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Your Flag?

Yesterday on another patented drive by Marie and I, Words of a Witness Ministries, we drove 701.4 miles from 6:45am to 11:20pm. We left Connecticut 30 minutes after we left our home. We drove northeast through Massachusetts and left that state at 9:45am; we then entered New Hampshire and drove eastwardly into Maine at 11:45am. We drove then southeast, down to the coast and to Kennebunkport, the summer home of President Bush while he was in the White House. After seeing the coast in the southeast corner of Maine we left the state at 1:30pm back into New Hampshire. We drove north through the state entering into the White Mountains and the skiing and winter sports. The last weekend of the summer was like a hive a bees, with people and traffic everywhere, buzzing at over 6000 feet, with Mt. Washington in view with the Mt. Washington valley full of people. Leaving New Hampshire at 5:30pm into Vermont, we were just 48 miles from Canada! Going through customs, making a u-turn at an intersection just beyond the check point, and entering back into the United States of America, we started for home at 7:00pm. Four hours and twenty minutes later we home. 701.4 miles and 16 hours and 35 minutes, we saw four (4) states, 3 of which we had not seen and we entered into a new country, Canada, as brief as it was. Looking into the custom's office window there hung a portrait of President Bill Clinton.

Leaving Canada we stopped at a rest stop and a visitor's center; there, picking up many brochures and maps. This morning while reading through the brochures, a town in southeast Vermont, Bennington, was in my spirit by the Holy Spirit as I read the literature. One sentence and one only, as I read the article, the Holy Spirit's witness to me was beautiful and surreal. I will quote the article which came from Vermont, Historic Sites Guide, State of Vermont, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation, 135 State Street, Drawer 33, Montpelier, Vermont, 05633-1201, 802-828-3051.

This letter is not to put a picture before your face on the sheer beauty of the four states and Canada; but this letter, as its title reflects, hopes to bring to your mind the piece of cloth flying over the custom and check point building at the Canada border, at each state's Capitol Building and at every Post Office in the United States of America!!!!

Every person which calls this country its' home, needs to see this piece of cloth as their own! Not just a piece of cloth, but as a symbol of what it stands for and will stand for. To overlook, to cast off, to ignore, to have no respect or worse, to not caring one way or the other, is the worst thing a person can do, other than not accepting Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, not living Christ like, and dieing, then going to hell! The sacrilege, whether physical or mental, of the flag of this country built on God's values and morals and teachings is inexcusable!!!

Vermont, the fourteenth State admitted to the Union, the first after the original thirteen, is as all the others I have seen and written about, very proud of its' history and being a part of the United States of America and a part of the United States Flag star's number. Being the fourteenth star is as important to Vermont as Alaska's forty-ninth star or Hawaii's fiftieth star. When did your state have its' star emblazoned in history???? Do you know??? What was it's number? What year? Do you know what the flag looks like? How many stripes or stars, what color, what their significance is? What color are the stars, their backgrounds? What is the pledge you memorized in school to the flag of the United States? Did you even have to memorize it?

ASK ANY SERVICE MAN OR WOMAN ABOUT WHAT THE FLAG STANDS FOR?

Our journey: the thoughts for this letter, **did not** come from the miles or hours driven; or, from Kennebunkport, President Bush; White Mountains, Mt. Washington, as the prestigious White House; Mount Washington, for Washington D. C., capitol of the United States of America; the country of the United States, to leaving this country with its' flag flying behind me,

while entering a foreign country, other than my own, and this flag's memories; to reading this small article of Bennington's historical memories and sites.

By the strong appearance upon me, of the Holy Spirit this morning, this letter is being written, and I will, I know, I will have to visit Bennington, Vermont and the monument which was erected just for, as the article portrays, and this letter portrays, the FLAG of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, whether with 13 stars, 36 stars or 50 stars.

