, their love burns bright, and Satan hates that with a passion.



Elder Ron Spear (center) with brothers and sisters after a meeting in Newfoundland, Canada.

Testimonies

“Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful! I wish I could feel as fulfilled every Sabbath as I do today. V.R.

“I love this meeting very much” H.K. (8 year old girl)

“Thank you! Thank you! I feel so spiritually fed. It’s been a wonderful blessing to be here today. Keep up the wonderful work. May God continue to bless.” H.W.

St. Louis, Missouri

Our new board member,

Roscoe Smiley was presenting a message from the Lord in St. Louis, and was used decidedly by the Holy Spirit. The first thing that was said by one of the attendees was, When will you be back? Ron Spear gave his testimony, and during his message exhorted the



Roscoe Smiley

people to commit themselves to an hour of Bible study each day. Richard Harris, of Seven Thunders Ministry, stressed the importance of standing, even if you are the only one.

In the group that came to the meetings was an Oriental family. I asked if they had received an invitation to the meetings and they said no, they lived almost 250 miles away. They had read about the meetings in our newsletter. They said they understand very little English, but they came to the meetings to support the cause. You cannot imagine what that did for our hearts!

Testimonies

“This has been a blessed time, but way too short, please come back soon!” R.S.

“Ron Spear’s message stirred my heart, I know the Lord is coming soon.” C.F.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 29-July 10

St. Louis, Missouri
General Conference
Session

July 20-24

Knoxville, Illinois
Hope International
Summer
Campmeeting

September 9-10

Colton, California
Joe Olson,
Lee Forbes

October 21-23

Knoxville, Illinois
Hope International
Fall Convocation

and so much
the more, as
ye see the day
approaching.”

Hebrews
10:25



The Campm

A testimony by J

The first time my husband and I attended a Hope camp meeting, we were greeted by an angel. During the time just prior to receiving an invitation for the camp meeting, we had been in the middle of a problem we were having with our pastor. We had received a free trial subscription to *Our Firm Foundation* magazine and we were impressed with the spiritual content of the magazine and felt a need to be with people of like mind.

We had only a borrowed tent and some camping gear in our little Honda as we drove to Yucaipa to spend the weekend at the 1993 camp meeting. We drove all day to get there, stopping only for gas and to eat. We arrived at the campground Thursday evening just before the first meeting and were met at the gate by a young man who looked like he was in his mid to late twenties. He was sitting on the fender of his Volkswagen bug that was filled to the roof with camping gear. He was dressed in regular street clothes and we saw nothing unusual about him. He smiled, opened the gate and directed us to the area where the meetings were going to be held and to where we should pitch our tent. We thanked him and drove in, anxious to get to the meeting that was about to begin. Time was so short when we arrived that we left our car still packed and hurried to the meeting. We walked in, sat down and listened to a wonderful sermon.

The next morning (Friday) we got dressed and attended the first meeting of the day. As the meeting began there was an announcement made apologizing for the fact that the campground had a policy of locking the gates before sunset and that many people were unable to attend the Thursday evening meeting because they were locked out. We thought that was odd since we had been met by the young man in the VW. Since the campground employees all seemed to wear uniforms we assumed that the young man was part of Hope, but if he had been, why were we the only people that he let in?

I began to think about the fact that all he had was what could fit in a Volkswagen and studied who else was camping in the tent section of the



Meeting Angel

Ceanine Shumway

campground. We seemed to be the only ones in a tent, so it wasn't hard to realize that he hadn't pitched a tent in the tent area. There had been no trailer that his car was pulling. Before meetings, during breaks and every chance I had, I hunted for this man that had let us in, but never once did I see anyone at the whole camp meeting that had a VW or that looked like him. Who was the man at the gate? The only explanation we could think of was that it was an angel, because what we learned at those meetings changed the direction of our lives.

We heard sermons from Dwight Hall and Tom Waters about overcoming sin in our own lives and how to be a victorious Christian. We saw other Christian Adventists who were practicing what our church used to preach. The first conviction that came to my heart was that I didn't pack the clothes a Bible believing Christian woman should have packed. Not because someone lectured me about wearing a dress rather than pants, but because they themselves wore dresses. No one said a word about how to dress, but when we broke for lunch, we made a quick trip to the local Wal-Mart and I bought two skirts to wear. The sermon that hit home powerfully to both of us was one by Tom Waters entitled: Evil Surmising or Beneficial Devising. We saw that sin in our lives and we saw the need of a change in us. We also learned from that sermon how to depend on God to overcome this (or any) sin.

