



## Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?



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Fold the Napkin?**

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this....

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see.

The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!  
Is it really significant? Yes!


In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it... The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.'

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!' He is Coming Back!

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**Happy Easter  
Resurrection Day**  
**REJOICE**  
*For He Is  
Risen!*



**The  
Foundation of  
the Christian  
Faith is based  
upon: ..**

**..An Event**

.....The resurrection



# POWER Team members serving



We are all concerned about what is happening in Ukraine

Two POWER Team members are giving leadership in ministering to the immediate needs of those who are fleeing the country and keeping us informed so we can pray wisely.



**Miriam Charter** who served in Central & Eastern Europe (primarily in Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia) is very active raising prayer support and finances for the Christians in Ukraine. She has significant contact with those she served with in Romania who are caring for the refugees from Ukraine. If you would purchase her book "regeneration, stories of resilient faith in Communist Romania", we are sure it will take on new meaning as Miriam posts daily on social media what she is receiving from those on the ground.

**Bill Finnemore** continues on the ground in Poland

## Support for Ukraine



In response to the urgent situation in Ukraine, The Alliance in Canada has connected with The Church of Christ in Poland. As refugees from Ukraine flood into Poland, church buildings, church camps and private homes are being used to welcome them. Currently the Polish people are giving all they can to help. However there is a need for additional funding to supply food, clothing, shelter, and transportation. Reverend Bill Finnemore, a

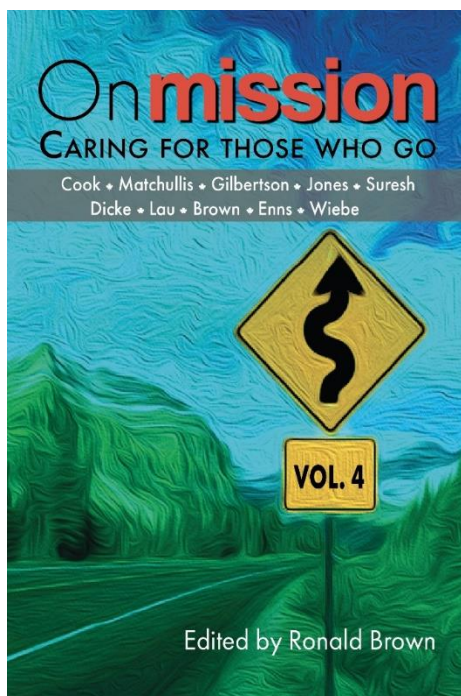


former Alliance International Worker in Poland, is well connected with the leaders there and is the liaison with this Polish National Church.

**You can support in prayer. You can support financially through the following**

[Global Emergency Response](#) | [Alliance Catalogue \(thealliancecanada.ca\)](http://thealliancecanada.ca)

**Ron Brown** continues to publish great stories of **POWER** Team members.



Ron provided the front cover image of **On mission Caring for Those Who Go**. The book can be uploaded to the NMC website with the others. <https://www.cmacan.org/resources/on-mission/>

Print versions of all the books eventually show up here: <https://www.lulu.com/spotlight/globalvault>

The chapters in this book show how the international worker's sending church, team leader, agency office, and member care provider can all better lean into their roles; namely, being the presence of Jesus walking alongside the worker and "keeping" them as they carry out the Great Commission. "I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20 MSG)

To download a zip file containing a PDF of: • The God You May Not Know • The God Made Known • Making God Known, click on the link below and the download will start immediately.

<https://www.cmacan.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Book-Series-CMA.zip>

**On Mission: Stories of Those Who Went, Volumes 1-3** contain the stories of more Canadian Alliance international workers. These books celebrate the redeeming work of God and at the same time provide some accountability to the people of God who faithfully provided sons and daughters, finances and prayer, for the mission of God. They describe how missionaries in obedience to God's call engaged in His redeeming activities all over the world by going to some of the toughest and most difficult places. They persevered, some under horrible conditions, having survived traumatic events, in order to see communities of faith established amongst least-reached peoples. Today, we rejoice, that in many nations of the world there are vibrant congregations, some small, some large that are living out the Gospel in their communities.

You may download these by clicking on this link [On Mission - The Alliance Canada \(cmacan.org\)](https://www.cmacan.org)

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## A 17th Century Prayer for Senior Saints.

Lord, you know better than I know myself, that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody. Helpful, but not bossy with my vast store of wisdom—it seems a pity not to use it all, but You know Lord, that I want a few friends at the end....

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point swiftly. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and the love of rehearsing them is becoming

sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a sour old person—some of them are so hard to live with and each one a crowning work of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen!



**POWER Team members have “Finished the Course”** and have been welcomed into their eternal home which is far better.

*“to be absent from the body (physical life) is to be present with the Lord”* II Cor. 5:6

**Easter Resurrection message:** *“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live (eternal life), even though they die (bio): and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”*  
John 11:25-26



## **Rev. Kurt Edwin Leslie Hartviksen -CMD**

**July 10, 1942 – March 14, 2022**

Kurt left his earthly home peacefully and walked into new life in his heavenly home, and is now in the presence of His Lord and Saviour.

