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## Making Progress

The Seminary at Calvary Commission offers many ways to equip students who have a specific ministry calling. Usually those ministries involve teaching or preaching the Word. One of the classes is a Ministry Class that Dr. Joe Fauss teaches. He founded Calvary Commission and has a wealth of practical experience to share with students.

In that class, one assignment is for each student to take notes on the topic taught and a student is assigned to make a presentation of that topic in the next class. Nothing like gaining experience standing in front of a group and speaking. It's a positive and practical approach.

Through the years, many pastors and missionaries have been trained and sent out.

In February, Vernon was invited to be a guest in the Ministry Class of about a dozen students. The topics for that class were public speaking and homiletics, which is sermon preparation.

This was his first time back in a class setting. It was such a pleasure to see many of his former students and a special joy to be able to teach briefly.

He didn't have the responsibility of being the lead teacher, which allowed him to come in and out of the teaching as a team with Bro. Joe. But he was able to say what he wanted to say with only a few times he couldn't find a word.

The students asked good questions and he could answer

them. As a true teacher of the Word, this was probably as much of a blessing to him as it was to the students.

Although he isn't ready yet to teach like he has for so many years, this was encouraging. His conversational speech has improved enough that he can have short one-on-one conversations. The interesting thing is that when there's an anointing, he never misses a word. In normal conversation he still has moments of what he calls "blank spots" where he doesn't have the word he needs right then.



Vernon and Dr. Joe Fauss

Please continue to pray for restoration. God is answering prayers. None of this has caught our Lord Jesus by surprise. There's a difference between accepting where we are and resigning. He isn't quitting. In accepting where he is, Vernon is diligent with speech therapy and the home exercises. He's doing his part and moving forward. The rest is up to our caring and loving Father. We trust His plans.  $\heartsuit$ 

## The Call to Prayer

What we are facing as a nation, even as a world, is a call to pray for God's mercy and deliverance. The spiritual forces loosed on us can be stopped when we go to our knees before God.

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if <u>my people</u> who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14