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THE AUCKLAND EASTER CONVENTION

By our Roving Reporter

It was exciting, it was joyful, it was life giving, it was spiritual, challenging, and it was an awakening of the Bride to who and what she is. This was the Auckland Convention 2009!

Brethren came from all over New Zealand and as we sat in the warm glow of Christian Fellowship we felt the Lord had commanded a blessing. There was an awareness of being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, people who had experienced the power of Jesus Christ and were made whole by faith in his name.

To mention a few:- one brother incapable of making contact with others, bound by his physical and spiritual needs was happily fellowshiping! Another who was given up to physically die sitting and being blessed. Not to mention visiting speaker Ron Spencer whose clear complexion and strong voice spoke volumes of God's grace.

Brothers Ron Spencer (USA) and Harold Hildebrandt (Canada) were a perfect team, with Bro. Ron taking the morning services

and Bro. Harold the evening.

During the first service Ron spoke on the accident that so nearly killed him, burning some 75% of his lungs. The church prayed, Christians around the world prayed, and even, when he thought he was alone, a doctor prayed beside Ron's coma induced body.

Now with lungs as fit as anyone's and no facial scarring from the exploding gas bottle he was a living example of the power of God and of prayer.

Bro. Harold's Good Friday message was hard hitting, calling us forward in faith to believe that the



Seals were open, the thunders had rolled forth, that Revelation 10 had been fulfilled, in fact preparing us for what was to unfold during the next few days. "Don't get lax; contend for what God has given."

On Saturday morning we were exhorted to play our part, respond to God's leading for we are to fulfil scripture just as Jesus had. The voice behind the voice is Melchisedec.

Adoption was the thrust of the evening message, the manifestation of the sons of God. The devil is trying to keep us out of our inheritance but we are joint heirs with Christ. For God does nothing without man; He needs us to fulfil His plan. We need to spend more time in prayer. It is the most powerful tool we have.

Easter Sunday morning service started with graves. Abraham refused the cave at Machpelah as a gift to bury his Sarah in. He wanted no future claims or trouble, so he bought it outright. It was, in historical terms, the most expensive real estate transaction ever. And Christ died for us, the highest price anyone could pay for our redemption. That price is so complete that when we ask God for forgiveness he is no longer able to remember our sin. This sermon brought many young people, and a few older ones to the front.

There were four water bap-



tisms that afternoon and quite a cloud of witnesses were able to see young people putting into practice the death of self and the rising to a new life.

Bro. Harold's message that Sunday night was that we are Mrs. Jesus Christ. The Bride needs and is beginning to recognize who she is! A Rapture message! Bro. Derek had mentioned Richard the Lion Heart (King of England.) He had never lost a battle but on this occasion he was totally outnumbered and called the retreat. Richard's squire rode up beside him and bid him remember who he was. At that point Richard turned, faced, and defeated his enemies.

Monday morning's service was another high but also an encouragement message. God's purpose can never be defeated, Bro. Ron reminded us, quoting Isaiah 54 "No weapon that was formed against thee shall prosper." On the practical side Pastors need the support of their people but they have the responsibility to see their people through.

In short, Brother Derek's decision to hold the convention was inspired, the preachers were anointed and preached today's message, the song leading was right on, and the congregation became more and more a functioning body of believers.

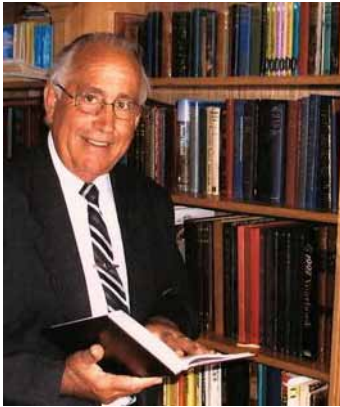
From Chris Sukkel *"We all thoroughly enjoyed the convention. Rachael and I felt we were seated in heavenly places and really noticed the difference in 'atmosphere' when travelling home and mixing with the world again."*



The 2009 Easter Auckland Convention Team

Editorial

by Charles Wilson



Greetings to you all. What a wonderful month this has been, what with two Easter Conventions – one in the north and one in the south. My wife and I attended the Auckland Convention and we were really blessed through the ministries of Bro Harold Hilderbrandt and Bro Ron Spencer, and it was a thrill to see

the number of young people who went forward to give their lives to The Lord and some of these followed the call to be baptized in water in the Name of The Lord Jesus Christ. What a wonderful time it was.

Looking around me in the packed auditorium it felt like the old times when we had to go early to get a good seat. And as The Word was waved before the people once more, we realised that The Word had indeed grown mightily and prevailed. Our Lord hasn't let the Oil and Wine diminish and the Bride was quickened afresh. Brother Greg's fellowship also received their portion as he mentioned in his letter to us all.