There were many other powerful sermons concerning the signs of the end, including warnings of what was happening in our own church, and in hearing those, we were comforted to know that we were not alone in our concerns. The Lord richly blessed us that weekend and the lessons learned will never be forgotten. When I hear people criticize Hope, I am reminded of that angel sitting on the Volkswagen and I know that the criticism is really directed at our Lord who raised up Hope to give His distressed little flock "hope." I thank you all, and especially Ron Spear, for heeding the Lord's voice and giving us "Hope."

Summer Camp Meeting

Our camp meetings have grown so large that we had to move out of our Chapel into a two hundred-seat tent. We now need a four hundred-seat tent, praise the Lord! We were asked by several people to have a summer camp meeting so people could bring their children.



We have scheduled our first summer camp meeting for July 20-24, 2005. We are very excited about the new addition to our meetings. We will still have our Spring and Fall convocations. They will be April 8-10, 2005 and October 21-23, 2005. Please make a note that we have changed the dates for the Fall convocation. It is now a week later. We had to make a schedule change because no hotel rooms were available in Galesburg/Knoxville the weekend before.

There will be several new speakers for these meetings. Gary Foster, our new school director will be giving stirring messages about the educational plans God had and has for His people. Tony Morais, our new health center director, will be speaking on God's true health remedies. He will also be available throughout the week for free health counseling and guidance.

Raphael Perez, editor of Eternal Gospel Herald, will share timely messages from God and share some thrilling stories of how God is working. And there is more to come. Look for the full schedule in our next newsletter.

Accommodation Information

If you would like to stay on-site at our dormitory, the rate is \$20.00 per night for double occupancy. We have a very limited number of rooms and payment must be received in advance. For those who prefer hotel accommodations, we have secured an excellent rate of \$50.00 for the Summer Camp Meeting and \$45.00 for that Fall Convocation at the Comfort Inn in Galesburg. The hotel has a free deluxe continental breakfast and free wireless Internet. This hotel is also very close to Wal-Mart and major grocery stores, as well as many restaurants. If you would like to reserve a room now, please call the Comfort Inn at 309-344-5445.

There is also a Holiday Inn Express at \$58.00 per night (309-343-7100) and a Days Inn at \$62.10 per night (309-344-1111).



A Letter From a Reader

“Dear Hope International,

I enjoy your publication very much, especially, “Donate Your Jewelry For The Lord’s Work.” I’ve got an idea. Forget about the few baubles, bangles and trinkets the women wear and instead concentrate on the excessively large homes, 2nd homes, RV’s, boats, too many 2nd, 3rd and 4th vehicles, not to mention trips, and land added to land, just to name a few. You’ll get a ton more tithes and offerings and you’ll really be covering the subject like Jesus did when He spoke of God’s people pulling down barns to build bigger ones. Just a thought!” *The Gals*

As we read this letter, we felt it deserved special attention. These people added a dimension that we had completely missed. The request for the jewelry was not so much for the money it would provide, but to utilize what is wasting away for many in a drawer somewhere. But what they pointed out was just as true, if not more so, and definitely has more value for the Lord’s work.

“As Seventh-day Adventists, we have a work to do in witnessing for Christ. If indeed the Lord is coming, it is time to sell what you have and give alms. It is time to put out your money to the exchangers, time to place every dollar you can spare, into the treasury of the Lord, that institutions may be erected for the education of workers, who shall be instructed as were those who attended the school of the prophets. If the Lord comes and finds you doing this kind of work, he will say, “Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” *G.C. Bulletin*, October 1, 1896.

We thought this was especially apropos, especially since we are beginning a school of evangelism now. If there are those that are convicted that they have some extra funds or property or material goods that they would like to see used for the Lord’s work, we will be more than happy to invest them in the “bank of heaven” for you. May God bless you as you consider the needs of His work.

Tithe

Hope International does not solicit tithes, however we are a tithe-worthy organization and accept tithes. We use the tithe only for the gospel ministry. Donations designated “Gospel Ministry” will be considered tithe.



