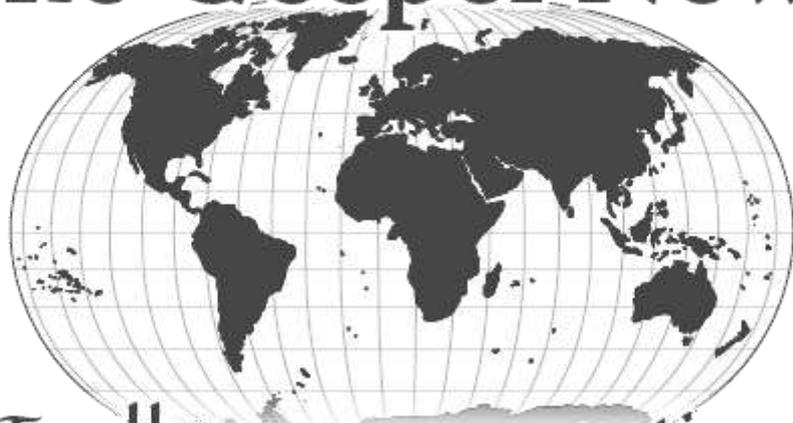


The Gospel News



“To all  nations”



EDITORIAL: Fragile

Despite our preferred impression that we are strong, resolute individuals who think things out for ourselves, act logically, don't follow the crowd... the reality is that we are but human, and there is a strong tendency within human nature to be fickle and follow the crowd. Is. 53:6 describes our sinfulness like this: "We each like sheep have gone astray [sheep go astray because of their visible tendency to follow the flock they are in]; we have turned everyone to his own way". We each sin in our own unique and personal ways; but we do so because we follow the flock. And the context of Isaiah 53 is that the



crucifixion of the Lord was necessary exactly because of this. He was the ultimate strong man psychologically, who ultimately went the Father's way when no other human ever did.

Biblical history is full of examples of people following the crowd and thereby ending up doing sinful things which their better judgment would tell them not to do:

At least two of Joseph's brothers were against throwing him into the pit, and their comments to each other when they later meet him in Egypt suggest that hardly any of them really wanted to do what they did. But the power of groupthink was greater than that of their individual conscience; a whole group ended up doing something unthinkable, when the majority knew it was wrong.

A study of "the princes" of Judah at the time of the final Babylonian invasion shows that they were not against Jeremiah nor of responding to God's word (Jer. 26:16; 36:14,19); indeed at one stage they pulled back from their path of refusing to respond (Jer. 34:10). But "the princes" were the ones whom Zedekiah feared (Jer. 38:25), and that fear led him to reject God's word. And "the princes" were finally condemned for their weakness (Jer. 32:32); it was they who imprisoned and sought to kill Jeremiah because ultimately they could not abide his word (Jer. 37:15; 38:14).

One person can easily lead a whole group, even of believers, into sin. It was specifically Judas who criticized the extravagant anointing of the Lord (Jn. 12:4,5); but all the disciples actually said it (Mt. 26:8; Mk. 14:4).

And so it is that whole groups of people- even God's people- can be very fickle. The history of David's final years shows this. "The people" were totally loyal to David; then to Absalom; then back to David; then to Adonijah and other pretenders to the throne; then back to David. "The crowd" were initially loyal to John the Baptist and then to Jesus- "the world has gone after him", was the Jewish leadership's frustrated comment. But the same crowd who cried "Hosanna!" were screaming "Crucify Him!" just days later. And the same "crowd" were just two months later deeply moved by Peter's preaching, so that the Jewish authorities were again frustrated by the widespread support for the Jesus movement.

Searching our own lives and reflecting upon the lives of those known to us reveals the same tendency- heights of devotion one day compared to miserable failure the next. Those who once sacrificed all for the sake of the Truth- now indifferent, or even atheist or agnostic. People who would die for each other in love and care, cooling off over months and years into apathy. Brethren who once seemed so strong in faith suddenly come out on internet forums admitting they no longer really believe in God nor even desire to be in His Kingdom. Human beings are fickle and psychologically weak and frail. The frailty or weakness of humanity is a major Bible theme; and the weakness in view is not so much physical as moral and mental. We tend to assume better of ourselves and of others. A hard word or email, a rejection... may do deep damage to another person, although that damage may not be immediately apparent. Recognizing the frailty of others will bring us to a sensitivity towards them which requires constant self-control and self- analysis of our words and unspoken messages. And to live sensitively in this increasingly desensitized world is not only very hard, it is part of picking up the cross of our Lord and following Him to the same painful death.

Focus Upon The Cross

The Bible abounds with images of stability. God is presented as a rock, and we are to build our house upon the rock of obedience to His word. We are to have the unwavering faith which is not "like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed" (James 1:6). The image of being blown around is also used in Eph. 4:14: "Henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, carried about with every wind of doctrine [teaching]". There are those who read something on the internet, hear an idea compellingly presented by a teacher somewhere, and they are shaken by it, "carried about of winds" (Jude 12; Heb. 13:9). In those passages, the same Greek word for "carried about" is used; and the only other time Paul uses it is in speaking of how he "always carried about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus" (2 Cor. 4:10). And here we begin to see one antidote for such instability: A conscious, daily commitment to share in something of the crucifixion sufferings of Jesus, in hope and even present experience of His resurrection life breaking forth into our personal experience. We are asked to pick up His cross, to make His death our own. A firm commitment to this will enable us to stand firm against the various `winds' which buffet us- especially in this internet generation, where information which we're unable (if we're honest) to really process assails us from all sides. How does that suggested teaching, that possible way of living and being, square with my solid, once-for-all commitment to follow my Lord to His cross and beyond?

