

Believers Newsletter

for the endtime...

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A Concise Report on- Papua New Guinea



Papua New Guinea, occupies the eastern part of the world's second largest island. Linguistically, it is the world's most diverse country, with more than 700 native tongues.

Some 80% of Papua New Guinea's people live in rural areas with few or no facilities.

Many tribes in the isolated mountainous interior have little contact with each other, let alone with the outside world, and live in a non-monetarised economy, dependant on what they grow in their village gardens.

Port Moresby - the capital - is about 6:20 hours flying time from Auckland and 3 hours from Brisbane.

The country has an area of 462,840 sq. kms, (178,704 sq. mls compared to NZ. with 103,000 sq. mls) and has a population of just under seven million.

The major language: English (official), Pidgin, and native languages. Although English is taught in the country's schools, most of the native people speak mainly in Pidgin.

The English version of Bro. Branham's books have been well received and understood, but to have a better understanding of the Message, for many of the population, translation into their own vernacular, is an imperative.

In the early stages, several translators were tried, but their translations were poor and had to be discarded. At the moment we have an excellent translator, who holds 2 Masters degrees from both P.N.G. & Queensland Universities, and a stint in Wellington. He and his family are Message believers, who I had the privilege of baptising.

Translations have tended to be slow and expensive. Their standard thinking seems to be, "Why hurry today, when there's a tomorrow, and still yet other tomorrows?" However, the dissemination of the Message, has pressed on and is now established in several areas of the Country.

The roads of the Country in the north, the central area

and the south-west, do not connect. So much outreach has to be done by flying, which is an expensive business.

The motels everywhere are costly, so we use Guest Houses, wherever we can get them.

The Translation of the Church Age book took some time, and was costly. But it was completed in February this year, and has now been printed.

Bro. Kwesi Crentsil and his Church in Melbourne were also very helpful and generous. They assisted in a large amount of the payment for the first lot of printing of the translated Church Age Book. The total cost being well over \$8500:00 for 500 books.

The Lord richly bless them. The books are at present being distributed in P.N.G. The response is great. Another Australian Fellowship of Bro. Graham Reid's church in Brisbane, donated a large amount of money for the translation effort. The Lord also bless these precious brethren.

We were also able to start a work with the Message in the Solomon Islands, and this work is now developing. Bro. Ross Lane & the believers there, have played a significant role in the financing & growth of the Mission work in the Solomons. I am grateful for the vision and dedication of these Saints.

Brother Ben Gloyne of Christchurch, and his mother Sister Anne, have begun their own Mission work on the Island of New Britain, where the Gloyne family live. This will open the door into the Island of New Ireland and then southwards towards Bougainville, a Sovereign State laying between the Solomons & P.N.G. These Islands lay on the southern & eastern end of the Bismarck Sea.

These are just some of the things the Lord has been doing in the Mission fields of P.N.G., and the Solomon Islands.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, does all things well. All thanks and praise be to Him.

Brother Derrick Donaldson.
Spoken Word Fellowship, Auckland



From the Editor's Desk



Christian Greetings to you all. Here we are, at the end of another year and it is at this time that I find myself going over the events in the past year, of once again putting out the Believers Newsletter. I must say we have been blessed with the response and support we have received from the precious saints all over

N.Z. and around the world. And to think, when we started and I was having health problems, we wondered if we would see twelve months!

And at this point, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Brother Greg Alford and also the Brothers who worked with him on behalf of us all. Bro Greg's help is very much appreciated. He took the responsibility of sending the brethren's love offerings overseas to the Philippines to help the victims of those devastating floods. For his readiness to meet this urgent need by assisting us as expeditiously as possible and keeping us informed of what was happening, we can only say, "God bless you, brother!"

The dear brothers and sisters who have sent in Testimonies of our Lord's help to them, and to those who have so faithfully kept the editorials flowing in – One day you will know the hearts you have reached!!

Regarding our staff members, we so enjoy the happy times we have as we work with one another. The jolly atmosphere that Brother Richard creates strengthens us when the going gets a little tougher. Also a word of appreciation to the sisters on the transcribing and proof reading who never give up. They keep going until each B.N.L. is sent out. Brother Adrian is always there to help. He has never failed to give of his time and support for God's people. His vision for this end time message is invaluable.