Hope for Health Center

We would like to introduce our new “Hope for Health” Center. That’s right! Hope International has begun a health work here in Illinois in the town of Knoxville. It is a “storefront” operation where we offer free nutritional and weight loss recommendations, advice on natural and herbal alternatives, and will also have a Christian bookstore. The people of Knoxville are already chomping at the bit for us to open. They are so excited about it they ask every day when it will be open.

Tony Morais is already doing some work helping people and the word has spread about what we are doing and we are getting calls from all over the nation and overseas. Tony has had many years of working in this field and has helped many, many people. Being from Africa, and Portugal in Europe, he has had access to many natural herbal products that he has had dramatic success with and brings his expertise here to Hope to be used of the Lord to not only operate the health center, but to teach in our new school God’s plan for health and how to maintain or achieve it.

This health center is so new that we don’t even have the storefront office cleaned up and set up yet. It has been remodeled, new carpet installed and painted, but we still need furniture, shelving, phones, lighting, etc. As soon as we can get the things we need and get them in place, we will take some better pictures so you can visualize what it is going to be like. We are pleading with each of our supporters to make this new venture a matter of prayer that God will be the One who is glorified by this effort and that many souls will be won to the kingdom.

We are starting this that we might help those in need, both physically and spiritually, and the goal of all we do is the exaltation of our Lord and Saviour and to bring the life saving truths to as many as we can that they might make a decision for the same loving God that we know and love. If you would like to help us financially in this undertaking, please mark your donation “Hope for Health” Center.

Meet the Director

of the Hope for Health Center



Tony Morais

Tony Morais was born in 1953 in Angola. In January 1974 he joined the Portuguese army and served for thirteen months during the civil war period. He ultimately had to leave Angola in August 1975 because of the war. Tony with his mother and sister, (his father stayed in Angola), traveled almost 1900 miles through the jungle and deserts to escape to South Africa. They stayed for three months in South Africa's refugee camps before flying to Portugal. After completing studies in theology in Spain and France, he came to Portugal where in 1986 he was called to be a pastor in the Lisbon area and additionally taught Bible and Computer Science at the Seventh-day Adventist High School.

In 1987 he met Celeste and they were married in September 1988. They have two children, Mariana, 14 and Miguel, 6. After serving the Lord for six years at the Portuguese Conference he asked for leave without pay to consider what the Lord would have him do. Subsequently, he worked as a naturopathic technician, studied in the evening, and received his doctorate in Naturopathy.

In 1999 after attending several American self-supporting ministry meetings in Portugal, Tony and his family decided to put into practice the plan of God for His people in the last days. They went to the country, bought some land and began a large garden to provide good, wholesome, nutritious organic food for their own family.

They also started a medical missionary work which they have been involved in until January 2005 when they accepted a call from the Lord to work at Hope International. *"Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you."*
Isaiah 60:1

If you have any questions, or have your own health issues you need assistance with you may reach Tony at 309-289-HOPE (4673), or e-mail at hopeforhealth@hope.int.org.



God's Plan of Evangelism

by Tony Morais

“Work with a heart filled with an earnest longing for souls.”

God's Word says that the health reform is the right hand of the third angel's message. “The evangelization of the world is the work that God has given to those who go forth in His name. They are to be co-laborers with Christ, revealing to those ready to perish His tender, pitying love. God calls for thousands to work for Him, not by preaching to those who know the truth, going over and over the same ground, but by warning those who have never heard the last message of mercy. Work with a heart filled with an earnest longing for souls. *Do medical missionary work.* Thus you will gain access to the hearts of the people. The way will be prepared for more decided proclamation of the truth. You will find that relieving their physical suffering gives an opportunity to minister to their spiritual needs.” *A Call to Medical Evangelism and Medical Education*, 7.

This is the kind of work we have to do in the last days of the earth's history. This is the work we are preparing for at Hope International. At this moment we are almost finished with the “Hope for Health” Center that will be operating among the people of the town of Knoxville. With this Center, we expect to reach non-Adventist people through the health message, helping people to recover from their physical suffering, and at the same time present to them the love of our Creator for them.

We also expect to reach and to touch the people of God with the importance of this message. We read in the Spirit of Prophecy about this work: “I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work.” *Evangelism*, 523.