Back To The Bible

The man who built his house on the rock was able to ultimately withstand the winds. But his building was slow, because it was a `hearing of [Christ's] words and doing them' (Lk. 6:47,48). Spiritual progress will be slow- if it is real progress. This is not only a comfort to us, as our self-examination reveals pathetically slow progress. It also inspires us to patience with the slow spiritual progress of our brethren, whose failures and slowness to develop are so much more obvious to us than are our own similar frailties. The Lord's parable opens to us another way of being firm rather than easily swayed- to hear the Lord's words and do them. Daily Bible reading may seem a call from conservative yesteryear; but it is a necessary call. It is a daily familiarity with the basic text of Scripture and a daily, conscious commitment in prayer to follow God's word which will give us stability. When "It was told the house of David, saying, Syria is allied with Ephraim! His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind. Then said the Lord..." (Is. 7:2,3). The antidote to hearts shaking back and forth was to pay serious attention to God's word.

This is the difference which the Bible makes in human life. An acceptance that finally, in that volume, we have the expressed will of God for us, giving us a basis upon which to firmly decide our principles and positions- "For the Bible tells me so". This is a feature of the seed sown on good ground- that is has a "root" (Mt. 13:6). But the interpretation of the sower parable adds the significant detail- that he who withers away "has not root in himself" (Mt. 13:21). Our root is in God's word, and in the things of the crucified Christ, the smitten rock. And yet it is `in ourselves' in the sense that God's word and the things of Christ are deep within us. This, then, is the intention of regular, daily, habitual reading and meditation upon God's word, both as it is in the Bible and as it is in the character and personality of the Lord Jesus, who should likewise be our daily meditation. It is "the root of the trees" which will be judged (Lk. 3:9; Mk. 11:20); it is who we are and what we have deep within us which is so crucial, and which withstands every wind. There is a colossal emptiness within the hearts of so many, an emptiness willingly filled with the meaningless words of popular music, entertainment and a life focused upon the cosmetic rather than the essential. We have so much more to fill our minds with- let us do so. Carry a pocket Bible with you. Dip into it in the course of the day. "Gird up the loins of your mind", Peter says- gather together our thoughts instead of letting them flow and drift everywhere, thus hampering our movement. Focus them upon the Lord Jesus. Have Him as Lord and Master of your heart. Be spiritually minded. And as we inevitably reflect that all this is so much easier read than done- pray that the rock of Israel, and the smitten rock of His Son, shall fill our minds with their spirit, so that really it shall be possible for us.

Establishing The Heart With Grace

The New Testament has a major theme of the believer being `established' by God (1 Cor. 1:8; 2 Cor. 1:21; Col. 2:7). The Greek word implies that we will be made stable, having a foundation that will not be swayed; and God will do this to us if we allow Him to. Heb. 13:9 teaches that we will not be carried or blow about if our heart, our core being, is "established with grace". If we really accept that gift, believing and feeling that in spite of our works we will be saved should Jesus return right now- then nothing will blow us off course. The wonder of that will be our stability, both now and eternally.

--Duncan Heaster

News from Africa

NEWS FROM CAMEROON



(Romans 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28) Our commitment to Jesus, by belief and baptism, means that we can be accepted as adopted

I'm just writing to say hello to you all and inform

"children of God" and so be forgiven our sins by our loving heavenly Father. We are also promised as well on the progress my father is making in a meaningful new life now, and continued life in the promised Kingdom of God when Jesus his search for the truth. I told you once that I had returns. We may need to be raised from the dead first so that we can work with given, him brother Duncan's book on "The Real Devil". Well the outcome is just simply unbelievable,

Jesus in that new age when the world will be filled with justice, peace and joy. for my dad agrees absolutely with what the Bible

(Luke 12:32) teaches about satan. He is also beginning to develop a kind of hatred for the mother church (Babylon) his in the memorial

Catholic Church he so dearly cherished. The truth

The bread is beginning to open his eyes to seeing many things. reminds us to feed, spiritually, upon the life of Jesus.

I have just given him Bible Basics to enhance his

The wine reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus made, knowledge about the other aspects of the gospel of allowing his blood to be shed so that our sins may be the kingdom and the name of Jesus Christ. How I long forgiven. Remembering the Lord Jesus, and trying to that he finally comes to believe and accept the truth as revealed in the Bible. Brethren, please put him in follow his teaching, should help us to witness for him, your prayers as we all eagerly wait to ultimately rejoice in word and in action, until he returns, or until we "fall with the angels in heaven on the day of his baptism. asleep". Then when Jesus does return, we will be

--Bro Cyril Ndze raised from the sleep of death to serve him in that

NEWS FROM CONGO



followers is still open to those who receive the good

Send for a more detailed guide to the Bible

(John 6:39-40)

KANANGA

"The Bible in Brief",

It has been quite a long time since we met for my

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David M. Miles. referred me to Sis. Hemingray, a very friendly person, and we developed subsequently such good Christian rapports. As for me, while in France I could not find a decent paying job . That's why I decided to

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Magenta return to my country of origin (the Democratic Republic of Congo) where I at last found respectable employment, thanks to God, as Provincial Coordinator in a World Bank-funded project, whose main objective is enhancing public accountability, financial management and public service management both the central and provincial levels through the decentralization process. As for my family: my wife and two daughters Anaïs and Maëlle, and we are expecting a little `surprise' in the next few days.

--Bro. Jean-Francois

KINSHASA



Bro Kim's Mukambilwa Talking on Danial 2

We are both fine here in Kinshasa. I would remind you that we need five French Bible Basics and two in English. As I am learning English I would love to get some books or course that will help me to know and pronounce English properly.

Bro Kim's Mukanbilwa, P.O.Box 9953, Kinshasa 1, Dem Rep of Congo.

If any can help our brother with

learning English material, it would be a great help as so much of our literature is in French and so the Ecclesia does not get the benefit of the wide range of the Truths literate in English.

Scenes from a visit by Bro David Smith & team



Kinshasa Ecclesia



Kinshasa Sunday School



The Feast



A Bible Class



The Ecclesia Hall



I am one of the oldest readers of Bible Basic and Gospel News although I do not contribute a lot . I am using the NEV Bible and it is so helpful in our group Bible daily readings. I only borrowed it from a Brother there. We are nine of us in our study group. Is it possible, please to get any number possible to enable our study to be more effective? God the Almighty bless you.

