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Fourth Issue



From The Editors Desk: Greetings to you, Saints. We are now into our 4th Issue of Believers Newsletter and I feel so much encouraged by my phone conversations and E-mails from you Brothers.

Each month seems to bring some challenge and this month I was away from the computer for a few days, having minor surgery. This was unexpected. But praise The Lord, I got a total clearance from the Doctor.

Although I had minor surgery, I would like to testify of how The Lord came on the scene and changed the atmosphere around us into faith. When we walked into the Surgeon's rooms, we felt a warmth in the Staff and Joan said to me, 'I'm sure they are all Christians.' When I enquired of the Surgeon if he was a Christian, he was so delighted that it had showed and we were soon like old friends. As we walked into the theatre with his arm around my shoulder the bon-homie was flowing. Watching the scene, Joan had a fleeting thought that she hoped he remembered what we were there for! With choruses being played in the background competing with our warm christian sharing, the operation was soon over and after having been given a cup of coffee, Joan and I headed for home with joy in our hearts, thanking The Lord for coming on the scene and changing the atmosphere from apprehension to praise. Isn't our Lord good to us!

Our apologies to Brother Barrie Boyes for not inserting his name in the last newsletter. We were blessed with your input Brother, along with Brothers Howard, Derrick's, Renato's, Jim's, Ross's and lastly, Brother Kees' whose short input just hit the mark. And we feel we should tell you that the reason for the big smile on his face, was the large salmon he was holding that he had just caught! The feedback that we got was 'this was the best issue yet' and it was the Brethren's input that did it.

From the members of the Board of Trustees: Bro. Adrian, Bro. Ross and myself, may God bless you all richly.

Bro. Charles Wilson Editorial Team

A QUOTE FROM THE PROPHET

When you said, "Mountain, be moved" and it still stands there, you say, "Well, it didn't happen?" OH, it did happen. When you said, "Mountain, move" maybe one little significant grain of sand turned loose out of the hundreds of billions and billions of tons. One little grain moved, but it's begun to take place. Hold that faith and watch that mountain disappear: Certainly.

Great Shining Light 22.12.57

Obituary: In Memory of our dear Sister Mary Paul - May 2008

Brother Bullie and Sister Josie announce the passing of Sister Mary Paul who they will remember for her quiet unobtrusive, unassuming meekness and admired for her faithfulness and loyalty to all in the last 50-60 years they have known her. These qualities of character, much admired and even coveted by the most mature Christian, were very evident in Mary, who had a simple faith, that was unwavering, steadfast and sure. Maybe it was The Holy Spirit who brought to my remembrance an 'incident' in fairly recent years that left us 'enlightened Christians' in awe:-

Mary through WINZ support had a Brother from the fellowship to mow her lawns. It so happened that Bro. Jim had been having trouble with his feet and Mary, witnessing his limp called to him to come to the verandah, where she proceeded to place her hands on his feet and pray for him. Jim confirmed this report and the healing that followed was evident to us all ! But the astounding thing for us, was that within a period of two weeks, Brother Jim suffered a massive heart attack and went to be with The Lord.

I was reminded of another Mary anointing our Lord's head with an alabaster jar of ointment and Mary who washed our Lord's feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Such a service from our Sister Mary could only be interpreted as an act of the Holy Spirit in a present day believer; that brought about an awesome reverence for our awesome God in her fellow believers.

With this comes a prayer for us all that the faith of the simple believers will be stirred up in us to the glory of our God and Father, Jesus Christ. **This report is a testimony that must be told**.

Bro. Bullie Curtis Tinopai Fellowship



WORDS OF WISDOM Pt 2 **Pastor Barrie Boyes That spirit of wisdom** is now in the bride.

When we follow the life story of Joseph from Jacob, his father's home to being placed in a pit by his jealous brothers because of his dreams, then sold to the Ishmaelites and taken down Egypt and sold to Potiphar as a servant.