The Believers Newsletter Committee are happy to welcome a new member on board, namely Bro Richard Oliver, otherwise known as 'The Roving Reporter' who is helping with the work load. You'll no doubt be hearing from him in our future newsletters and we know you will be blessed as we have been in our association with him.

On behalf of the Committee – Brothers Ross, Adrian and myself, we wish you all God's richest blessings.

Bro Charles
Editor

Editors Note:

While we do not intend to promote false teachings we do offer believers the opportunity to express their reasonable views in this newsletters but by doing so do not necessarily agree with, or endorse, those views.

*The Shortest distance between a problem
and a solution is the distance between your
knees and the floor*

~Easter Meetings were Blessed~

Brother James Rozaks ministered at Gospel Way Outreach



Our Fellowship in Kaiapoi was really blessed to sit under the ministry of Brother James Rozaks, who visited us with his wife, Sister Naomi and their 16 month old daughter, Haven.

Our first meeting was on Wednesday night where Bro James shared his testimony of being brought up in the Message until he was about seven and then his parents quit serving The Lord. There had been a church split over doctrine and his father became confused over what or who was right. Even though he didn't come back to The Lord until his late teens, Bro James always had this pull on his life that wouldn't allow him to enjoy the pleasures of sin. He is now serving with Bro Eugene Braun as an assistant pastor.

A number of our folks were going to Auckland to the Easter meetings at the weekend so it was good for them have been able to hear our brother minister on Wednesday night before they left.



Thursday night was our scheduled young people's meeting and after some singing practice for the Easter meetings they had fish'n chips and then Bro James shared with them from his heart. He also had questions & answers which the young people found very good. Friday night began our Easter meetings and our brother preached. Afterwards we partook of The Lord's Table and footwashing. It was a special time. Though a number were away, either at Auckland or on holiday, it was a good time of breaking the bread and washing one another's feet.

Saturday and Sunday nights we had a good

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old fashioned Kiwi supper, with home baking provided. We found Bro James to be a good minister and it was great to see, though young in age, his grip of The Word of God. We had a few visitors in some of the meetings and this is always encouraging to see.

We have recorded our services on MP3 file format and are happy to provide them on a CD for \$5.00. Postage is included. There are DVDs available of Saturday and Sunday meetings.

Greg Alford (Pastor)

Kaiapoi

~~The Life of Caleb~~

Part Two

By Bro Jeff Jenkins

So the twelve went over. And they saw that the land was fruitful and that it was plentiful and it was the time of the first harvest. And the land was capable of bringing forth much fruit and truly it was as they confessed with their own mouth, 'It flows with milk and honey – but..but!' – as they came back.

How did Joshua and Caleb come back? **With a SKIP in every step!!** They came back with absolute expectation! They came back with thoughts of **Opportunity! Opportunity! Opportunity!**

They saw the same giants of Anak. They saw the same walled cities. They saw the same big, huge opportunities for armies that would fight against them. They saw the people were huge and 'we looked at them and they looked at us and we know that in their eyes we were grasshoppers and in our own eyes we were like grasshoppers.' That's what the Bible says. They saw themselves as impotent and not powerful enough to conquer those obstacles.

How do **you** see yourself? [But Jeff, the thing is, I've prayed and I've prayed and a thought comes and a thought comes - And things aren't changing.]

That's when Faith seeks its greatest opportunity. You see, Faith never gives up, never draws back. Faith keeps believing despite the circumstances. Faith sees what God sees. So we ask them, what do you see?

And while they are all giving a bad report - the reality- the Bible says that God said, '*Because you have brought up a slander against the land...*' What does that mean? Because they defamed God's character. By disbelieving that they could go in and take the land, they actually defamed God's character. Can you say Amen? They slandered God's promises. They slandered God's willingness and ableness and power to overcome those obstacles. They disbelieved God's Word. They could not conceive that they could actually take the land.

The Bible says, 'they came back and gave an evil report'. They began to tell the people, 'No, no,' – 'Well, how was the land?' 'Well listen, it was great, wonderful,

praise God...but..' 'Whoa! What do you mean – But?' The Bible says they all went into their tents and all began to murmur. And the Bible says that God heard them murmuring and He said to Joshua, 'they weren't murmuring against you. They were murmuring against Me.' They were murmuring in their tents, 'Oh no, it's a great land – I'm not disputing that. There's rivers and beautiful valleys, green and lush. However the people that occupy the land, they're powerful. There's much more of them than there are of us. If they unite, we don't have a chance. Seriously, you should see the giants of Anak. These men are HUGE ! '

Did you know that Caleb wanted Hebron? This was the land where the GIANTS lived. He made it to Hebron afterwards. It was the land of the Anaks. And Caleb said, '**Give me my mountain!**' The giants hadn't been destroyed yet. Caleb went in at eighty years old, he and a hired army – Whatever man would kill such and such a giant could have his daughter to wife. And it happened to be his own brother who killed the giant. So Caleb and his army went in and at eighty years old, Caleb slew the giants.

