

## **IT IS DARK, IT IS GLOOMY, IT IS FRIDAY --- BUT SUNDAY'S A COMING**

On Wednesday, the last day of March 2010, a group of 12 Homeowners Hurricane Insurance Initiative (HHII) folks traveled to Montgomery with hope in their hearts. The Senate was having a hearing on the Transparency bill. This the day Senators from upstate would listen to them and hear good reasons to vote for the bill. We were brimming with hope, excited to see our journey to lower premiums take a leap forward.

Instead of a "hearing", we attended a funeral. The death of the Transparency bill and six other bills about Homeowners Insurance reform were dead before we arrived. It wasn't a "hearing" because most of the committee chose not to hear. In fact, most were plain rude in body language and in talking with other senators while testimony was going on. They were there only to make sure there was no "Lazarus" rising from the tomb. The insurance companies were getting their money's worth, the six nay saying senators were there for the wake.

All this in Holy Week, the week that contains the Friday of the tomb where our Lord was laid, and the Sunday of the empty tomb. It was a good week for our bill to die.

Insurance reform is only one of many justice issues that confront our elected representatives. It is only one of many justice issues that confront us daily. My email inbox regularly has information on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Mid-East, about casualties in Afghanistan and Iraq, about difficulties in recovery of Haiti, of the pain that individual people have that are asking for prayers, about floods on the northeastern seaboard. There are so many places where people are in pain, and many of them are in pain because someone is taking advantage of them. When we do as we think we should do because we are in Christ, we hurt with all of them. It can get pretty dark, heavy and difficult.

It wouldn't be possible for most of us to be true to Christ-like love and keep our sanity without knowing that it may seem dark and heavy, but the tomb is empty. Jesus was raised by our Father, defeating all that is evil in the world.

Friday is dark, but Sunday will be blazing bright.

The Senate committee on Banking and Insurance killed our bill, but they are already defeated because of the love of Jesus the Christ. They think that the issue is dead, but Christ defeated death.

Tomorrow, we will continue to let everyone know that the just thing is to make the Insurance Companies accountable to the people.

The next day we will reintroduce the bill.

And we will prevail, because that is what is in God's plan of love for His people.