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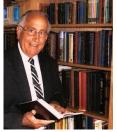
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From the Editor's desk: Here we are in 2009 and I greet all of you Saints in The Precious Name of



S desk: Here we are in 2009 and I greet all of you Saints in The Precious Name of Jesus. **2009!** When we arrived at the year 2000 some thought, "It won't be long now. The electronic equipment won't be able to cope with this new date." Then, the Prophet told us to look to Israel if we want to know what time it is. The Bride of Jesus Christ sees it is manifesting time. The fruit is on the vine and **THE LOVELY ONE IS COMING IN PLAIN VIEW TO CATCH GOD'S CHOSEN BRIDE.** To us, it's a time to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and to listen to His Voice ministered by the brethren. That is why we welcome any ministering brother who has a Word from the Bridegroom to encourage The Bride in this late hour when faith is hard

to find. It's not OUR word, brethren. It's HIS WORD IN US that will take us in the rapture. Amen, Lord Jesus! God bless. Bro. Charles [Editor]

GOODBYE 2008 - HELLO 2009

Over the past year, the Believers Newsletter has been put to the test as to whether it could remain non-partisan, especially through its determination to not be aligned to, or under the opinion of any pastoral, ministerial or fellowship identity. If the committee had fallen from these values then its whole purpose as a neutral platform for the benefit of all, would have been reduced to the farcical exercise of being a lapdog to the potentials of doctrinal fashion and ambitious personalities.

My grateful thanks goes out to the pastors and brethren who through spiritual maturity have supported and encouraged us as we have endeavoured to keep these virtues intact during what has been a most formidable year.

With any blessing brought to the Bride, there is a war involved and as 2009 unfolds, the battle will get stronger as every minion from the bottomless pit exerts its last gasping stab to defeat the undefeatable Bride. Rome's strategy is to divide and conquer whether it be an engineered credit crisis, trouble in the east again or the polarizing of message believers. Our peace is to look at the unseen through revelated eyes and know as Elisha [who is our type] that there are more for us than there are against us.

Hebrews 12:27 And this Word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

My parting shot for 2008 is to say confidently on behalf of the Believers Newsletter and the Bride of Christ, "IT'S TOO LATE DEVIL, YOU LOST. Get used to it!!!"

Shalom. Brother Adrian Gray [BNL Committee]

Incumbent President Obama said the following in his Inaugural Speech as he addressed the Muslim world:-

"Pour People will judge you on what you can Build And Not what you Destroy"

An excellent thought for us message believers to have in front of us, don't you think?!

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**To The Editor:** - I need to say that this newsletter is really a blessing to Believers – not only local – but worldwide. Yesterday I was on the phone with a brother in South Africa, and he expressed to me how he had been blessed by the articles in the Believers Newsletter that have been sent in by believers in N.Z.

May God bless your efforts in this, my brother! Please greet Sis.Wilson from us also. May God be with you! Brother Tazwell Jeffries

Rapturing Faith Believers Fellowship

## ~Why I Don't Use Make-up~

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Testimony by Sister Christine Ruegg

I was blessed to have been raised in a strong Christian family, the eldest of eleven children. For as long as I can remember, I always had a desire for God in my heart and at the age of eleven, I gave my heart to The Lord and was baptised in the Name of The Lord Jesus Christ. This was a very real and special experience for me – however, it was only the beginning.

During my teenage years I had several experiences where I knew God was dealing with me and directing my life. But when I was about nineteen years old I became more and more worldly *but only in small things that seemed 'borderline' and that I could get away with and still feel very self righteous*. About this time I started using a "tinted" moisturiser, which wasn't classified as 'Make-up" but had a similar effect. Besides covering up blemishes, it gave me a confidence [self confidence] that I didn't have before. And gradually I came to the place where I felt I would never be able to go without wearing it. I was happy to look like a Christian but still wanted to be thought of as 'classy' and accepted. My relationship with The Lord became more and more distant.