He was committed at a young age. He was consistent through his middle years. Those years are important. Can you say Amen? Because those middle years actually galvanise who you will become. Your feet are on a path. Where are they taking you? Your mind is on a path. Which way is it taking you? Into Faith with greater possibilities or into doubt and confusion? Then what is your path? The determining factor is 'what you are looking at'. What are you looking at? Obstacles, circumstances, situations, or Faith in The Word of God? It depends on what we are looking at.

And the Bible says that when they took up stones to stone Moses and Joshua, Caleb stood up in the midst and stilled the people. Said 'Stop!!' He said, 'If God delights in us.' How many believe God delights in us? Say Amen. God delights in you. You are the apple of His eye. You are the reason there is a world. You're the Bride, the Eve to the Adam. You are bone of His bone, life of His life, flesh of His flesh. You are his attributes, His sons and daughters. One day we're going to believe it and when we believe it, we're going to get out of here. He delights in you!

And Caleb understood that 'He delights in us'. He stopped the people and said, 'Let us go up at once!' Don't you hesitate. Let us go up at once! Then he goes on to say, 'Those giants that you fear, they're bread for us. Well, the bigger they are, the harder they'll work. They're bread for us.' They're going to build our fences for us, our walls and our houses. They're our servants. They are going to pay our taxes. Caleb didn't have it reversed. Caleb didn't see himself as subservient to the culture. Caleb didn't see himself as oppressed by the culture. Do you say 'Amen'?

Transcribed from the message: "The Reward of Faith"

Pt 3 20th July, 2008

Thoughts

~The Baptism of The Holy Ghost without Sensation~

By Bro Dean Gilchrist

The Doctrine that the serpent taught Eve in the Garden of Eden was that life comes through and by an experience of a sensation involving the flesh, an experience where one can know the time and the place and "LOOK BACK" to the very moment when life was conceived. This sounds very true and wonderful to the carnal minded, but it was not God's way of imparting life then, nor is it his way now.

The evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost by a fleshly manifestation of speaking in unknown tongues or some other supernatural experience is a Pentecostal denominational teaching of the last age. It is certainly not Message or Bible truth, and sadly some who have been raised under this teaching have tried to carry it over into the message.

The true baptism of the Holy Ghost in this hour does not come by speaking in unknown tongues, regardless of how wonderful and true and even God given these experiences might be. These supernatural encounters are in no way to be regarded as an evidence that we have received the Holy Ghost, as Satan can impersonate all of these things.

One of the mysteries that has been revealed in this hour by the seventh Angel is the mystery of the baptism of the Holy Ghost without sensation.

In I PETER 1:23 it says, *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

There is nothing greater and more life giving than the true Word of God in the hour in which you live. The true baptism of the Holy Ghost is to receive the Word for your day as revealed to you by the Holy Ghost Himself. JOHN 16:13a *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into **all truth**.*

Mary was chosen to bring forth the literal life of God himself into manifestation; if we study how God achieved this with Mary we will see how we must do the same in this hour. Firstly God sends Mary an angel with a message, the message was the Word of God for that season. At first Mary does not fully comprehend the message spoken by the angel yet in her heart she knew it was from God, she received the voice of the messenger saying "Let it be unto me according to thy WORD". After that the angel departed from her, the messenger left the scene, some time after that and

without any sensation the life of God himself began to grow within her.

Eve brought forth life by a shiver and a shake of a false word experience. It wasn't God's way. Sure, it brought forth life, but it was the wrong kind of life: and it produced a hybrid to the Word of God that ended in death. Mary brought forth the true life of God the way God intended it should come, by his Spoken Word through an angel's message and without sensation.

The true evidence of the Holy Ghost is not to be measured by experience, but by the Word that you receive, as brother Branham said. "The true evidence is to receive the Word for your day, that is the true evidence according to Jesus Himself."

Many times God will use supernatural encounters and experiences to change the course of our lives towards him, and advance us in our Christian knowledge and maturity. Yes God does deal with us in this manner and oh how we love Him for it, yet we are not to confuse supernatural experiences as the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The key to receiving the true baptism of the Holy Ghost in this hour is to keep walking in the light of the revealed Word until it is quickened and made clear to you by God himself and becomes a true faith in your heart and Soul; in other words you believe (mentally) all the way unto receiving true revelation - Faith that only God Himself can give you; it is a process just like natural birth.

