for the endtime...

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~POWER AND FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS~

"Faith is based on Forgiveness"

Matthew 6: 9 - 15;

Malachi 4 made us understand that the only way we can truly worship God, is if we by Divine Revelation can see how merciful God has been to us.

We can enter into a complete rest that is undisturbed. Forgiveness is the greatest miracle and freedom we can experience.

Our Faith is based on forgiveness.

~PERFECT FAITH ~

Now, faith is based on forgiveness then. And then, as we said this morning, trying to get the church into the place to where we could really see apostolic times moving among us, for that's what we all hunger for. And it's just laying right at the door. We see it, but we want to see more of it. We want it in such a flow that it'll--it'll be a help to us, and flow out to others. (63-0825E)

The Ministry of Jesus Christ was a Ministry of reconciliation, to connect man back to God in a True Union.

- Malachi 4 was to restore back the faith.

The Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught His Disciples was on 'forgiveness'. His Last Words on the Cross: Luke 23: 34 Then said Jesus, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do". And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

The last words of Stephen were: "Father forgive them".

ACTS 7:60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The most important virtue in keeping our relationship with God and with one another to-

gether is forgiveness. Because you will not receive forgiveness if you don't forgive.

MATTHEW 6:15

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

PROVERBS 19:11

of a man deferreth his anger; and [it is] his glory to pass over a transgression.



From the Editor's Desk:



What a lovely time of the year this is, isn't it? The beautiful fruit and vegetables from the garden and the warmer weather makes one feel good.

After my operation in April last, it has taken quite a while for me to get on my feet again. But, praise The Lord, I feel myself again now. A few months ago, while taking my evening walk, a pig dog at the corner of our street, attacked me, leaving quite a nasty gash at the back of my leg and also my hand, which took some weeks to heal. Aren't we fortunate to have our Heavenly Father Who cares for us? And now, I am pleased to announce that I am really well again. When I have time between the **BNL** matters, I spend some time out in the garden, which I do enjoy. Actually, I didn't think I would get out in the garden again, but you dear brethren prayed for me and I am most grateful to you for your love.

So you will understand when we say that we haven't been anywhere but at home this year. However, 2011 is coming up and we would like to take a few trips to see our friends and relatives. We had booked our flight to Ch.Ch. last August but because of health problems, we cancelled it until next year. Then we learned that had we gone as we intended, we would have been in the 7.1 earthquake. [!]

We had our Golden Wedding Anniversary this year, so we now accept the fact that we are in the 'oldies' group! But 'happily' so.

Since Brother Bruce accepted the position of sub-Editor, the ministry has been really blessed and my wife and I have appreciated his help which is always given willingly. Thank you, Brother Bruce.

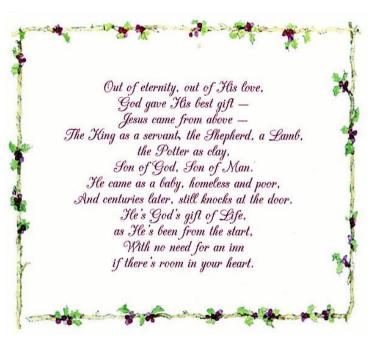
It has been lovely to receive testimonies from Believers everywhere. Also, since our **BNL Website** has started with Brother Malcolm Ferris's fine efforts, we have received a number of interested folk who want to be on our list to receive the **Believers Newsletter.** We are most grateful to Brother Richard also for his Editorial on the Message Hub recently. We heard it was a great help to many.

We do thank the Lord Jesus for His help to us in expanding the Message further afield.

Well dear folks, we do trust you are all having a blest and happy time with your families.

Our Committee members, Bros. Adrian, Bruce, and Malcolm join me in wishing you all a blessed and a Happy New Year 2011, as we look for our Lord Jesus' return.

Brother Charles, Editor





Dear Brother Charles,

Please convey our Christian love and greetings to the *Message Saints* throughout New Zealand.

We at **Niue Island Christian Fellowship** send our love in Christ to all the believing Saints throughout New Zealand. We are gratefully blessed of the Lord here in Niue Island and we look forward to that day when we will all be together in fellowship forever. Amen.

Brother Morris Tafatu P.O. Box 143 Alofi Niue Island

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~The Nature Of Sin & God's Desire To Restore~

Let's look to the good Word of God, in Matthew 21. I want to talk about something very fundamental to mankind from the Garden of Eden and onwards. That is the nature of sin - 'the nature of sin and God's desire to re**store**'. None of the 7 redemptive names of God could have been revealed unless man got in trouble. Nissi Rapha, Jehovah Tsidkenu, I am the Lord that healeth thee, I am your peace. None of those 7 redemptive names of God could have ever been manifested unless somebody got in trouble. Can you say Amen?

Matthew 21 Again; the nature of sin and God's desire to restore; the path to restoration.

V28 –31. But what think you? A certain man had two sons and he came to the first and said, 'go son, work today in my vineyard' and he answered and said "I will not", but afterward he repented and he went. And he came to the second and he said likewise and he answered and said "I go Sir" but he went not. Whither of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, 'Well, the first'.

Jesus said unto them, 'verily I say unto you that the publicans and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you.' Initially they would not, but they repented, and they went in. Whereas these said, "we're in" "We'll go" "We'll do whatever God wants us to do, but they would not, and Verse 31 Whither of them the twain did the will of his father? They said unto him, 'the first'. Jesus answered them, "Verily, I say unto you that the publicans and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you. Wow! That's powerful! The very people that the Sadducees and Pharisees and religious leaders felt as unclean as can be unclean, and Jesus said they are going to go in before you do and the key word is because "they repented - they repented.

Now, let's go on: For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and **ye believed him not**; but the publicans and the harlots believed Him. And when you had seen it, **repented not afterward** that **you might believe Him**.

Brother Jeff prays:- Father God, may you add your rich and wonderful blessings to the reading of your Word. In Jesus Name we ask it. Amen.

"The nature of sin, and God's desire to restore the sinner" or 'The path to restoration.' On the cross Jesus answered the sin question. Now my thought comes to you this way, if God has provided a means of atonement, which means an exchange. He



Pastor Jeff Jenkins

said "I'm going to take all of your sin and I'm going to give you all of my righteousness, so it is an exchange" He who knew no sin was going to become our sin that we might be the righteousness of God. That's where we get our word atonement. It just means exchange. And so the question might be then, because we are talking about the nature of sin -Why? Why do people not take advantage of the grace and mercies of God in Jesus Christ, embrace the cross and receive pardon for their sins? What

is it within the framework, not only of the sinner in the world, but even of many Christians with hidden sin in their life?