A few months ago, brother Ross Lane resigned from the B.N.L. committee and we accepted his resignation with regret, knowing that he had other important Spiritual work to do for The Lord, which he needed to give more of his time to. In the two years he was with us, we were blessed with his help which he gave willingly at all times. And we wish our Brother God's blessings.

And now, to all the readers of the B.N.L., may The Lord bless you all this Christmas Season. What a wonderful Gift – our Lord Jesus – was given to us. A new life! We in the Believers Newsletter, the Committee and editorial staff, send you our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas.

*Bro Charles
Editor*

Letters to the Editor

Dear Brother Charles,

I wonder if this testimony from Uganda might be worth putting in the next newsletter? Brother Paul, who wrote this, is a Pastor in Kampala working with the Luganda Message Translation Team.

Richard

I'm just giving you my testimony.

Last week I was on my door to door witnessing, when one of the brothers told me, "Brother Paul even drunkards also need The Word." I told him, "Those people many times are not even in their right minds."

So, as we were still talking like that, one of the bar owners welcomed us into her bar, and we entered. Then I opened my Bible and preached to her 'how Jesus can save her life out of bondage; out of such a business.' Then as I continued expounding on The Word, the woman said, "I can see something."

Then I told her that she could have it now, for JESUS is now in your bar. Can you believe?

She replied, "Yes!" She knelt down and she confessed Jesus as her personal Saviour.

And I tell you what: On Sunday she was baptised in JESUS holy Name. Praise JESUS, brother.

SHALOM

Brother Paul Musulube

Dear Brother Charles,

Thank you for always including us with the distribution of the Newsletter.

I would like also to thank all the brethren in NZ and everywhere else who have remembered us in prayers when the Tsunami hit Samoa. Yes, as you mentioned in the Newsletter, no one from our church here was affected by the earthquake or the Tsunami and we are so grateful and praise God for

Letters to the Editor

His gracious Love....

We are currently involved in a project which is called "Samoa Hope Project" which is reconstruction of all the family houses in Samoa that were affected in the Tsunami. About 425 fale (traditional houses) will be built. Government and other Charitable organizations are helping financing these fale. The cost of each fale is around NZ\$10,000. Habitat for Humanity NZ is sending NZ (tradesmen) volunteers over to Samoa to assist with reconstruction and to provide Qualified Trades-people. I have been asked by the Habitat for Humanity NZ, to be their Project Manager of this huge project and hence will involve brothers in our church to also volunteer for the re-construction. One of the brothers in church shared, "My motive of wanting to volunteer for this project is to also use the opportunity to share with everyone the Grace and Love of our Living God and especially with the Message of the Hour." People are still in great awe of what actually happened during the Tsunami and definitely, it was a wake up call to Samoa as our people are so religious and now with the Tsunami experience, there is now a great awareness that the reality that is there will be the end of this life... Hallelujah!!! Our Lord is coming back for the Bride very soon...

My purpose for telling you of this project is, in case some brothers may decide to come with the numbers of Volunteers from NZ. Please let me know as well. The project will go on for 6 months and for NZ volunteers it will only be for two weeks each and HfH are coordinating the flow of volunteer trips. Air NZ has offered a huge discount of airfares and if any brother wishes to come, we would also be so glad for them to come and fellowship with us here. Currently, we have the first lot already in here and they are camping at the Tsunami area at the huge Hall like a Marae.

Once again thank you all for your prayers.
Shalom. Your Brother in Christ,

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Please Note, There will be no January Believers Newsletter due to holidays.

~FINDING THE BALANCE~

Brother Malcolm Ferris



We need to do two things daily to achieve a healthy balance in our walk: to die and be renewed. Something has to die in order for something else to live. If the flesh and its deeds are put to death then the hunger of our soul can be fed. We cannot just kill the spirit of the flesh alone. A new life needs to be invited to replace it. So we must renew ourselves also in the spirit of our mind by the washing of the waters of The Word. Each day something has to die: either the flesh or the soul, and something has to live. If we feed the senses of the spirit of the flesh according to its desires then it becomes stronger and the soul becomes separated from His Presence. His Spirit departs from us until we get ourselves right with Him again (death is separation from Him). If we feed the soul, the desire of Jesus increases in our heart and we die in our flesh.