The Holy Ghost in this hour is the Person of the Word which is Jesus Christ revealed personally to you through the voice of the seventh and last Angel shining light on the scriptures; a son of man (William Branham) revealing the Son of Man (Jesus Christ) to you personally. Let me paraphrase MALACHI 4:5-6, 'Behold, I will send YOU (as with Mary) Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD, and he shall by his message (WORD) restore the faith (Holy Ghost) of us children to that of the original faith of the apostolic fathers'. Jesus said "*The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*". That is how God imparts his life to us, by His Spoken Word. There is nothing greater than the revealed Word of God in the heart of a believer. Upon this rock (Revelation), I will build my Church. Never does He say that He would build His Church upon a sensation or an experience. Heavens and earth will pass away, but the revelation of Gods Word in the heart of the individual as revealed by the Holy Ghost will never pass away. Brother Branham states "*Away with experience as your measuring line. There is only one plumb line, only one rod, and that*

is the WORD". If you'll notice he didn't say away with supernatural experiences - it's just that we are to do away with them as a measurement of evidence. I trust you can see the truth and balance to this subject as revealed by the seventh Angel. May God bless and keep you all in his loving and tender care. Your Brother in Christ,
Dean Gilchrist.

The Baptism of The Holy Ghost.

Written in 1884-1974 era

When the Holy Spirit comes upon an individual, it is a tremendous experience. Then God conquers the Will and becomes the supreme power in the life. Everything is dependent of this. The whole life for all time is affected by this experience. From this time on, the individual no longer has the final word in life, but this always comes from Him who controls the life. This is a marvelous event. Scripture calls this crucifixion. The will of man is set aside for the Will of God. By nature our lives are lost, but when yielded to God to be controlled by Him, it is found. And the baptism is that which comes after the battle is over and the life is completely surrendered to God. The Holy Spirit moves in and occupies His place

What a heaven wide difference between the heavenly revelation and the earthly ecstasy. They have nothing in common.

By Lewi Pethrus

Now, Saints, let's see what Brother Branham says on this all important subject...

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Without the Baptism of The Holy Ghost, you can never have your eyes opened to a true spiritual revelation of the Word. A man without The Spirit is blind to God and His truth.

Laodicean Church Age - Church Age Book Ch. 9

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He said, "Blessed are thou, Simon, son of Jonas, flesh and blood never revealed this to you, but my Father in Heaven has revealed this to you." Not by knowledge, you didn't learn it by books. You didn't learn it by joining church. You didn't learn it in the shops. You didn't. But The Holy Ghost Itself has brought the Person of Jesus Christ to you - then, "Upon this Rock I'll build

My church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It."
That holy thirst has been satisfied in the Person of Jesus Christ. There you are. That's the thing that we want to look for, satisfy that thirst with That.

65-0919 Thirst. Tucson. AZ V-16 N-6 Sunday

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The thing of it is, is today we don't try to establish The Word of God in the people's hearts. We're trying to establish ourselves. Churches are trying to establish the doctrine of the church in a person's heart. We are commanded to establish The Word of God. Paul said, "I didn't come to you with enticing words of man that your faith might rest up in the knowledge of men, but I come to you in power, in manifestations of The Holy Ghost that your faith might rest in God.

Satan's Eden. Jeff. In. V-2 N-20 Sunday.

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Now, if you want the evidence of The Holy Ghost, there it is. When that soul of yours will line with The Word of God in every respect, it shows you've drawn your life through the thinking man's Filter - God's filter.

65-0822E Thinking Man's Filter. Jeff. In V-5 N-6 Sunday

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Many of you think 'cause you've long hair, that means you're going to heaven. That doesn't mean that. Many of them think 'cause you're a good moral woman, you're going to...It don't mean that. Many of them think because their churches and belong to this and this great groups and great doctors of divinity. That don't mean that. See? Many think because they speak with tongues, they've got the Holy Ghost. That don't mean that, though the Holy Ghost does speak with tongues. But until that real, genuine Holy Spirit in there will cope with every word...

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If that Holy Spirit in you makes you speak with tongues, looks back there and doesn't agree with the rest of The Word, then it's a wrong spirit. See?

65-0815 Knoweth It Not. Jeff. In v-2 N-10 Sunday

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27 *Today's so confused about the evidence of The Holy Ghost and so forth. Satan can impersonate any kind of a gift that God's got, but he cannot bring that Word, word by word. That's where he failed in the garden of Eden; that's where he's always failed.*

65-0822M Jeff. In V-4 N-10 Sunday.

