



The DOULOS

Doulos: Greek n. "servant"



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Looking in the Rearview Mirror (While Driving Forward)

By Grace Holland

"How did it feel to write your life story?" some people ask me. "How did you get so much done?" "I don't know," I answer. "I guess I had more energy then."

At Carolyn's request, I'm pondering the experience of writing my memoirs. Since I gathered many details for the book from my letters home to my parents, one of my main feelings was surprise. I was surprised to discover how many things in the letters I'd forgotten—major things that impacted my life. That makes me wonder how many things all of us forget in our lives and whether we will have full memory in heaven. Well, maybe not, since there are not going to be any tears in heaven. Those of you who journal or blog have a record, but I didn't have time for that. I was also surprised at the strength God gave when situations seemed unending or impossible. You might also be surprised at the things I had to leave out, but I imagine that those of you who read the book were glad it wasn't any longer.

I was not surprised, however, at the times I didn't get it right. Those I remember painfully well. It was a little hard to write about them, but I was glad to assure readers of God's forgiveness and love that I experienced. Some readers have thanked me for being honest, and I know for myself that the books that have been most influential in my life have been those where I could identify with the characters as an ordinary human being. Africa missionaries, especially, have thanked me for the ways in which they could identify with the people, places and experiences

that the book brought to mind--and that makes me glad.

Perhaps the most important result of writing the book has been the ability for me to see the big picture. In the classes I taught on missionary life and work, I felt it was always important to prepare students to take the long view. They would be learning much, working hard and planting seeds and there would not be much to show for it for a while—maybe not even for a long time. I enjoyed telling them stories of times I felt inadequate and the results that God brought later on. But I was not quite prepared for the experience of looking back over my whole life and realizing how faithful God had been. Early in the story I developed a strong conviction about prayer. God's fantastic promises about prayer in the Bible must mean something, so I tried to take him at his word. He taught me much about how to pray and how to trust. Many prayers were answered over time. How encouraging it was to notice them! Other prayers were not answered in the way I had hoped and there are still unanswered questions about a life of prayer, but the unfailing conviction that grows stronger each day I live is that God is absolutely faithful!

This leads to an overwhelming sense of gratefulness. Does it make sense to be thankful for a thankful heart? I know. Who wouldn't be



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Our Pastoral Staff

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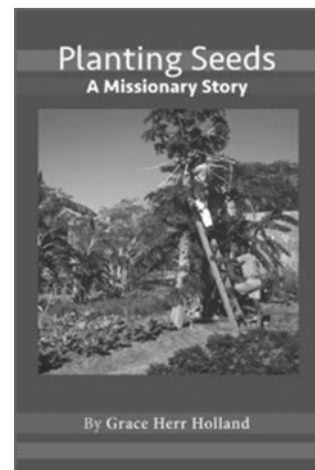
Jeff Conrady
Pastor for Youth

thankful for what I have been given and what I have experienced? Still, it is so easy to focus on the things that go wrong instead of the things that go right! Writing the book has reinforced that for me and God is helping me not to focus on the things that seem to go wrong.

And best of all, it's not over. At the end of the book I tried to kind of bring things to a conclusion and enlarge on the fact that I'm now an old lady, but it didn't work very well. I still felt like looking forward. Recently someone said to me that they thought I looked 60 years old. Wasn't that a diplomatic thing to say? I wonder what they really thought. It may be that my biggest challenges are still to come as an older person, but in the meantime I want to practice being thankful, joyful, expectant, faithful, forgiving and loving.

Do you want to join me?

(Grace's memoir titled, "Planting Seeds, A Missionary Story" is available for \$10 from the Brethren in Christ Historical Society.)