He then ended up in Pharaoh's dungeon because of Potiphar's wife's accusations. All the time the Lord had his hand upon him. Joseph was now in the king's dungeon, right beneath the throne.

The Lord had brought him to the right place at the right time to bring to pass his purposes.

Joseph's **Jubilee Time** had come (The Seven Seals pg111) and the Lord knows how to open the doors.

Then came the full mystery of his **justification**, **sanctification** and the **baptism of the_Holy Ghost**. (The Seven Seals pg237) as he was prepared to be brought into the presence of the king. Thy put a new robe of his adoption upon him and now Pharaoh this is my beloved son **hear ye him**.

The interpretation of Pharaoh's dream was to store up the grain (the Word) of **Seven Seasons**. This **wisdom** preserved civilization at that time in history. The Lord gave the Prophet **wisdom** to store up the spiritual food of **Seven Church Ages**, the **Seven Virtues** of the stature of the perfect man, the **Revelation** of the **Seven Seals** and the **Seven Thunders** contained in The **Seven Seals** to preserve a bride for the rapture.

Proverbs Chapter 9 Verse 1. Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars. To be continued......

From: <u>New Plymouth</u> To: <u>Stratford</u> - Brother Adrian and family move from their Dairy Farm -

To all the contributors to the Newsletter, I wish to thank you for your solid support. Over the past few months since the BNL was launched it has been a blessing to see faces that



we haven't been in contact with for many years. We should never lose sight of the example Brother Branham displayed:

"GODHEAD.EXPLAINED" CHICAGO.IL V-2 N-24 TUESDAY_ 61-0425B

31-2 He said, "You know what we are going to do?" Said, "We're drawing a little ring and drawing you right out of our circle." Then I said, "I'm going to draw another one and draw you right back in again." So I said, "You can't draw me out, 'cause I love you. See, you just can't do it." I said, "There's too many of your brethren out there that love me and believe in me." I said, "You... I'll--I'll... They'll come anyhow." I said, "They'll come, and you can't draw me out. If you draw

me out, I'll draw you back in." I said...?... When you make one circle, God, by His grace, will let me draw another one and pull you right back in.' That's right. Draw them right back again..."

If the Newsletter has only achieved the above quote, then it is moving in the right direction. Many times as Message believers we tend to forget that the Lord didn't display a life of "human refinement". He spoke the common people's language, lived the common people's life and manifested what Brother Branham said eternal life is all about.... "living for others". Unless we focus on the latter, then the mysteries, which we love so much, becomes little more than an intellectual sideshow. The "mysteries revealed" were to break the amnesia off the Bride so She could see who She really is. Then the transforming power of the revealed word changes her into the image of Christ to live out His life in the final scenes upon the stage of time in Bride form.

On a more personal note, I wish to make it known that my career as a dairy farmer has come to an end. I entered farming when I left school at the age of 18 and have been hard at it for 33 years. I have seen the floods, the storms, the droughts and calamities, the good times and the not so good times. But it has been a training ground that has been worth every second of it when looked at from an eternal perspective. I believe that I can put more into the Lord's service now - not that I am expecting that to be a flowery bed. But I would like to publicly thank the Lord for giving me a farm over those years and for making me what I am, despite my human shortcomings.

In July I will be taking my wife and daughter to Vanuatu to continue the work that has been done there over the past 2 years. Brother Johnny Dimov, a young minister from Brisbane will be assisting as well as an older married couple from Arizona in the U.S.A. My heart-felt thanks goes out to you all for the prayers, and the contributions that have made a difficult work easy to bear. I will give a full report of that trip at the appropriate time.

From the 1st of June my new address will be<u>.</u>**586 Beaconsfield Road,Stratford.** My new phone number will be_**06 765 6221.** It will be permanently unlisted.

Brother Charles asked me to say something agricultural to you all. Here it is:-

If the devil comes provoking To bring you to a demise Don't stop, just fire a "warning shot" Right between his eyes.

God bless. Adrian Gray (Trustee BNL).