So clearly we cannot do one without the other if we are doing it in Him. If we attempt to die to ourselves in our own strength an emptiness remains unfilled in us. If we try to renew ourselves by diligent study of the Word we also fail. We are not sufficient of ourselves to achieve this blessed balance in our lives. We must read The Word and pray for His Spirit to direct and enlighten us. We need Him to help us to die and be renewed. We need to call daily upon His strength and guidance to know how to both die and live. That is what prayer is: asking Him always, not directing Him, but rather, appealing to the Spirit of God for help in knowing and doing His will. When we are willing to submit ourselves to the Law of God that condemns us, and we trust in His Spirit to help us, then we can know the Grace of God in fulfilment. Then we can be Holy as He is Holy and become the very Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Then can our lives truly become a service of worship to Him in Spirit and in Truth.

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*We invite testimonies, comments, news, interesting anecdotes. Anything that would glorify God and could encourage your fellow pilgrim. And suggest that any doctrinal questions be directed to your Pastor.*  
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"I Faced Death - And Came Back!"

This is how Brother described his terrible accident. As you see by the attached photos, it is indeed miraculous that our Brother even survived this horrible crash. We thank The Lord for His abiding protection and special grace to spare our Brother from more serious or lasting injuries.



After the operation this past week where a steel plate was inserted in his broken leg, Brother is now up and beginning therapy. He expects to be discharged in a few days, and returning to service in another week or two. I am especially grateful - as I've so grown to love and appreciate my precious brother over the months we've been labour-

ing together. He has become invaluable to the ministry here in the Middle East as my translator and guide.

I am also writing on behalf of Brother who expresses his deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who took time to remember him in prayer and to those who sent a note expressing your love and encouragement by email. (I printed over 20 pages of emails!)

Of necessity, the follow up ministry in Syria and Egypt will need to be postponed for a few weeks. In spite of this we rest in our Lord's keeping power and strength for those new "babes" in Christ who are hungering for more. After all - it is our Lord who is building His church. We rest in the faith that for reasons too numerous to mention, our Lord permitted this event. May His will be done "in" this "earth" as it is in heaven. With this confidence in our hearts we wait on Him for His perfect strength in our weaknesses.

On other fronts, the translation work continues unabated along with the regular services. The Word is reaching new people and touching their hearts on a continual basis - all of which keeps us busy in the work of The Lord - which is just the way we love it best!

So once again, we sincerely thank you for your faithful prayers, love and support as we yield ourselves to fulfilling the great commission here in the last frontiers of the Middle East.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Bro. Tony and Sis Rebekah

*Brother Branham
said:-*

*"When the Bride
knows who She
is, She will speak
things into
existence."*

Fruits ! At Evening Time

Set Your Wings to the Winds of Faith

You can fly in a Higher Place!

by Bro Tony [redacted] at Cloverdale on 22nd July 2009



Romans ch 15 v17-21

17. I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

18. For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19. Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ

20. Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation.

21. But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.



God bless you.

I want to speak tonight on 'The Power of The Gospel'. Amen.

The Word of God is not losing Its Power. It's The Word of God. Amen. It's the same yesterday, today and forever. Even though it may get watered down and may get weakened by different things, but never-the-less, The Word of God is still The Word of God. And we've been experiencing these things and it's been wonderful to be able to share these things with you.

Brother [redacted] prays: *Lord, We want to be a living testimony of The Word made flesh and so, Father, we are asking that it won't be a mere report tonight...but that, Lord Jesus, it would be somehow, someway, we would be able to sense the moving of Your Spirit in the part of the world where the Gospel first went to. As we see The Word going back to these places, it should encourage our hearts to recognise and realise how soon the coming of The Lord is – how soon the changing of the body is and how we must snug up to you, Lord, in these last days.*

We don't want anything to get in between us, Lord. Oh Father, may You again rekindle the urgency of the hour we're living in and Lord, the brevity of the time, that we could be like Abraham tonight and say – 'O God, if there's just ten more, Lord, Just give us a few more months; another year maybe, Lord, just to plead for that last one to come in. Father, we believe this is Your Heart... AMEN

I certainly find some identification in those Words in Romans tonight, by considering where we have moved out into and where we are residing now in a part of the world that is an area where very little in Gospel outreach of this Message has been done. And yet as we are there, we endeavour to share The Word of God in a part of the world that once heard. But it's many many years since the Truth has been heard there. And as we seek to fulfill this great commission, we recognise that it's not just going to be another teaching; another sermon...It's going to bring the people to the reality of Jesus Christ.