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~~The Spirit Filled Life~~

Sent in by Sister Barbara Leov

Oh the Spirit filled life; is it thine, is it thine?

Is thy soul wholly filled with the Spirit Divine?

O thou child of The King, has He fallen on thee?

Does He reign in thy soul, so that all men may see –

The dear Saviour's blest image reflected in thee?

Has He swept through thy soul like the waves of the sea?

Does the Spirit of God daily rest upon thee?

Does He sweeten thy life, does He keep thee from care?

Does He guide thee and bless thee in answer to prayer?

Is He near thee each hour, does He stand at thy side?

Does He gird thee with strength, has He come to abide?

Does He give thee to know that all things may be done

Through the grace and the power of the Crucified One?

Does He witness to thee of the glorified Son?

Has He purged thee of dross with the Fire from above?

Is He first in thy thoughts, has He all of thy love?

Is His service thy choice, and is sacrifice sweet?

Is the doing His will, both thy drink and thy meat?

Dost thou run at His bidding with glad eager feet?

Has He freed thee from self and from all of thy greed?

Dost thou hasten to succour thy brother in need?

As a soldier of Christ dost thou hardness endure?

Is thy hope in the Lord everlasting and sure?

Hast thou patience and meekness, art tender and pure?

O The Spirit filled life may be thine, may be thine,

In thy soul evermore the Shekinah may shine:

It is thine to live with the tempests all stilled,

It is thine, who the blessed Holy Ghost filled;

It is thine, even thine, for The Lord hath so willed

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## ~Adrian and Mary Gray Visit Israel~

From late February until mid-March of this year, my wife and I visited Israel after an absence of fourteen years. This was a trip planned over a long period which included meeting her family in Switzerland.

My connection with Israel arose in the 1980s when circumstances allowed me to contribute towards helping to get the Jews out of the Soviet Union and from that time Israel has been forever etched in my soul.

This time we wanted to by-pass the tourist spots and venture into areas that are legal but not recommended by the authorities as "Operation Cast Lead" – which was the IDF invasion of Gaza – was still a boiling issue.

During the two weeks we circumnavigated the whole nation and crisscrossed it from top to bottom interviewing Jews (orthodox and secular), Arabs, Druze and Bedouins, to get an idea from the population of what they were under expectation for.

We hired a rental car and used the home of our Jewish friends in Zur Hadassah as a base to move backwards and forwards from. The first place we went to was Sderot on the Gaza border which had been rocketed constantly for the last two years and what a gloomy people lived there. It was still under minor rocket attacks and bomb shelters were all around the city centre.

Then we headed south along the Gaza border and went as close to the hotspots until the IDF road blocks and machine gun emplacements stopped us going further. There was definite tension in the air but for me



our refuge is in Christ and that alone is the safest place to be in any war zone.

The greatest highlight was the visit to Hebron – the burial place of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob. The problem was, we couldn't drive there as our car contract forbade going into Palestinian territory. So we thought we would get on an Arab bus, not knowing that the bus

didn't take you to the burial place. We pulled up at the Jerusalem Central Bus Station and while looking for a place to park the car, a man walked up to us and asked if he could help us. He asked us where we were going and said, "I will take you there". He was a Jewish taxi driver which meant amongst other things that we would get fleeced – which we did.

As we drove out of Jerusalem towards the roadblocks he told us that his daughter was the IDF commander in Hebron. And it was the truth!! We went straight through the roadblocks as they knew the man and we headed through the back roads to Hebron city. As we were travelling he made it known to us that this was Hamas' second headquarters and we could either get stoned or ambushed as we entered the city. This is not a tourist area at present and Christians cannot get into the tomb area so he told us to say that we were Jews from New Zealand. Well, we are spiritual Israel, so my conscience was clear!

I noticed he was getting tense as we entered the city and the outskirts were bullet riddled and wrecked. Twenty soldiers had been murdered on this road and Jewish taxis were an easily identifiable target. The atmosphere in our taxi was tense until we rounded a corner and there was an IDF jeep and hoards of soldiers. To the taxi driver, we were safe – but we knew we were always safe in Christ.

He took us right up into the tomb area and passed armed police without so much as a flicker of resistance. He pushed us through all the Orthodox Jews worshipping up there and we fired up our camera big time. Here we were in the location of 'the father of the faith'. It was a privilege to stand in such a place and a privilege to know the reality that comes from being a royal seed of Abraham. We realized that our footsteps had been ordered of The Lord even though our friend charged us



an arm and a leg!