In October 2006 I was at some meetings where the preacher was preaching about the wonderful time he and his church had had with The Lord over twenty years before, and where The Holy Spirit was poured out as in the Book of Acts. I heard this same message again a few months later. I felt very frustrated as I had never seen or experienced anything like this and it seemed to be something that only happened in the past. I knew that *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever* and The Holy Spirit and the Gifts are still there for the Bride of Christ to benefit from and I had a longing to see it, but I didn't believe it could happen - until I heard a testimony from a fellowship that had The Holy Spirit fall on people after a meeting and they were speaking in tongues etc. I felt so jealous in a way and frustrated, but then I realised that The Holy Spirit is still available today and the same God who moved in the ministry of Brother Branham, is still God TODAY. I realised then that it had been so long since I had felt the presence of The Lord.

Several months went by and I remember being very frustrated with all of these things, as I so much desired to know The Lord in a greater way. Then on one particular night in March 2007, I was praying along the lines of "Search me oh God, and see if there be any wicked way in me" and to "create in me a clean heart." I added that I wanted this 'no matter what the cost' and immediately I knew that it could well cost – and for a moment I considered withdrawing this last 'clause', but instead I decided that it was definitely what I wanted so I added it again. I know this prayer was a chang-



Ruegg family. From left: Max [dog], Albert Jun., Joseph, Melanie, David, Christine, Stephanie Albert [father], Elanah, Bronwyn [mother], Joshua, Sharon, Susanna, Samuel.

ing point in my life, though at the time, I had no idea that God would answer it the way He did.

Shortly after this, my parents went to a Convention in Australia. On the day that they were returning home, that morning as I was applying my tinted moisturiser, a Voice spoke to me so clearly and said, "This is the last day you will be wearing this". My first thought was, "Am I going to die today?" because, in my mind, there was no way that I would be able to face anyone without it and I truly felt that I would rather die! I said to The Lord, "I'm sorry, but even if You paint it on the sky not to wear it, that is one thing I just could not give up."

That night when my parents returned home, one of the first things my mother said was, "Christine, I have to tell you something." I immediately burst into tears because I knew what she was going to tell me. She said, "You know the cream that you have been wearing? The Lord has shown me that it is wrong and I have to ask you to stop wearing it and I'm sorry that I let you ever begin." I cried for a long time and even considered disobeying, but I knew I couldn't do that. So I really asked God to just let me die.

Then at around 2.00a.m. The Lord showed me a picture of a lantern that had the glass smeared with that cream and you couldn't see if there was a flame burning or not. A Voice said to me, "That is what it is like when you wear that cream – The Holy Spirit cannot shine through you." At that moment I made the decision that I would never wear it again, but I felt so completely broken and upset. I spent the next two days in this state. The next evening, Mum gave me a tape that had arrived in the mail from a Brother who we had never received a tape from before. I listened to it and it really blessed me. At the end of the tape they sang that song: "It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus", and then suddenly I saw things in perspective for the first time. I realised that I really loved The Lord Jesus more than anything else and that I had been so tricked by the devil to focus on such temporary and shallow things which mean nothing when weighed against eternity.

To be continued..

The Choice of our Priorities Indicates the Level of Our Commitment to Jesus Christ Anon

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## LOVE versus FEAR

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Love has as its delivering power: The Holy Spirit. Hate has as its binding power the spirit of Fear Love has as its channel of expression:The Word (Truth) Hate has as its channel of expression a lie (any Love has peace,joy and life eternal as its outcome. Fear has torment and death as its outcome. LOVE has peace, joy and life eternal as its outcome. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom...

We **fear** the unseen and unknown outcome. We **fear** the unknown not that which is known. This is why **fear**, in one form or other, is a constant companion with those who walk not by sight but by faith. For true faith is not in what is seen.

Before we came to a knowledge of the saving grace of God, our fear of Him was that of dread and terror. This is transformed into that of awe and wonder when we discover how great His love to us is. Instead of fear through lack of trust when facing an unknown outcome we now have a reverent fear born of trust in Him who knows and holds all outcomes, who looks with favor upon us.



Bro. Malcolm Ferris

It's the enemy's objective to take that holy fear and pervert it through unbelief into one that binds and keeps us from letting Him into every chamber of our heart, from stripping away all of the veils off our heart. Our doubts are what keep the doors of those chambers shut up to Him with the key of fear. Fear of what might happen if we were to expose that weakness to Him, how that might affect our lives and our livelihood.

Ask anyone who has faced the fear of something like bungee jumping or sky diving and they will tell you that the experience is both liberating and exhilarating, albeit fleeting. They will also tell you that the fear does not go away upon deciding to jump. If anything it is amplified in anticipation of the event.