Our goal is not only to open the “Hope for Health” Center in Knoxville, but also to teach our people the medical missionary work the way God has designated. For that reason, we will also be



teaching classes at our new Hope International School of Evangelism. We expect to start the classes this fall, God willing. We are going to teach how we can treat the diseases that the world is suffering from with simple remedies and with simple herbs that God has created to help man in his fallen condition. "There are simple herbs and roots that every family may use for themselves and need not call a physician any sooner than they would call a lawyer." *Selected Messages*, vol. 2, 279.

"Our time here is short. We can pass through this world but once; as we pass along, let us make the most of life. The work to which we are called does not require wealth or social position or great ability. It requires a kindly, self-sacrificing spirit and a steadfast purpose." *Adventist Home*, 32.

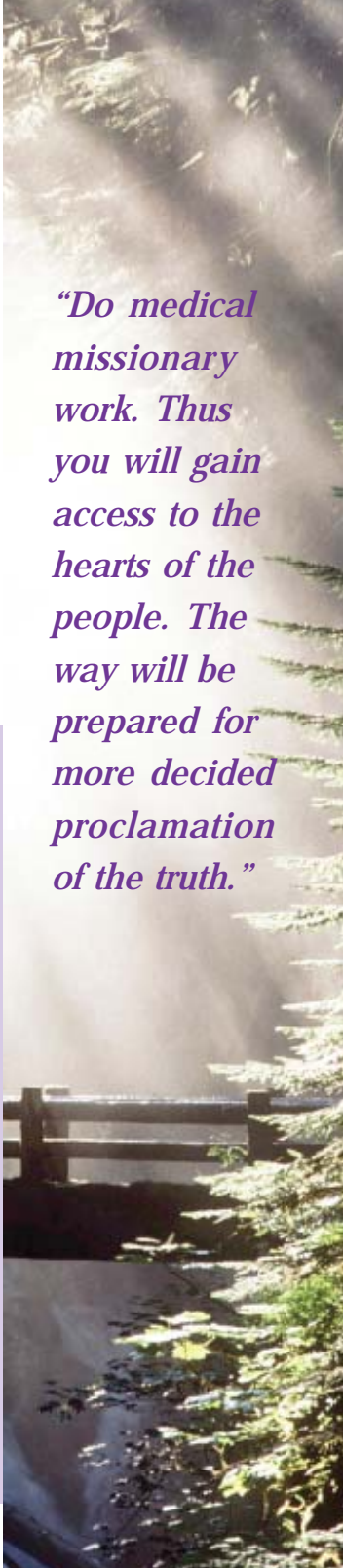
There is a world to reach and there is no time to lose, let's do the work that God has assigned to each one of us, before probationary time closes!

New Catalog Coming!

We are preparing a new catalog of our products! We have added almost 50 percent more to the present catalog. We are also including several new herbal products that our on-staff naturopathic doctor has tested and used for many years with good results.

We have had to purchase almost half of our current products again and have had substantial increases in many of them. As a result, we have had to increase the prices on many of our Bibles, books, CD's, etc. We have sent out a new price list to all who have ordered recently and we will be glad to send you one as well if you call. You can check the current prices on-line at www.hopeint.org.

We are sorry to have to increase our prices somewhat but we are bound by the costs we are charged for the products ourselves. All of our prices are subject to change of course, but we do strive to keep our prices as low as we can. Thank you in advance for understanding!



"Do medical missionary work. Thus you will gain access to the hearts of the people. The way will be prepared for more decided proclamation of the truth."



The *Apple* Tree

The Pruner came yesterday
To trim our apple tree,
And as his pruners went to work
I thought of God and me.

The Pruner snipped and cut
First the old dead wood;
Then his pruning shears attacked
Branches I considered good.

Branches that pointed upward,
And then those that pointed down,
Were soon released from the tree
And piled upon the ground.

The Pruner continued on
Much more than I would dare,
And when he finally finished
The tree looked mighty bare.

But through faith in his ability,
I soon hoped to see
The day when I would pick
Fruit from off this tree.

Now I start to think
How God has to deal with me;
He must prune and snip and cut
The dead wood from my tree.

Then He needs to take those branches
I think I cannot spare
Until I finally find myself
From sin and self quite bare.

But in the day of Christ's return,
When He comes to set us free,
I'll thank my God that He would use
His pruning shears on me.

by Clark Floyd



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