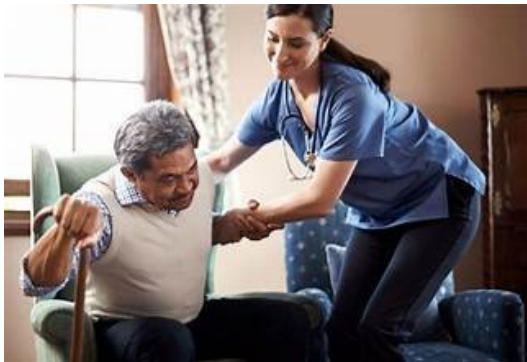


# Wade's News for June 2024

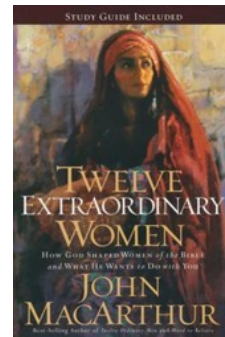


This is what June looks like where I live. The alfalfa fields are a beautiful green. Right now, many farmers are cutting, baling and stacking this valuable crop. Other crops raised in this area are pinto beans, feed corn, wheat and sugar beets. I always feel at home with farmers and farming. That is a great connecting point with men in the nursing homes. Many of the women have also spent many years on the farms, ranches and dealing with livestock.

## *Mother's Day Outreach.*



In the many years I have done Christian ministry in nursing homes I have always been very impressed with the dedication, devotion and self-sacrifice of nursing home staff. They carry a very heavy load at work plus



they have a home, family and a host of other responsibilities. They are more than mere employees. In many ways they exemplify the teachings of Jesus in serving those in need. This last Mother's Day I wanted to give them something that expressed my appreciation to them and to bless and encourage them. The book "Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur tells of women who are indeed very ordinary with all the failings we humans have, and yet how God changed them, used them and made them truly extraordinary. You enabled me to provide the book for 25 employees. I included a letter of explanation and the simple gospel along with a prayer to trust in Christ and ask His forgiveness. There were a few who elected not to accept the book but 17 of them did. It was an exceptional opportunity to reach them for Christ. Thank you for your help!

## *Coming and Going*



There is a continuous turnover of residents. Some stay only a short time as they recover from hospital treatment. Others move when family members relocate for a number of reasons. Others continue the path of life that leads to leaving this world. The nursing home staff sometimes become friends with residents and

grieve their passing. For me it can be difficult when the deceased person has shown no evidence of trusting in Christ. Sometimes the "evidence" shown is merely a change in attitude. This is true with those who are suffering dementia to the degree they can hardly communicate. After explaining the gospel slowly and leading in prayer one phrase at a time, pausing to allow the person to silently pray to the Lord, I have noticed both joy and tears after prayer.

## *Visitors and Singers*

Over the last several months several women have assisted me in visitation at the care center. They were from Frontier School of the Bible and have left for the summer. Also, several men assisted me on Saturdays who were gifted in singing. They went from room to room with me and their singing of hymns was really appreciated. I was unable to contact them for permission to use their names, But the Lord used them to open some doors for me to share the Gospel.



## *New Residents*

We have some new residents who are especially motivated to help and encourage others who are less fortunate. It is easy to see they have been in active service to the Lord before entering the nursing home.



*May the 4<sup>th</sup> of July be deeply meaningful to you.*

*God Save America!*

### My Hospital Stay

Recently my body had a reaction to the blood pressure medicine I have taken for years. It caused a swelling of my tongue and lips called angioedema. I went to the emergency room and they put me in the hospital to monitor the change in medication. I jokingly tell people they put me in the hospital for having a big mouth. The swelling soon dissipated but my body is still adjusting to the new medication.

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