Kurt grew up in Port Arthur Ontario and then Saskatoon. He married the love of his life, Ardis in 1965 and together they journeyed a full and faith filled life. They had two daughters

Kurt had a passion for ministry and service from a very young age. While his career took him on the path of industrial construction and then 20 years in the pharmaceutical field, his love for people and service took up many hours of his spare time. As a dedicated volunteer he served as a Gideon, an elder in his local church, in service ministry at the local nursing home and partnered with various prison ministries. In his latter years he gave time to helping with the local MS group, Woodworkers Guild and Norwegian Cultural Society.

Kurt always “made the most” of situations. In the early 90’s when his career in pharmaceuticals ended due to health difficulties and business reorganization, he decided to return to school to obtain his Masters of Divinity. Subsequent to graduation, he served as a Pastor with the Christian & Missionary Alliance and as a Hospital Chaplain not only for his remaining working years but well into his retiring years.

Kurt embodied a life of joy and generosity, impacting people around him – everywhere he went. It was not unusual that a short trip to the store would take him 3 hours because he ran into people, made a new friend, or stopped to help someone along the way. He was generous in everything: kindness, words of affirmation, a listening ear, his time, his skills, through helping, caring and meeting tangible needs. He lived a life of love, he put others first, pressed on despite challenges and limitations and did it all with grace and a gentle and loving smile.

In 2020, Kurt & Ardis moved into a Special Care Home where although a resident, he continued to serve. He used his gifts there to improve the library for other residents, helped tend the gardens in the summer, photographed special events and helped lead exercises. He found joy in the little things and was involved in every activity he could be.

Kurt's greatest desire is that people would know the wonderful love and grace of Jesus. Despite a 30+ year battle with Multiple Sclerosis and 2 years with Cancer, Kurt lived with great faith and trusted His Saviour completely. He sprinkled joy to all those around him in hopes that they too would find out just how great God's love is.

A Celebration of Life was held on April 2, 2022 at Erindale Alliance Church in Saskatoon.

## **Mavis Beatrice Klassen**      June 26, 1937 – April 8, 2022



Mavis was born in Carmen, Manitoba. After a childhood that was spent on small farms, she moved to Winnipeg, MB as a young adult to work.

Mavis came to faith as a child and followed Jesus her whole life. While attending the Alliance Church in Winnipeg, she felt a call to missions. She met her future husband Jacob "Jake" Klassen and they both attended Canadian Bible College.

After college, Mavis and Jake served the Alliance Church in Fort Qu'Appelle SK. While there they had their first son, Bruce. To begin their missionary career in the study of Spanish they moved to San Jose, Costa Rica. After one year, they moved to the country of Ecuador, where they were blessed with two more sons, Kevin & Scott.

After their mission career, Mavis served as a church administrator and counsellor. She also served full-time with Freedom in Christ Ministry for 18 years.

Mavis was known as an encourager, and by God's grace she was able to touch and encourage many lives through her life. Her life goal was to be used by God to touch lives for Jesus. Although she will be missed by her family and many friends, we live in anticipation and hope that we will be reunited with her in heaven.

Mavis is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jake Klassen, her two sons Bruce & Kevin and preceded in death by son Scott. A memorial service was held April 14<sup>th</sup> in Kelowna officiated by son Rev. Kevin Klassen.

GRAY-HAIRED SPLENDOR  
(Ernest Barkaway)

*"Gray hair is the splendor of the old."* (Proverbs 20:29)

They say that I am growing old; I've heard them say times untold,  
In language plain and bold – but I am not growing old.  
This frail old shell in which I dwell is growing old, I know full well!  
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning gray, gray hairs are honorable they say,  
What if my eyesight's growing dim, I still can see to follow Him  
Who sacrificed His life for me – upon the Cross at Calvary!

Why should I care if time's old plough has left its furrows on my brow?  
Another house, not made with hands awaits me in the Glory Land.  
What though I falter in my walk and though my tongue refuse to talk?  
I still can tread the narrow- way, I still can watch and praise and pray!  
The robe of flesh I'll drop and rise to seize the everlasting prize.  
I'll meet you on the streets of gold and prove I am NOT growing old.  
-submitted by Ray Peters

**"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."** II Cor. 4:16

**General Assembly July 5-8, 2022 is fast approaching.**

-at Sherwood Park Alliance Church, Edmonton

Did you know that Worker Emeritus persons can register for \$60?

**Note:** In-person participants will need to purchase a meal plan for \$85.00 that includes lunches and morning coffee breaks from Wednesday to Friday for a total of \$145.00 pp

**POWER Team Luncheon Gathering**

Thursday, July 7, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

If registered as Worker Emeritus or still in ministry but within 10 years of "relaxing", your meal plan covers cost

-if you are a drive in -bring a bag lunch and a drink

-stay tuned for some alternatives we might come up with (like fasting???)

