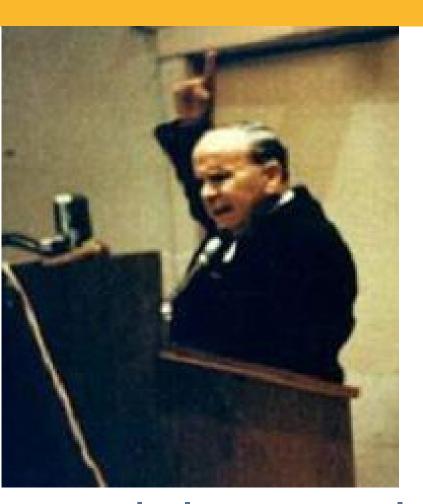


Missions & Testimonies

December 2018

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From Our Prophet

Now, when a man is converted, say, just like that little white button starts in his heart. Now, that part is God; when he's born again with the Spirit of God, God's Spirit dwells in him. Now, He can let that Spirit grow and take out all the roots of bitterness, and press God's way through him again; he can become back in the same condition that he was when he was in the garden of Eden. Jesus said in Mark 11:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you have said will come to pass, you can have what you said." That puts him right back supreme again. It puts him right back in the condition.

61-0117 - The Messiah



Finding The Vietnam Bride

On Wednesday, November 14, I travelled with dad (brother Adrian Gray) to Vietnam for a firsthand experience in the work of a missionary. The trip was based mainly in north Vietnam via our arrival in Hanoi on November 15. Sister C met us at the airport and travelled with us for the duration of the trip, being our interpreter and the planner of our schedule. We spent the evening of our arrival in Hanoi where we fellowshipped around the Word and witnessed to sister C's sister (at whose home we were at) about the Lord (the mission work had begun!). We then took a sleeper bus at 11pm for an approximate four-hour ride to Sapa near the border with China. At Sapa we were collected by three motorbikes which took us to the home of a denominational pastor a little ways from civilization. The pastor had attended a meeting of ministers on an earlier mission trip that dad took and was so impressed by the Word preached that he secretly invited dad to visit his church when he returned to Vietnam again.





This we

did on our recent visit there. We spent the early hours of November 15 witnessing to the pastor at his home before being taken by motorbikes to his church way up in the mountains via a narrow treacherous track of clay and dirt less than a meter wide in places and with large deep drops into the valley below.

By God's grace we arrived safely at the church where we spent two days and four meetings teaching the scriptures and explaining the importance and correctness of baptism in Jesus' name. The pastor and others struggled with the teaching of correct baptism and had two or three "committee" meetings after the services to discuss amongst themselves whether God really meant what he says in His Word. To be brief, none of the people there went to the water for baptism despite their enjoyment and rejoicing concerning the Word that they heard.

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As a strange twist however, on our last day and during the last service that dad preached, a young man in perhaps his early 20's entered the building and caught about the last half of the service where again baptism in Jesus' name was described. After the service was over, the young man approached dad wanting clarification concerning baptism. Dad obliged him with a concise explanation after which the young man sat down by himself with his Bible open to examine the subject. A couple of men from the church then sat next to him whereupon an animated discussion began amongst them about this subject of water baptism. The young man then approached dad with a couple more questions before sitting down again to reexamine the matter. It was plain to see that this young man was seeing what had been taught but was being opposed by those around him.



of his voice and gestures showed that he was defending the Word of God despite the doubters around him.

The young man then approached dad and said that he wanted to be baptized immediately, so we walked with him down the hill to a river in the early hours of the evening and baptized him in the name of Jesus Christ. After the baptism we gave the young man an SD card with messages of the prophet in Vietnamese, after which he got on his motorbike and travelled back to his

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home. A recent email from sister C informed us that this man is reading the messages from the prophet and has been very blessed by what he is seeing; he has begun to testify about these things in his village and is desiring to know more about this message. Praise God! What appeared to be a spiritual battle for three days was perhaps just for one young man to receive and continue sharing to those people in the remote parts of north Vietnam.

After the baptism we were taken by motorbikes back to civilization where we were collected by the sleeper bus for our return trip to Hanoi. On Sunday, November 18 we flew from Hanoi to Da Lat in south Vietnam in order to visit some brethren that had been tuning in to the Skype meetings. However, due to bad weather in Da Lat, the plane was diverted to Saigon whereupon we took a small bus for an approximate sixhour ride from Saigon to Da Lat. We spent two full days in Da Lat at the home of a believing couple whose second floor was a spacious church where we had four meetings teaching the scriptures to some of the brethren there. These people were more than just receptive of

the Word, and baptism, five of them over the two days went to the water (the house bath being filled with water) and became identified with the purpose of Jesus' death and resurrection.



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We had a great time in Da Lat. There was a lot of fellowship that we had between the meetings which was of equal value to the actual meetings we had. An elderly man who attended the first day of meetings has recently contacted sister C and informed her of how touched he was by the Word and that he wants for us to visit him next time as well as furnish us with more contacts in the area to share the Gospel with. The observations I had made by this time was that although the majority of listeners enjoyed the Word and stayed sitting

on the fence, there was always one person who wanted more and I believe is the channel for the Word to achieve its ultimate work in the provinces we had visited.