COMING SOON... Mark your calendars!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

June 19-22, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Ages 3 years old through 5th Grade

**God's Heroes Have....Heart, Courage, Wisdom,
Hope and Power**

Psalms 34:14b

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***Thank you** for your generous gift of \$17,167 to support Iraqi and Syrian relief! It is such an ENCOURAGEMENT to know friends like you are standing with us to proclaim and demonstrate the love of Christ – especially among Muslims. (Note: This is a thank you for our Christ's Birthday offering.)

Andrew Scott, President, OM USA

*Dear Dillsburg BIC congregation, Once again I find myself sitting down to say **thank you** to a congregation that takes Jesus' call to care of the needy among us seriously. I am privileged to see firsthand how your generosity plays out in the lives of people who call Paxton Ministries home. I would invite you to come and see God at work here. You are partnering in this great work and we are grateful to you all!

Diane Buckwalter, Director of Development, Paxton Ministries

*Dear Children's Ministry Team (past and present), **Thank you** so much for taking time to be present for my "retirement" dinner from CMT leadership! It was a wonderful evening together, full of kind words, fun memories and appreciation for all that we've been able to do together over these past years. Thanks, Emily, for organizing and surprising me with such a wonderful evening – and for the lovely picture as well. It's because of all of you that children are so important in the life of DBIC! Continue on!

With love, Carolyn Kimmel

*I want to offer a big **thank you** from us to you for your financial support this past year. Your generosity allowed us to sustain our scholarship program, which helps underwrite hundreds of counseling sessions a year for low-income and no-income clients. In addition to the steep monetary cost of sexually-addictive activities, these issues often lead to family breakdown and marital separation, which increases the financial burden on our clients. Your scholarship gift is the first step in restoring them to wholeness as an individual and as a spouse and family member. May God richly bless you for your decision to support Day Seven – you are truly appreciated by us!

Bill Malay, Executive Director, Day Seven Ministries

*The miles of God-given safety on airplanes demonstrated this: God's vision plus your investment must lead us to obedience to follow His lead. We are **thankful** for the chance to go to places where people need to hear the Gospel through the shared experience of sports. Your year-end gift fuels our ministry into our 20th year of work. Thank you!

David P. Walton, President, Push the Rock

*We gratefully acknowledge your faithful investment in Messiah College through your monthly giving to the Messiah College Collaboratory. **Thank you** for partnering with us!

Beth Clark, Director of Annual Giving, Messiah College

*May the Lord continue to bless and encourage you, and many through you, as you faithfully give from what you have received from His hand. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we consider and then develop additional creative ways to advance the gospel among the least-reached.

Bruce Johnson, President, SIM USA

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*Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region **thanks you** for your generosity because it is organizations and people like you who help us achieve our mission: to empower families through relationships and skill building to move from homelessness to home.

Kristina Marshall, Executive Director, Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region

***Thank you** for giving to Mennonite Central Committee in 2016. Your gifts help change lives around the world. We couldn't do what we do without you! Last year, MCC's work in 54 countries in relief, development and peace building involved 528 partners in 761 projects.

J. Ron Byler, MCC U.S. Executive Director

*Priority 1 Ministries **thanks you** for your donation supporting Urban Encounters.

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
(Rom. 12:10-13)*

Leadership Council Report By Steven Miller

Much of our January meeting was spent discussing the annual Congregational Council held in February. As per last year's council meeting decision on how to allocate excess funds from the previous year, Leadership Council made plans for Ministry Council and Properties and Facilities to nominate projects for a "Priority List" to be brought before the council meeting. LC continued discussion on who to nominate for two remaining open elder seats on Leadership Council.

Leadership Council also:

- Heard from Pastor John about DBIC's historical attendance rates, noting a 6 percent increase in 2016.
- Discussed the transition of Phil Engle taking the lead on the Properties & Facilities team and Gary Lebo taking the lead on the Capital Campaign team.
- Approved edits to DBIC's Personnel Manual for mileage reimbursement recording and submission.
- Discussed the various holdover funds on the balance sheet, as well as the 2016 net operating income.
- Heard from Avis Whitesel that the transition team has Pastor Rob Douglass scheduled to join DBIC leadership for a spring retreat on April 1.