COURTSHIP v DATING-Pastor Greg Alford speaks to Young People and Parents

Courtship is when a young man approaches the father of the girl, and the father agrees he would be a suitable prospective husband for his daughter. He then allows him to court her with the view to marriage. These FOUR DECISIONS need to be made between fathers and daughters.



- I want God's best concerning marriage. 1.
- I purpose to send the potential partner to my father for approval. 2.

[a] You increase his appreciation of you, for what a fellow has to work for he appreciates more.

- [b] You decrease his temptation to morally mistreat you.
- [c] You prove that your father loves you.
- [d] You give your father an opportunity to evaluate the motives of this fellow.
- [e] You put him in the right relationship with your authority [your father].
- Purpose not to discuss marriage with a fellow, but direct him to your father first.
- 3. Fathers, purpose that he must have these essential qualities before marriage. 4.
 - Must have genuine salvation and infilling of the Holy Spirit.
 - Must be a man under authority.
 - Must have a clear conscience [principle of responsibility].
 - Must know how to yield rights.
 - Must have moral freedom [not lustful]. •
 - Must be established [job] and know God's purpose for his life before marriage. .
 - Must be financially free [no debts, able to manage money].

A young man seeking a bride should value his parent's counsel regarding his choice, based on the same criteria, that Brother Branham alludes to in the following excerpt :-

11-1 CHOOSING OF A BRIDE -v2n-28-1965

"Now ... for it is becoming if a Christian would choose a wife, he ought to choose a genuine born again woman. Regardless of what she looks like, it is what she is that makes her. And then again, that reflects his own godly character and reflects what is in his mind and what is going to be in the future for his family-- will be raised by such a woman--for future plans for his home. If he marries one of these little modern Rickettas, sex queens, what could he expect? What kind of a home could a man expect to have? If he marries a girl that ain't got enough moral about her to stay home and take care of a house and wants to work out in somebody's office, what kind of a housekeeper would she be?"

Prior to courtship you become familiar with each other in group situations where everybody is enjoying each others company. It can be at outings, Bible studies, outreach effort, etc. etc. As you serve the Lord with all of your heart in your single years, God will bring the right one along when the time is right. Be contented that God will take care of tomorrow and He will provide everything we have need of. The proper way to get to know a young lady is by building a relationship with her father. Once the father of the young woman has given the fellow freedom to focus on winning her heart, the couple enters into courtship. At this point, the girl's father should arrange family activities and invite the young man.

DATING I hope to show you that dating was really not found in the Bible and especially Missionary Dating! That is when you're hoping to get the one you date saved! Lets swap it for Biblical Courtship! Although dating is a relatively modern term, similar forms of relationships can be traced back to the times of GENESIS 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Jesus spoke of it this way:

MATT 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. Giving in marriage means they were just living together without marrying, just like it is in today's world. What is dating? Dating is having a special interest in a person of the opposite gender and cultivating that interest through thoughts, looks, notes, talks, or events. It's based on four clear violations of Scriptural principles, which result in conflicts. These violations should compel us to revaluate the concept of dating as believers!

Nowhere in God's Word does it ever mention the word dating. The facts are, those who [1] entered into relationships of the dating type ended up ruining their lives and their testimony. E.g. King David was "a man after God's own heart," yet he developed an interest in a woman based upon her physical beauty. The worst part was she was another man's wife. What tragic consequences it brought about for all that were involved when he made a date with the woman. (See 2Sam 11:2-4). The second man that had a dating type relationship was Samson, "strongest man," yet because of his low STANDARDS this mighty man was led into bondage by the woman who had captured his interest. (See Judges16).

[2] The next principle it violates is that it opposes genuine love. The motive for dating is to gain, though often disguised by temporal gifts and surface reasoning, [sweet talk]. Genuine Love, "seeks not her own." Love is giving to other's needs without personal reward as a motive. Dating is to get for oneself; this is the basic ingredient of Lust. Lust cannot wait to get.

