

THE SHADOW OF GOD'S GRACE

SERVICE FOR _____

(Date) _____

ACTS 5:15–16 - [and] they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them...and they were healed everyone.

When studying through the Book of Acts a number of years ago, I was struck with the “mystery” of this verse: a power, an influence, a presence that was not Peter. In ACTS 3, Peter was very clear to establish that the power to “heal—to minister” was not because of him, but because of “the NAME of JESUS”, and “faith in that NAME.”

When _____ told me it was _____ request that I share at this service, I knew immediately that the Lord was directing me to this passage as a message of tribute to “_____”

THE SHADOW OF GOD'S GRACE:

When a person stands between the Sun and you, their shadow falls upon you... “When a person stands between you and The SON... a shadow falls on you. But I want to alter that image just a bit, here.

- For... “in this passage” the shadow did NOT block the light of the SON
- Instead... It focused the “grace of God’s saving, healing, delivering power” UPON the person “under the shadow”
- The “shadow” only fell upon those to whom Peter “walked among” in compassionate interest in bringing them the “grace of God”
- IN FACT... people came to be where he was going... just to be in the path of “that shadow”

I trust you can see where I’m going here...

- You have heard the Tributes
- You can read the “condensed” testimony of _____ life
- You KNOW by your own personal experience with
- The Shadow of God’s Grace IS the story of his life

His Medical practice... HOW MANY?? “Read from Testimony”

His teaching and serving ministry in Church after Church... HOW MANY??

His Classrooms at Universities, Medical School's, and Bible Training Schools... HOW MANY??

In the Prisons... HOW MANY??

His "travels" ... HOW MANY??

o I asked Carolyn for passports ... "5"

o "93" pages with Stamps and Visas

o "297" individual Stamps

BUT that doesn't tell us HOW MANY fell under "the Shadow of God's Grace cast by the presence of

I watched him in Russia when he went with us...

- Learned Russian on the plane... conversed openly about Jesus Christ ... sang John 3:16 in Russian
- Played "musical chairs" with the children in orphanages
- At the TB center in Zhelyadarognia he "laid hands" and conversed about Jesus with each child...

THIS is not about a man... but about a vessel willing to do whatever to "focus the Grace of God's saving, healing grace" upon all he could reach

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters:

Did I do my best to live for truth, did I live my life for you?

When it's all been said and done, all my treasures will mean nothing:

Only what I've done for "loves reward" will stand the test of time.

Lord your mercy is so great, that you look beyond our weakness, and find purest gold in miry clay, making sinners into saints.

I will always sing your praise, here on earth and ever after, for you've shown me heaven's my true home...

When it's all been said and done—you're my Life when life is done. When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters:

Did I do my best to live for truth, did I live my life for you?

Lord, I'll live my life for you!

Yes, you did!