So it is when we by faith face the hidden fears in our own hearts, the fear does not abate with the decision to face it, rather it becomes greater than ever and is present with us throughout the ordeal. But what peace and joy when we come out the other end by His Grace. This is not fleeting, but works in us an eternal weight of glory, for we have not gained the victory through our own abilities or power but in Him. We can decide what form that fear takes. If we trust in Him, it is awe and wonder as we watch the gracious hand of Jesus intercede. If we doubt, it is dread and terror as we imagine our worst fears coming to life.

Sooner or later all of our fears must be faced, in this life or in the judgment to come. He wants us to let go and let Him come in to carry us through every one. But as the dove is timid and the lamb a meek creature, so He is a gentleman. He will not kick the doors in. We have to invite Him in and ask Him to take us through. Sometimes when circumstance forces us to face one of these fears, our response is not always the trust that He desires. Yet even so, in retrospect we see that He has carried us through, and this ought to help us to trust in Him more when facing our remaining fears.

When we are willing to let Him deal with our fears we can expect trials to follow. He never promised to keep us from facing our fears - only to be with us when we do face them so that we may overcome them in Him. Like a lamp that only illuminates the next step, He is with us every step of the way. Although our fears are still there, so is He and His Love is greater than any fear we may hold within us. And so we must learn to trust Him as we walk in holy fear through this outworking of salvation in our lives.

Let us consider the example of our blessed Saviour who faced His greatest fear at Gethsemane and as a man, desired to avoid this – and He could do so. Nevertheless, knowing that it had to be faced, He subjected Himself to the will and mercy of God and emerged out the other end the Mighty Conqueror.

God bless you. Brother Malcolm Ferris Christchurch

Seven go on Missionary trip to Vanuatu

From 3rd to 20th December 2008

On the 3rd December, seven brethren from N.Z. and the U.S.A. visited the Vanuatu Islands for the express purpose of taking mobile type meetings to the message churches represented on Malakula, Pentecost, Ambae and Ambrym Islands.

Those who were a part of this contingent were: From left: Renato/Renata Zanoli, Mary/Adrian Gray from NZ. From U.S.A., Bros. James Weeden, Jerry Sellers and Daniel Fraijo.

I wish to thank them all for their input in the various ways they were used of The Lord. Bros Daniel Fraijo, Adrian Gray and Renato Zanoli contributed to the preaching which is greatly appreciated. All told there were 23 sermons preached and each brother blessed the brethren according to the measure of endowment given to them by The Lord.

The only downside of the trip was a week of stomach problems from a virus that most of the group suffered, thus rendering a few of us horizontal. However after hands were laid on us, there was a rapid recovery.

We had 24 baptisms on Pentecost Island, but we had to go by boat 15 kms down the coast to carry them out, as we weren't allowed to baptize in the sea or the river near the village as that area was controlled by the Anglican Church. Persecution for the



sake of the message is a common experience amongst the brethren and something that we as New Zealanders, aren't seriously affected by.

The generators so graciously donated from very fine brethren are all being looked after and I gave them a maintenance service. The solar panels made by Bro. Justin Lane arrived safely in Vanuatu this time after being banned at Auckland Airport because of the lead acid batteries. Praise The Lord.

Further inroads were made into areas we haven't been to before. Ambrym Island which Bro. Renato covered in his report, is at a very young level and much work is needed there to raise their understanding. A generator is being set up there and I will fire up my projector and computer in April when I get back. They need visual teaching and the machinery is for that purpose.

Whilst in Port Vila, I felt led of The Lord to start off a missionary fund for the native ministry to finance themselves for air tickets to the island fellowships to preach to their own people. Money is very scarce on the outer islands. We singled out about five brothers who we believe have the ability to do itinerant preaching and funds have been placed in the local Westpac Bank to start them off. I have called this account the **Vanuatu Message Missionary Fund** and I have donated Vatu103,000 which is the equivalent of \$US1200 from funds given to me from some N.Z. brethren.

I will be the manager of this fund and all withdrawal applications will have to be passed to me via an email. That way there will be accountability and I will also know who is getting preached to and who is not. Also money will be made available for various needs i.e. building, message materials etc., as the need arises. It is my desire to get as many contributors as possible to keep the FUND operating continuously. My intention is to slowly move the preaching responsibilities on to the native brethren, which can only be done by first exposing them to all the fellowships and getting them confident in their callings. It is better to have them take the responsibility of Vanuatu eventually into their own hands instead of heavily relying on overseas ministry. If you feel led to contribute to this fund, here are the details in Vanuatu to send your contributions to.