And so we recognise that the Gospel, the Life of Christ –

It's a Power, my brothers, my sisters. It IS a Power!

Food, Medicine and Requirements are being distributed in the Philippines!

Pastor Ron Milevo writes from his area in the Philippines!



Greetings to all of you in the precious Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is to inform you that we have been able to initially and quickly buy some food, medicines, rice and used clothing from the funds you have sent and were able to distribute them out to believers who were affected by the floods. We have also reached out to some poor people in our area who are refugees in evacuation centers and these people are so thankful that you brethren in N.Z. have remembered us in these trying times of our lives.

Some photos of our procurement are attached and a short quick video compilation which I did using Microsoft Moviemaker for our initial food distribution is attached as well and can be shown to the donors. We are still doing some more visitations to remote areas and will be sending additional pictures once we get to them. Though there are more demands for medicine and food amongst the evacuation centers due to congestion and flu epidemics, your funds have been very helpful in facilitating our initial efforts to reach out to these needy beneficiaries.

The believers here wish to extend their appreciation for your kindness and compassion for us all.....In Christ's love, Brother Ron.

Upper left: *The Marquizo family distributing relief parcels.*

Upper Right: *Bro. Ron giving out food.*

Lower left: *The Sisters are packing necessary items for the needy.*

Lr Right: *Bro. Ron sorting Cans of items*



To Him That Overcometh Pt.2

Brother Freddie Esau



The Bible says that God inhabits the praises of His people. You just start worshipping God when you're in trouble. You try it. It's not easy. It's not an easy thing to lift up your hands when you don't want to lift up your hands.

It's not easy brother, to say, 'Lord I thank You for the trials. I thank You for my situation.' And I have to say, 'I'm not there yet. Not there yet.' Amen. The normal thing is to cry, to mope, to moan and complain and you'll find when you start complaining and you're moping about situations, it's not going to get better. No, it's not.

You know, my wife was just relating to me about our daughter. She's in London and all of a sudden she went into a depression. I don't know where it came from, but that night she said to her husband and children 'I've had enough of you and the children. I'm not going to make food.' And brother and sister, she went and ran a bath. She was relating this and she turned off the light in the bathroom and went to sit in the bath in darkness and the devil was there.

Now, her mother-in-law came to visit her and the mother-in-law had a spirit of depression and the mother-in-law was in such a state. You know, I don't know what depression is, but they say it's a bad thing to get into. And her situation was, that here was the enemy. You know, depression cannot be treated with tablets and medicine, because it's a spirit of infirmity. It's demonic powers that overwhelm you and take control of your thoughts.

And here she was in the bath and the devil was on her shoulder. And he was telling her, 'You caught the spirit from Heidi.' And she was listening to the enemy. And it continued telling her, 'You're going to get worse. You are going to sink into a deeper pit of despair.' And the devil was telling her, 'it will get so bad that you won't want to meet with people.' It said, 'It will get so bad that you will lock yourself up in your room and you will neglect your husband and your children.' And she was listening to it. And she felt herself, brother, going deeper into this depressed state. She felt that her mind was completely overwhelmed by darkness and she said that as she was getting deeper, the enemy was there telling her exactly how she was going to be. And she was listening to it.

Then, all of a sudden, she said, something

happened. She said, 'You devil!' She realised what the devil was doing and she jumped out of the bath. She said she got herself all ready and went downstairs and here were her husband and her children sitting around the table and she said, 'Hi, how are you?' All of a sudden just something snapped and she got out of that situation.

I tell you this morning, church, in this hour and time with all the things happening around us, people so easily slip into that depressed state. This is something I have never heard of before – 'depression'. But all of a sudden brother, in the season and hour that we are living in – and that's the reason the Bible says that men's hearts are failing because of fear. That's why the enemy is utilising to attack your mind and your thinking and get you into a situation where you want to shut the door and close the blinds, shut out everybody and just get into that state.

