



TBN was recently honored with a visit by the Chinese Vice Minister of the State Administration for Religious Affairs, Mr. Jian Jianyang. Paul and Jan, along with Paul Jr., met with Minister Jian at TBN's headquarters in Costa Mesa, CA, and discussed getting "landing rights" to bring TBN into Mainland China.



Paul was host to a most distinguished guest, The Rev. Dr. Cao Sheng-jie, president of the China Christian Council in Beijing, China. Dr. Cao serves as the official head of all of the Protestant churches in China, and is the pastor of the Grace Church of Shanghai.



Matt Crouch poses with Duane "Dog" Chapman, better known to his television fans as the "Bounty Hunter" and actor/director/producer, Stephen Baldwin. "Dog" and Stephen were Matt's special guests on a Praise the Lord program from Honolulu, HI.



What a joy to have Chuck and Gina Norris host the Praise program from TBN's studios in Dallas. Chuck is a six time world black belt Karate champion and an accomplished actor. He is best remembered for his starring role in the hit TV series "Walker, Texas Ranger."



Paul and Jan were overjoyed to spend some time in fellowship with one of today's great fathers of the faith, Dr. Oral Roberts.



The power of the Holy Spirit filled the room, as Paul and Jan joined hands with Dr. Roberts in a time of prayer.

LAUS DEO – PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Most people are not aware that at the top of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. sits an aluminum cap with the Latin inscription, "Laus Deo." I came across this fascinating story when I recently read an article by Samuel B. Casey, Executive Director & CEO of the Christian Legal Society. The following is an excerpt from Mr. Casey's report. I'm sure this will be a history lesson you will enjoy!

Paul

No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less. Once you know *Laus Deo's* history, you may want to share this with others....

Laus Deo!

These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, indeed the Father of every nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo!

Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words—out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is today the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the history of the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, comprised of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!" [*Laus* is "Praise be" and *Deo* means "God"] Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888...that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five more years (when Theodore Roosevelt was President) to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the One Washington himself thought to be the Source of any nation's Providence, particularly America.

"Laus Deo....Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant...a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; with as much right to be in our public square as any of the other symbols that constitute and have contributed to our life together here in America.

Laus Deo...Praise be to God!

Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6.

Praise be to God!

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848, deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the American Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy... "One Nation, Under God."

I am awed by Washington's prayer for America. Have you ever read it? Imagine yourself...on top the Monument with the wind blowing all around you as you read it aloud to anyone who will listen as you sincerely pray:

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the acknowledgement of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look.

Laus Deo! Praise be to God!

While we may forget the width and height of the "Laus Deo" inscription, its location, or the architects, let us pray we will not forget its meaning, or these true words God gave to David, the second king of the Hebrews:

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." (Psalm 127: 1)

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Praise the Lord

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As Lady Liberty stands watch over the New York City skyline, the words of Jesus come to mind: "He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

NEW YORK NEW YORK!

"THE LORD SHALL INCREASE YOU MORE AND MORE, YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN. YE ARE BLESSED OF THE LORD WHICH MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH." PSA. 115:14, 15

Crossroads of the WORLD! In a sense, the number one market of the world — from the United Nations, to the New York Yankees — sooner or later virtually everyone, yes, as our picture proclaims, "EVERYBODY" comes to New York City — the BIG APPLE. From international VIPs to international terrorists, New York has seen it ALL!

Oh, how the evil one has fought TBN! Twenty-five years ago we purchased a full power station, WTBY Channel 54, licensed to a city called Poughkeepsie just up the Hudson River from Manhattan and the other boroughs of the big city. While listed as a part of the New York DMA, or market, it was just agonizingly out of reach to the cable stations for us to demand "MUST CARRY" as with all of our other full power TV stations. So, for 25 years we have fought devils and demons to reach the millions of households in the BIG CITY!

Ah, but dear Partners — GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE! Enter the digital revolution! As mandated by the FCC, we have been able to move our DTV transmitter about 20 miles closer to New York City. We now place a full power signal smack dab over to the BIG CITY! We are also in escrow for a gorgeous TV production studio to do local TV programming, making us a true New York City TV station! Praise the Lord!

AM I BORING YOU?

Well, you had better buckle up your spiritual seat belts because when analog (old fashioned) TV goes off the air in a little more than two years, YOUR TBN will be MUST CARRY to ALL cable systems in greater New York City — making TBN, as I said, a true New York City TV station with carriage into virtually every household in greater New York! Do you know what a true New York City TV station is worth? Well, the last sale of a full power TV station in NYC was right at ONE BILLION U.S. DOLLARS! Now don't get nervous — you know Jan and I have vowed NEVER to sell your TBN stations. So in a sense the value is of little importance other than the ability to enter every home by air, cable, DBS satellite and the Internet. But talk about the "wealth of the wicked is laid up for the just"—WOW!

But now enter the second miracle in this drama! What about these next two plus years until analog sunset? Well, believe it or not, through a special purchase of a whole 24/7 channel, we actually began broadcasting TBN on May 1, 2006, to about 820,000 (eight hundred and twenty thousand) households on the giant TIME WARNER CABLE SYSTEM, covering Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Staten Island — as I said, 24 hours a day, seven days a



C'mon TBN Partners — we need EVERYBODY to help support TBN's new station in New York City so that we can tell EVERYBODY there about JESUS!