As God ordained this country, the Holy Spirit has ordained this letter. This country upon it's beginning in 1776, now 222 years young, and it's 42 Presidents, and it's 50 stars on it's flag is still blessed by God to have it's freedom of speech, press, religion and the pursuit of happiness.

I look at other countries, their thousands of years in the making to just their 40 to 50 years of existence. The country of Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948, 50 years old, but it is it's 5787th or so year of existence. Archeology is it's history; but, our Nation's history, we can see, by the State's proud monuments, historical markers, museums and history. This article, about this monument, was to me inspired by the American Flag, upon seeing and knowing, what it stands for, and believing in it. **OUR CHRISTIAN WALK, OUR LIFE IS BASED ON FAITH IN WHAT IT STANDS FOR, OUR BELIEFS AND SEEING WHAT GOD HAS DONE!!!**

The article, "The Bennington Battle Monument" off Vermont Rte. 9 – Old Bennington. The summer of 1776 was nearing its end. The British and Germans were pursuing the American Army on its' retreat from the fortification at Mount Independence and Ticonderoga. But British General John Burgoyne needed food and ammunition. There was a good supply at Bennington, and the General ordered Col. Baum's Hessians to seize it. He also sent word to the Catamount Tavern to have dinner ready for Baum's officers. As it turned out Baum was killed, and the Green Mountain Boys ate the dinner.

General John Stark, a tough New Hampshire Indian fighter, attacked Baum and, with the help of Seth Warner and the Green Mountain Boys defeated the Hessians. Burgoyne's army retreated to Saratoga and defeat, a stunning American victory that turned the tide of the Revolution. It is tradition that during the action at Bennington the American Flag was first carried in battle.

Amid the quiet streets of Old Bennington, a 306 foot stone monument rises above the trees marking the spot where the arsenal stood. An elevator operates to an observation point high in the monument. A fine diorama gives the visitor a dramatic glimpse of the battle.

The site is open daily, mid-April through October 31."

“IT IS TRADITION THAT DURING THE ACTION AT BENNINGTON THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS FIRST CARRIED INTO BATTLE.” This is the one sentence when I read it that I was filled by the Spirit of God telling me that this, I can believe in. I can believe in my God and I can believe that God has His hands upon the United States of America and as we carry God's standards within each of us, we must, each one of us, carry God's standard for this country He ordained, the standard, The Flag, the red, white and blue, which General John Stark and Seth Warner with the Green Mountain Boys saw during the battle of Bennington.

As the tribes of Israel pitched their tents, made their homes around the Tabernacle of God, countries within the United States; the Levites, the church of God, were the only ones to set up, take down or move the Tabernacle of God and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. Only a few of the United States citizens as were the Levites with faith in action to God. The others, as with this country's flag, or with God now, go on as Numbers 1:52,53 says about the children of Israel or in this case with the United States, just living in the country as the children of Israel did around the Tabernacle, they *“And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts, but the Levites shall pitch round about the Tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of*

Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the Tabernacle of testimony.”

The American people have grown slothful in regards to the United States Flag and to God! The love of this country is fading away as is the love of God from most United States citizens. Only a few hold the Flag and God with the respect and honour they deserve!!!

The United States and God are just that, **THE UNITED STATES and GOD!!!** That is what and who they will always be regardless of what you say or do. God is God and God ordained this country. The people, with their behaviors, may disgrace the country and God, but they will go on. And they will go on without those as the scripture said as a stranger, and shall die! Die to God for an eternity, living in hell forever, always reliving their sins.

Words of a Witness Ministries, our testimonies, our witness of God and of the Flag, with this journey, left without a single penny in our pockets. As God does, and so does this country, takes care of His own, I came home, full and with a new 1998 one cent piece, which was left on the picnic table at a park inside the White Mountains, or as I referred to this earlier, the White House. The sixteenth President, bright and shining, Abraham Lincoln came home with us in my pocket along with the United States Flag and God flying over all my battles. Another journey traveled where, when and how, by us with God.

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ... So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:10,13,17.

A penny for YOUR thoughts!
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