Well, I have got news for you this morning, brother. 'Worship Him! Praise Him! Lift up His Name! Lord, you may not have given me the job. This isn't going to pay my mortgage but I still want to praise You. I still want to lift up Your Name.' Listen! I'm speaking to the believers. I'm speaking to overcomers. This is the church of the living God, for the overcomers. Now we have a choice. We can allow the enemy to preach to us. We can allow the enemy to get us all knelled up and twisted and bitter.

Brother, we can also refuse that and we can get out of that situation. The Bible says, 'The joy of The Lord is our strength.' The strength of God's people. Joy of the Lord! I'm so glad the Bible says, brother, 'Weeping may endure for the night' and we must all go through our night seasons. Not one of us are exempted from trouble. We all go through trouble. We all brother, have to go through our night seasons and the Bible says that in the night season, that God, because He's real and because He's concerned over us and because God, brother, '-Hallelujah!' - is a God of compassion, He doesn't just bring us into a situation and walk away. But whatever your situation and your trial is, He's going to take you through. I want to let you know, you're not to stay there.

Trials only come for a season, but it's always victory after a time of fighting. There's victory. And the Bible says, 'He that overcometh'. And the joy! The wonderful part is that God has placed within us a portion of Himself, to overcome. You know, your trials and my trials are all taylor made. You cannot go through what I am going through, neither can I bear your burdens. Each one of us, our trials and our situations in life, it is just life, brothers. [To be continued in next issue.]

Brother Freddie Esau
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Benjamin Netanyahu's = Speech to the United Nations =



Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Nearly 62 years ago, the United Nations recognized the right of the Jews, an ancient people, 3,500 years old, to a state of their own in their ancestral homeland. I stand here today as the Prime Minister of Israel, the Jewish state, and I speak to you on behalf of my country and my people.

The United Nations was founded after the carnage of World War 11 and the horrors of the Holocaust. It was charged with preventing the recurrence of such horrendous events. Nothing has undermined that central mission more than the systematic assault on the truth.

Yesterday the President of Iran stood at this very podium, spewing his latest anti-Semitic rants. Just a few days earlier, he again claimed that the Holocaust is a lie.

Last month, I went to a villa in a suburb of Berlin called Wannsee. There, on January 20, 1942, after a hearty meal, senior Nazi officials met and decided how to exterminate the Jewish people. The detailed minutes of that meeting have been preserved by successive German governments.

Here is a copy of those minutes, in which the Nazis issued precise instructions on how to carry out the extermination of the Jews. Is this a lie?

A day before I was in Wannsee, I was given, in Berlin, the original construction plans for the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. Those plans are signed by Hitler's deputy, Heinrich Himmler himself. Here is a copy of the plans for Auschwitz-Birkenau, where one million Jews were murdered. Is this too a lie?

Yesterday, the man who calls the Holocaust a lie spoke from this podium. To those who refused to come here and to those who left this room in protest, I commend you. You stood up for moral clarity and you brought honour to your countries.

This Iranian regime is fuelled by an extreme fundamentalism that burst onto the world scene three decades ago after lying dormant for centuries. Fanaticism has swept the globe with a murderous violence and cold-blooded impartiality in its choice of victims. It has callously slaughtered Moslems and Christians, Jews and Hindus, and many others.

Though it is comprised of different offshoots, the adherents of this unforgiving creed seek to return humanity to medieval times.

The struggle against this fanaticism does not pit faith against faith nor civilization against civilization. It pits civilization against barbarism, the 21st century against the 9th century, those who sanctify life against those who glorify death. The primitivism of the 9th century ought to be no match for the progress of the 21st century.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the jury is still out on the United Nations, and recent signs are not encouraging. Rather than condemning the terrorists and their Iranian patrons, some here have condemned their victims. That is exactly what a recent UN report on Gaza did, falsely equating the terrorists with those they targeted.

For eight long years, Hamas fired from Gaza thousands of missiles, mortars and rockets on nearby Israeli cities. Year after year, as those missiles were deliberately hurled at our civilians, not a single UN resolution was passed condemning those criminal attacks.

We heard nothing – absolutely nothing – from the UN Human Rights Council, a misnamed institution if there ever was one. In 2005, hoping to advance peace, Israel unilaterally withdrew from every inch of Gaza. It dismantled 21 settlements and uprooted over 8000 Israelis. We didn't get peace. Instead we got an Iranian backed terror base fifty miles from Tel Aviv. Life in Israeli towns and cities next to Gaza became a nightmare.