--Bro. Joshua Kisuya

EL DORET

I do beg you all to remain faithfully committed to Christ's principles. Rom.12:2 "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good , and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. See how James 1:14-15 works well with the message. Then John 1:12, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."

We in Kenya need your prayers as we approach the general election in this country at the end of this year.

--Bro. Jacob Okoth

KATITO

Thanks for your concern about my health and I am happy to say that God did me wonders that saw me back to good health. I was suffering from acute bronchitis and typhoid. This chest problem is a complication of the common cold when one is exposed to low temperatures, especially in high altitudes. It results in the chilling of the body giving way to bacterial infection. I was exposed to this cold temperature in Nakuro in late December last year and this prompted me to be exempted from the indoor spraying exercise this year for fear of my getting further infections. No matter how we normally protect ourselves while spraying, I personally do not spray. I do this while training where we use only water without chemicals.

The wars in the Middle East have hit everyone in the world regarding fuel prices. Kenyan forces are in Somalia but homes are totally insecure and prone daily to attacks by insurgents by the name of Al-Shabaab. Surely the uprising in the Arab world is an accomplishment of Isaiah 51:22, but also the chaos in Syria will soon aggravate into intensive fighting among nations resulting in mass killing, and eventually Damascus will be taken away from being a city. Putin has been behind the scenes in many happenings in Syria and Iran and his army will in due course be deposed by Jesus.

I have been working out strategies to enable us to have an ecclesia around Katito. Bro. Nelson Anyal and myself have been longing to see this progress. We request two Bibles for friends that have been engaging with us in our

Bible studies at my home and we request your prayers as this is the only weapon for success.

It is joyful to see baptisms in Cuba and Iran (G.N. vol.24, no 3). So atheists in Florida, U.S.A. have their quench for holy day on April 1st!

I conclude by quoting Isa.25:1 "O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth."

--Bro. Lawrence K'owiti

KITALE

We appreciate the 12 Bibles, although not enough for all members as we need 12 more so that nearly each member has one of their own. The message about Armageddon has made me lift up my head waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to come soon and enable us to enjoy life in God's Kingdom.

We have 13 widows and 20 orphans meeting with us once a month for Bible study and each time we share with them a cup of tea and buy

LURAMBI



Sisters' Class at Lurambi which would be encouraged with more letters from other sisters worldwide. them each a bar of soap. They are happy with our doctrine and we believe that some will join our faith. I know that many have sacrificed themselves to send us books, Bibles, leaflets, used books of our faith, etc. We are happy because these have made us courageous towards the coming Kingdom and peace worldwide.

--Bro. Martin Wafula Barasa

Please send me the materials for youths soon and the 20 copies of the New Testament and if possible we need 36 copies of the full Bible. We are working hard to ensure the true gospel reaches various places, overturning untrue doctrines, and pray that soon we shall have baptisms.

--Bro. Martin Chemiati

We have seen the hand of the Lord through you. Thank you for the Gospel News magazine and the New Testament Bibles which are good messages to me, those in my ecclesia and all Christian members in Kenya. We are receiving a lot of blessings from CAT literature.

--Bro. Anthony Wafula

LUVYA

Warm greetings from your brothers and sisters of the Luvya Ecclesia. We just want to thank those who produce Gospel News, for their great work.

As an Elder I have been instructed to send our sincere thanks to Bro. Philip Lawrence, who is the Welfare Brother, for helping to relieve our suffering in the recent food shortages.

I also wish to thank you for the 12 Bibles, etc. We know that it is costly to send things, and we do appreciate your kindness. I am sending a photo of our Ecclesia at Luvya.

--Bro. Boniface Juma

MAKHONGE

We send our greetings to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus, who is our Master. We write to thank you very much for the book "The Real Devil" and the parcels of Bibles (Old and New Testament). We have managed to distribute them to Brothers and Sisters in our Ecclesia who are happily reading the Word of God. These Bibles are of great importance to us in our Bible study. We also need five more Bibles for our newly baptized brothers and sisters.



Makhonge Ecclesia with their Bibles.

There are some brothers and sisters who have problems with their eyes and who need reading glasses, so we have enclosed their medical details of the types of glasses needed as recommended by the doctor. Also one brother, Hudson Musungu saw some glasses in a shop and feels that size 44 x 22 helps him well. We plead if possible for help with these glasses.

--Bro. David and Sis. Jacklyne Wanjala



Bro. David Wanjala opening the parcels before the Ecclesia.



Makhonge Ecclesia and Sunday School children.

We thank God, whose love endures for ever giving us daily life. I hope you are well as you work for the Lord. Thank you very much for "The Real Devil", Gospel News and for the encouraging letter you sent to me. We have received the Bibles you sent to us with much gratitude. These will surely improve our Bible studies and be very profitable to us as brothers and sisters worldwide. The Gospel News has really been improved with good pictures that indeed preach the gospel. It was unbelievable to see that almost everybody in the ecclesia received and appreciated the Bibles.

In addition to that, sending literature and books has borne more fruit as my wife, Fedeliah, who has been preparing for baptism, was baptized in April. She is therefore one of us on the journey to the Kingdom and is indeed glad for the guide on preparing for baptism which you sent to Bro. David. We wait for our Lord Jesus to return to the earth and hope to meet you there.

--Bro. Jacob and Sis. Fedeliah Waliaula



Bro. Jacob and Sis. Fedeliah Waliaula with Wendy in the middle and Job held by his mother.

NAITIRI

In Kenya we are expecting elections. These will be for the first new leaders in the new constitution of course, not the constitution of our God of the Bible. We are not sure who should be elect for we have no trust in these people who are campaigning and we do not know what may be their hidden agenda.

This has drawn my attention and I have seen why, as Christadelphians, we do not participate in elections. What is obvious is that these people are after power, status, allowances, big salaries and big names. Once they get these, they forget the people who elected them. As per now, they are promising Kenyans heaven improved infrastructure to the highest dynamic level and to fight poverty and diseases which is the co-problem here in Kenya. Once they get into power, they never live up to their promises. The most frightening thing is that our leaders always use force before and after elections which always tends to spill blood of innocent people. This has taken place at each general election.