[3] It is humanistic in its goal. Rather than building a mutual commitment toward the potential of marriage, the goal of dating is personal pleasure.

[4] Results are very destructive. It can form the basis for conflicts in marriage as well. Often former dating partners harbour bitterness towards each other. The most destructive result of the dating concept is the damage it brings to our relationship with the Lord. Dating can only be regarded as romance which means: A fictitious tale of wonderful and extraordinary events, characterized by much imagination and idealization; without basis - in fact - an exaggeration of falsehood.

We have shown you that the main purpose for dating is to draw the attention of two people to each other without regard for a view to marriage. Your single years should be dedicated to serving and seeking the Lord, in order to receive His wisdom regarding a life partner.

Pastor Greg Alford Gospel Way Outreach Waikuku

Food for Thought

Most people want to serve God but only in an advisory position Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called When you get to your wits' end, you'll find God lives there Never give the devil an inch: he'll be a ruler

Obedience to God's Will in Our Day Brother Dean Gilchrist refers to: Haggai ch 2 v12-14

There were around fifty thousand Jews that journeyed home after the 70years of captivity in Babylon. Once arriving in Jerusalem they began work on rebuilding the Temple of the Lord and about two years later completed the foundation amid great rejoicing. This aroused the Samaritans and other neighbors to vigorously oppose the furtherance of the project causing the Jews to halt the work. It was then that the Jews began to look to their own interests, comforts, and housing projects more so than to the Lords house. It was the Jews themselves who were more to



blame for this than their opponents, so the Lord gave Haggai the prophet a message to arouse the people of God out of their selfish Laodicean sleepiness. It was Haggai the prophet along with Zechariah who encouraged the returned exiles to finish the work that they had so fervently began. Haggai explains to them the reasons why they were not being blessed in their new land, and how that it was the consequence of disobedience to the purpose of God that had brought about their poverty both naturally and spiritually.

In Haggai 2 v12-14 he is teaching them by examples from the Levitical law how that holiness cannot be transmitted by connection with a holy garment; yet on the contrary, uncleanness is transferred very easily at just a touch from one thing to another - and so it was with the Jews. Even though they were back in the promised land of their forefathers, it didn't automatically make them holy. They needed to obey the Lord, particularly with regard to rebuilding the temple, as that was the season that God was calling for this to be accomplished.

It was after the seven Gentile church ages that the people of God - the people of this message - came out of the Babylon of denominational confusion and have journeyed back to the land of the true teaching and understanding of the Word of God; back to the very land that our Pentecostal forefathers inhabited. We have also discovered a great task set before us. There is a temple in this day in need of restoration and completion. This completion is in order to bring the resurrection and the catching away of the bride in the rapture. But as it was in Haggai's day, many are caught up, not in a rapture, but in their own private and often carnal interests more than they are in the purpose that God has called them to as members of the bride under this message. By this, as it was in Haggai's day, many dear loved ones have brought a curse upon themselves both spiritually and naturally as God does not change his mind about His Word.

I would like to encourage each one - if you haven't - to lay down your own wills, ways, and comforts, and make God's purpose your very own passion. We can see the world falling apart as in the days of Noah, and we know how that Noah had to finish the ark before the flood could come and carry him and his loved ones over into the new world. So let us not be weary in well doing as there is still much work for us to do as we see the end nearing.

The secret to the completion of this temple lies in each bride member coming into full obedience to every word, as it is full obedience to the full Word of God that entitles us to the literal life of Jesus Christ. The bride (Christ's body on earth) is the temple we want to see completed in this hour, as she must come to perfection (completion) in order to bring the resurrection of the sleeping saints. This will require Gods literal life in each of us - not a pretend, or some figment of our imagination, but a people that are the very expression and interpretation of every Word that has proceeded out of the mouth of God. It's when we as individuals begin to line ourselves up with the Word. It wont be a public show, and don't look for some great big thing as it is in the small every day things of life where this obedience is most needed, like in our relationships to our wives, children, and fellow man. It is in some of these areas where we fail the most. This obedience to the Word is not motivated by some list of message rules but by our love for God. Jesus said, 'if you love me you will keep my commandments.' A life lived by the Word is the Word expressed - not a people who imagine they are the Word just because they are associated with the message of the hour, but a people that are coming into an agreement and oneness by a love affair and relationship with God through fellowship and communion with Him.