During our time in Da Lat a very intense spiritual war of misinformation about us was erupting behind the scenes that caused a great deal of grief and hindered us from visiting other places during our time in Vietnam.

However, being that sister C was our interpreter, and that she had been in the message for about one year, there was such a thirst in her for the Word, that the majority of our spare time was spent sitting with her and spending many hours expounding the message to her. This for me was the most successful part of the entire trip, working with an interpreter whose rapid understanding of the message will prove invaluable as she translates for other brothers that come to continue on with the work in Vietnam.

We spent the morning of November 21 looking around Da Lat before boarding our flight back to Hanoi. We stayed in Hanoi the night of November 21 and then travelled to sister C's home the following day. Sister C surprised us greatly with her depth of understanding and with the many questions she asked us concerning the Bible. We had some tremendous Bible studies whilst she with pen in hand wrote many notations concerning the things we showed in the Bible.

On November 23 we took a bus and travelled approximately three hours to the city of Nam Dinh southeast of Hanoi. We were greeted by brother V and sister V at their home and in the evening took



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a small meeting in their denominational church that was attended by just a few from the church. The next day was spent with a Bible study at the

> home of brother V where we sat down on the floor and taught those present about child training and the positional placing of a son. Brother V, his wife, another woman and sister C's son chose that day to be baptized in Jesus' name, whereupon we went to the river and baptized them.

The Sunday morning of November 25 was spent again at brother V's home, this time answering questions that puzzled him from the Bible. We spent a

little time explaining these things to him before attending their denominational church meeting at 2pm in the afternoon. On account of the denominational regulations in Vietnam, we were not permitted by the pastor of the church to speak, however we were allowed to visit as a regular attendee would. Fear of the authorities is a hinderance that does prevent more souls from hearing the Truth,

however, those who were supposed to receive the Truth were there during each stage of our visit to hear and to receive It.

On November 26 we took the bus back to sister C's home and enjoyed the afternoon, evening and morning of the next day explaining the first three chapters of the Book of Revelation to her. I believe that she was the main person God had chosen for us to minister to as her value for future work in Vietnam is truly great. Sister C is a most wonderful sister with a great personality and fervent zeal for the Lord. Please pray for her that the Lord would continue to open up His Word to Her and keep her strong in the faith whilst living in a nation where true believers are very few.

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WOW, camp is less than 2 weeks away and the atmosphere is buzzing with excitement and expectation!! We have a FUN-filled youth program with faith-based workshops, games and activities topping it off with four "YOUTH IMPACT" services. Our overseas guest minister is brother Andrew Glover from U.S.

If you don't already know, we've moved the camp location from <u>Houghtons Camp</u> to <u>Camp Adair</u> due to an overwhelming number of registrations. This means we can accommodate many more youth and those accompanying them!

If you have any questions or special dietary or medical requirements during your stay please let us know prior to camp ASAP via email rfbfnz@gmail.com

- Camp Pricing <u>click here</u>
- Day visitors camp charge \$10 or \$35 (incl meals) per person.
- Sunday no charge for day visitors.

Please remember to check-out:

- "What to Bring" checklist: <u>click here</u>
- Off-camp Accommodation: (own arrangement)
- Hotels: click here
- Accommodation: click here
- AirBnB: <u>click here</u>
- Book a Batch: click here
- What to Do (for out of towners): <u>click here</u>

CAMP CHURCH SERVICES

Day	Date	Time
Friday	14 th December 2018	7:30 PM
Saturday	15 th December 2018	8:30 AM
Sunday	16 th December 2018	10 AM & 4:30 PM

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Missions Update

China: The Supernatural God in a Time of Pressure

As the government in China has begun to exercise more control over churches in the country, God has manifested His supernatural power. Visiting and preaching in churches all through the country in the month of October, Brother Murphy brings back incredible stories of the ever present God making his presence known, bringing aid and comfort to His children. This video is just an excerpt; the entire report can be watched <u>HERE</u>.

The <u>Chinese King James Bible</u> is now being mailed to Pastors all over Canada who have requested it. Many have seen Brother Murphy's <u>introductory video</u> on Youtube. These represent churches of many types. An announcement to Chinese Churches and organizations in the United States will soon follow, with an English version of the CKJV Chinese language website for Chinese living outside China.



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Israel: Sharing in the Restoration

Shalom and greetings once again in Jesus name. As time lingers and the further we progress into the Messianic Era, more and more prophecies are coming to pass. Verses that were not well understood, are becoming clear. Brother Branham preached; "...Modern Events made clear by Prophecy. Now, it's always been God's... the unchanging God's way to let His people foreknow before certain events happen." So we will know.