When writing this article I have just mentioned the high spots. Some days later we drove along the West Bank of the Jordan River and enjoyed its beauty. Three

days later, we learnt that two people had been ambushed and murdered at the exact spot we drove down.

It is sobering to know that outside of Christ, life is fraught with perils beyond our comprehension. Every morning we prayed to The Lord to keep His Angels around us for protection from the seen and the unseen. We know how real that protection was and without it, life could be entirely different for us.

### ~The Man with the Tattoo~

On this same visit to Israel my wife and I had a sobering experience. We were heading north to the border with Lebanon and stopped at Zachov Jacob – a city on the foothills of Mount Carmel. Mary had met a woman some years ago that was a friend of the people we were staying with in Zur Hadassah and she invited us for a coffee. We had a GPS in the car to guide us around as Israel is a difficult place to identify locations and we got to her home relatively easily. We knocked on the door and an old man introduced himself at the door as this woman's husband. He was a retired Jewish paediatric surgeon and his wife, a retired nurse.

After an hour or so of a broken English conversation, this man expressed very radical political and religious views. They were views diametrically different to mine, but I held my peace. He believed in giving the Golan Heights back to Syria and giving the West Bank to the Palestinians. He didn't believe in God and under normal circumstances his views would have stirred me up to say something, but it became apparent that something had happened to this man to make him a radical. We found out that his wife was a Moslem Arab although she didn't have Arab features. This marriage to an Arab was in itself a rarity in Israel and put him in precarious social position, but it wasn't that which made his personally so extreme.

He hasn't had the privilege of hearing the gospel as we know it and I can only pray that he will hear it some day when the gentile age is over and the message goes to the Jews. He gave me a book of his experiences in the death camp, but it is written in Hebrew. I will take it to some Jewish people who live near our home to interpret it for me.

The moral of this story is this. The next time you see a man or woman with a tattoo, just remember there may be a lot of history wrapped up in it. Ask them how it got there and you may view life differently. You may be able to widen their channel of understanding.

Shalom

Brother Adrian Gray

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Overseas News



~Do all in the

Name of The Lord

Jesus~

Colossians 3:17 *"And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the Name of The Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him"*

On March 25 this year, Sandra, the only daughter of Brother Pona Hiku and his wife sister Moka was married to Emeritus Talagi, one of the well known families in Niue. The Hiku family all live in Auckland but came to Niue to have their daughter married at their place of birth which is also known as the rock of Polynesia.

The wedding took place at the Niue Centennial Hall of the Church of Niue at the capital, Alofi. It was conducted by the groom's father who is a retired Minister of the Ekalesia Niue or Church of Niue. At the final officiating, the Minister said, "I now declare you husband and wife in the Name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. Everyone was so happy except me who was very much tempted to call out, "and the Name is Jesus".

During our prayer meeting service on Wednesday night the following week, I requested that we should pray for Emeritus and Sandra that God be merciful to them and bless them even though they were married in the name of the titles. But lo and behold, who turned up to our service on Sunday morning? It was Emeritus and Sandra. There the deacon brother and I laid our hands upon them and prayed that God confirm their marriage in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ where the three titles pertained.

After the service, they were instructed with the Word of truth from the Bible and the prophet's messages. The newly married couple were absolutely thrilled and blessed and truly believed that God purposely delayed the flight on Saturday that would have taken them back

to Auckland, but instead it came on Sunday night at 12.30am due to cyclone warning for Niue on Saturday which resulted in nothing.

Romans 8: 27, 28 – *And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.*

God bless you all saints from us all in Niue.

Brother Morris Tafatu

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Ron Peterson

Greetings from Arizona in the name of Jesus. I trust that this letter finds you well and enjoying the many blessings of God. Thank you for the newsletter, as it is enjoyable to see and hear the testimonies of what God is doing for His people in that part of the World. Give our love and greetings to all who know us.

God bless.

Brother Ron



Here is a photo of my ministering in MbujiMai Congo this past December for Brother Kaiumbi. There were over 7,000 believers there and live television broadcast to over 2 million people as well as live radio. Brother Vin Dayal from Trinidad was the other minister that spoke in the convention. You use 2 translators in the pulpit at every service.

## TONY ABNA IN LEBANON

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our risen Saviour. How I love the resurrection season, not only in remembrance of the sacrificed Lamb and the power of His resurrection, but also for the signs of new life after the long dark winter. Spring here in the Middle East is in full swing. Trees have nearly finished budding, flowers are in bloom. As arduous as our first year of ministry has been, it is fitting that in this season we too are seeing signs of spiritual life issuing forth from the Word that is being preached.

