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with the authorities back home, and that if he returned, "I would be slaughtered."

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This Joy that I have

A few days ago I ran into an acquaintance and when he saw me he broke into a big smile and exclaimed as we embraced, "You're happy!" This was completely unexpected, so for a moment I was lost for words, but as I regained my composure, I said, "Well yes, I am happy," and the Holy Spirit gave witness of that joy through this person as he entered my space!

What is the basis for this joy? When we humble ourselves by offering praises to God we will experience that "inexpressible joy" that (1Pet. 1:8) speaks of. This joy is the direct result of offering praises to God through the storms, valleys, and hard places, broken relationships and life changing experiences. This joy that I have, the world didn't give to me and the world can't take it away! As the secular saying goes, "You can't touch this!" God the Holy Spirit knows that I boast not of myself, but my boast is

in the Lord (Ps. 34:2).

God knew that there was a great storm on the horizon and in 1996 gave me this wonderful song of praise that still overflows my soul. By setting up my praise account, in the time of trouble, when I needed some heavy-duty artillery, the Holy Spirit activated the prophecy and released the promise and "By His stripes I am healed (Isa. 53:5)!"

Consequently, this is the season of "inexpressible" joy for me. On Sept. 15, 1998, I underwent extensive surgery for a rare stomach cancer and was given six months to live. After the surgery, I was told that my surgeon had had the same operation. He too was given six months to live, yet, at that time was a five-year survivor. Also, had any other doctor been in charge, he would have terminated the procedure based on the findings, but this doctor kept cutting, nipping and stitching aggressively. Not only that, of the two doctors of choice, this doctor would not be in town for two weeks, delaying the surgery, but the Holy Spirit said wait. Monday, Sept. 15, 2003 marked the fifth

anniversary of my surgery. It looks like a miracle to me. That's a reason for joy!

When we offer sacrificial praises to God and line up our lifestyles with His will for us, He will do things in our circumstances and situations that will leave us exhausted and defeated in our quest to explain it! When man had done all that He could do, the master surgeon stepped in and praise God, I made it!

Man makes plans and God laughs at him. I learned just a few months ago, that although I was still being given chemo and radiation therapy, my files were already in the "dead" draw! I have learned that the awesomeness of God goes beyond human understanding. How, a man asked, can she survive the loss of 85 percent of her stomach, having it rebuilt with the intestine hooked to what's left of her esophagus so she can swallow? Today, I am on no medications. It is by Him, with Him, to Him, and for Him, that I tenaciously render praises. He is the reason for my joy!

Ethel J. Bates is a minister for the Allen Temple CME Church in Portland.

'Operation Overcoat' Kicks Off

Union Gospel Mission kicks off its annual clothing drive, Operation Overcoat, collecting winter clothing for men, women and children. Donations of coats, sweaters, shirts, pants and winter clothing of all kinds are needed. Clothing drop-off donation barrels are at six Portland-area Christian Supply stores including the Lloyd Center Mall at 908 Lloyd Center.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Northwest Third Avenue in front of the mission will be closed to make room for a massive distribution of clothing to Portland's homeless and needy. The event will include a barbeque meal; music and Christian outreach and Northwest Medical Teams mobile dental van will also be at the event to provide free dental services. More than 2,000 people were served at last year's "Operation Overcoat."

Schools, businesses, churches or civic groups willing to collect clothing can contact Union Gospel Mission at 503-274-4483.

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Obituaries

Long Time Resident Remembered

Floyd W. Bruce

A memorial service was held Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, in Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Floyd W. Bruce, who died Sept. 8 at age 90.

Mr. Bruce was born June 11, 1913, in Hartford, S.D., and moved to Portland in about 1923. During World War II, he served in the Coast Guard. He was an upholsterer for 40 years, primarily for Peticia and Carnese. In 1939, he married Kathryn M. Porter; she died in 1986.

Survivors include his daughter, Barbara Hildebrandt; son, Lawrance; sister, Inice Bell; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Army Veteran Dies at 87

Cleveland Daniel McCord Sr.

Services were held Tuesday, July 22 at Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Cleveland Daniel McCord Sr., who died July 15 at age 87.

Mr. McCord was born Nov. 5, 1915, in Uria, Ala. He served in the Army during World War II and moved to Portland in the early 1940s. He was a nurse's aide for the Vancouver Veterans Affairs Hospital.

Survivors include his sons, Cleveland Jr. and Harold; daughters, Norma J. Brown and Doris McCord; stepdaughters, Melva Holmes and Shirley Alexander; 24 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Native American Elder Dies

Zelmarie 'Ribsy' Galloway

A dinner will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, in the Native American Youth Association building in Portland for Zelmarie "Ribsy" Galloway, who died Sept. 9 at age 74.

Zelmarie Lang was born Sept. 3, 1929, in Willits, Calif. She was an enrolled member of the Klamath Tribes. She moved in about 1959 to Portland and was a bartender for Jolly Time Tavern. In about 1973, she married Jerome; he died in 2000.

Survivors include her sons, Delford "Sonny" Lang and James "Jams" Lang; sister, Teresa Whiteshield; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

VA Hospital Worker Remembered

Johnny Louis Howard Sr.

A funeral was held on Sept. 8, in Caldwell's Colonial Chapel for Johnny Louis Howard Sr., who died Aug. 31 at age 83.

Mr. Howard was born Dec. 12, 1919, in Collinston, La. He served in the Army. He moved in about 1940 to Portland, and was a laundry worker, a patient driver and later a security guard for the Veterans Administration. In 1943, he married Bezelle Lynch.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Willie F. Birmingham, Bertha Lovincey, Rita Howard, June Howard and Lisha Howard; sons, Samuel, Richard and R. Craig; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. His sons Johnny Jr., Melvin, Fredrick and Roland died earlier.

Portland Native Dead at 75

Robert Knauer

Robert "Bob" Knauer died Aug. 14, at age 75.

Knauer was born June 17, 1928, in Portland, where he lived all his life. He served in the Army. He was a truck driver for Fred Meyer for 20 years. In 1947, he married Mildred A. Brown.

Survivors include his wife; and son, Steve.

Remembrances to the Salvation Army. Arrangements were under the direction of the St. Johns Funeral Home.

Long Time Resident Dead at 86

Sophia Marie DuPree

Funeral services were held Aug. 20 at Holy Cross Catholic Church for Sophia Marie DuPree who died Aug. 14, at age 86.

Sophia Marie Burtzel was born May 22, 1917, in Seaforth, Minn. She moved in about 1955 to Portland and was a dietitian for Emanuel Hospital. In 1937, she married Lester; he died in 1998.

Survivors include her daughters, Jane Link, Donna Green, Patricia Bender, Karren Harrison and Linda Peter; 19 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Remembrances to the Society of the Little Flower in Darien, Ill.

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