

A Father's Godly Example

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A year ago, many people were staying home in hopes of avoiding exposure to Covid-19 and using the time to go through boxes in storage—sorting, tossing and donating items to thrift stores.

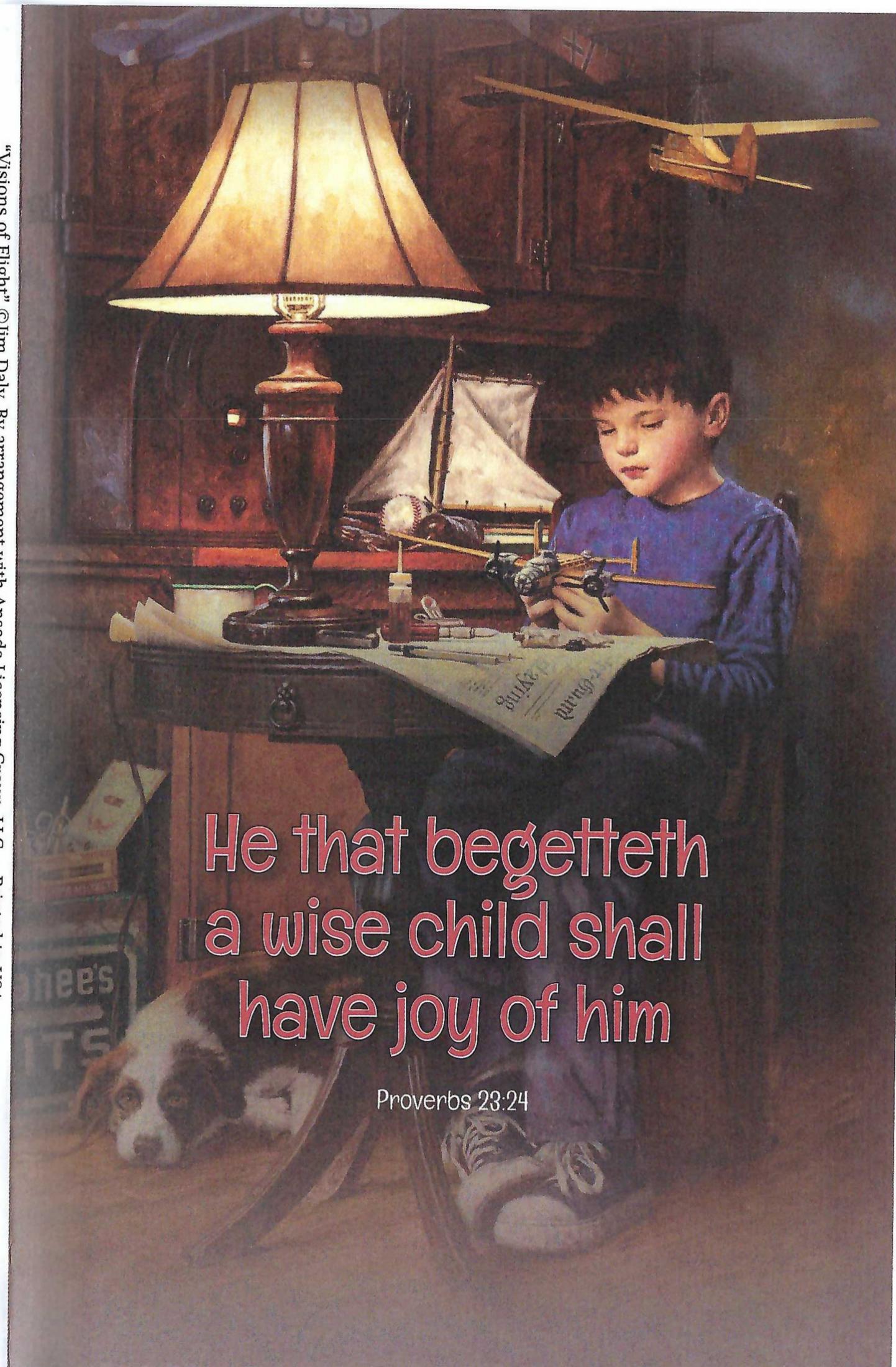
But what does one do with a book written in Swedish more than 100 years ago? I still don't know, but a note written by my late father-in-law inside the front cover is a treasure. It gives insight into his simple, God-centered boyhood on a Minnesota farm in the early 1900's.

The title translates as *Light-Builder from Churches and Missions History* by Otto Hogfeldt. Fortunately, the note was written in English: "From my father's book shelf. He was a faithful reader of *Missions Vannen* (The Missions Friend) as far back as I can remember. As a young fellow I recall the many evenings when he used to sit beside the dining room table reading *Missions Vannen* and P. Waldenstrom's books. The evening of the day *Missions Vannen* came in the mail he scanned thru the paper first. If he found that it contained a letter from 'P.W.' he always read that aloud so that Mother, who sat on the other side of the table darning socks or mending, would get in on it, too! Then he would sometimes read 'Svart på vitt' (Black on white) by Marcelius (I believe) and 'Rime-frost' aloud. In fond remembrances, his son Edwin."

From the descendants of this faithful farmer God called many to be pastors, missionaries and faithful church members. How true in his life were the words of Revelation 14:13: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth . . . that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." May such faithfulness also be true of godly fathers throughout the world today.

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He that begetteth
a wise child shall
have joy of him

Proverbs 23:24

Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16th Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

June 20, 2021,

Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Craig Alexander

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #323 At the Cross

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Prayer

Joe Morgan

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sounds of Hope

Sermon

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1

"Change"

Reverend Ron Marks

Business Meeting

Don't forget to Shine, Shine, Shine!

Covenant News

The Covenant Ministry for June is the Costas Ministry in Brazil, a ministry to which Carl Romey introduced us in December 2019. They visited our church that month, and we formally decided to support their ministry after that visit.

Ask Ron about our new hearing enhancements.

Don't miss a word of the sermon!

Happy Father's Day!

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

Billy Graham

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

Unknown

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.

Charles Wadsworth

Being a daddy's girl is like having permanent armor for the rest of your life.

Marinela Reka