So we are going to talk about that. Why is that? What is it within mankind that he is capable of being culpable. [deserving severe disapproval] He is capable of coming to Church, hearing the Word of God and yet not fully coming clean and dealing with his sin and in fact actually **covering up sin** or **making excuses** for sin. We are going to look at the nature of sin. So on the cross, fundamentally speaking now, Jesus answered the sin question.

He simply became our sin. Jesus was the absorbent, the sponge, the Bible says, for the sins of the world. It says that Jesus made His soul an offering for sin. So much so that Jesus himself on the cross in absolute delirium spoke out, without the aid of the Holy Spirit that had left Him in the garden. The man spoke out with all the sins heaped upon Him of the world; all the murderers, all the liars, the adulterers, everything, all the sins of the world were heaped on Him at that moment. Past, present and future sins of the entire world. Jesus, in total confusion said, 'My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me?' God was judging all the sins of the world, absolving all the sins of the world in the body of Jesus. So His dead body bore all our sin. He took all of our sins with Him to the grave. When He arose His soul arose, His Spirit arose, His body arose, but our sins didn't arise, He went down with all of our sins, but He didn't come up with all of our sins. They are buried in His death. I want you to think about the finality of your sins. How many believe death is final? Your sins are buried in the death of Jesus Christ.

What was left in the tomb? Peter ran and rushed in; John stood beside and came in after Peter and they looked in the tomb. What was left in the tomb? Just the grave clothes. In the resurrection the grave clothes didn't go. When Jesus ascended to the Father the grave clothes didn't go. All that was left was the bloody, blood-soaked grave clothes of Jesus Christ. I believe God left them behind as a reminder that those bloodstained grave-clothes which represent the dead are our sins absolved, Filthy rags, so our sins, past, present and future, because we are believers in the atonement, in the Word of God, in the plan of redemption.

Our sins were literally, absolutely, completely 100% taken care of 2000 years ago. That's why the Bible says He comes the second time without sin unto salvation. That means that He doesn't come the second time dealing with sin. He already dealt with sin. He's coming back for those that He has redeemed by His blood. Why would anybody in their right mind not want to embrace that kind of a free gift? Now, the way back to God, the path - Everyone of us are sinners, we were born in sin, shaped in iniquity, came into the world speaking lies and we are a triune being, a body, a spirit and a soul and two of our triune being is not regenerate, it is still fallen.

A part of us was never fallen. Part of us was always perfect, and that's that soul. But there is another part of us that's not redeemed yet. Your flesh is not redeemed. Your human spirit becomes no more. So the way back to God when you stray and every one of you stray every day and the way back is the confession of your sin. When you bring the sin out of darkness and into the light. And as soon as you expose and acknowledge and own that sin and say, "Jesus I am sorry, I was wrong, Forgive me." It is reconciled in His death; it's buried there. So the way back to God is confession, admission, the acknowledgement of our sins in brokenness.

listen to me carefully. Most won't do that confess their sins, acknowledge their sins. If you have wronged somebody you have to make that right. Most won't do that. If you've hurt your wife, failed her morally, or in some sort of way and she doesn't know it. You have to go make that right to her or vise versa the husband to the wife, the wife to the husband, but you'll be amazed at how many won't do that. Now, I'm going to show you in just a moment that initially a person who remains that way is because of the **nature of sin.** The Bible says that your heart becomes hard. So you go like Esau who would not repent to where he could not repent, because it's the nature of sin. Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay, sin will take you further than you want to go and make you pay a bigger, higher, more dearer price than you want to pay. Cain was confronted by God. 'If thou wilt do just like Abel, you will be accepted, but if not, sin lieth at the door and **its desire** shall be unto thee'. He wouldn't do it. He was confronted, given an opportunity. What is it within man? 'Just offer a sacrifice Cain'. Cain would not, but his life became later on, 'could not'.

Esau initially would not and then the Bible said he sought repentance with tears, but could find no place for repentance. He could not! It's the nature of sin. We are going to watch what the nature of sin is. Sin merely means to miss the mark, to err, to wander from the path of uprightness. It means to wander from the path of uprightness. Cain would not, Esau would not, even Solomon died backslidden.

But David, although he sinned terribly found mercy before the Lord and when He was confronted about the nature of his sin he said 'I have sinned'. It is the grace of God that brings sin to the light. Once it is brought to the light then we want to confess it and God says, Good. I'm not surprised or mystified by your sin. I'm not taken off guard, I'm not aghast, I'm not self righteous and say I can't believe, he or she did that. I merely want you to bring it to the light, expose it to the light, confess it and then I can bury it. I can bury it. So when the Holy Ghost confronts you and when a person confronts you, maybe the Holy Ghost confronts you through a person. Often it is that way. Nathan was a person that confronted David and when a person or Holy Spirit confronts you and they bring something to the fore confess it. Admit it. Don't cover it. Don't deny it, admit it fully. Don't leave any error behind. Expose that sin to the light and then Jesus Christ can bury it. Now, you have to admit, David must have been absolutely frightened. Sin you see; sin took him further than He wanted to go. Little did he know while on his rooftop where that would lead him, That that sin of adultery would lead him to become a murderer. We often think of just Uriah. There were other good men that died with Uriah. A multiple murderer and an adulterer. Sin started out it seemed in a sense almost very small, benign, and in no time at all it grew and grew and mushroomed like an atomic bomb. Now David was afraid I'm sure, every time he heard a whisper in the hallway of the palace and he would wonder if they were not talking about his folly. He probably wondered who knew about it. So instantly he went about to create a scheme to cover his sin. He had Uriah come home. Uriah will go and be with his wife, the baby will be attributed to Uriah. Everything will be over, nobody will know about it. Everybody will be happy, Uriah will be happy, he has a baby. Everybody is going to be delighted. But God knew!

[To be continued]

Solomon Islands

I want to thank those who prayed for my trip to Solomon **Islands** last October. About 60 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

I spoke to several ministers, in Honiara, who were enthused about the ministry of William Branham, but as yet Malaysia they seemed not to have a clear revelation of Malachi 4.