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun; Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care, And when all of life is over and our work on earth is done When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

I love you all and pray that God will give each one of you a further endowment of his Spirit, and that His Word would be strengthened in your hearts.

Your brother and fellow servant in Christ, Dean Gilchrist Wanganui

AT THE CROSS PT 2 An excerpt taken from Brother Jeff Jenkins' Sermon broadcast on Mainland Television.

Now: Matthew chapter 26. Lets start at verse 31. I'm going to cut it in the middle but I want you to catch the feeling here. I want you to listen to these words and I want you to absorb what is taking place here in the gospels. Matthew 26 v31. **Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of Me.** Stop! Think – all of them for **3** ½ years, they've seen the dead raised. They've seen the supernatural. They've seen blind eyes opened. They've heard the most precious words flow out of this man's mouth. And He says, **You will all be offended at Me.** And He goes on to say **And you'll all forsake Me.** What could cause devoted disciples that had left their children and their family to follow this man, left their jobs to follow this man: in a sense almost took out a vow of poverty because they didn't have any more jobs: To follow this man. WHAT would cause them – think about it now – What would cause them to deny Him? To forsake Him? He said, **Every one of you will be offended.** Do you know why they all left? The Cross.

The Cross! They left because of The Cross. Is that right? Yes it is. My! Look at that spirit. Peter says, **'Though all deny Thee, I'll never deny Thee.'** Jesus says, **'Before the cock crows, 2 times, thou wilt deny Me three times.'** Not I, they all said with one accord, 'Not I, not I, not I'. **Everyone of you will be offended at Me.** Why didn't He say, I know you are all going to get frightened because the Romans are going to come and take me away and crucify me. And it's going to frighten you because you are all going to think that you are all going to die too. He didn't say it that way, did He. Why didn't He say it that way? Why did He say, **you are all going to be offended in Me** or why didn't he say, you are all going to be afraid of the persecution that is going to come on you and you are going to deny the faith. He could have said that. But He didn't. He said, '**You are going to be offended at Me**'. When you go through a trial you murmur and complain. You bicker and you get upset. You become bitter and you become hard. According to this analogy, you are offended in Him. You are offended at Him. You are saying it's not fair. You're saying this is not right.

Verse 31. All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. Can you put an equal sign there? Let's read it again: Then said Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. You'll be offended at me because I will be smitten. All these truths that Jesus taught them: the Beatitudes, the mysteries of the Kingdom, the mystery of the Sower, the mystery of the Steward. All those truths could not be fruitful truths quickened until Jesus died and rose again. The Cross would make those revelations real. Without the Cross, those truths that they heard for 3 ½ years would fade into obscurity. How could people sit under the message of the hour, hear the glorious truths, Eternal security and Anointed ones at the endtime. Old earth instead of young earth – nobody preached that. Original sin: Predestination. Everyone of these were laid in the Bible. And they would hear it Sunday in and Sunday out. And it will actually go right through them. I'll tell you why. Because that initial experience at the Cross never took place. When that Cross experience takes place, then those things now can be quickened to them otherwise those very same truths will offend them and they will be offended at Jesus, The Word. Can you say Amen?

Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken <u>A five year old girl's answer to: "What does Love mean?"</u>

Sent in by Brother Ross Lane

"Apologies are not only balm applied on wounds resulting from erroneous behaviour but also balm applied to the offending person's personality and self-esteem."



United in Tears - What matters, is that we cry and never stop caring.