Two weeks ago Brother Pierre, Brother Anthony and Brother Samer were identified in Christ's death - and were raised in the power of His resurrection through baptism in His name. Along with these three being added to the body of our Lord here in



Lebanon, several others are waiting to be baptised. We first met Brother Pierre last October, but it wasn't until our return in the New Year that we really had a spiritual connection. Hearing of the visitation of God in these last days answered to a deep "cry" of his heart for truth. He had been fasting and praying for five months, seeking the Lord for the truth concerning the mystery of His second coming. He was so desperate that he read both the 7 Church Ages and 7 Seals books in four days - hardly pausing to sleep. Now after a few weeks he's finished them both a second time and is digging into other messages.

At eighteen years, Brother Anthony too is very serious with the things of God. Carnal things that entice so many young people pale in comparison to his deep love for Christ and His Word. He's been warned by the priest in the private Catholic School he attends **not** to read the 7 Church Age book during class! The real "trophy" of grace though was in baptising Brother Samer, a former Muslim sheik. Brother Samer had

been "fighting" the true baptism ever since we first met and shared this with him over a year ago. Through much prayer and the love of Christ we persevered to see our Brother go onto maturity in the Word.

Brother Samer has many contacts in both the Muslim and denominational communities. Through his testimony of accepting the Truth, we are assured that others will now be brought to a decision. He has been bold to declare his re-baptism, which is already causing a "shaking". Brother Samer also has contacts with new believers in Syria (from Muslim background) who desire to be baptised. It will be risky to baptize someone like this in Syria - but we are compelled to go and in the near future will go to fulfill these believers' desire.

These baptisms though have not come without a price. As the unfolding of the Word of God goes forth, a spiritual war follows. I'm being called the "Bee-lzebul" from Canada and spreader of heretical doctrines. I've been threatened again with the possibility of being deported - or of not being let back into the country. By God's grace we are still here - having finished an excursion to Turkey for some follow up ministry there. (I'll report on this later...)

How we would love to share each day's triumphs - and trials with you. We apologize for not writing more. It's been hard to keep up with the marathon we run from morning till night as we respond to the many calls to speak the Word and to finally settle into our apartment. There is an incredible hunger for the Truth here. We hear over and over again; **"We have never heard of these things before!"** How inspiring it is to see the "ah-ha" moment, when eyes and faces brighten with the revelation of Truth.

It is truly an honour to share these testimonies with you - the initial fruits of your joint efforts with us. We certainly covet your continued prayers as we consider other opportunities for further ministry in Syria, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. We also thank all those who have written emails or called. Knowing you are praying and financially supporting us, is a tremendous encouragement and a great spiritual investment in this vast region of the Middle East.



May the Lord bless you richly, your Brother and Sister in Christ,

Brother Tony & Sister Rebekah



## Uganda



The Eltham Message Church has been supporting a small group of local ministers in the Kamuli and Jinja Districts of Uganda to translate Brother Branham's Messages into the local Luganda language.

There is nothing special about these ministers except they see a need to get the Message into the hands of believers in their area and they are willing to sacrifice to do it.

The Luganda language is a local one generally used in the area north of the capital Kampala. English is at best a second language for most, even ministers of the Message.

Since 2007 four Message ministers have been translating messages, each message being checked by at least two others. It is typed into a desktop computer provided the power is on, before going to Kampala to be checked for grammar and spelling.

Electricity supply in country areas is not reliable at all. It is often off for many hours in a day (and sometimes days at a time.) But back to the story.

Once corrected it returns to Kamuli where it is printed on a standard HP duplex (double sided) printer.

Each booklet is then collated by hand and stapled. Covers are printed commercially in Jinja as our little printer struggles with thicker cover card.

Initial progress was slow as each got used to translation and the team, who could previously do little more than email, learnt the intricacies of Word and desktop publishing, but by the end of 2008 they had translated and printed five messages and a total of 2,400 booklets.

We are thrilled that not only are there 10 more messages available to the village churches in that area since the project started but that Cloverdale Bibleway's Hub project is accepting their work and adding those titles to its library. (Baliita refers to the discs to me. Once received I send a copy to the Hub project for inclusion in their next update)

Baliita Hannington, the team leader sent his April report as follows:

*Dear Bro. Richard,*

*Shalom and warm regards to you all saints in Jesus' Name.*

*Am happy to inform you that we were able to print and distribute 2502 books of these titles:*

*Who Is This Melchisedek  
The Seed Of Discrepancy  
The Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck  
God's Chosen Place Of Worship and  
Just One More Time, Lord.*

*And am sending you these Messages on CDs and re-sending you the first 5 Messages re-done in word format together with the photos of each of the translators plus our work station and two other photos of Luganda readers from my two churches.*