You see, the Hamas rocket attacks not only continued, they increased tenfold. Again, the UN was silent. Finally after eight years of this unremitting assault, Israel was finally forced to respond. But how should we have responded? Well, there is only one example in history of thousands of rockets being fired on a country's civilian population. It happened when the Nazis rocketed British cities during World War 11

Israel, by contrast, tried to minimize casualties by urging Palestinian civilians to vacate the targeted areas. We dropped countless flyers over their homes, sent thousands of text messages and called thousands of cell phones asking people to leave.

Never has a country gone to such extraordinary lengths to remove the enemy's civilian population from harm's way. Yet faced with such a clear case of aggressor and victim, who did the UN Human Rights Council decide to condemn? Israel. A democracy legitimately defending itself against

terror is morally hanged, drawn and quartered, and given an unfair trial to boot.

By these twisted standards, the UN Human Rights Council would have dragged Roosevelt and Churchill to the dock as war criminals. What a perversion of truth! What a perversion of justice!

Delegates of the United Nations, will you accept this farce?

Inscribed on the walls outside this building is the great Biblical vision of peace: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation. They shall learn war no more." These words were spoken by the Jewish prophet Isaiah 2,800 years ago as he walked in my country, in my city – in the hills of Judea and in the streets of Jerusalem. We are not strangers to this land. It is our Homeland.

In the spirit of the timeless words spoken to Joshua over 3000 years ago -

"Let us be Strong and of Good Courage"

Benjamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister of Israel

Joshua 1:1-7

1. Now after the death of Moses the servant of The Lord it came to pass, that The Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2. Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given to you, as I said to Moses.

4. From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

"Watch the purple curtain"

Bro. Branham urged



Hitler greets two Roman Catholic officials in 1934. Hitler said: "As for the Jews, I am just carrying on with the same policy which the Catholic Church has adopted for fifteen hundred years..."

Pope Proposes: 'World Political Authority' With 'Real Teeth'

In the present economic crisis, World Leaders are increasing the call for a world government. Pope Benedict XVI issued a new 'encyclical', or official letter to the world, calling for 'reform of the United Nations' so that it would have "Real Teeth".

It would be charged with disarmament, food security, protection of the environment and regulation of migration. 'For all this, there is urgent need for a true world political authority,' the Pope states.

From Chick Publications

God is not independent of us, in creating us and we are a part of God.

We are not independent of one another. Now, how many understand that?

Jesus said, 'When I come in the form of the Holy Spirit, in THAT day -

You will know that I am in the Father and the Father is in me'.

And Brother Branham said, 'That was THIS DAY.' That was this day. -

J.Jenkins

REMEMBERING A WORLD CHANGING EVENT

61 years ago Ben-Gurion was pressed by the 'Minhelet HaAm' (literally the People's Administration) to enquire for one last evaluation of what the Haganah's assessment was at this zero hour. He called in two men: the first, Yigael Yadin, who was the Haganah's Chief of Operations, and the second, Yisrael Galili, who was its de facto Commander-in-chief. Their answers were virtually identical – and terrifying. We could be sure of only two things.



They said that the British would pull out and the Arabs would invade. 'And then?' they were asked. They were both silent. But after a minute, Yadin said, "The best we can tell you is that we have a fifty-fifty chance. We are as likely to win as we are to be defeated."

So it was on that bright note that the final decision was made. On Friday, 14 May 1948 (the 5th of year Iyar 5708, according to the Hebrew calendar), the Jewish state would come into being. Its population numbered 650,000. Its chance of surviving its birth depended on whether or not the Yishuv could possibly meet the assault of five regular Arab armies actively aided by Palestine's one million Arabs.

What an overwhelming, opposing power and grim reality the Jewish people had to deal with at the very dawn of claiming once again their rightful God given promised Land. Also, with every step gained into 'our own Spiritual Promised Land', we have/will surely face assaults of opposing powers.

As the ceremony of the proclamation of the newly founded State of Israel came to a close on the eve of 14 May 1948, with the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra playing the 'Hatikvah', the people of Israel faced the very next morning the first attack

by Egyptian Spitfires bombing Tel Aviv's power station and airport. This event was to be understood as the start of the War of Independence.

