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Doc Dawson was a remarkable man! He was driven. Not for worldly gain or success, but to succeed in the work of His Heavenly Father. He was a man of great passion. His passion was to see people, both young and old, come to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. That is what he lived for.

Doc was an important part of the New Day ministry for almost 30 years. Over the years, he and his wife Sandy were foster parents to 150 teenagers. Imagine that! There was always room in their home for anyone in need. Doc spent much of his time at New Day working with troubled families. Hundreds of parents attended New Day's parenting classes led by Doc.

After relocating their home from Johnstown to Bedford, Doc and Sandy opened a ministry to men who had been recently released from prison. Through this ministry called Chalybeate Springs, Doc became a father figure to hundreds of men. Many men who end up in prison had poor relationships with their fathers. Doc became a father figure to 30 and 40-year-old men who desperately needed loved; hundreds of them.

Someone said to me the other day, "Doc didn't take care of himself." Maybe not, but he spent his life taking care of others. At New Day, he gave people more than food and clothing, or a place to stay. He gave them hope. The hope found in a personal relationship with the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. What an awesome legacy.

To those of you who are mourning Doc's loss; to Sandy, Kim, Jen, Julius and Billy; and to all of Doc's sons at Chalybeate, we at New Day pray for God's peace and strength. Thank you for sharing your husband and Dad with all of us. His life made a real difference. He will long be remembered as a true "Man of God."

To you who support the ministry of New Day in Altoona and Johnstown, thank you for your support. Please remember New Day this Christmas. May we continue to serve our Lord with the heart of love that our friend Doc modeled.

We all long for that "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" when we go home to the Lord. I picture Doc being greeted by our Lord who is smiling and laughing. I imagine it was a wonderful homecoming.

Thanks again. Please pray for the ministry. God bless you.

Wishing you all Christ's peace,

Jack Rupert
Executive Director



Rev. Daryl "Doc" Dawson
1943—2008