We do pray for our Lord Jesus to guide us in our way of life. Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace and we, as Christians, are looking forward to good things to come, the best of the best, in the Kingdom of God. As long as we believe in our Lord Jesus Christ the Bible says that God will be on our side. All that we desire in our lives, is that we shall get into the Kingdom. In Isa.54:10 we read, "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my lovingkindness shall not depart from you. Neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, says Yahweh who has mercy on you."

Let us cast our burdens on Christ and fill our hearts with godly things for this world is not our home. Even those who live in palaces, those who drive limousines or those who possess the greatest wealth in this world crumble into dust. We know that we are waiting for our home in the Kingdom of God. We read in Rev.21:4, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things have passed away."

Here in Kenya, every week, we hear over the media that the terrorists called Al-Shabaab from Somalia have thrown a grenade either at a bus-stop, in a supermarket, in hotels, in a police station, in a crowded place. But the worst thing happened when they threw it at the congregation at the church on Sunday where people were worshipping God. This has caused tension and fright. Now on passenger vehicles people are afraid of those they sit with. This has gone beyond boundaries and if God does not intervene no man can manage it. That is why we must have faith in God for the good things to follow and peace as we read in Psalms 29:11. "The Lord will give strength unto his people: the Lord will bless his people with peace."

This shows that there is nowhere else we can get eternal peace, only from God Himself. In this country and Africa as a whole there is no tranquillity. How I pray that all political leaders, not only in Kenya but in Africa and the world would, emulate the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was not after fame, he was not after earthly possessions, neither was He after pride. This makes Him to be the best, greatest, and finest person ever to have been in this world. As we always say, Jesus Christ is our elder brother and we should follow in his footsteps.

All Christians, not only politicians, should try to follow the example of our Lord. Let us have faith in these wonderful things and wait patiently of our Lord to come.

--Bro. Nasongo Haron

Thank you for the Christian books you sent to us through Bro. Haron Nasongo; indeed they have made me improve very much my spiritual life. I kindly request you to send me more such books for further growth in my spiritual life. I also thank you for the spread of the gospel throughout the world through these books. I pray that God may continue using you to spread the gospel in various ways.

--Bro. Paul Muyira

NDALU

Thank you so much for the Bibles with commentary and Bible Basics distributed to Ndalua Ecclesia. May God bless the brother who did the translation into modern English, which has helped a great deal the brothers and sisters taking English as their second language. The Bibles are in great demand but Ndalua need six further copies as we now have fifteen more friends studying for baptism, including five very old ladies aged seventy years. The reduced version of Bible Basics at the end of the Bible gives a short and fuller explanation of some important verses.

--Bro. Johnstone Kaliwanga

NDHIWA

I am looking for the day when the God of heaven will set up a Kingdom that shall break in pieces and consume those that call themselves Christians without examining the Scriptures daily. (Acts 17:10) Let us be keepers of our brother's house, share all that is brought into the house of God equally and fairly without favouritism, sectionalism or tribalism. But let us grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To whom be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

--Bro. Ukiru Jacktone

SINDO

I want to talk about God's special gift. God has given us a very special gift, but this is hidden to us because as human beings our minds are deceived and we see as if God does not exist. Psalms.14 and 53 say "A fool says in his heart that there is no God."

I accept that God's spirit, power and invisible energy provides us with real life. We are related to our Creator through His spirit of life and if He decides to take it away, we stop existing. The Bible says that God alone has the power to create and destroy. Our life is in the hands of God, we have nothing of our own to be proud of. Eccl.12:13,14. God has created us with a purpose, to fear Him, to listen to His commandments; whatever good or bad we do is written in our book of life.

If we fail to listen and obey His voice we are punished. Only through His beloved Son, Jesus of Nazareth, we have the gift of eternal life, Rom.6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but God's free gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."` The God of the Bible does not lie. Tit.1:2 and Num.23:19 "God is not man, that he should lie or the son of man, that he should change his mind: has he said and will not do it? or has he spoken and will he not fulfil it"? The Bible says God has a plan for us to live for ever, if we truly know God and Jesus Christ - read John 17:3.

John Owalo Onani, God's servant, believes that what God has promised must be fulfilled. He believes that we are promised salvation. If we do the will of God like our Saviour Jesus of Nazareth we shall be given eternal life.

--Bro. John Owalo Onani

SUNA MIGORI

There is still a demand for more Bibles by ecclesial members which comprise 10 brothers and 10 sisters. I know it is expensive and I am praying that God will provide funds and means so that the gospel reaches all corners of the globe before the glorious day of the appearance of our Master and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

There is much rainfall in Kenya and the water is now doing more harm than good. All the rivers are overflowing and many have lost homes and loved ones. We attribute all to the one living God. With much love and looking forward to more enlightenment through "Signs of the Times" and any other literature at your disposal.

--Bro. Joseph Onyango

**BOLERO**

Ever loving greetings in the Wonderful Hope of Israel. Thank you a million times for the whole Bibles. May the Creator bless the hands that give! There is a simple rule of conduct taught in nearly every Christian school. When in doubt, always ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" It works with five year-olds and with University professors. Prime Ministers and Presidents have been known to go by it. But it would never have been so popular but for one thing: Jesus Christ is a real person to those who know the Gospels and he is a person who really does meet every human need.

--Bro. Luke Chawinga



Brethren at Bolero waiting to receive their Bibles

CHIRINGA PHALOMBE

I am happy to announce that in June we baptized six Brothers and Sisters here at Phalombe, Manyamba Ecclesia, and we now have 36 Brothers and Sisters who are baptized .

I was very glad you sent me the Holy Bible and Bible Basics, with Gospel News magazine. As you now know, we have other new members who wish to have three Bibles and three Chichewa Bibles.

