



Extra Exciting Rocky Hock News!!!

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The REALLY important part of this newsletter follows this bit of personal news...so please read on!! First, please indulge me by letting me share my most recent "adventure in hospital-land" with you. I've been blessed with great genes...nearly everyone in my family lives into their 90s. However, we are sometimes burdened with those pesky little "hereditary" things and "detached retinas" seem to run in my family. I've always known the symptoms...curtain being drawn...flashing lights, etc. Pretty hard to ignore for sure. Well "it happened" a week ago Tuesday. I was pretty sure what was going on and went straight to the eye doctor...who subsequently sent me straight to Virginia Beach. By 3pm I was checked in to Virginia Beach Regional...and by 6:30 I was in the operating room. The 2 1/2 hour surgery was easy for me...not so easy for the team of six, including: surgeons, assistants, nurses, and anesthetists. This was followed by seven days flat on my stomach, eye band, gas bubble inside my eye, sutures inside and out... and LOTS of laser work. My eye was a mess and my retina was torn in multiple places. I subsequently had to turn the role of Boaz over to my good friend and colleague Nathan Schierer who, in 3 days, learned all my lines and songs...and pulled off the three performances of *Under His Wings* at College of The Albemarle on Saturday. He was brilliant (yea) and my hat is off to him!!!

We are currently in rehearsals (I'm taking it easy) for *Jacob*. I promise I got the OK from my surgeon to be in the show...CAREFULLY!!! My total recovery time is about 6 weeks but so far so good...I appreciate your prayers.

NOW, the really exciting news. Holly is soon off to Africa as a full time Wycliffe missionary. I truly hope you will read the rest of this letter with a very open heart. My eyes fill with tears as I write you...knowing that "our baby" is soon to be living half way around the world...but WE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OF HER!!!! Holly's letter is below. Please read on. . .

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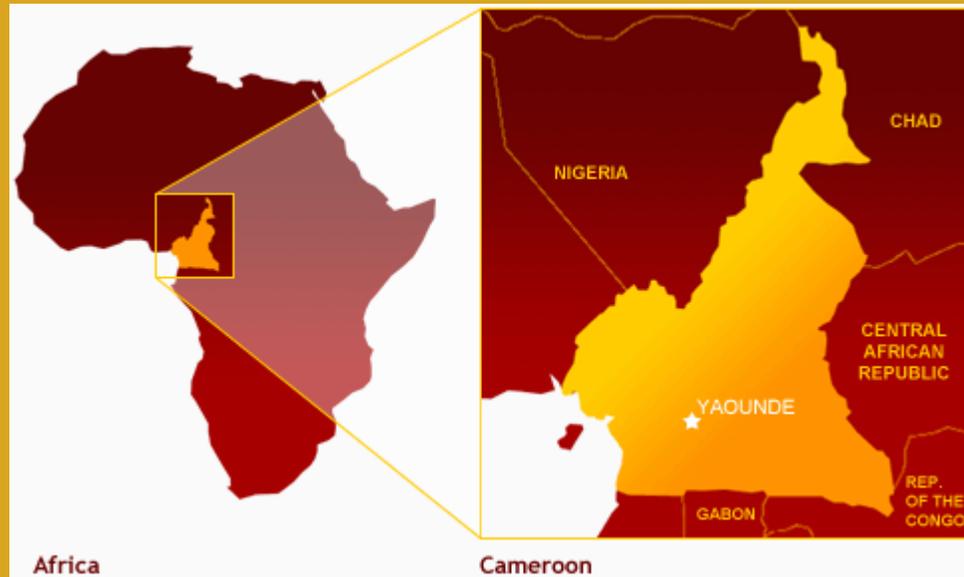
Dear Friends of the Rocky Hock Playhouse,

I want to bring you up to date on what is happening in my life. As you may know I have been praying for a new career path. I was fortunate to graduate from college debt free for which I thank the Lord. The last four years I have been involved in the productions at the Rocky Hock Playhouse while working as the supervisor of a group home for mentally ill adult women. My life is fulfilling, yet, I have a longing in my heart to be on the mission field. In the past I have raised thousands of dollars for organizations such as Operation Smile, Children's Miracle Network, and the Red Cross to name a few. Being the child of two godly parents who followed God's will for their own lives into the ministry, I was able to be a part of my parents' work around the world while growing up. I have fond memories of helping spread the Gospel in Aboriginal camps in Australia, mountain villages in Fiji, ministering to the Maori people in New Zealand, and bringing the hope of salvation to the Armed Forces on American military bases in Spain, Belgium, England, Italy, and Germany. After much reflection, consideration, and prayer I have decided to team up with an organization called Wycliffe Associates.

As part of a great network of over 90 partner organizations around the world, Wycliffe Associates (<http://wycliffeassociates.org>) is a non-profit Christian ministry that involves people in the advancement of Bible translation. Volunteers, lay people, and missionaries are brought together to help begin the translation of the Bible into over 2,300 languages by the year 2025.

