



## Upcoming Meetings

- Sept 22 Auburn NY
- Sept 29 Lyons NY
- Oct 2 Mentor OH
- Oct 6-9 Urbana OH
- Oct 20 Defiance OH
- Oct 23 Angola IN

# God brought it all together

### HE AMAZED US!

When we originally thought of stepping out into this ministry three years ago, we examined the best made coaches often commenting that the Tiffin Phaeton was our favorite one. I drew up a pro/con chart for buying a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel and diesel truck vs. a motorhome. But our counselors tipped the scale to a motorhome.

**We set a budget over a year ago.** In our research we found that Phaeton is rated 1, 2, or 3 every year in the full-time big rig category. We figured we could afford a 2005 model. We had looked at several in March-June, but no doors opened and we couldn't sell our house. One lady called to offer half of what we needed in an interest-free loan, but we thought the house would sell.

I tried to get loans from a couple of institutions, but even with my credit score which they said was 811, we were turned down or approved for a lesser amount. On the morning of Friday, July 5, we came to the end of our efforts at trying to make it all work (somewhat discouraged) and fell on our knees at our couch and cried out to God to intervene **and amaze us**.

That afternoon, I called someone to come and help us with one of our mowers. As he prepared to leave, he asked me how our transition was going with getting a motorhome. I told him that God had closed the doors for a loan, so we're just waiting to see what God is going to do. His next statement was an interest free loan for exactly what we needed to buy the motorhome. I couldn't believe it.

I went to tell Shirley in the basement. She started screaming with joy and we fell back on our knees to **thank God for His amazing provision** and started to make plans for a trip to buy a motorhome.

We planned to leave Tuesday at 1pm. The question was where. Shirley, Chris, Jenny, and I did research that weekend for hours finding all the 2005 motorhome we

could. We found 20 in our price range that met our criteria—4 near Atlanta, 2 in Houston, 3 in New England, 2 in NY, 1 each in CA, AZ, MI, MN, and other states. We planned to head toward Atlanta. However, when I called on that Tuesday morning, 3 of them had sold. So, New England was next. I called the first guy who I'd talked to several other times and called him Bob the Christian in CT. He said Wednesday would be fine. I called the second place and their coach had sold the day before. The third fellow said fine for Thursday in NH.

Bob & Rosenell Vincent had similarly sold out at age 69 to go full time helping Christian camps and other Christian groups. However, for health reasons, they decided to "hang up their keys" and settle down near their family. They were living in their Phaeton.

When we arrived, we immediately saw they had kept this coach immaculately. Bob had put on all new tires and batteries, not an inexpensive investment. However, when we talked finance, they were asking over \$10,000 more than our budget. They made concessions, but we were still \$3500 apart. Being all believers, we decided to pray about it which the four of us did together. Shirley and I had to travel to NH to look at the other coach the next day, so we agreed to keep it before the Lord.

After seeing the other coach, we called the Vincents back and told them we liked their coach and did they get an answer in prayer. They said they did. Bob the Christian said "You can't out-give God and you're going to use it for the Lord's work. We decided to give it to you for your budgeted amount." We wept and bought it. **God had amazed us again** and found friends of a lifetime in Bob and Rosenell!

When we got home, the realtor called to tell us our house sold and we would settle on August 9. **God let us know that he intends to amaze us as He provides for us every step of the way.**

### BIG PHAE



### Our Travel Escapades

Shirley and I will be traveling in Big Phaeton. Actually, it's a 40', 4-slide, diesel Tiffin Phaeton. "Phaeton" means carriage or touring car.

Each bi-monthly prayer letter, we plan to tell you of our experiences in traveling in a big rig. It ought to be fun!

For instance, already we have blown the inverter switch 3 times trying to plug in the heater. We ran the generator all night when we found out our 50 amp cord was 15' too short. Oh yes, we were excited to fill it up for the first time--\$265 and it was only down 5/8 tank. We have much to learn and you can learn with us.

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