--Bro. Kennedy Ndaweza

DZALEKA



The Ecclesia at the Dzaleka Refugee Camp near Lilongwe where there have recently been a number of baptisms. Whilst Bibles and some books have been supplied in English and CHECHEWA, they are in need of many more.

KASUNGU

My warmest greetings in our wonderful hope in Christ. I really thank you for the Holy Bible, New European version with commentary. May the Almighty God bless this work. We are all fishers of men as Matt.4:19, "Jesus said unto them, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The signs of the times are always stimulating. I appreciate in whatsoever you provide me which makes me strong. Psalm 17:5 says, "Uphold my steps in your paths, that my footsteps may not slip."

If possible, others with whom we share to good news with would also like to have those "New European Version" Bible.

Thanks a lot for the pamphlet you sent to me concerning news from around the world and how it links with the Bible. This really shows that each of us around the world has our own difficulties and we face our own challenges, but whatever these are we can approach this feast with confidence, believing that our Father is faithful and will fulfil all those things which He has promised and through our Lord Jesus Christ, under any circumstances, He will continue to care for us. As Romans 8:18 says, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." So let us remain faithful to Him, that by grace He will welcome us into this rest.

--Sis. Bertha Khonje



Sister Bertha at home

Our currency has been devalued by 49%. With this devaluation the Postal Box fees have been raised from MK7,000 to MK20,000. This is too much for me to afford. Closing this box means closing all communications with brethren and sisters all over the world. The more I read Gospel News, the more I communicate with people. We are now experiencing a tough life as prices of all commodities have gone up with no salary increment.

The world is now favouring those who voted. Subsidy fertilisers are purchased by those who have voting cards. No voting card, no subsidy fertilisers. No one can cheat to have a voting card of his or her friend because there is a photograph, photo size on the voting registration card. Subsidy fertiliser is still at MK500, while at the counter it is at MK12,000 (the current price).

--Bro. *Harmony Ntchalachala*

MZUZU

Many thanks for a mailbag of books with the Chichewa edition of Bible Basics this will really help us in our preaching campaign. Here many women would prefer Chichewa books to English ones.

Again thank you for the recent Gospel News. We learn more from Gospel News, especially activities that take place in different ecclesias worldwide. We become very much motivated by that.

Jesus asked a question of the twelve disciples "Will you also go away?" As usual, on behalf of them all, Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. And we have believed and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69). What made some of his disciples go away? They were offended by what Jesus had said, that they eat his flesh and drink his blood. Did they hear him right? No, if they had heard him right, they wouldn't have gone away.

However, the twelve understood Jesus well and so they remained with him. We know this by the answer that Simon Peter gave: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Even Jesus made himself very clear: "It is the Spirit that gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and are life." Other disciples went away because they failed to grasp the meaning of Jesus' words, 'Eat my flesh and drink my blood.'

--Bro. Sylvester Tembo

NENO

I will shortly be in very close to Mozambique so Bible Basics in Portuguese will be needed for distribution; the first five were distributed I will be telling you how everything is going on along the border of course. There are other people of our faith there who I will meet.

--Bro. Amison Liwawa

NKHOTAKOTA

I write to inform you that the Christadelphian Ecclesia here in Nkhotakota, Malawi, is growing tremendously and transforming lives of many believers who have strongly believed in our teachings, so the hand of God is upon us. But the brothers have faced challenges because of following our faith.

As the Ecclesia is growing I as a leader (brother) have come across various hardships faced by our brothers and sisters in Christ. The brothers and sisters who have joined our church from other churches have been hit by different emotional stress which in turn would affect their spiritual health later on the health of the church. The brothers and sisters were under bursary support in their churches as well farm inputs which were given to them.

--Bro. Leonard Chaunga

SALIMA

I am very thankful for the tireless work you do in bringing the Truth to the multitudes of the world through many ways, one of which is by writing and printing scriptural pamphlets and books, Bible Basics being the most widely circulated. As I wrote a month ago, I received two cartons of recently published "Mfundo Zoonadi Zenizeni Za Bukhu Lopatulika" which is a translation of Bible Basics into Chichewa. Thank you very much and may the good Lord bless you for the wonderful saving work you are doing.

--Bro. George Mayimba

SALIMA

A few years ago it was possible for C.A.T. to buy a few baby goats for some brethren. Looking back, a few made a success of this project, for others it did not work out so well. The picture

shows Bro. Austin Nyirenda's goats which have provided him with milk, meat and manure for his garden as well as eating garbage. At the present C.A.T. is no longer financing this project.



Bro. Austin Nyirenda's goats

ZOMBA

Thanks a lot for providing us with the magazine, Bible Basics, the New Testaments NEV, The Real Christ, The Real Devil and now the complete English language NEV Bible.

"The Real Devil" is a really helpful book which starts from the history of the idea of Satan. It made me understand the satan in the book of Job and I have now come to the conclusion that the satan in this book were the friends of Job. Also according to Job 42:7-10, after Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite were forgiven by Job and did what Yahweh told them to do was the time that Yahweh gave Job twice as much as he had before.

I have started my preaching program alright. Today I was at New Gift Private School where all went well. I started with Noah and the Ark to compare it with the days in which we are living. I want to inform you that due to the devaluation of kwacha by 49% means that I can get a good Bike at 30Kw.

--Bro. Samson Banda

NEWS FROM MALI



Despite all political disturbances here we are progressing and we have a meeting place and people attending. We thank God for all His blessing and for our survival despite hiked food prices.

--Bro. Luc

MAURITIUS

POSTE-DE-FLACQ

For a long time I have not been able to write to you due to my eyesight. My left eye, with a cataract, has been operated on with success, by the grace of the Lord. My right eye has a severe tension, so that I cannot see anything. For more than two years I have not been able to read my Bible, even with large print.