VANUATU MESSAGE MISSIONARY FUND, WESTPAC BANK, PORT VILA , VANUATU. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 2000396123

My heartfelt thanks goes to all the brethren who have made the work in Vanuatu possible whether from material goods or by your prayer support. Without you, things would be vastly different. May The Lord bless you all.

Brother Adrian Gray Stratford

Bro. Zanoli reports on: Ambrym, the latest island visited in Vanuatu: A few months ago Brother Adrian asked me if I would like to go to Vanuatu. I wholeheartedly accepted and my wish to travel once more, came true. I'm not writing a whole report on this unforgettable trip, but I personally would like to share our experiences on the last Island we visited and express the desire we have for this small and needy cluster of God's children. After visiting four fellowships on several islands, we arrived on the island of Ambrym, a secluded and even more undeveloped

island, yet more entrenched in western religion and traditional pagan mystical worship than most of the other islands.

Bro. Mael Moses in his sixties, a pastor of a small flock of end-time believers, and a chief elder of a 200-soul village called Endu, greeted us with a disarming and genuine humbleness that is rarely found in our modern, western culture. What attracted me mostly about this man were the few words he used to explain himself. When asked about his experience with The Lord and his walk in the Message in recent years, he informed



"Dilapidated accom. with leaking straw roof.. ideal for storing Message Books/Tapes? It could be!"

us of 'supernatural events' as well as 'experiences of severe persecution' by neighbouring denominational churches and local people alike. We discovered a great need in this fellowship in every area of the message, spiritual and physical.

Brother Mael told us that we were the first white people from the message to visit them. Through statements like these, we realised this young fellowship had to be treated with special care, as the culture difference between them and the white man is immense and as we all know, this Gospel and end time-message is not, and never will be a white man's message! This reminds me of the incident, when Bro. Branham preached to a crowd of native people in Africa. He never spoke on "a believer's dress-code", but through the Holy Spirit within the preaching, all the women started to cover themselves.

Bro. Mael expressed the desire and need for more ministries to go there and share this lifegiving message to feed his people.

When we arrived, there was no accommodation for us, except a totally dilapidated and unused 1970s brick storehouse. The shower was a tiny bamboo shack behind the house on a dirt floor with a bucket for water that had to be fetched a hundred metres away. The toilet was a foul smelling short drop (not a long drop!), with a cracking concrete slab containing a large and small hole.

We inspected this small, unused building measuring ten by five metres and my wife, Renata

and myself who have renovated a number of houses in recent years, saw the potential. With some "Kiwi tender loving care" this could become a comfortable accommodation for visiting ministry and a perfect message library and store house for the church.

The church itself is a mere bamboo hut on dirt floor with open top sides and a straw roof that is not suitable for storage or for the above mentioned purposes.



"Dirt Floors"

After assessing the needs on this island, and comparing them with other established and growing fellowships, we felt that a concerted effort was required to lay a physical foundation for further spiritual growth.

We opened an account in Port Vila with Wilco-hardware and I put a down payment of NZ\$500 - a small token to express my commitment towards this project on Ambrym and as a start to financing the project.

I hope, Lord willing, to go back with Brother Nahum Gray in May '09 and with the help of the brothers there, renovate the house as well as building new toilet and shower facilities with a water connecting pipe. The estimated cost of this undertaking is around NZ\$5000. All materials have to be shipped from Port Vila to Endu.

After almost three weeks of seeing what the Lord has already done on these islands, I feel a real move of the Lord in Vanuatu. As I mentioned in the beginning of my letter, this move is not so much missionary for myself - but rather of a labouring nature by the bride for the greater growing of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Jesus planted and fulfilled the seed of life. It's now for the bride through labour and birth pains to bring forth God's children." I would like to ask you kindly, if you are able and if the Lord is impressing on your heart to help financially, would you give towards this project? Please send your donations to Bro Adrian Gray (maybe with an ear-mark "Ambrym"). On behalf of the Bride of Vanuatu "Tankyu tumas"! God bless you. Bro. Renato Zanoli, Ph 07 3222037/ Mobile: 021 0331355 6 Wilson St, Whakatane

GLOBAL WARMING Pt 21



By Brother Morris Tafatu

Paragraphs 79 – 86: Brother Branham

[79] Just before the breaking of day, there is always one great light that's always placed in the heavens, and that is the morning star. When you see the morning star getting bright, brighter and brighter, then the earth gets darker and darker

[80] And the Church of these last days, the called-out and the elected Body of Christ, has been promised by the Bible that He'd give them the Morning Star.

