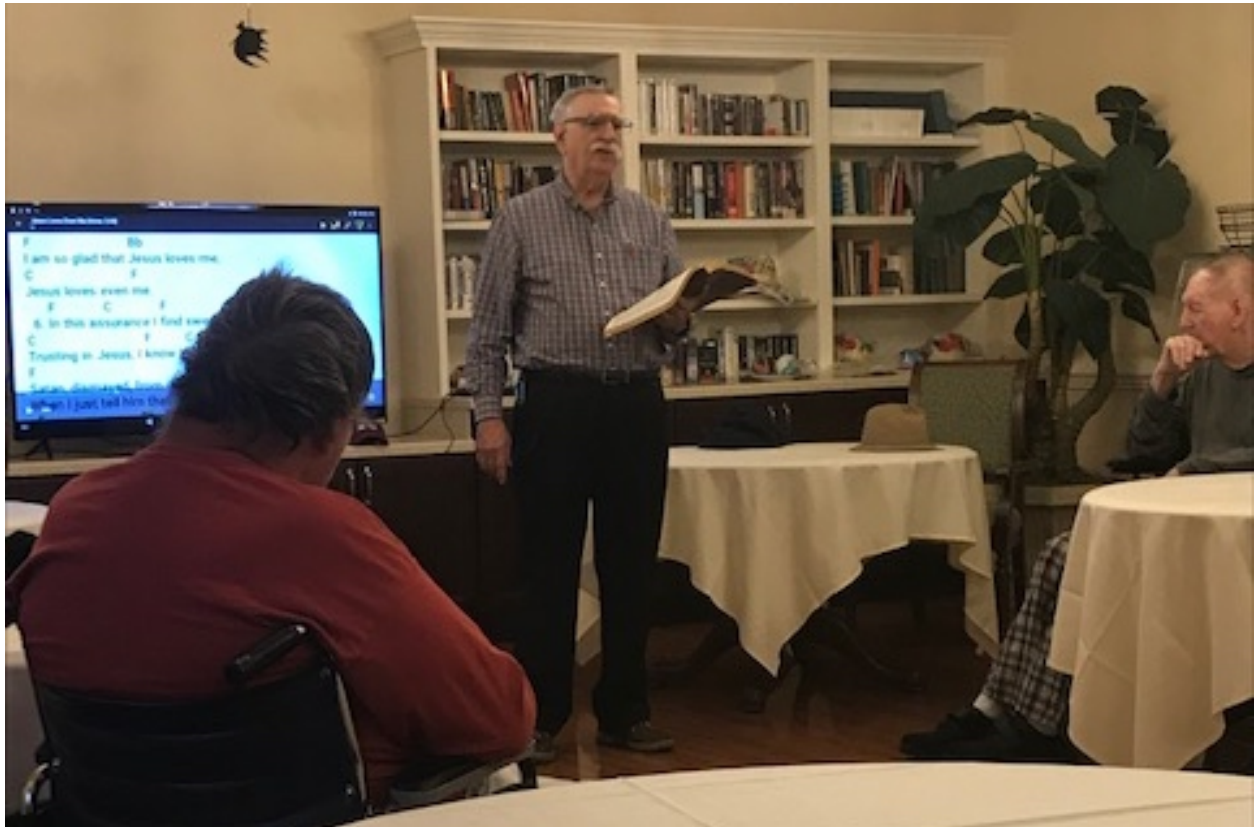


Ministering to the Forgotten



In places throughout the country, faithful workers visit nursing homes every week to encourage and comfort the residents and share the Bible with them. One of our staff members recently spoke with Danny Dugan, who has faithfully served in this ministry for many years. Here are Danny's thoughts.

Glimpses: How and when did you become interested in ministering to folks in nursing homes?

Dugan: In 1990, I was approached about serving the Lord in a ministry to older adults in a nursing home. The home's activities director was trying to get someone to fill in for a Sunday service. It sounded like something I would be able to do.

Glimpses: Have you met many other people who serve in this area?

Dugan: There are others who serve in this way, but not many.

Glimpses: What do you share with the residents?

Dugan: We often have some music. I share some very simple things from the Bible. We meet on Sunday mornings. We keep it short and simple – a few Bible verses and comments. They appreciate what is done for them. These folks cannot get to a service at church.

Glimpses: Many of these people have no family or perhaps none close by?

Dugan: Correct. They are lonely.

Glimpses: Do some family members thank you?

Dugan: Yes. And we have had family members join in and help with music. We have had people play piano, organ, and guitar at different times. The residents really like the music and often join in with singing.

Glimpses: Would you encourage other Christians to get involved in this work?

Dugan: Yes. It may be harder to begin this ministry in today's world. But it is rewarding.