Now, by the blessing of the Lord, I can read and write with special spectacles prescribed by my doctor, who followed my treatment for about five years. My operation, which was free, was done at the Government eye hospital; we have only one eye hospital, and four General hospitals in Mauritius. Also there are several health dispensaries I have had good treatment. All the nurses have been very kind to me and I have had good care. I can now see, and I pray the Lord will bless them for their kindness, and I thank Him for allowing me this treatment and for being with me. I must each day put drops into my eyes. This treatment is expensive, and sometimes I cannot buy all the medicine. I have two kinds of drops to use and a vitamin 'eye cup' to drink three times each week. I pray the Lord each day that I may see more.

In Mauritius the prophecy of 2 Timothy 3:1- 5 is accomplished each day; because there are many crimes, much violence, drugs, and robbery increases in a population of 1 million and 300 persons. Mauritius was a paradise 30 years ago, but more and more of its people become cruel and dangerous.

I am sending you my photo: with one eye I have tried to write something by the blessing of the Lord. I hope you will be happy to receive my news. Receive my love in Christ, and my blessing for your spiritual work, which is very much appreciated.

--Bro. Guy Thureea

NEWS FROM NIGERIA



ABA

Just returned from Odochala where four were baptized 4 making it 11 baptisms so far there. I was glad to work on translating The Real Devil to Igbo.

--Bro. Peter Ojike

ABA

Prices of things are going higher and higher nowadays. About five years back I was paying below two thousand five hundred naira for my Post Box, but about three years ago it was three thousand five hundred naira, including a penalty for late payment. But this year it is five thousand five hundred naira, including ten percent surcharge. So before the end of the year I will relinquish the box and use that amount for other things, for that sum could buy me two bags of cement. Before then I must find where I can receive my letters.

People's conditions are getting worse daily. The poor are getting poorer, while the rich become richer daily. This is the condition in Nigeria, especially in my own State. May God's 'will be done in earth' by sending His beloved Son, who gave His life to redeem us from our sins.

--Bro. James Ogbah

AKURE

We greet you all in the Lord and appreciate all you are doing in the Lord's Service. We are very much in touch with you and are always praying for more fruitful rewards. With time by God's grace, we shall be sending our contributions. We are being refreshed and enlightened the more by these mails, surprising to note that many people from the Arab World are being baptized into

Christ, may God's holy Name be praised for ever. We should like to have copies of the NEV Bible that are being circulated presently as this will enhance our efforts at dispensing the truth to people out there. May God continue to bless this work.

--Sis. Abigail George

BENIN CITY

We are through with our services now. Last sunday it was the lessons of the flood; today we did hymn practice as it is, of course the last sunday of the month, which we use to practice our hymns for us to sing wonderfully to the Lord.

"Who dare stands idle on the harvest plain, while all around him waves the golden grain?" are lines in a famous hymn which we have in our hymn books. Already 2012 is nearly done and past, and we are so much nearer to the blessed second advent of the Lord. I am so, so happy and grateful for your help in providing me with literatures and other gospel materials as it has made study much, much easier and I say it's a real mind opener, may God bless and continue to help you for your tireless effort you have put in to make sure that the ecclesia of Christ grow with proper understanding of the gospel. Benin ecclesia always praise and thank you for the work which you have been doing for us.

--Bro. Diamond Chikwado



Bro. Diamond Chikwado

CROSS RIVER STATE

I am pleased to tell you that two big parcels with Bibles, Bible Basics and other books, the Gospel News reached me, and I sent you a reply. CAT, you have been a great help to my life in the Truth for many years, and I don't wish to miss your books.

--Bro. Igani Eteng

IBADAN

I write to express my appreciation to you for all the continued support with the helpful Christadelphian periodicals that you graciously send to me. Being in isolation, I found all the articles very helpful and encouraging. May the Lord bless you all. Kindly keep sending the periodicals with old or used books/ past issues of magazines-whenver you can.

--Bro. Timothy

MBASE

Mbase Ecclesia was very happy to have newly baptized members and welcomed them into the household of Faith: they are Bro. Chukwuma Ejike, Sis. Miriam Ejike, and Sis. Glory Effiong. We also welcomed our Bro. in Christ, Bro. Dr. Effiong. May God bless them all as they journey towards the Kingdom.

By God's grace, before the end of this year we will be baptizing more members, and we also expect to have a Bible Campaign, with gospel preaching from house to house, in offices and a market to let others know that our Ecclesia is around the corner, proclaiming the Gospel message of God's truth.

--Bro. Blessing Nwigwe

OBORO

I have received all your letters, together with the complete Bible. We were thankful to hear about your family, may the Almighty God provide and keep them safe.

In my letter I promised you a copy of my photograph taken when I was 80, and here you see it. I thanked God that He has allowed my days up to date, and therefore I pray you to follow in asking Him for more years ahead.

I hereby request ten copies of complete Bibles for members and for two friends who are about to be baptized, as they have no Bible with footnotes. These are super Bibles!

--Bro. Friday Enyiogu

The Oboro Ecclesia

OHAFIA

Thank you so much for your letter and leaflet that you sent me: they will help me during my witness of house-to-house outreach. We are surrounded by Africaner Christians (Christendom), so I really need your help so that I can face them always and bring them to the Truth. Please, I need literature and Bibles.

One of them, a pastor, asked me why we do not set aside a day for prayer, but this pastor has now agreed that we hold and teach the Truth, after studying the Bible Basics book that I gave

him. Another friend asked me why we don't use instruments of music and dance in our worship, and I rightly handled that.

By God's grace we are trying to convince some of them: we are sowing the seed, but only God can make it grow. So kindly continue to support our work here and send us materials for the goal ahead. Some of the people we meet don't even have a Bible, so can't read it, but only believe whatever their pastor says. Please kindly send us more copies of Bibles with both testaments.

We are certainly living in momentous times what we see and hear really show us that the Lord our Master will soon be here.

--Bro. Uka Egbu



NEWS FROM TANZANIA



KIDATU

It's My Choice

I am in my 17th year in a Christadelphian family. My dad, mum, two brothers and two sisters are all in the Hope of Israel. I started with Sunday School at the age of five years. I learned to say my prayers for everything: before eating, at bedtime and in the morning. So no doubt this made me choose the very correct and true faith.