An important element of future prophecy is of the unity and harmony that will once again exist between Jews and Gentiles. The Jewish religious leaders had an immense hatred toward Jesus and His followers. But this animosity did not exist among the mixed crowd of believers. Many bible references² along with historical records document the peace and unity that existed between the believers during the years following the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

A prime example of this is found in Paul's letter to the Romans³. Paul was taking a love gift of support from the Gentile congregations of Macedonia and Achaia to the "poor saints" of the Church in Jerusalem. Paul also attests to this unity that existed in Ephesians 2. Jesus Christ the Messiah "...hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;" ⁴ The enmity that had existed between the two for centuries, had dissolved - and will again completely vanish in the future coming of the Lord.

This love and unity is a key element in understanding the last day events and how the Bride's ministry is part of the transition of God's dealings changing from Gentile back to Jew. Paul prophetically alludes to how Jews cannot fulfill their God-given role in hastening the coming of Moshiach, without our Gentile love and support.⁵

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Is there a shared "Jewish-Gentile" mission at the end? There is a mystery here that is to be revealed in these times (see Eph 2:19-22 and 3:4-6).

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone]; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph 2:19-22 - KJV

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.

Eph 3:4-6 - KJV

Could the Gentiles actually be given an unprecedented opportunity to overturn the dreadfully wrong division between the "sister" churches of Jew and Gentiles? We are after all, both married to the same One!

"...God's own Life is bound with Israel. He's married to her...His Life is bound to her just as I'm bound to Mrs. Branham back there, my wife, and you're bound to your wife. Your life is wrapped in it. And God is married to Israel..." 6

Both Jew and Gentile are longing to welcome the King of Kings! We have a unique, history-making opportunity to heal the damage done by the "christian church" and centuries of separation by humbly preferring our Jewish Sister in love and deed. This was Jesus example and plan for us as His followers, to bring us into one covenant relationship with Him.

By sharing in His cup and in priestly intercession for the sake of Israel's redemption, we share in restoring the presence of God in Israel - just as King Solomon and King Hiram did when they teamed up to build the first temple. Just as the first Gentile Believers showed their love and concern for their Jewish counterparts in the days of Paul.

This is Ruth ministering to Naomi, which not only touched her heart -but that of Boaz the Kinsman Redeemer.

So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son. And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed [be] the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of [thy] life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him. And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

Ruth 4:13-16 - KJV

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here is great power in love as this proves the true nature of the Moshiach dwelling in us as we reach out to our Jewish counterparts. To illustrate this point, allow me to share with you a recent publication by a Jewish friend in Israel, Eliyahu – who wrote of his experience in ascending the Temple Mount in Jerusalem during the Feast of Sukkot with his friend Shlomo;

"It is amazing how many non-Jews are here" I said to Shlomo. Shlomo agreed, citing Psalm 126. "Our mouths shall be filled with laughter, our tongues, with songs of joy. Then shall they say among the nations, "Hashem has done great things for them!"

"This is what I am looking at right now," Shlomo said. "Non-Jews are coming to Israel to see what Hashem has done for us. And that is having an effect on us. Everyone, including you, looks happy. It is the Sukkot Effect."

"To be honest," he said. "It is embarrassing. G_d told us to build His house and to do the Temple service. But we aren't doing it. It seems that having the non-Jews remind us about this is what is bringing us to it."

We walked through the iron doors, stepping into the dim light of the Arab Quarter. I looked back, catching a last glimpse before the police closed the door. Suddenly, I was sobbing uncontrollably, my forehead pressed against the grimy wall of the shuk (Arab market).

Images flew through my mind. I had done teshuva, repented, become a religiously observant Jew. I had left my sinful behavior behind. I was a good husband, a proud father, I prayed and kept kosher. But the final step, the one thing I need so desperately to fix my life, was entirely outside of me. G_d demanded I be moral, which I understood. G_d required me to be religious and I consented. But G_d had other demands that made no sense. He wanted a house, He wanted service, He wanted a House of Prayer for all nations. And He had given that job to my ancestors in a way that implicated me as well. I could not be whole until I answered that call and in the craziest scene ever, non-Jews were coming from all over the world to make me live up to this.

When I first started down this path to being a Jew, my Rabbi said it would be difficult. But what he neglected to tell me was that it is actually impossible without friends like Shlomo. He didn't tell me that once I started, entire nations would be lining up to cheer me on and keep me to the straight and narrow.

Well, here I am, with tears soaking my beard. Where do I go from here?

Can we extend a hand of love and help to Eliyahu

and those in Israel who are longing for the presence of God?

May the Lord bless you richly, Brother Tony



1 Modern Events Are Made Clear By
Prophecy: 65-1206; Par 17
2 Acts 14:1,27; 15:3,8-9,19,30-31; 18:78,27-28; 19:10,17; 20:21; 21:20-21; 26:20; 28:17,24,30; Rom 3:29; 9:24; 15:26-27; 1Cor 10:32; 12:13; Galat 2:12; Eph 3:6
3 Rom 15:26-27
4 Ephesians 2:14-15
5 Rom 15:27
6 The Sixfold Purpose of Gabriel's Visit; 61-0730E; Par 75

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