It has been three days since the grisly murders at Merkaz Harav. I clicked on to the news sites and saw the faces of the beautiful young boys gunned down. Oh those faces, sweet young smiling faces. How they speak to me. All the stages you know they go through, all the hours and years put into raising them and building them, gone in a moment. The funeral was something to behold. It was an experience filled with reverence and holiness. Thousands came. There should have been tens of thousands. It started with a kindness to the living. The day was hot. a dry desert wind blowing. People were closely packed. I felt a kinship with all the women standing next to me, although I did not know anyone. There was an announcement that they would be distributing water. I have never been at a funeral that did that.

This funeral was different in so many ways.

This funeral, as the eight boys draped in talleisim lay before their yeshiva, was perhaps the saddest one I have ever attended. It wasn't only the youth of the boys; it was also a feeling that the Arabs had struck at our very essence. Our Godliness was challenged, our Torah was trampled. Like Amalek many years ago, they came to destroy it. They came to make us question God and His providence; they came to dismantle our emotional and spiritual core.

The ambulances stacked up, waiting to take them to their burial places. Seeing them lined up like that made me cry from a depth I didn't know I had.

Then I heard it, a wailing sound from thousands of people all happening at the same moment. The crowd was as one. I remembered the verse in the book of Exodus, "And it came to pass in the course of those many days, the king of Egypt died and the children of Israel sighed from the bondage, and they cried, and their cry went up unto God from the bondage." Grown men, women and children all crying.

We stood there and just wept as the desert wind gently blew. Many words were spoken, heartfelt, sincere and necessary words, but somehow it was the crying that cut to the core. The cry of the children of Israel.

This is no small thing. When it is sincere and very deep it reaches the uppermost heavens. It reaches the Almighty Himself: "And now behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: moreover / have seen the oppression whereby the Egyptians oppress them .••

We are at a point in history when as Jews we are being assailed from all sides. Even defending ourselves is cause for critique and condemnation. It is almost as if the world has reached a point where they would like to pretend that we did not give them the Ten Commandments. They would like to believe that it is they who have the moral upper hand. It is enough to make one scream in frustration and pain at the absolute falsity of it all.

But at the end of the day it doesn't really matter what they think. At the end of the day what matters is that there are eight beautiful and holy boys taken from us. What matters is that we cry, what matters is that we never stop caring, that we dare not forget Amalek. (EXODUS 17:14) And ultimately what matters more than anything else in the world is that we know with absolute certainty that the cry of the children of Israel will be answered by God Himself.

(Mrs. Lynn Finson is the educational director of Mareset Rache V'Chaya, a division of Darchei Naom Institutions. She made Aliya with her husband and children 13 years ago.)

REMEMBERING "SHEMA YISRAEL" [Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, The Lord is One]

By Ben-Zion Nemett

I am the son of a Holocaust survivor and also a father of a Sbarro survivor. The message spans the generations.

Friday night, after Sabbath evening services, my daughter and I were discussing the weekly Torah portion. What does the commentator Rashi say at the beginning of the portion, I asked? And my daughter Shira answered me. I breathed a contented sigh.

Why would I burden you with such a description? It is such a common sight that of a father discussing the weekly Torah portion with his son or daughter. Except that everything here is new: the person, the time, and the place.

The place: The recovery room, Intensive Care Unit, Shaarei Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem. The time: 24 hours after the suicide bomber terrorist attack at the Sbarro pizza restaurant in central Jerusalem. The Person: my daughter. Her body is bruised, battered and broken from nails, bolts and screws from the bomb, intended to magnify the injuries and deaths. Materials intended for constructing buildings are used by savage murderers to wreak havoc and destruction. After a long surgery she was bestowed the gift of life.

Shira is alternately sleeping and awake. At one point she wants to ask me something. I lean down to listen. "Daddy, what about that family that was right in front of us in line for pizza? What happened to them?" [Both parents and three children were killed.] In a choked voice I tell her that God willing, the Almighty will help them.