I will be returning to Solomon Islands in late January 2011, to continue speaking to these ministers and to visit other ministers on at least three other Islands. Please pray for this trip, that our Lord Jesus will lead me to His chosen seed. I will give a more detailed report at a future time.

Your brother in Christ Jesus, Jim Carman.





Cashing the Heavenly Cheque!

Personal Testimony: Forwarded from CHINA by Bro Sebastian Goh

I am Sister Xue from China and I had my first child in 2007. But I was totally at peace and said, "It is alright. Just wait Half a month before the baby was due, the water bag and see." caesarean the baby was delivered.

trol ring put in place. But the doctor could not do it and my abdomen. I too didn't know what to expect for this told me to use birth control pills instead. The doctor told was my first natural birth! But in my heart I believed that me that I will never be able to have natural birth in the no matter what happened, God would have the baby defuture and it must be by caesarean only.

medical checkup at all! Is not that I don't care about their was such a glory to God. Thank the Lord Jesus. feelings and worries for me, but from my heart I believe "And my speech and my preaching was not with enthat what so ever the doctor is able or not able to do for me, in God He is all able. Besides—He is omniscient.

Two days before the baby was delivered, I started to bleed and my husband wanted me to be admitted to hospital.

burst and the family members said that very soon the After two day had passed, at night, the birth pain started. baby will be delivered. But after two nights and a day, Late that night the labor pain was so great I woke up my there was no labour pain still. On my check up in the hos- husband. He immediately picked up the phone wanting to pital, only 40% of the water was left and the baby's heart call the hospital. I told him not to call for I didn't want caebeat was very faint. Immediately I was put on oxygen for sarean birth. By morning my husband was very frighten half a day till the baby's heart beat was stabilized, then by seeing me suffering in pain and there was no movement of the baby! At the time we could feel the baby was still in One year later, I went to the doctor to have the birth con- the horizontal position with the head on the right side of livered safely. At that time Sister Xu living next door to me In a blink of time, my first son was already two years old on the left came over and set down beside me and we when we decided to have the second child. After three prayed. After our prayer all of a sudden the baby jolted months of stopping taking my birth control pills, there was violently. At the time another sister (Ah Mei) also came still no sign of my being pregnant. At that time Brother over and within two minutes, the baby's head emerged. Sebastian and brother, he came to visit us and shared with Sister Xu was very excited and shouted, "Can see the us the prophet message of the complete Gospel. After baby's head already! God is delivering the baby...." My teaching us the "Law of Faith", I immediately believed that frighten husband while waiting outside the room heard I already have the baby. Praised the Lord. Three month what Sister Xu had shouted, rushing into the room, holdafter the brothers had left, I got pregnant. During the ing me and kneeling down; in a split of a second the baby whole period of my pregnancy I never go to the doctor for was born and my husband and Sister Ah Mei caught hold medical checkup. None of my family's members are Chris- of the baby. At that moment only I realized that all mystertian and were very worried about me for not having any ies whatever it pertained to, it is actually so simple and

> ticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God". (1Cor. 2:4)

In one of the testimonies last month, a sister was advised that her apparel should be "buttoned to the neck and the skirt should reach the feet". Some may choose to do this. The scripture requires that "women dress modestly as becomes holiness" (1 Tim 2:9). Brother Branham was not that specific in his guidance on dress, neither set such prerequisites for healing—only "believe". Ed.

Gumine Conference in Chimbu Provence – May 2010

Pastor John Waka — Reports to Brother Derrick Donaldson of the Meetings

Blessed be the name of our Majestic and Matchless Jesus Christ, our Lord. I'm so blessed about what the good Lord is doing in this nation of Papua New Guinea, through this revealed Word, Jesus Christ, the "I Am that I Am".

Brother, on the 24-30th May 2010 I was invited to speak to one of our Fellowships in the Gumine District in Chimbu Province. The Lord has greatly manifested Himself during this One Week Conference. The Message of the revealed Word, Jesus Christ, has delivered, restored and transformed many lives during this week of Prophetic Conference in the Gumine district of Chimbu Province. Brother, during the meeting, God has used me to preach on different series of the Message of the hour i.e."You are predestined to be a Bride of Christ" - [Ephesians 5:26-27] [1Peter 2:9-10]. "At the evening time a Light



shall shine forth" – [Zechariah 14:6-7]. "The Way of Escape" – [Matthew 24: 32-44] [Malachi 4:5-6]. It was so powerful that the series of Messages preached, unveiled their position and identified them in the revealed Word Jesus Christ.



And also I preached on the subject of the Seven Church Ages and their Spirits which have worked during the time of the church Fathers, which are the types and shadows of what's happening today in our generation. And I also spoke on the Book of Revelation ch 17: 1-18, about the system of Catholicism and the Prostitute [Harlot], which gives birth to her daughter, "The Protestant" who comes up with the False Doctrine of Trinity which contaminates, pollutes and destroys the whole nations of the world. It hides the true

plain Gospel of Jesus Christ the Spoken Word, "I Am that I Am" and is to be preached to the nations of the world. But I encouraged them and gave them the assurance that the revealed Word, Jesus Christ, has now found its own Bride "The Elect One in PNG".



I also assured them that the message of the hour, Jesus Christ, the revealed Word of God, now finds His true elect Bride, who will not compromise to the system of the world, but will shine forth and be a custodian of the revealed Word, Jesus Christ. The "I Am that I Am" in this nation of PNG, awaiting for the rapture of the Bride of Christ. Brother, God has worked mightily during this week in Gumine District, Chimbu Province.

And the great news is that eighteen people got re-baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and all of them received the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Brother, I wanted to encourage you that the Vision and the heart that you have for the revealed Word, Jesus Christ to be preached in this nation of PNG is beginning to bear its fruits. As in the gospel of Matthew 24:14 it says, "And the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the entire world as a witness to all the nation, and then the end will come". Brother, I am so blessed to be a son of yours and a Bride of Christ in PNG to expose and deliver this End Time Message of the hour, Jesus Christ, the revealed Word of God in this adulterous generation.