Stop Traffic

By Marj Strayer

I want to pass on a HUGE THANK YOU from Peace Promise. Thank you all for participating in the Eat for Freedom. Dillsburg has really played a large role in supporting Peace Promise as they reach out to those who are trapped in the adult entertainment industry, both the legal and illegal side of it.

From Dillsburg BIC, we have nine people who are actively involved in an ongoing way in this ministry. Added to that there are many, many more of you who participate in the fundraising events as they come up. We are doing our part in combatting both human sex trafficking and an industry that preys upon some of the most vulnerable. Way to go, Dillsburg!

The following are the preliminary figures just in from Peace Promise on the money raised from the two Eat for Freedom events. Altogether from Hoss's Restaurant (\$908), spaghetti dinner ticket pre-sales, bake sale, Change Purse sales and sponsorships (5K), they raised \$16,326.98. Their net income after expenses was \$13,760.52. Donations are still coming in. We were all very pleased.

God knows just what we need and He covers it all. Thank you, God.



SPRING INGATHERING OFFERING: A GENEROUS WELCOME FOR THE DOUGLASS FAMILY:

We will be *Extending our Welcome to the Douglass family* through a spring ingathering offering on March 26. Our goal is to welcome Pastor Rob and his family with an offering to pay for expenses related to relocating and settling into the Dillsburg community.

As you pray about giving to help meet our goal of \$10,000, please also remember to pray for DBIC and Pastor Rob, Chris, Bekah, Andrew and Julie as we continue on our journey together.

Thank you!

Transition Team: Kathy Bennett, Clarence Brubaker, Susan Hatch, Ed Strayer, Avis Whitesel



THE DOÜLOS

In the pew next to you...

Sandy Auxt

Born and raised in

I was born in Jamestown, NY and lived there until I was 7 years old. I “grew up” in Lewisberry and am still growing up in Dillsburg :)

A bit about my family

I am the oldest of three children. My dad and mom are both still living in Lewisberry. My mom has been battling cancer for the last 4.5 years.

I have been involved in helping to care for her, which has been a great blessing and privilege, but also a great challenge due to the dynamics in my family.

I spend my days doing

As mentioned above, most of my days in the last 4.5 years have been spent helping to care for my parents, so they could remain in their home, as they’ve walked the journey and battle of my mom’s cancer.

How I became a Christian

I am not sure exactly how or when I became a believer in Jesus. I grew up attending Lewisberry United Methodist Church as a child, teenager, and God planted the seeds of faith through His Word in my life at that time. I have always believed those truths, but spent many years not fully embracing them or living them out. From 1993 through 1997, I had the privilege of living in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, and became part of a vibrant, Bible-preaching church, and God helped bring to fruition, the truths of His Word that had been planted early in my life. I was baptized in 1998 and am so grateful that He gave me the gift of grace and faith to turn and believe and embrace Jesus in a more complete way.

A time I really saw God work in my life was . . .

I would have to say again, the four years I spent in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of northwest Colorado, were a very special time of the Lord drawing me to Himself, through the breathtaking majesty of Creation, the community of believers there, and beginning to understand the work of the Holy spirit in my life in a real and vibrant way.

My biggest passion is . . .

I am passionate about living a life of honesty. I am a bit reluctant to state this, as it seems prideful in some way. But as I’ve pondered this question, I can say with humility and honesty, this is probably one of my greatest “passions.” I was raised in a setting where oftentimes the truth was not lived out in an authentic way and where the words that were spoken did not always reflect the reality and truthfulness of a situation. It has been a blessing for God to help bring me to a place of freedom in desiring to live openly and honestly, with the Holy Spirit’s leading in my life.

I spend my free time doing . . .

In this season of my life I don’t have much free time, but I do love hiking, biking, skiing, good food, good friends, good wine, good coffee (not necessarily in that order)

Favorite Bible verse . . .