Schedule of General Assembly [About - Alliance Assembly](#)

Check the latest **POWER Team** video with Gerald Hogenbirk

<https://vimeo.com/698555937/e338f1e7c8>

Seminars at GA -Wed. July 6 12:30 pm -3 p.m.

**The Alliance Retiral Fund** Speakers: Drew Pritchard, Amber Gyde

**Senior Pastor Succession: The Story, Process, and Nuts + Bolts** from Beulah Alliance

**Church Speaker:** Daniel Im

**You're going to need . . .!** What it means to be Christ-Centred Speaker: Bernie Van De Walle



# Some Lighter Things



## Motorcyclist Who Identifies As Bicyclist Sets Cycling World Record

October 25th, 2019



### Some more original lexophiles:

"Lexophiles" describe those that have a love for words, such as:

-to write with a broken pencil is pointless

- A will is a dead giveaway.

-You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish

- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

- Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

- Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

- A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

- He had a photographic memory, but it was never fully developed.

- When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

- Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

- When chemists die, they barium.

- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.



A faithful POWER Team member sent some of these so we have an extra page of inspiration for you

## You know you're getting older when.....

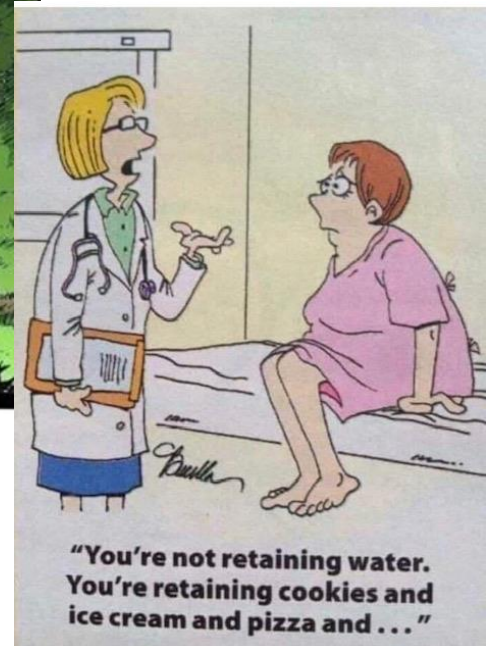
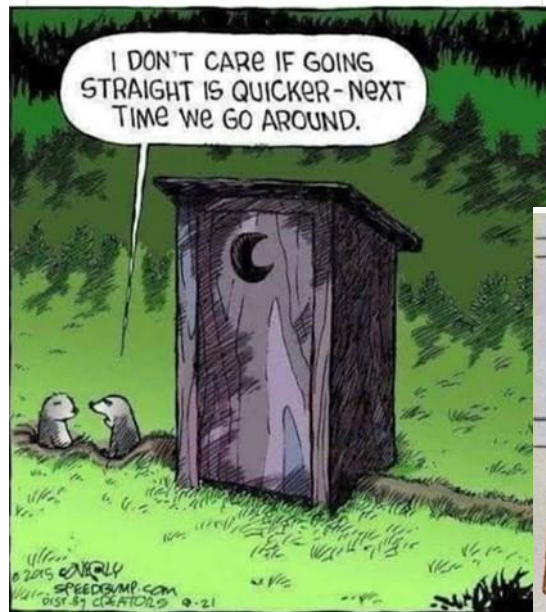
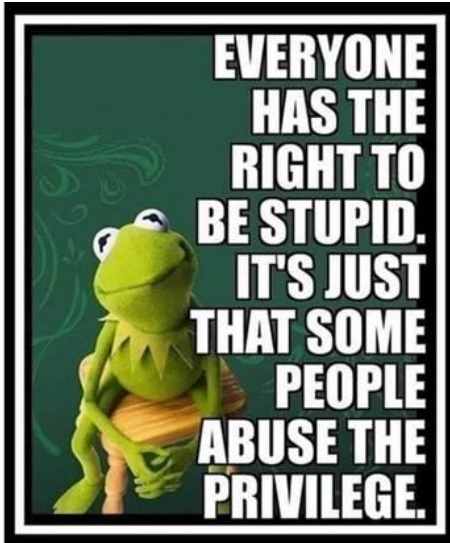
Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work...  
You feel like the morning after, and you didn't go anywhere the night before....  
Your knees buckle and your belt won't....  
You can only burn the midnight oil until 9 o'clock.....  
The twinkle in your eyes is the sun hitting your bifocals...  
Your back goes out more often than you do...

**Did some financial planning and it looks like I can retire at 62 and live comfortably for eleven minutes.**

**I STOOD WAVING TO MY NEIGHBOR FOR 10 MINUTES THIS MORNING BEFORE REALIZING SHE WAS CLEANING HER WINDOWS**



So many people these days are too judgemental.  
I can tell just by looking at them.



Do you ever feel like your body's "check engine" light has been on and you're still driving it like "nah it'll be fine"?