God will richly bless you and your beloved wife with the 'Spoken Word Christian Believers Fellowship' and the 'Board of Trustees' in New Zealand, for your continued support and in funding the work in Papua New Guinea, for the Revealed Word, Jesus Christ. Brother, I have given the 24 copies of the translated pidgin version of the Seven Church Ages to the eighteen people that got baptized together with their three pastors and the three elders of our Fellowship there in Gumine district, Simbu Province. Attached are the photos of the baptism of the eighteen elect Bride of Christ. God's love and grace be with you all as we work together to expose the revealed Word, Jesus Christ, through this nation of Papua New Guinea.



Your son in Christ, Pastor John Waka

~Outreach Work of Spoken Word Believers – P.N.G~

Dear Prayer Partners,

Christian greetings coming to you in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

What an incredible day! The LORD is still seeking to draw all people [selected seeds] to Himself and making His Church ready for His soon return!

Firstly, I want to appreciate and thank you for your prayers and support for the out-

reach ministry work in PNG. However, my apology to you all for not sending my report of what the Lord is doing on the soil of PNG. with His Word. I tried to send it through e-mail, but my laptop encountered a technical problem and I could not send it to you.

Since the distributing of the translated Message Books by Major Prophet, William Branham is going well, and impacting in the lives of many people. Message Books, MP3, Chargers, TV gensets and DVD players are distributed into remote parts of the country. We are thankful for the wonderful Message of this age which untied knots from the denominations and people are positively responding to the Word. As Jesus said, "My sheep hear My Voice". The Message is appropriate and reaching the people and preparing for His coming.

Our Radio Ministry is doing fine and reaching into West Papuan border, Lake Murray, Middle Fly and South Fly. Every Sunday morning from 9 am, the Prophet's Message is played and the people are responding positively. Last week I had a call from the Radio representative that many people are writing, calling and requesting for the major Prophet's Message to be preached twice every Sunday. Praise the Lord. We can't pay for the extra hour. God is using people through the radio ministry and people are demanding Radio representatives to play Major Prophet's message twice every Sunday – morning and evening. Isn't that wonderful!

Uphold and pray for Brother SUKI and his team. They are planning to take some Message Books with them across the border and visit their relatives at West Papua at the end of this month. Last week he came and asked for gasoline so that they could travel four nights on the boat. Bro. Derrick Donaldson kindly responded to the need and helped them with a gasoline drum [400 Ltrs]. Also some foods. I believe they have arrived at the border while I am writing this report to you.

A wonderful story is that of father and son [pictured at right standing with cartons of message books]. They heard the message through the Radio and they had to

walk from the border of West Papua for four days, slept in the bushes and drank only water and risked their lives from poisonous snakes and other harmful creatures. But they put their lives into the mighty hand of God and successfully reached their destination. I saw them and felt sorry for them. While they were at Kiunga town, I looked after them for a month to assist them to gain strength. They then walked back on the same bush track laden with three cartons of Message Books.

A sad incident had occurred with our fellowship at Kiundiawa province [Highlands]. Brethren from Australia came and lured them with material things and they backed off from us. But I am praying that God will help us to open another fellowship next to their village. **Brother Abel Polope**



Below are the following established fellowships, and the names of their Pastors.

1.Bro. John Akeke has three outstations at Goroka EHP. 2. Bro. Kare Dick has two fellowships: At Goroka and Chimbu province. 3. Bro. John Waka has on fellowship at Lae, MP.

4. Bro. Max G, Middle Fly Western Province.

5. Bro. Reali P. Lake Murray, Western Province.

6. Bro. Suki from the border of West Papua & PNG.



Philippines

In the last week of October, Bro Matthan Gray from the Rapturing Grace Tabernacle in Stratford N.Z., took a series of meetings in the Lingayan area in the northern Philippines. He was hosted by Pastor Bonie Tamayo of the "Rainbow Trout Tabernacle". The meetings were held as a thanksgiving for the blessings the Lord bestowed on them last year by him providing them with the money to pay off their church and buy the land it sits on after nearly losing everything due to a legal problem concerning the previous land owner.

Matthan is 22 years old and has a teaching/preaching ministry that majors on end time prophecy in the light of what Bro Branham said would come to pass in our day. The young people were much edified by what God can do with a young person who has dedicated his life to the Lord. And it was a challenge to the older brethren to dig deeper into the Word. Gracious thanks goes to Bro Bonie, his wife and the brothers and sisters who made his time such a blessing and an encouragement to him. After this he was hosted in the south for another week by Bro Nestor Espanola.He had the opportunity to minister and participate in baptisms in the City Jail Fellowship, and in the Radio ministry. Reports from the ministers say they really benefited from this visit.

Bro Nestor reports: "The church in General Santos City Jail now bears fruit...Bro Elmer is now pastoring the church inside the city jail. He has a burden to share



this message with his fellow inmates not only inside the city jail but to all the prison house. His fellow inmates and brethren have caught the burden also. When Bro Noel, Bro Oliver and Bro Pedro were released from prison, Bro Sammy applied (April 2009) for the permit to hold a weekly Bible study in the Provincial Jail of Saragani and they go with him. Now, November 2010, by the grace of God, 15 souls surrendered their lives to the Lord and were baptised in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Praise God".



Baptisms in the jail fellowship

Brother Matthan also had the opportunity to participate in the Radio ministry. The Radio Ministry is very fruitful. Most of the areas in Mindanao are under developed due to insurgencies and Muslim rebels, so radio is the best means of communication. The radio programme serves as a communication line for the believers in that area, announcing any gatherings and thereby promoting unity among the Message churches. As of November 2010 three denominational churches have come into the Message through listening to the radio programmes and more than a dozen denominational ministers were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus and the Prison Ministry is also a product of the radio programme.



[Bro Nestor Espanola – pictured above – in blue shirt]



Building upgrade a blessing for the saints

Part of the congregation for the joint fellowship meeting



Pictures of the renovated exterior and interior—below left and right

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~THE ORDER OF THE RAPTURE~

By Brother Ron Millevo

God bless you, saints! I send you greetings from the Philippines. We surely thank God for you and for the Message-of- the-Hour which binds our hearts in Christian love. It is a great honor to be a part of this ministry of which goal is to edify the Body of Christ worldwide. The greatest event that the Bride of Christ is looking for today is the "Body Change".

I am sure that not one member of the Bride will ever want to miss the Rapture. We have a sure promise in 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 that says, "Behold, I shew you a MYSTERY; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be CHANGED, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on INCORRUPTION, and this mortal must put on IMMORTALITY."