"Watchman, what of the night?" What's going to happen? [81] Here it is. Total annihilation is coming to the whole world. Disaster is coming to the whole world. But before that the annihilation takes place, the Church of Jesus Christ will go in the Rapture, to meet Her Lord.

[82] What is the morning star to do? What makes the stars so bright at that time? It's the approaching of the sun. Other stars seems to dim at the hour.

[83] All the man-made theologies, all the cold, formal indifferences will dry up. But that watchman setting yonder on the tower, with the Morning Star, will reflect the true Message of the Lord Jesus soon to approach, because He's brighter and brighter, all the time, as the sun begins to rise.

[84] Oh, I would say, morning stars, rise and shine to the glory of God, for the approach of midnight darkness is upon the earth, and gross darkness upon the people. But the morning cometh, and the stars should be giving their lights.

[85] Think of that horrible hour that's a facing the whole world. Think of the horrible gloom that's a facing every

person unsaved today. All nations, and all the mountains, and all the farms and all the houses that they gloried in, shall be made powder, to volcanic action ashes again, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye.

[86] But those who love the Lord, those who have the Morning Star's Light, that they're getting – getting their eyes on Him, and off the things of the world! And as Paul wrote in his closing epistle, before he left the earth, he was weary, and nervous, and tired. Oh, how I feel for that little Jew. When he said, "Let no one trouble me. I've fought a good fight, and I've finished my course. I've kept the faith. And henceforth there's a crown of



righteousness that the Lord the righteous Judge will give me at that day." Then he thought of the morning stars a coming, he said, "Not only to me, but to all them that love His appearing." Oh, "Lift up your heads, your redemption is drawing nigh."

In conclusion, it is evident that global warming is merely one of the many signs of the end times as we eagerly await the glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world is getting old, therefore the so called effects of global warming to a true believer is not a surprise but rather a confirmation of an imminent global renovation such as man has never seen before orchestrated by none other than the CREATOR of the universe Himself, Lord God Almighty. In preparation of the Lord's glorious appearing, it therefore behoves all true believers to take proper stock and full inventory of their lives to ensure they are living a life truly dedicated to the perfect will of God and obedience to His Word. This is no time for believers to be dilly dallying in worldly things but rather a time to totally rid ourselves of all sin in our lives and with those closing words, I encourage you dear reader to draw yourself closer to God as we live in these exciting end times. **Bro. M. Tafatu – Nuie Island**

COMPASSION

"Thus speaketh The Lord of Hosts, saying, Execute true judgement and shew mercy and compassion every man to his brother." Zechariah 7:9

The greatest virtue we can have in our lives, is the first fruit of the Spirit. It's Love. You can have all faith to remove mountains but it can be tinkling brass and clanging cymbals. Without true love, that sort of life profits nothing. Compassion and love are two of the same. It is not a natural virtue. The world doesn't know what Compassion is. They talk about it. But Compassion is God given.

It says: **"Show mercy and compassion every man to his brother".** It's a Christlike Compassion for our brothers and sisters. This church of the living God, if she is truly the Bride of Christ, will have Compassion for her brothers and sisters.

We wonder sometimes, why our prayers go unanswered. Perhaps there is a little root of bitterness that has sprung up in our lives against a brother or sister. Maybe malice, hate or jealousy which are all the fruits of the old nature. We read The Word to mortify the deeds of the flesh. Paul said in Col. 3:1-5 that the old nature has to die, but the devil comes along and wants to bring it to life again. Paul said **"Ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. Mortify [put to death] therefore your members which are upon the earth" [v5].** We need to deal with it all the time and make sure he doesn't rise up again.

A little trial comes along and –oh dear – the old nature is risen up again. That is what trials are for - to show us what our old nature is, so that we will take on more of the character of Christ. "Lord, my heart is open. I want you to come inside me more and more with yourself. Not me."