Right now, Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

My favorite thing about Dillsburg BIC is

In the year that I have been attending DBIC, I have been touched by the love expressed to me personally and the love expressed in corporate worship time. I especially appreciate the open sharing time for prayer and praises in the Sunday worship services and I hope no matter how much DBIC continues to grow, that will be something the church continues to do.

Something that might surprise you about me is . . .

I attended a Christian recovery program in 2013 and 2014 to better understand some issues in my life that have been traumatizing, and for the purpose of taking responsibility to address the sinful ways I was expressing my anger.

My favorite song is ...

(at the moment)..."Good Good Father"

A prayer request I have is . . .

For God to continue to help me trust in His providence and sovereignty as I go through a very difficult season in my life. One way He has done that this past year, is leading me to visit and worship with DBIC, as a result of my neighbor Ava attending Kids’ Club. I am very grateful for the love and prayers you have shown to her also.



THE QUIZ BOX

By Mel Brough

On Saturday, February 4, the quiz team stayed at DBIC and hosted the February practice tournament. There were five teams (Dillsburg had two teams, Grantham, the Meeting House-Carlisle and Elizabethtown.) It was another great morning of quizzing. The quiz team thanks Ruth Anne Engle who provided doughnuts, muffins and juice for a morning snack. The doughnuts were yummy. We also want to thank the people who came to watch quizzing and to encourage the quizzers.

Our next quizzing event will be hosted by **Grantham BIC** church on **Saturday, March 4, starting a 9:00 a.m.** We will be quizzing on Luke Chapters 1-16. Everyone is invited to come and support the quizzers.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, April 8 – Allegheny Open Tournament at Meeting House-Carlisle – All day

Saturday, May 6 – Charlie Crider Memorial Tournament at E-Town BIC – All day

Saturday, May 20 – Regional Conference finals at Dillsburg BIC – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Weekend of June 23 – Denominational Finals at Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle

Verse of the month: Luke 13:24 – “Make every **effort** to enter through the **narrow** door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.”

Both the Allegheny and Atlantic conferences are looking for a conference quiz director. Please join me in prayer for these positions to be filled quickly.

A great way to financially support the quizzing ministry at Dillsburg is to purchase Giant gift cards. Please see Avis Whitesel to purchase gift cards or if you have any questions.

To be eligible to quiz, you must be between the ages of 12 and 19 sometime during the quizzing year, which is defined as beginning Nov. 1 and running through Oct. 31. Quizzing provides an opportunity to study God’s Word, fellowship with other youth, participate on a team, and experience positive competition.

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MARCH



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

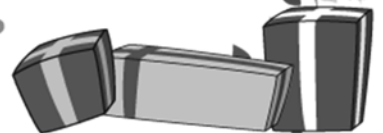
Jayson & Christi Gard	March 6
John & Mary Reed	March 12
Sam & Rosie Stoner	March 22
David & Wilma Wilt	March 30



Esther Spurrier	March 1	Phil Engle	March 13
Emily Owens	March 6	Jayson Gard	March 18
Marj Strayer	March 8	Audra Sieber	March 20
Andi Brubaker	March 9	Dan Brandt	March 20
Allison Engle	March 10	Molly Van Dyke	March 22
Emily Wingert	March 10	Steve Holland	March 26
Jaylene Shannon	March 12	Rebecca Emig	March 27
Riley Miller	March 13	Cecily Delp	March 30



Happy Birthday!



March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m. Thrive 6:30 p.m. Kids' Club	2	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	6	7	8 DOULOS Deadline 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m. Thrive 6:30 p.m. Kids' Club	9	10 Thrive - Famine	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00 a.m. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	13 6:30 p.m. Human Trafficking Meeting (Strayers')	14	15 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m. Thrive 6:30 p.m. Kids' Club	16 6:45 p.m. Leadership Council	17	18
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