This fall, beginning October 1, I have the wonderful (and humbling) opportunity to begin a new career with Wycliffe Associates. I will be moving to **Cameroon, Africa** as a full time site coordinator/volunteer recruiter for that country. I will be responsible for visiting various translation sites in the region to determine the needs for missionaries in the various compounds. I will then discern the highest needs cases and begin recruiting missionaries from America to come fill those needs, and help fulfill Wycliffe's mission. For example, if a translation site is making an effort to provide housing to homeless people, a high need they might have would be to recruit contractors and construction workers. I would then have the task of locating missionaries with these skills and

setting plans in motion to get them to Africa. I will have the heavy responsibility of seeing that the immediate needs of the local people are met. By coordinating the arrival and facilitation of missionaries to assist in bible translation I can do my part to help fulfill the Great Commission as stated in Matthew 28:19... “Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations...”



In order to make all of this possible, I need to develop a team of ministry partners—a group of people like you who will pray for me and give a monthly financial gift to help me be a self-supporting, full time missionary. Together we will be able to assist in bible translation so that people across the world can know and hold a bible written in their first language. As you might imagine, raising the necessary funds will be one of my greatest steps of faith in making this career change. Wycliffe estimates I will need a total of \$2,600 per month. These funds will cover housing, medical insurance, the extensive amount of travel involved with the ministry, emergency evacuation insurance should my circumstances become suddenly and unexpectedly unsafe, compound security, and other living expenses. The only additional expense is round trip airfare which runs about \$2500.

Would you prayerfully consider joining my support team by sending a gift of \$25, \$50, \$75 or more a month? Even a one time gift would be greatly appreciated as my initial expenses will be high due to the airline ticket I must purchase to "get" to Africa. *Of course whatever amount God leads you to send is the right amount.* If you are in a position to help you may make a tax-deductible donation to my ministry with Wycliffe by following this link:

<https://giving.wesupport.org/gift2/gift.php?GUID=00A89C60-DB76-4A83-B25C-7EAACD29F9FF&i=1088&c=A-Catalog>

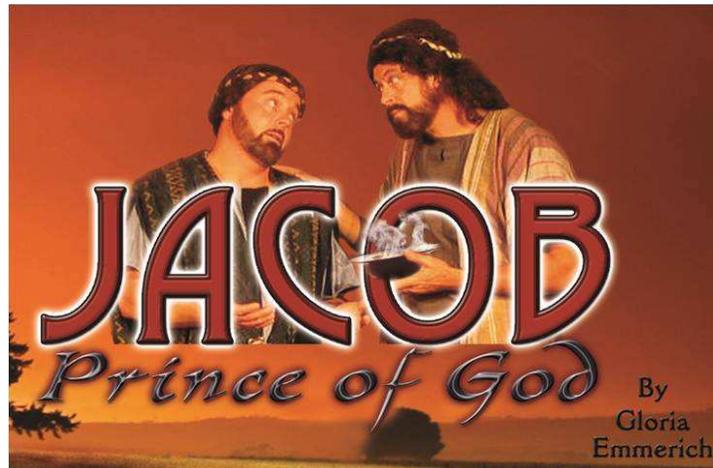
Just put my name in the search box and then my name will show up for you to click on. That will take you to a donation page. Very simple! More than anything I need your prayers as I follow the Lord's leading.

Thank you for considering joining my team to bring God's Word around the world to people who may have never had a Bible. I truly believe that if you team up with me we will both be responsible for advancing the Kingdom of God. We can't all go, but we can support those who do with prayers or finances. Jesus multiplied the fish and loaves! He doesn't ask that we give a million dollars, just that we give what we can and, with His blessing, sit back and watch the miracles take place! I appreciate you taking the time to "hear my heart." May God bless you richly.

If you would like to contact me directly and ask any questions at all, my cell phone number is (252) 340-0226 and my email address is thathollygurl@ymail.com.

Sincerely in Christ,
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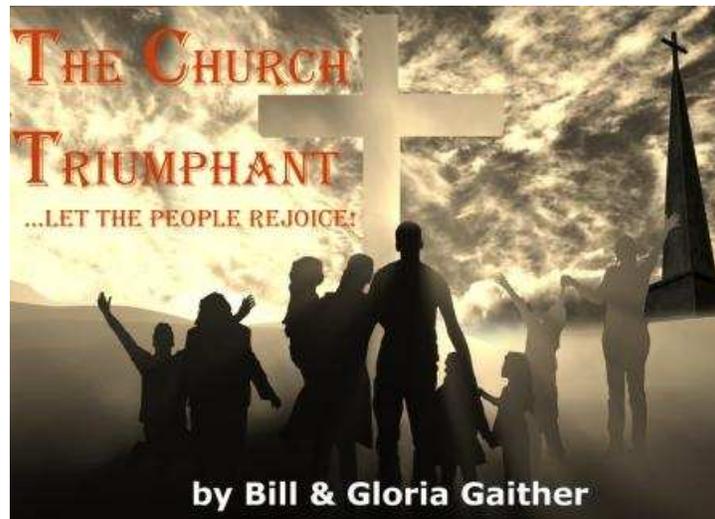
Upcoming Rocky Hock Events...