The Rapture is a revelation to the Bride for she knows that it will come in a three-fold manner. First, there will be a SHOUT; and then a VOICE; and a TRUM-PET. Jesus does all three things while He comes down in His Second Coming. "For the LORD Himself shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT, with the VOICE of the archangel, and with the TRUMP of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then WE which are alive and remain shall be CAUGHT UP together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16-17). One day, there'll be blast from heaven and our old mortal bodies will be changed and made like unto His own glorious body. The theophany, our celestial bodies in heaven, will come to the earth to pick up the redeemed body. And then we will become glorified bodies just like Jesus' body. "Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the REDEMPTION of our BODY" (Romans 8:23).

Brother Branham, God's messenger for the age, told us that the SHOUT is the Message going forth first, the living Bread of Life, bringing forth the Bride. The VOICE of the Archangel pertains to the Voice that awakened Lazarus from the dead, which will be the same Voice that awakens the sleeping Bride from amongst the dead denominations (Eph. 5:14). That Voice is calling out today to the sleeping Bride who are still floating along and are lending their influence, giving their time and their money, actually their very lives to these anti-Word organizations, all the while thinking it is all right. They need to repent and turn toward the truth. The TRUMP as we know refers to the Feast of Trumpets which will call the people to the feast; and that will be the Bride's supper, the Lamb's supper with the Bride in the sky. What we must do today is simply to get ripened under the S-O-N of God and be ready for the great combine, the Wheat Harvest. You will need to have rapturing faith to go in that rapture and rapturing faith lays in those Messages. Brother Branham himself said that rapturing faith will be brought about by the seven thunders. And that "The THUNDER was the VOICE of GOD when the SEAL OPENED."

(FIRST SEAL THE 63-0318). He said further that the "SEVEN THUNDERS in Revelation 10" are the



"REVELATIONS" contained in the SEVEN SEALS. It will be these **Divinely revealed 'mystery-truths**' that literally **turn the hearts of the children** to the Pentecostal fathers." (327-1 LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9).

As the Five-Fold Ministry of God expounds on these "revelations" and as you eat and partake of such spiritual food in due season, you are being pregnated by His Word. And your vow to accept Christ, the Revealed Word, marries you to Him. No wonder Revelation 19:7 speaks about this status saying, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the MARRIAGE of the LAMB is come, and His WIFE hath made herself ready". Truly, we are likened to the Wise Virgins spoken of in Matthew 25 who are now receiving the "OIL", or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit by the revelation of the New Birth. As we eat of the Open Book of Revelation 10, we become the Book. We become written epistles read of all men.

The Ministry of the Bride of Jesus Christ through the Open Book is moving on today till it finds the last predestinated seed. Once the last elect has come in, then that rapture will take place. Woe unto those who are outside Christ then. May we be found worthy of this promise of a body change, is my prayer. Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that easily besets us, and let us run this race with patience looking at the Author and Finisher of Our Faith – our Bridegroom Jesus Christ. May God bless you as we all prepare for this great event.

Brother Ron Millevo Philippines

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

~God, Rich in Mercy~

An Excerpt from a recent Sunday Morning Service ministered by: - Bro. Graeme Harnett Exodus 25:17-22
Ephesians 2:4-9

"But God, Who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith He loved us..." Eph 2v4

But God! - so rich is He in His MERCY: He has brought us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

When God told Moses "thou shalt make a Mercy Seat", He made what He saw in heaven. "Mercy Seat" here means – to COVER, to PURGE, make ATONE-MENT, make RECONCILIATION for the people.

Moses saw in heaven that Tabernacle, he saw that Ark, he saw that Mercy Seat. You know, that is God's nature. He is merciful - he proved it at Calvary. He put Himself into flesh, to die for us. That is "God, rich in Mercy".

Brother Branham speaks about the three steps to the Mercy Seat. You come through the Outer Court into the Holy Place and then into the Holiest of all. That's like Luther, Wesley and Pentecost and you step right up to the Mercy Seat. And this is the last age to the Mercy Seat. No more Mercy to be shown to the Gentiles after this age. It is the last of the three steps. "God rich in Mercy" has revealed it to this age.

In there is a Bride who knows the Mercy of God and absolutely depends on that Mercy. There is no other way around it. Jesus said, "I am The Way, The Truth and The Life. No man can come to the Father but by Me". The only way to Mercy then is the Atoning Blood. Once the Blood is lifted off the Mercy Seat, it becomes the Judgement Seat. It is only through Calvary that we obtain Mercy and find the Grace to help us.

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy". If I can't show mercy to my brother, then God can't show mercy to me. This age is the fullness of the Word and there is nothing more to be revealed. Alter ONE Word of It and you walk past Mercy. It makes us fear. That's what God wants to do. To walk with a trembling and broken [contrite] spirit, absolutely dependant on Him for everything. He's bringing us to that all the time.

He shows us our frailties and weaknesses. He shows us that we have no strength, even despairing of life. What does He do it for? So He can show us His hand of Mercy. There's a Mercy Seat there and it has Blood on it. Under the Law, they could only come to it once a year – but the Scripture says "His Mercies are new every morning." Hallelujah! There's a beauty with it. It's like the dew on fallen hay – there's something about it – there's a smell and a beauty and a wonderment with it. The mercy of the Lord is refreshed every morning. Are we entering into it? How beautiful to be part of that. So Mercy and Truth are met together. The Law was Truth, but God handed Mercy. Put the two together and you have got salvation.

Psalm 85v10 says:"Mercy and Truth
are met together.
Righteousness and
Peace have kissed
each other".

It's showing us that something has happened: God and man can be one again! He's taking that Bride back to Eden and the cherubims are saying "Come, come". They



are not just golden images, but as Bro. Branham said, they are living Creatures. In each age they have been calling us back, and this is the Eagle Age. We are called to fly higher. That's the mercy of God because this world is rotten and deceitful. We are called to be saints and He fills us with Himself.

In Psalm 86, David knew what it was to hit rock bottom. He knew what it was to have torment of mind, but he said; v13 "Great is thy Mercy toward me, and Thou delivered me from the lowest hell. v15. Thou art a God full of compassion.....and plenteous in Mercy and Truth. v17....Thou, Lord hast helped and comforted me."

This is the God we serve. Isn't that wonderful. What comforts us? He sent the Holy Spirit didn't He – the Comforter – He takes of the things of Christ and reveals them unto us. We don't get comfort from the world.

