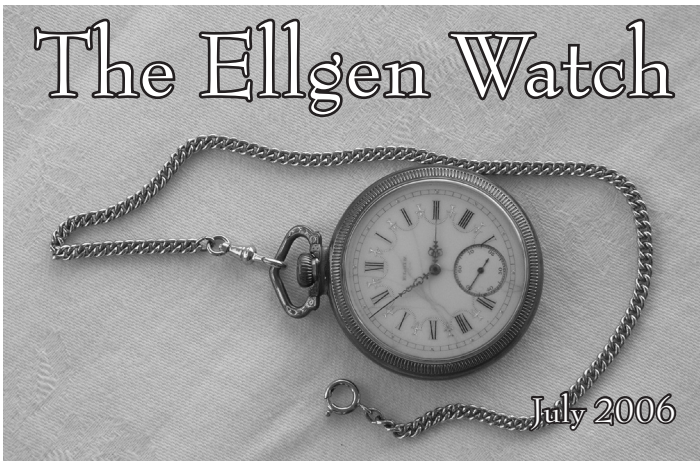


The Ellgen Watch



Dear Ellgen Watchers,

Do you long for people to “get” you? Would you like the disappointments in life to be resolved in ways that you have hoped they would? I do.

Recently life has been emotionally heavy for me. I don’t know that I could specifically define it, but as I have thought of my world and life’s disappointments, I find myself thinking of Jesus. How lonely He must have felt when He was here. How He must have longed for home—heaven—where He was fully understood and valued for who He really is. Yet He persevered. That is what I long to do, but sometimes it is hard.

Brad and I have talked lately about this longing for home. Almost all soldiers long for their homes in the States. Many of them (those who know the hope of faith in Jesus) also long for heaven. It will be our “job” to help them persevere, like Jesus did—like I am challenged to do.

In these last few months, when we’ve been low and longed for heaven, we have received notes and letters that bring us great joy. Like grace notes in music, each communication calls us forth to persevere. It’s almost like God is reaching down to part the clouds and give us a glimpse of His smiling face! For me, it often brings a gush of grateful tears, balm to a sorrowful heart.

Discovering our support team has also brought us that kind of joy. We truly love this part of our ministry. Those of you who have responded to the invitation to join our team have brought delight to our hearts. We feel humbled by the wonderful, gracious people the Lord has allowed us to know, those who want to partner with us, to share their hard-earned finances, allowing us to move forward in ministry.

We want to take this opportunity to say, “Thank you!” Somehow, this partnership of you and us binds our lives together like nothing else. What God brings about will echo in eternity. “To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” (Philippians 4:20)

With a lighter heart,

Debbie

Debbie, for Brad, too

A Facts Update:

- *We have just over \$3,000 of our monthly support committed. That’s almost halfway!*
- *Cadence has located a couple to fill in for us in Baumholder during the fall. It looks like it may take a few more months to discover the rest of our support team and get our house sold and things packed, stored, or shipped as we wrap up our life here. We are aiming to be in Baumholder by January 2007.*
- *Brad has been offered a teaching position which would meet our ongoing financial obligations. My job has ended, so I will be devoting myself to the contact work, along with packing.*