*The photos of some of other Luganda reader churches will be sent to you later after we have printed and distributed, for their pastors requested me so.*

*By Faith, Moses, and Going Beyond The Camp translation is over.*

*Total Deliverance: its translator failed to translate the real thought of the prophet and we put it on hold.*

*Leadership, Paul A Prisoner Of Jesus Christ, Patriarch Abraham and It's The Rising Of The Sun are being translated.*

*Thank you and may the good Lord God bless you.*

*Bro. Hannington Baliita.*

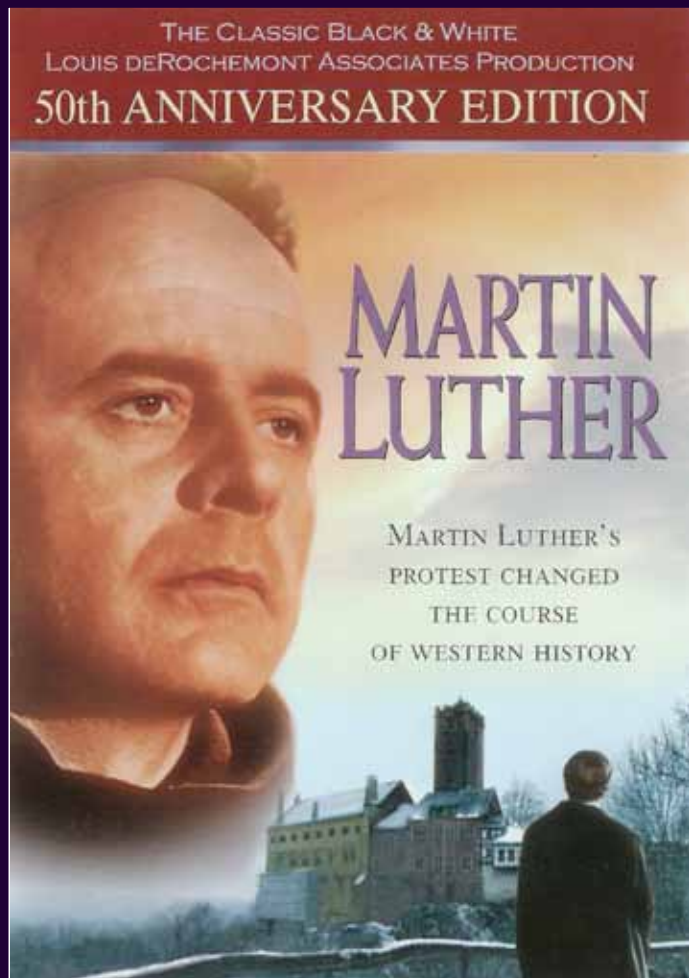
*(The photos Baliita will be sending are for a future article in this newsletter.)*

There are a host of things needed (there always will be in Africa) but we are having to look for a new location for our main computer and printer. Only one minister has power to his house and for various reasons, not least keeping the equipment safe from children, we have to move it.

Monthly support of the ministers, the cost of paper, toner and various odds and ends is how we best help.

Your prayerful support for this work where not only power outages slow the work but where malaria regularly strikes down our workers and where there is often a famine, would be most welcome.

Your brother in Christ  
Richard Oliver



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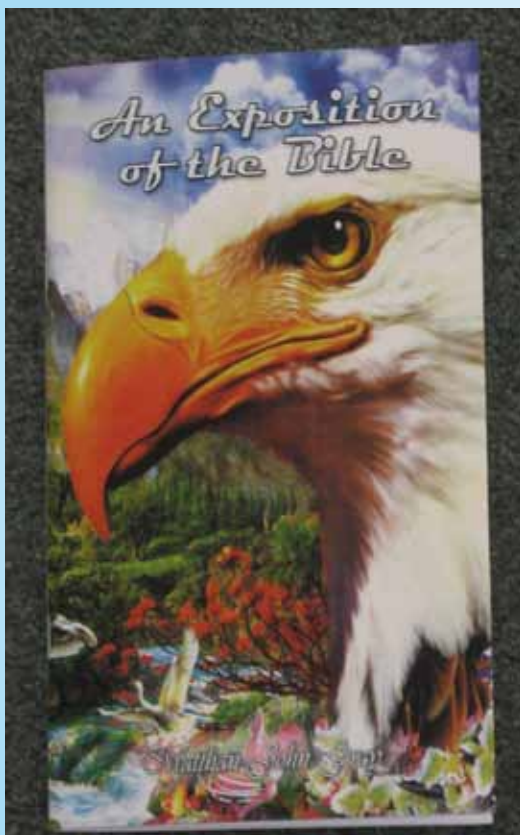
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