The Comforter takes the Word and revives us. We are going to need more of that as the days go by. More "Eagle flight" where we look down and see this world rocking with judgement. Yes! This God, rich in Mercy has brought us out of darkness into His marvellous light.

Mercy there was great and Grace was free:
Pardon there was multiplied to me.
There my burdened soul found liberty –
At Calvary!'

Bro. Graeme Harnett Word of Life Believers Christchurch

Middle East Update

The days continue to count on for our Brother Youcef in the process for his appeal. There is no time frame for knowing the fate of our

Brother or the others in Iran. Given the difficulties of obtaining information much less understanding the Iranian Court system, we can only wait and hold on in faith.

In the meantime, we see that efforts lauding Brother Youcef's cause have reached new levels. Not only are other Christian groups and churches featuring Brother Youcef's predicament, but officials at the UN and more recently the European Union, including media outlets like CNN are also vocalizing their concerns. With or without this, we continue in fervent prayer and look steadfastly to the face of our Saviour and deliverer – lest somehow CNN or politicians displace our Great God! We also pray that this situation will lead to an opportunity like Daniel had, to publically declare the power of God as revealed through this End Time Message.



While we battle these demon powers of Islam intent on destroying faith in Jesus Christ, the Brothers in Lebanon were reminded again of how powerless this religion is – when the Spirit

of God begins to draw the heart.

Just as the service was drawing to a close on Sunday, Brother XXXX noticed a young man enter the room and make his way to a seat near the front. Full of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit, Brother XXXX continued to preach, pushing any thought of an "infiltrator" out of his mind. In closing, the presence of the Lord descended in a most unusual way to confirm the truth which had been spoken. Brother ZZZZZZZ then led out in worship with special singing. The others present began calling on God in prayer, all of which was undoubtedly affecting the uninvited stranger in the midst.

When the service was finally dismissed, the Brothers learned just how supernaturally their guest had been led. Identifying himself as a Muslim, AAAAA admitted he was searching and that he had been in a few other church services. He confessed that he never found peace or the love of God he was searching for. As he walked down the street of Beirut, passing by the building the believers meet in, he was supernaturally led to go in. Entering the building, he proceeded up the flights of stairs until he heard the preaching.

AAAA spoke of how different and full of power and life this service and the believers were. The brothers shared with him the truth of who God is – not "three" as in a "trinity" like others believe – but that God is ONE. This truth of course appealed very much to the inner heart of AAAA as we know by the Message that a concept of "three gods" is completely unpalatable to Jew or Muslim. So impressed was he by the truth and the accompanying Spirit of love, he spent the remainder of the evening with the believers.

So while on one hand Muslims in Iran foolishly think imprisoning a Brother behind bars of steel and threatening him will change his faith, another Muslim in Lebanon is being released from his "prison" by the power of the Spoken Word. As AAAA resides in the north of Lebanon, we see how the Lord has once again opened yet another door of ministry. AAAA has invited the brothers to come and speak more of the truth of God's Word to him.



We just returned from ministry in Smyrna and Laodicea, cities in modern day Turkey, where we followed up with contacts and shared the Word with some new people. I

can assure you that labouring to sow the seed of the Word in a location that once had a powerful visitation - and has been trodden down by religious spirits and doctrines of demons for centuries — meets formidable challenges. Yet our confidence and faith is that "once more Lord" there shall be a Bride rise in maturity in the very regions that the Word was first heard.

A part of the "curse" of Laodicea was that their attitude prevented them from receiving more truth; "...because thou sayest...I have need of nothing..." This is a condition not only prevalent in the very city of ancient Laodicea – but globally throughout this "age" of Laodicea. Yet, we press on, speaking the Word which is the power of God to overcome lukewarmness and which is also the oil to ensure true believers are ready for the descending Bridegroom.

One of the Brothers present did thankfully show some deeper spiritual interest — to the point of inviting me to minister in his home town in the south of Turkey. As often is the case in spreading the Word, it is not the first ones who hear the Word that are the "called", but others through whom they are reached.

Being in Smyrna was refreshingly different. Brother NNNN and Sister NNNN are definitely much more sincere and eager for the Truth. Everything that we heard from his mouth about the Word – indicated to us that his heart is pulsating with us in the Word and Spirit.

In each place we distributed messages of the Prophet translated into Turkish. With the assurance of life being resident in the "seed", we trust that as the truth of "The Seed Is Not Heir With the Shuck" is read along with "The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed", that these ones too may be transformed into the life of Jesus Christ.



Next week Brother XXXX and I will be ministering again in Egypt. Your prayers for us and those who have heard the Word there will be greatly appreciated. Christians in Egypt

face many hardships and must be very careful as they are often attacked, as was the case in last Christmas drive by shooting and the attack at a church last week in Talbya, Giza.

Believers in the Middle East who are brave enough to confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, face many dangers. Yet we go in the assurance He is with us, as the words captured in a poem recently sent to us, so beautifully convey;

Will you leave the flowers for the crown?"

Then into His hand went mine,

And into my heart came He;

And I walk in a light Divine,

The path I had feared to see.

May the Lord bless you all for your love, prayers and support which we certainly feel the strength of here on the field.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

Brother T & Sister R

The latest on Bro Youcef

7th **Dec** We have received many inquiries as to the next step in the appeal process for brother Youcef Nardarkhani. We have verified that the appeal has been filed. The next step in this process is to wait for the Supreme Court of Iran to make a decision. There will be no hearing. There is also no specific time frame in which this decision is made. It is imperative that we all earnestly pray for Youcef and the officials making the decision during this time.

CNN is now covering the story of Youcef and Behrouz. We know that this is but a tool in the hand of God, and we are praying that it helps bring deliverance for our brothers. If you would like to read an article that they published, it can be found here: http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/12/07/iran.christian.death.sentence/index.html?iref=allsearch

International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran has also been working on behalf of Youcef and Behrouz, and has published an article calling for their release. You can read the article here: http://www.iranhumanrights.org/2010/12/khanjani-nadarkhani-apostasy/

22nd Dec Youcef remains in custody in Lakan prison. While he is no longer in solitary confinement, the situation still remains critical. It could be up to four months until the Iranian Supreme Court rules in regard to the appeal of his death sentence. Pray for Youcef's guards, cell-mates, and the members of the Supreme Court. Ask that God would use this situation for his glory in bringing many Iranians to truth and redemption.