My life changed last year when Bro. Michael Owen from the UK visited our Ecclesia. He wanted to hear from me how much my choice was: almost two hours passed and the brother said to me, he was happy with the answers I gave. So from that time I was waiting for my new birth. My message to all Brethren

worldwide is `Where are we heading?' Our Heavenly Father has chosen us to walk towards His Kingdom, so our destination is in no doubt. We have assurance and a guidebook better than any in the world can offer us. How does this make us feel? We are not tourists this is the walk of a lifetime. When Israel left Egypt they could have made a journey similar to Abram's, but it took them forty years to arrive. We know that we, just like them, will find difficulties on the road, and

at times we long to see sight of our destination, but we hope that, unlike them, we will learn the appropriate lessons as soon as we are tested.

Wherefore, lift up the hands which hang down and strengthen the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord' (Heb.12:12-14).

I am a Secondary School student, 3rd year, and I need your prayers, letters from young girls and boys in Christ, in order to encourage each other, if Jesus remains away. God bless you ALL.

--Sister Shikalile

MBEYA

I would like to take this opportunity to report the falling asleep in Christ of our dear beloved and lovely sister Matilda Ngoroke of the Central ecclesia in Mbeya .

May the Lord strengthen every one who knows her and working capability to serve the Lord the Most High. She was a very hard working Sister in our missionary trips. We made many trips with her and she was an example to many who travelled with her. Please find her picture attached. We made a missionary trip together with brother Carl and sister Danielle Hinton from the U.k last April and three other local brothers from Tanzania in Morogoro area. and Sister Matilda was also part of the trip. and this was her last trip with us. You see her sitting next to brother Burtton Manasse the oldest brother in our group. We expect to see her soon in the kingdom of God to come soon here on the earth.



NEWS FROM UGANDA



BUSIA

Bro. John Mathias, our Linkman, gave me a book called 'How to Grow a Balanced Diet,' which I think many other people will be using, as these books can change the lives of those who are living in the poor areas of the country.

Since our Ecclesia was formed we have experienced a very hard situation when a brother went away with the Ecclesia's books. I wish to request replacement books like 'Teach Yourself the Bible', 'Wrested Scriptures' by Bro. R. Abel, leaflets, Bibles and Sunday School material etc.

I was baptized on 25th Jan. 2007, in the Name of Jesus Christ, (Rom.10:9-11; John 3:16- 17), by Bro. W. Fredrick, Peter and Godfrey Egussa of Butcho and Sumim respectively. I am now the Secretary for the Svaule Ecclesia, and the Lord has off-loaded my burdens.

--Bro. Mangeni Rogers

NEWS FROM ZAMBIA



CHINSALI

Our Bro. Isaiah Chimfuwembe Mumba of Mandona Ecclesia, Chinsali, fell asleep in the Lord on 26th March 2012 following a stroke and being rushed to Chinsali District Hospital for medication. He was baptised in 2000 by Bro. Paul Genders at Mandona Ecclesia. He was laid to rest on 29th March having served his Master for 12 years and now awaits the call to the resurrection. Our sympathies are extended to his big family. "Blessed are those who wash their robes so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates."

I have been elected as a current treasurer so please do not use Bro. Mumba's name and address on the posted materials but use my name and address. You will get more information from the ecclesial secretary, Bro. Charles Kangwa. My love and lots of appreciation for the work CAT are doing in the Master's Name.

--Bro. Edwin Mfula

I hope this letter finds you well. Here the weather is very unfriendly at night and we have to burn charcoal to keep the rooms warm, but healthwise I am fine. I have had a lot of commitments with my family as it is our time of harvest and we labour the whole day and rest very little in the evening.

Thank you very much for the NEV Bible I received and the newly printed Bible Basics. Please do continue sending me more books about the Lord's coming. I shall be pleased to receive any book that leads me to salvation. I don't know if you have two more NEV Bibles for a brother and one student and if you still have some spectacles, lens + 3.50 and + 2.50 for our aged brothers who cannot read very well without them, we would be very grateful.

--Bro. Charles Kangwa

Thank you for Gospel News, where we can read articles from different brothers and sisters from Ecclesias all over the world.

The economic situation has caused an increase in food prices, which is causing a lot of pain to common people in Zambia. We pray for Jesus' return to establish His everlasting Kingdom.

I have received Bible Basics and the Bibles in European Version, with commentaries. These books are helping my spiritual growth in Christ Jesus, and this is helping me to teach other fellow students.

--Bro. Edward Mutale Choro

KABOMPO

The number in my isolation group is growing and we lack materials. Because I have a Bible Class at Katendwa now the only problem I have is that we need more Bibles. I thank you with genuine anticipation. May the Lord continue blessing His work and please pray for me.

--Bro. Goodson Kafuna

KABWE

We have enjoyed a most uplifting fraternal, they sang many hymns before the opening prayer by Bro David Kaluba. The readings Deut 22 and Song of Solomon 2 by Bros Brian and Martin. Humanity centres on caring and helping one another. Marriage violations are common because people are promiscuous. Our morals are corrupted due to leniency of the law. A case of rape is that of one who attacks and murders his neighbour. Bros Greenwell and Austin presented 'What's worship. Why and how do we worship?' and 'Seven sayings of Christ on the cross' in the 15mins scriptural presentations. Love one another, as Jesus loved us by dying for our sins. Therefore, love and worship God willingly. Despite not being accepted by many, those who witnessed Jesus' death testified he is the Son of God. Overcome whatever temptations.

--Bro Lapulani Malata

At Kabwe ecclesia we are really thankful for the Gospel News which you have continued to send to us, knowing that you have a very big God- given task in doing so. It is also our hope that we shall constructively contribute to the magazine. Please continue putting in every effort for the continued production. The magazine is very encouraging as we get news from other parts of the world which gives us a sense of belonging.

Recently we learnt that you have sent a new version of Wrested Scriptures. It is our hope that this will help us in our Outreach in the wake of false doctrines being taught ceaselessly on radio and television, making many believe these false teachings which are not Bible based. Please do send us any other literature which might help us understand the Scriptures better. May Yahweh Elohim be always willing to make our work a success.