Let us remember, as Brother Branham taught us, that every part of the Promised Land has to be fought for, just like Israel had to - and still is fighting for its Land.

As it says in Ephesians 6:10; "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." And verse 12; "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

We may have lost many battles, just like Israel did, but we never have, and never will lose the War!

"Rejoice in the Lord always. And again I say, rejoice!" Phil. 4:4

Brother Renato Zanoli
Cambridge

The Forgotten People

*Six million people crying from the grave
Invisible people crying from the grave
Beautiful people taken from their homes
Oh, scattered people nowhere to go.
And the mothers and fathers and the sons and
daughters, they were carried away in trains
Their bodies are broken and beaten and burned
And their ashes fell down like rain
They were branded with a number and a yellow
Star and paraded around in shame
They called it a crime to be born a Jew and in
The name of God they were slain*

*Blessed people who tried to help while
evil people schemed among themselves
Everyday people who ignored the news,
Oh - indifferent people sitting in the pews
The forgotten people, six million people
The forgotten people, the chosen people, It's time to
wake up from the pleasant sleep.
Time to see our nakedness and begin to weep
The forgotten people, six million people
The forgotten people, the chosen people
Can you hear them calling out again?*

By Ted Pearce

Ministers' Meeting In Vanuatu



The love of the Saints and the lateness of the hour are always huge motivators to getting the work of the Lord done. The very difficult task of getting a large number of brethren to Ambae Island in Vanuatu for a ministers meeting with the complications of getting domestic air tickets and ship tickets synchronized to arrive at a certain date seemed overwhelmingly difficult at times for Bro' Paul Moffitt and Bro' Adrian Gray.

Earlier in the year we had planned to hold these meetings in Vanuatu only having to defer the dates from June to a new time of the 27th of October until the 1st of November. It is easy to look at our modern countries and see the ease that we can transport ourselves around, but in these islands most people are subsistent and have to be helped in most ways to achieve what we take for granted. Their communications are like a politician – you can't rely on it working for you. Then you have customs, and personality differences to contend with and the "do it tomorrow" attitudes. But with the Lord all things are possible.

We held 4 and sometimes 5 meetings per day on a variety of subjects from communion and foot washing right up to the various doctrinal issues that are common to message believers. The Brothers were highly receptive and respectful and we believe there was a real surge of growth in their understanding of the purpose of the end time message. Bro' Paul also had the opportunity to preach at the local

Assemblies of God in the village of Lombanga.

Vanuatu is an archipelago of dozens of islands all within a short flight distance of each other. Though the distances are small, most of these brothers had not met before. As a result of these meetings a real bond of brotherhood was formed that will give them opportunities to minister to each others fellowships.

Our thanks go out to the Saints who prayed for the success of these meetings and to Pastor Pethuel Tamga of Lombanga village on Ambae for hosting us.

After these meetings we flew to Ambrym Island with Pastor Mael Moses who shepherds the fellowship at Endou Village. It is very uplifting to see the brethren there hungering for a more perfect understanding of the Word and putting it into action. It is here that Bro' Renato and Bro' Nahum renovated a building in June that became an accommodation block and pastor's office. Bro' Mael said that from the time he got his own office his understanding of the message escalated because he was able to consecrate himself more fully to the ministry. His shelves are now well stocked with message books and Bro' Justin Lane supplied him with a solar power system for the building's lighting.

Our thanks also go out to the financial contributors who through much sacrifice assisted us in making this time a success.

God bless you all.

*Bro' Adrian Gray
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A Brief History of Santa Claus

by Dean Gichist



I was asked a question the other day. 'As believers of the message what should be our involvement with regards to Christmas and the celebration of Christmas?' I personally feel that it is up to each family and the conviction and circumstances of each family group or individual as to how they celebrate Christmas, so long as it

fits within the boundaries of truth in The Word. One thing is for certain, brother Branham said we must always be honest with our children to tell them the truth that 'Santa Claus' is NOT the hero and focus of Christmas. The gifts we give our children and one another is NOT centered around 'Santa'. Santa Claus is merely a made up figure created out of the imagination of men.