Behrouz Sadegh-Khandjani also remains in custody at the military tribunal prison in Shiraz. He along with 6 other Christians, who are not in prison, are awaiting sentencing there. The believers in Iran and the refugee believers in Turkey have many needs, but the greatest of them is prayer. Please continue to lift them up before the throne of grace. God Bless you,

Jason DeMars (Content abridged) — Source http://presenttruthmn.com/blog/update-imprisoned-pastors/ Present Truth Ministries

Obituary

~Remembering our dear departed brother - Zane Holland~

It is with the bitter-sweet emotions of sadness mixed with gladness that we remember our beloved brother Zane Holland of Temuka, who has recently gone to be with the Lord.

I have fond memories of Zane, and the home meetings at Temuka, at the time I was still young in the Lord and was always blessed by our brother's bubbly enthusiasm for the Message. He always had a heartfelt and sincere testimony to bring to each meeting, and was an example to me of what a loving genuine Christian ought to be.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to his family at this difficult time of passing. May they be encouraged in the knowledge that he awaits us all in a wonderful place. It is never easy to see a loved one leave, or to know that our earthly fellowship this side of eternity is over.

We will all miss our brother, his cheery disposition and his positive testimony.

Yours in His love, Brother Malcolm Ferris



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Welcome

~Full Redemption~

Pt 3

Brother Tim Pruitt

If you would turn with me to Genesis ch17v1. We are going to talk about Abraham at Hebron. Now this is important because this is a part which a believer wanted to receive. Amen? And I want you to see what was there that was so important to Caleb to possess as an inheritance. Now, the setting here in Genesis 17 – it is after Abraham was separated from Lot. It is like how the Bride is separated from the Church. The Church that is represented by Lot, goes down into Sodom. And it is then the elect, meaning Abraham, goes down to Hebron. To come to Hebron, means [an association] which means to get connected to God and to dwell in His Presence.

Now, if we went over those things – you know, it's very interesting because actually this place was the 3rd dwelling place of Abraham. This is significant. The 3rd dwelling place of Abraham in this land. And the 1st place was Shechem. The 2nd place was Bethel. Now here he is in his progressive walk now to Hebron. Now it is the 3rd phase of the 3rd Pull of Abraham's ministry – or his wife's walk with God as he has progressed from the 1st Pull to the 2nd Pull to the 3rd phase. We'll call it just a phase. All right?

So now we are looking at this place where he has been called to dwell in. It's really important that we see some things here because, Let me give you just a brief summary, an outline of what is here so that you can see it because, as I said, the 1st place was Shechem and Shechem means diligence because again, with diligence, here he has come now and left the Babylonians, left the Arabs and the Chaldeans. He's crossed across the Euphrates, here he's come now and comes in to the Promised Land and the 1st place is with diligence, because it's given all diligence, that he has to add.

And so as he moves forward, he comes to Bethel, the 2nd place, which is the House of God, where, because it's God's dwelling place, where he comes in his special walk.

And then he comes to the 3rd place, which is Hebron, which means [association or it's a relationship or connection or union.] And I want to just point out to you what happened. It was there that God became Kinsman. It is there that God took on dust. It was there that God visited with him. Oh my! It's not like it was at Bethel where Jacob saw a ladder on which Angels ascended and descended. It's more than that! GOD BECAME ONE WITH MAN! And this is what it means. It's union! Hallelujah! Amen. It's a relationship, a connection where God and man become one. Now I want you to watch this very fully because it is here that several important things happened. I mean, many important things that relate to the endtime. It's in Hebron where the revelation of the endtime comes to Abraham and God says, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I'm going to do, seeing he is the heir?' You see here is the mystery of the endtime given to him. [Brother chuckles at the revelation] What's going to happen to Sodom and Gomorrah? What's going to happen to the church? Come on church. And what also is given in the mystery of the Promised Son? The mystery of the change of the body. Hallelujah! Amen.

And it is here that his name is changed. And Sarah's name is changed. It is here that – oh my! I can't hold this back. It is here that the Faith of Christ, or the Faith of Abraham becomes the Faith of Sarah who is the Bride! And that she has the same thing that Christ has! I can hardly hold myself back. I am just giving you an overview of the foretaste of what we are talking about here.



It was here that the Son was promised and born. It was here where resurrection was promised. Amen? Where he buried Sarah, and Abraham was buried. But they were expecting the Redeemer. Are you with me church? It is here —this is the point. Let me get this important part to you. This is the place where Jacob left from. The whole Tribes of Israel where they left from. Where they left the Promised Land and went and sojourned in Egypt. So it's very important, very vital that they come back to the place that they had left from. Amen?

Because ours is what? I mean, Adam left from Eden, so we must go back to Eden. Amen. And where the early church was, we must go back to there. Are you with me now? So, as we are looking at this, it was at Hebron where Joshua and Caleb came down with the grapes and gathered the figs and the pomegranates. And they brought back proof of the land back to Kadesh-Barnea. So it is here that the blessings lay. The fruits lay. Come on! This is the land where the 3 Pulls come from. The blessings of the figs, the pomegranates, the grapes. They all come from there. It was this land that Caleb put his foot on and claimed - and this was given to the true believer. I'm talking about the one who stays with Joshua in the last days, receives an inheritance. This has been promised to you by the Prophet.

Can I tell you something else about it? It was here that David was anointed King by Judah and he reigned from Hebron. He reigned there for seven years and remember, he reigns for his Bride Church elect for seven church ages. And it is here at Hebron where He is crowned King over all of Israel for the Millennium reign. So we have got to come back to Hebron. This is all of it. This is it. This is the ultimate. This is the goal.

Like I told you on Sunday. It's not like having a nice church and a good Pastor and a comfortable place with worship among the believers. It's not about having good families, although that's part of the blessings. Amen. Good families with loving fathers, faithful wives and obedient children. My, so many blessings go with this. For the church there is more than that, that we want.

And you know, in my heart I can't fall short of a new body. And the day coming forth – those that we have planted in the ground to rise again. Those that are waiting for us. This is more than having temporal healings.

But we want that and we believe in it. More than – like I said, providing a cure for your adulteries against your husbands or your wives. It's more than that.