July 13 - August 6, 2013

Love, intrigue, deception, sibling rivalry, fraud, restoration—it all sounds like a daytime soap opera, right? Current as it sounds this story comes to us from the book of Genesis and took place thousands of years ago.

Jacob, Prince of God is the story of the most famous twins in the Bible: Jacob and Esau. They were born in ancient Israel where the custom of the day was for the eldest son to receive 100 percent of his father's wealth. It was his "birthright." Esau was the firstborn twin but Jacob tricked him out of his rightful inheritance, birthright, AND their father's blessing. Angered, and seeking revenge, Esau vowed to kill Jacob who was then forced to leave home and spend years running from Esau. Despite his flawed character God blessed Jacob in every way possible. The famous story of Jacob and Esau is brought to life in this full length musical by Gloria Emmerich. The music is unparalleled and the finale will make you stand up and cheer!



Sept. 24 - Oct. 12, 2013

The Church Triumphant features the timeless music of Bill and Gloria Gaither. This powerful musical takes the audience on a spiritual and emotional journey of faith. As the words of each song are sung by the commanding Rocky Hock Singers you'll be reminded again that, "God has always had a people"...and that God's church triumphant...is alive and well!

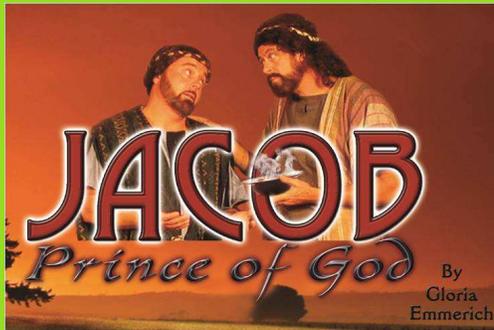
All performances in Edenton are lunch/dinner theatre events. Ticket prices include both the buffet and performance.

Ticket Prices for Edenton, NC:

Adults	\$29.95
Seniors (62 and older)	\$28.95
Children (6-12 years old)	\$22.95
Group A (10-24 people)	\$27.95
Group B (25+ people)	\$26.95
(plus tax & gratuity)	
(Performance follows buffet)	

Rocky Hock Playhouse
Edenton, NC

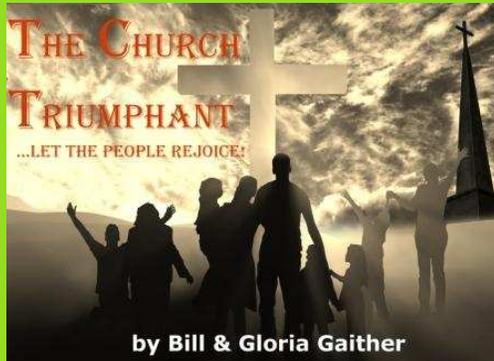
Jacob, Prince of God



Saturday, July 13
Tuesday, July 16
Saturday, July 20
Tuesday, July 23
Saturday, July 27
Tuesday, July 30
Saturday, August 3
Tuesday, August 6

Buffet starts at 12:00 (noon)

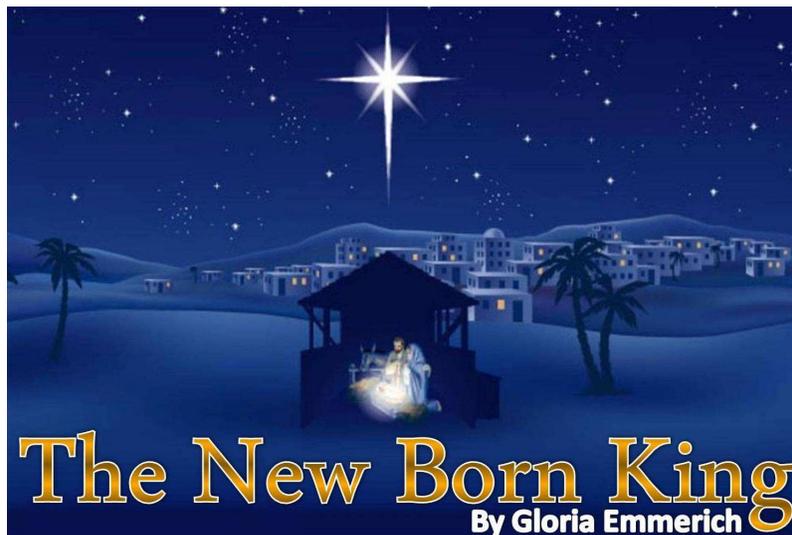
***The Church
Triumphant***
by Bill & Gloria Gaither



Tuesday, September 24
Saturday, September 28
Tuesday, October 1
Saturday, October 5
Tuesday, October 8
Saturday, October 12

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Christmas 2013:



Nov. 16 - Dec. 17, 2013

[CLICK HERE](#) to view our 2013 schedule

and show descriptions.
2014 Show information COMING SOON!

Our new dinner theatre facility in Edenton, NC



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