It is The Lord Jesus that is truly the centre and hero of Christmas, and the reason for our giving. Christmas is about God leaving His Throne in glory and humbling Himself to become a little human baby so that He could feel and become a part of His creation in order to redeem his creation. What an incredible expression and gift - the greatest Gift of all - God Himself giving Himself to the world and to each of us personally. As the song says, "What love is this that brought my Savior down, that made Him leave His glorious throne and crown; what love is this, what love is this?"

All around the world people treasure and adore this Christmas icon called Santa Claus, but how much do we really know about this mysterious so called gift-giver? Many regard Santa as nothing more than a children's fairy tale figure, but did you know that he does have some basis in history?

Santa is a character derived from the legendary bishop Saint Nicholas. This is why he is sometimes known by the alias "St. Nick." Although Santa Claus is widely associated with the western world, the bishop's story begins in the 4th century in Myra, which is now the Mediterranean coast of Turkey.

St. Nicholas of Myra was a devout Christian who was known to believers as a miracle worker. There are countless stories about Nicholas performing miracles, saving lives, resurrecting the dead and giving to the needy. Nicholas inherited a large sum of money from his wealthy parents, and he used his fortune to secretly give gifts and money to the less fortunate. After his death, people in his region continued anonymously giving to the poor, and often these gifts were still attributed to St. Nicholas.

In one legend a once-wealthy man lost his fortune and he didn't have enough money to pay his daughters' marriage dowries, and therefore they would not be able to be married. Nicholas heard about the man's plight and provided the three girls with bags of gold to pay the dowries. One version says that he dropped one of the bags down the chimney

to avoid being seen by the father.

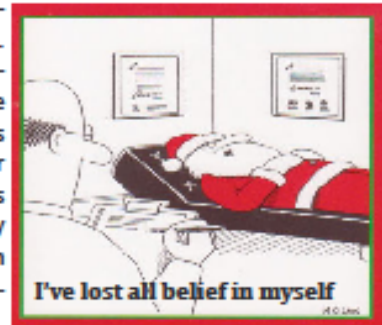
This story was turned into a popular Dutch folk tale, where St. Nicholas was deemed "Sinterklaas." The word was mispronounced by settlers to New York in the 17th century, and so the name "Santa Claus" was born. Westernising Santa was an effort that involved two American writers, a political cartoonist and the world's most popular soft drink. These sources merged to form the Santa we see on greeting cards and in numerous Christmas advertising.

1809- Washington Irving gave the first detailed description of Santa in his book History of New York. Irving depicts him flying above the trees in a horse-drawn wagon and dropping gifts down chimneys. Physically he is a jolly Dutchman in baggy pants and a broad-rimmed hat smoking a long-stemmed pipe.

1823- Clement Clarke Moore wrote the poem A Visit from Saint Nicholas, better known as The Night before Christmas. Moore added an arctic location by replacing Irving's horse with eight reindeer and his carriage with a sleigh. Although Moore created Santa's signature - Ho, Ho, Ho laughs, winks, and nods - his description of Santa is more elf-like than human.

1862- Thomas Nast used Moore's poem to illustrate a more human version of Santa for Harpers Weekly magazine. He gave Santa a home at the North Pole and dressed him in red. Santa still had some elf qualities in this description.

1931- Coke commissioned Haddon Sundblom to illustrate Santa for billboards and advertisements. Sundblom created a portly, grandfatherly figure with human proportions and a ruddy complexion. He used the signature red color of Coke's packaging for Santa's suit. This marketing tactic brought the modern version of Santa into the homes and hearts of Americans, Westerners, and the rest of the world where Christmas is celebrated. Santa Claus is a marketing tool for the corporate business world to make their billions of dollars with; he has virtually nothing to do with Christianity or promoting Christ.



I am so grateful for the light that the message has shone on the Scriptures concerning these things so that we do not have to be in ignorance, and we can walk in the glorious sunshine and bask in the wonderful Gift and warmth of the caring love of our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

I would like to end with this quote from the Prophet, found in 'Gods gifts always find their places' 22-12-1963 "Now, if you'll bow your heads again, I want to wish each one of you a very merry Christmas: May the great Christmas Present, the first one, the original, and the only one there is, Jesus Christ, be afresh in your heart..."

Your brother in Christ

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