And it's something that we are striving for and it's called 'Full Redemption'. And the Prophet, as Moses did to Caleb, has promised to the believer: Those who will not give up; those with a sincerity in their heart; those who have a debt on the inside and they say 'Amen' to the Word. It's not superficial. It's not every word. It's coming from the depth of their beings. And they said, 'God, you let that be according to Thy Word' and He changed me. Whatsoever it takes, whatever I have to leave behind. And

again, I'm just giving you an overview.

Well, let's go back to Abraham's day. Sometime ago, if you remember, God spoke to me some words that so often rings in my heart: 'The way it was, the way Because, when you go to the types .in the Scripture, the way it was, you can go back to the types in Scripture and say 'the way it will be'. We can go back and look at Abraham and we can apply those Words that God spoke to me the way it was. What you see manifested in Abraham's life is what will be manifested in Bride form because this was Abraham and what was in Abraham must be manifested in his seed. [to be continued]



Compiled by Bro Bruce McCorkindale

Venue - Lakes Ranch Rotorua, New Zealand

Message Believers' Youth Camp 24-28 February

This camp is located on 120 acres in a picturesque valley near Rotorua. It encompasses its own lake and has a large all-weather facility and offers many exciting activities including church.

Ministry by Bros: Gary Walker, Tony Murray, Paul Moffitt and Paul White (Aust).

The camp will be for young people age 14 years and older.

The cost will be \$NZ100.00 per person.

Registrations to be received before the end of January. (\$NZ50.00 payable with registration, balance on arrival) For direct deposit to Bank Account:

Living Word Christian Fellowship Camp Account 03 0751 0301023 02 (Put name in Reference)

Contact: Bro Gary Walker 63 Porritt Drive, Kawerau 3127, New Zealand

Email: garydebwalker@hotmail.com

2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION APRIL 8-10

A discussion between a number of Pastors has resulted in Brother Ray Thomson and Brother Bruce McKee being seconded to arrange a National Convention. The venue is that mentioned above, Lakes Ranch Rotorua which has been used for the last four Youth Camps. (www.lakesranch.org.nz)

There are dining facilities and some accommodation there. Also there is a nice chapel on the grounds that will hold 320-350 Saints.

Rather than bringing in ministry from overseas, the services will be conducted by New Zealand brothers from amongst those in attendance. First meeting after lunch Friday 2:30pm.

Costings: For those using camp accommodation and all meals:

Lodge: Adults 2 nights \$NZ79.00, Aged 10-14 \$NZ70.00, Age 5-9 \$NZ68.00, Age 0-4 Free **Barn Bunkrooms**: Adults \$NZ74.00, Aged 10-14 \$NZ68.00, Aged 5-9 \$NZ66.00, Age 0-4 Free

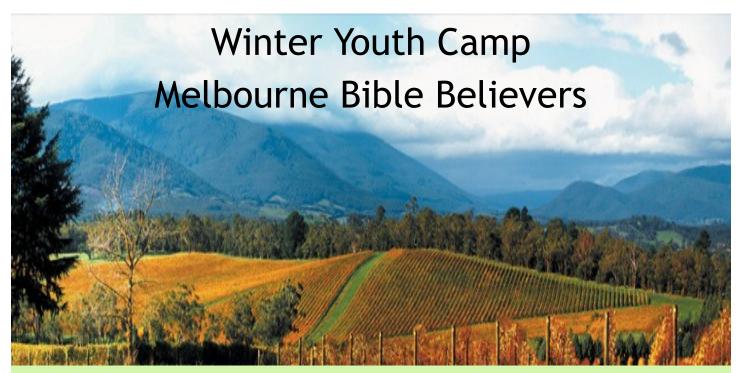
Bring own bedding and linen and a happy countenance.

Power points for caravans \$NZ53pp (2 nights) heaps of room for camping \$NZ45pp (2 nights).

Day visitors meal charge, for lunch \$NZ10.00 and dinner \$NZ15.00

Registration closing date will be notified to Pastors and registration forms will be obtainable through the Pastors.

Organisers' Email contact if needed - Bro Ray Thomson: ray.joyce@xtra.co.nz



14-18 July at ADANAC Australia

The Melbourne Bible Believers' *Winter Youth Camp* is for unmarried young people 14 years and older, who are serious about meeting and serving the Lord Jesus. Several young people have founded their faith on the Lord Jesus during previous meetings.

The cost is AU\$232.00 for students, and \$A290.00 for non-students.

Closing date for registrations is 31st May 2011.

Registration forms may be obtained from:

Br Conrad Sevenster Phone +61 (0) 418 359 285, or P.O. Box 73, Hampton Park, 3976, Vic., Australia. Email: conrad@sevenster.com



From the Sub-editor's desk

Since joining the Committee of the **Believers' Newsletter** earlier this year I have been blessed, challenged and encouraged all at the same time. It has been great to see how Bro Charles, supported by Sister Joan, has continued to steer the **Newsletter** throughout the year in spite of significant health issues

and challenges. Keeping contact with many brethren locally and overseas, sourcing items for each issue and proofing them prior to publication. Thanks to those others who also help in the background – transcribing or assisting with proofing. We congratulate Bro Charles and Sister Joan on their **Golden Wedding anniversary** celebrated recently. Fifty years together and in recent years labouring fervently together for our Lord Jesus – praise His name, a beacon for others to aspire to.

We are thankful too for all your contributions. Whether written, emailed, telephoned, or verbalised we thank you for your time and effort, for without them there would be no Newsletter. We appreciate the feedback from readers who now span the globe. Apart from the content, our aim is also to make the publication reader friendly, although this

becomes more challenging when one medium is used for two purposes. We are aware the emailed version is also printed off and circulated to others, so while more colourful pages would enhance its appearance, that could also drain the printing budgets! While we would never expect to please everyone all the time, we do note your ideas and suggestions.

- The BNL website establishment by Bro Malcolm Ferris was a welcomed step for serving the saints and providing a portal for hungry souls whom the Lord may direct via the internet.
- In recent months the Newsletter email distribution list has also been used as a vehicle for urgent prayer requests, notably for the saints in Iran. Only when we get over on the other side will the significance of your prayerful support for these brothers and sisters be fully understood.
- A variety of mission reports have been published through the year. We understand that readers have felt led to support these mission ministries financially may the Lord bless you for the practical help given.

We look forward to serving you through the year ahead with more faith building publications.

God bless you all Bro Bruce, Sub-editor