Then Shira tells me that when the terrible explosion occurred, the children were seriously injured. They were actually burning. Then one of the small ones cried, "Daddy, Daddy, save me!" And the father yelled back to him, "Don't worry, say with me, "Shema Yisrael" [*Hear O Israel, the Lord our God , the Lord is One.*"And I, the son of my father, the almost sole survivor of his family that was destroyed in the Holocaust, grew up on the "Shema Yisrael" that Jews said before they were murdered, losing their lives at the end of that phrase, "the Lord is One."

Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is One.

"IMPORTUNITY" Praying always

Luke chapter 11.



v8. I say unto you, Though he will NOT rise and give him, because he is his friend yet because of his 'importunity' he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

v9. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

v10. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

At Thy Word Connersville. In. 53-0608e19

Well, maybe tonight you might have seined through every doctors' office in

the country. Maybe you've been to healing meetings and been anointed a many times. But tonight, "At Thy Word, Lord, here I come." *That's the way it is.* "At Thy Word, Lord, I'm going to let down the net, 'cause you told me if I'd <u>ask</u> anything in Your Name, You'd do it. And I believe that's the truth, and I'm letting down the net right now at Your command."

Don't be afraid; <u>Ask</u> a whole lot. You <u>have not</u> because you <u>ask not</u>. You <u>ask not</u> because you <u>believe</u> <u>not</u>. That's right "<u>Ask</u>, and you shall receive; <u>Seek</u>, you shall find; <u>Knock</u>, it'll be opened." That's God's Word.

Mark chapter 10.

v48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, 'Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.'

Lifting Him Up out of History. Jeff. In. 58-1001e34

It was in Jairus' house, where the doctors had failed, and turned a little girl to the to be to die. And death had come in, and taken its bitter toll, and had taken the only child of the home, the little girl of twelve, and stretched her out on a couch.

When a broken hearted little preacher had to forsake his denomination and all of his friends, but he remembered that there was a God of history Who could raise the dead, and he wanted to find Him. "Seek and ye shall find; Knock and it'll be opened unto you; Ask and it shall be given unto you." He's still the same God.

Genesis chapter 32

v26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.

An Unchangeable God, Working in an Unexpectable Way Phoenix. Az 62-0120e38

He knows your needs. He knows how to bring it to you. But the trouble of it is, because it don't come the way you think it ought to come, then you're all discouraged and you hand back to Him. Let's <u>ask</u> Him and believe that He will send it just the way He wants to send it, and accept it upon the basis. That's right. See? If you ask Him, don't make Him a liar. He can't be. He promised, "<u>Ask</u> the Father anything in My Name, I'll do it." Now, God can't lie. <u>Ask</u> Him and it shall be done. "<u>Seek</u>, ye shall find; <u>Knock</u>, it shall be opened." We believe that. Certainly we do.

1John chapter 3

- v21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.
- v22 And whatsoever we <u>ask</u>, we <u>receive</u> of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

Pastor Graeme Harnett Word of Life Fellowship Christchurch



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Spring is in the air and the season of the Resurrection is evident as life is being seen in all of God's creation. The warmth of the natural sun unlocks the power that lies within a seed buried in the earth; it springs forth with life and produces fruit after its kind. This only testifies of the power of the risen Son as he moves among His creation. We are able to testify of his presence because his Light quickens the Seed Gene of God the heart of the Believer.

Indonesia: UPC Movement to an Experience

...Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. Bebrews 11:26

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As a United Pentecostal Bishop in Indonesia for over twenty years Brother Stefanus Manulang knew well the cost of following the Truth.

He enjoyed financial privileges such as a monthly salary, a mobilization fund to use at his own discretion and also travelling around the world with his wife.

While in Medan, Indonesia in 2006 he attended a two-day Mystery Expo being conducted by two Philippine ministers. (Brother Nestor Espanola and Brother Danny del Mundo) Invited as a guest of a local Pastor in Medan (Brother Mahanaim) Brother Stefanus had every intention of 'converting' some new members to the UPC.

God had made other arrangements for this occasion. During one of the services the

interpreter for Brother Nestor could no longer continue. Having command of the language Brother Stefanus was requested to stand in as Brother Nestor's interpreter. While he translated the Word to the people, the revelation of the Life behind the Message was being quickened deep within his own heart.