They can love, but you don't venture into the revelation of Jesus Christ because it goes over their head. E.g. "My name is on the book in the church" etc.etc. They have never met the living Christ. That type of goodness will not put us into the Bride. It is only the Blood of Jesus Christ and that Holy Ghost power within us that puts us into the Bride. Paul says in 1Peter 2:1 to lay aside all malice and all guile. When Jesus met Nathanael and told him he was a true Israelite, a man without guile, he meant it. Nathanael wasn't saying one thing, and in his heart thinking something else. True love is full of Compassion and it's not natural. The world has sympathy. God has no sympathy. It doesn't come into his reckoning. He has Compassion and we can only execute true judgement when we have the Compassion that God gives us. The Prophet teaches us this.

People don't know what Compassion is. Compassion and love is the will of God. And you can only exercise that as God gives it, not by human emotional passion, but by Divine Love, which can only be rendered and given by God. 'Looking for Jesus' 1954.

At the Pool of Bethesda, where many sick had gathered, Jesus walked through the midst of them all and only healed one man. He had Godly Compassion, not human sympathy. Like two kinds of love. One is affectionate, the other is Divine. Jesus only healed that one man and walked away. What is Compassion? It's being in the Will of God: being led by The Spirit. That is Compassion. Brother Branham put it like this:-

"The Son does nothing of Himself, but what he sees the Father doing, that

doeth the Son likewise." That's Compassion. Compassion is following the Will of God, not human sympathy, but Compassion. Oh they're two different words altogether: Sympathy and Compassion. See? If it wasn't, Jesus sure made a rude mistake when He did that. See? [Be not afraid, it is I. 1961]

When Jesus met the woman at the well, it was Compassion. He spoke to her very direct and He got a response because the seed of Life was in her. That was Compassion. Jesus had probably passed many people to reach her. Compassion is reality. It's God. It's Emanuel in our midst. Compassion is healing. Compassion is salvation. When God's love is flowing through our hearts, it is Compassion.



His mercy flows on like a river His love is unmeasured and free. His grace is forever sufficien It reaches and purifies me. Bro. Graeme Harnett Word of Life Believers Christchurch

An excerpt from a recent service

THE LATEST FROM THE MIDDLE EAST Brother Tony

January 2009

We greet you once again in Jesus' name. We trust that you had a very special time with family and friends during the recent holiday season. Stepping into the New Year always reminds us of new beginnings. How thankful we can be for the "new beginning" we have had in Christ; of His grace and mercy that revealed our new life in the Lamb's book of Life. [Invisible Union Of The Bride: 65-1125: 32-2]

New challenges always accompany new beginnings. Never has this been as profound as this year - for we are entering our first year of independent and full time service in the new field of the Middle East. It's been said that faith needs uncertainty and a challenge to be expressed or to grow. Judging by what is being projected for 2009 – it would appear that we will have plenty of opportunities for growth. We look forward with faith and our vision renewed for this new year and trust that you too will keep your eyes firmly focused on the promises of God's Word as we all face the immense challenges globally in the year that lies ahead.

As we consider the blessing of our names being on the Lamb's book of Life, we must also remember the multitudes in the Muslim dominated lands of the Middle East that have yet to hear the same Message you and I have heard. Regardless of how great the opposition to the Gospel may be in these parts, the Word of God must be preached in <u>all the world</u> – before the Lord can return.

I've often wondered if there is any significance to the structure of Brother Branham's quote when he refers to the spiritual hunger of a Muslim when he states the following in the Message "Looking For Jesus" [54-0228E: Par 29] "..."Mohammed only promised us life after death." Said, "Your Jesus promised, the things that He did, you'd do also. So let me see you teachers produce that." Said, "Then we'll believe your Jesus rose from the dead..." I find it amazing how this statement concludes the following thought concerning our commission and responsibility to preach the Gospel in ALL the world. Prior to this Brother Branham said;

"...Jesus never did say, "Build churches, seminaries." He said, "Preach the Gospel into all the world", then He'd return. See? But we've done everything else but do what He told us to do. He can't return till the Gospel's been preached. He said, "You'll hear of signs and wars and

rumors of wars, (Not yet) parents against children, children..." (That's not yet.) But said "When this Gospel has been preached to all of the world, then the end will be." He would return. There is the mission of the Church, is to preach the Gospel, demonstrate the power. Oh, we've passed tracts everywhere. But that ain't what it takes. It takes the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, truly..."