That experience was the beginning of the end of being a part of the UPC Movement and caused this precious seed of God to spring forth into Newness of Life.

THE COUNTDOWN

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God has got a new system. It's not the old system; it's a new system. He's bringing His church up. They're getting smaller in minority all the time. They did in the days of Noah; they did in the days of Lot. They always do, till they get very, very, small. But still that little grain of God is still moving on, getting more powerful, and powerful, all the time.

The true church of the living God is miles up the road today than what it was. We see it. We know it. It's the truth. I don't mean organization. Now, you're back down to the horse and buggy again. You see? We're climbing above that thing. Don't want to go back to that again. No, I should say not; all right.

The spiritual astronaut is in Christ, and he's listening to the Word of God, the countdown, to see where it's going. And he's fixing to leave now, not for the moon; he will pass the moon so fast. He's on His road to heaven, and he's listening to the countdown. Yes, he's headed for heaven in a rapture of the glory of God. He's in Christ; wrapped in His glory, headed for heaven with Him, leave the earth.

~William Marrion Branham~

May the presence of God ever shine on you is our prayer. BibleBelieversMissions

<u>I Was Blessed</u> ! By Brother Richard

Some few years back the Eltham church travelled to Cambridge to spend a weekend with Bruce McKee's church which included a time on Lake Karapiro. More recently we travelled down to Christchurch to spend last Easter with the Gospelway Church near Christchurch where Greg Alford is Pastor. We had a wonderful time with the saints down there. As a result of our visits we felt it was good to get out and about at least once a year. We may not have much to offer but we like meeting fellow believers and sharing what we do have.

Several of our Eltham Church had visited Brother Dean Gilchrist's church in Wanganui in the past so we decided to see if we could visit them en masse. Dean was really welcoming, so on Sunday 24 February some five or six cars (we aren't a big church and I can't count) headed down to Wanganui about an hour and a quarter drive away. Dean's new church buildings are awesome, a right place for everything and everything in its place. The church itself was very hospitable (they supplied lunch!)

Dean preached on the two spirits. The sermon was called "A 'Thy Will' Spirit". There is an 'I Will' spirit versus a 'Thy Will' spirit to The Word and Will of God for the age. The consequences of each are:-

"<u>Thy</u> Will be done Spirit' always precedes life and an:-"I'll do it <u>my</u> way spirit' always precedes death.

Dean led us through the lives of so many of the Old Testament heroes who started with an I Will spirit which caused problems for them until they allowed the second spirit, God's Holy Spirit, to become the spirit of choice in their lives. And, of course, we have to make the same choices today.

Lunch was spent making acquaintances into friends, renewing old friendships, and sharing what the Lord has done for each of us. A little later some younger members played games on the grass paddock surrounding the church. Others (I didn't say older) got the guitars out and we all must have sung songs of the Kingdom together for a couple of hours on the decking overlooking the paddock. An absolutely brilliant time for us and hopefully a good time for those we visited. Look out, we might be your way in the future!

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<u>A note from The Editor</u>: Over the last few months, we have received 'Humorous ditties' from some of you brethren and because we enjoyed them, we thought you would too !!

Borrowing the car. Sent in by Bro. Richard

A young boy had just got his driver's licence, and inquired of his father, an evangelist, if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father took him into his study and said to the boy, 'I'll make a deal with you, son. You bring your grades up from a C to a B, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut, then we'll talk about the car.' Well, the boy thought about that for a moment, and decided that he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks, the boy came back and again asked his father about using the car. Again, they went to the study, where his father said, 'Son, I've been real proud of you.

You've brought your grades up, and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible,

and participating a lot more in the Bible study class on Sunday morning. But, I'm really disappointed, since you haven't got your hair cut.'

The young man paused a moment, and then said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair.'

His father replied, 'you're right, son. Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?'

An Informed people are not a confused People

Pearry Green