Attempting to minister the Word in the Muslim countries (green highlights where Islam is the major religion) is undoubtedly the most daunting personal challenge I've ever faced. I also recognize that this certainly is not - nor can be - the work of "one man" or "one church". As a minister of this Message burdened to see the Word reach lost and dying souls, I invite you to prayerfully consider the greater, collective responsibility of your ministry along with that of the Bride in general, to address this great need. It has been 43+ years since the Prophet was taken home – yet precious little has been



done in this region of the world. There is only 1 message translated into Arabic. No known believers or churches. Who is going to evangelize and preach the Gospel in this region? This is one of the largest areas of the world without a witness of the Message and may well be considered the "final frontier" of Message evangelism before our Lord's return.

It is for this reason I humbly request your prayers for us as we serve the Lord in the Middle East. I'd ask that you also include the petition that the Holy Spirit raise up other workers and ministries willing and courageous enough to minister in these hostile lands. In addition to this are the expenses required to travel and minister as we step out solely in faith and confidence in the Lord for these many needs.

We thank God for His grace as several pastors and individuals alike have already come forward with pledges of support. Our confidence and trust is in the Lord, that the challenge of every financial need will be met in its season of time. This is, after all, the promise of God's Word as He has declared to meet our needs and ensure that the Word of God sent forth does not return void or unfruitful. Accordingly, my pledge to the Lord and to the Body of Christ, is absolute transparency and accountability as a steward of this ministry and revelation.

In the few short months of our ministry in the Arab speaking lands, we are by God's grace beginning to see some initial evidences of "fruit" as the Word of God is ministered. You can follow some of these testimonies as I post them on the website I created, located at: { HYPERLINK "http://endtimemissions.blogspot.com/" }



One Christian Brother, XX, openly confessed "I'm a believer" when the Holy Spirit confirmed the Word of God to his soul, concerning the mystery of Redemption and the original sin in the garden. Still others are requesting bible studies in their homes. We eagerly anticipate greater things in the future as others dig deeper into the Church Age book and other material we have distributed. All this combined with the tender mercies of our Lord promises to make 2009 the most interesting year of our lives.

My wife and I are currently in Canada as we had to return for some important personal and business matters but will be returning to the Middle East in just a few weeks. If you wish to contact me by phone prior to our departure, for more information about the work in the Middle East, I can be reached either by email or telephone (778 885 7103).

May the Lord richly bless you, Your Brother and co-labourer in Christ,

Brother Tony

"It is a religious spirit that is trying to keep you from taking up your Cross and dying daily."

By Bro. Jeff Jenkins

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#### Be Not forgetful to entertain strangers: For thereby some have entertained angels unawares Hebrews 13:2

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was 'too crowded.' 'I can't go to Sunday School,' she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by.

Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday School class.

The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings.

Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump.

Inside was found 57cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: 'This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School.'

For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

Carrying this note and the worn, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion.

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for **57cents. Anon** 

Brokenness is the first Holy Ghost feeling at Justification. It is a deep sense of contrition and sorrow for your sin. It is an overwhelming magnitude of your sin. After you have received the Holy Spirit, God will reveal things to

you

that you didn't know were there and that same brokenness will return.

Bro. Jeff Jenkins

Character is what you are. Reputation is what people think of you. People can destroy your Reputation But only you can destroy your Character Character is a Victory – Not a Gift

### A Quote from the Prophet 254 - Sardisean Church Age – Church Age Book Ch7

If there was ever a time of denominational zeal it was at this tragic time. The words of Comenius describe much of this era. Comenius wrote:-

#### "The One Thing Needful".

He compares the world to the labyrinth, and shows that the way out is by :-

"Leaving what is needless" and "Choosing The One thing Needful – CHRIST" The great number of teachers, he says is the reason of the multitudes of sects, for which we shall soon have no names left.

Each church reckons itself as the true one, or at least as the purest, truest part of it, while among themselves they persecute each other with the bitterest hatred.

No reconciliation is to be hoped for between them; they meet enmity with irreconcilable enmity... Satan is the greatest sophist; he has never been overcome in a strife of words...

Bro. Ross Lane

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