--Bro. Martin Mwape, Secretary and Bro. Sydney Kunda, Treasurer

KAFUE

I was delighted to have your letter and the enclosures. The times in which we live are so difficult to cope with without making a mistake.

The Bible assures us that ultimately all the world will know that He is the Lord (Ez.38:22- 23). That time could be very soon as we think of the wars, calamities and disasters all over the world which herald the return of Jesus.

--Bro. Wilfred Chibomba

KAPIRI MPOSHI

Greetings in the Name of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for sending me gospel books, all of them are an eye-opener to the Word of God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, adding value to salvation. I have really come to understand the Holy Bible New European

version with commentary and Bible Reading Companion. It is really very easy and simple to understand to us since English is our second language. "The Real Devil" is another wonderful book. Being surrounded by so many churches so to speak, it is made easy because I have a small English dictionary that I always refer to in case I am not familiar with any word. Please never give up doing this noble task, as this is the only way we can always be in touch with each other.

At the age of 63 years, although I am an asthmatic and at times develop high blood pressure, CBM. bought me a new bicycle to enable me to meet my brothers and sisters for the emblems once a month. It is 28kms away, meaning 56kms return. The only ones who cannot make it are Sister

Murangala and children when we do not have money for transport. I am praying hopefully, somehow, somewhere I will get the money to purchase a motorbike for easy movement.

--Bro. Austen Mwaka

LIVINGSTONE

We thank you very much for the interesting notes and literature which we received safely. The ecclesia is very happy and enjoying the New Testament Bibles and we are very grateful to you and God for them.

I enclose my photo standing on a rock heart of Maramba River which connects into the Victoria Falls. The river has plenty of fish and sometimes I go fishing there.

We are very sorry to report that Bro. Kenneth Mwenda fell asleep in the Lord a few months after his baptism and now awaits the day of resurrection. May the Lord continue to bless and care for you until Christ's return.

--Bro. Caphes Sikanyika



Bro. Caphes Sikanyika standing on a rock in the midst of the river.

LUSAKA

I am very grateful for the endless support you have offered since the very day we knew each other. I appreciate it so very much and may God bless you today and always.

For the past two years I have been working as a watchman to raise money to enable me to go to a college, but it did not work out accordingly. However, I never hold my hands back and I then went to Mazabuka where I did Information Technology (I.T.) in computer short courses for two months and enclose the certificate I obtained. I would love somehow to advance to diploma level so that I can get a better job and contribute to my ecclesia and help my fellow youths to have knowledge in computers.

--Bro. Stephen Siamabi

MAZABUKA

Let us focus our attention on Israel and the Middle East. The land of Israel and their neighbours will be the beginning of the last troubles. It is our duty of course to warn people of what is coming into the world. We all know that the world is a bad place to live in because of so many horrible people who live in it. That is why we all long for Jesus' return. But before this happens there will be this destructive war with billions of people dying.

Before it is too late, let us stress how important it is to believe in Jesus and to be baptised in order to escape the terror that is awaiting the world. In my imperfect mind I often wonder why we have to wait so long. On Easter Day last month I prayed to Our Heavenly Father and asked why He delays His Son's return and then I realised that the Kingdom will come about the moment Israel turns to God. I must say that this all makes sense. Israel as a nation has not yet

turned to God. As we know, Jews do not want to listen to Gentiles. This is why we have to wait for God alone to bring about the Kingdom.

While the Lord remains away let us encourage one another that God is the answer to world problems. I also look forward to this with a longing heart.

Although I think I do all I can, I am not sure if I do enough to spread the glad tidings to the people around me, to tell them about the Lord Jesus, the Saviour of this world and mankind, though the most important thing for us to do now is to remain faithful in the Lord. I wish you the Lord's blessings in all that you do, with enduring love in the Lord.

I am delighted you passed on the names of those wanting to do the correspondence course to Josie and Andrew Walker. I am sure they will soon respond as they are in charge of correspondence in Zambia. Thanks for all the signs of the times papers enclosed and a copy of Gospel News. It is always uplifting to hear of how others are doing in the truth.

Do not fear for the future. God cares for us because we love him. I know that in capitalist societies people don't want to listen and to know the Word of God, unlike in Africa. It is a different story here, people are always willing to listen to the Word of God. Keep on teaching and educating us!

--Bro. Gideon Hankomone.

MUFULIRA

Thank you for sending us books and also those for the school going children. We have received Bible views on the news published by the Gospel Publicity League, Present Day Events and many more. We



Mufulira Ecclesia Right: Sis. Loveness; Br. Musanda.M, Sis. Catherine (4th from right). Sis. Jane (6th from right) centre followed by Sis. Theresa.D; Sis. Stacy. M. Left: Sis.Grace.C; Bro. Kasongo (4th) followed by Bro. Jack.K plus Youths and Sunday School children



Bro. Gideon Hankomone. are still thinking and working out our future life so please may you help us with good books which may go on to help us prepare talks on the creation.

--Bro. Charles Daka

NDOLA

The readings of three books. Esther, Amos and Titus. In the book of Esther we have seen her good deeds led to the arrest of two of the King's officers who conspired to assassinate the King, see Esther 2:19-23.

In the book of Amos This is the shepherd - the type of Jesus? We see this prophecy against Israel and it came to pass for not doing what was good.

The book of Titus makes this very clear. Read Titus v.1,2 compare with Romans 13:1, 1 Pet. 2:13- 14, 2 Tim.2:21-26, Titus 2:14

Why the need to do good? See Titus 2:7. In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity Compare with the following books - Rom.3:24, Rom.8:17, Rom.8:24, Matt.25:46

Hence we must avoid: Read Titus 2:9 "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters and to please them well in all things, not answering again." Compare with - 2 Tim.2:16, 2 Tim.2:14, Titus 1:10-16. Check over for ourselves, see v.3-6.

May the Lord be with you all as we await the coming of our Lord and Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, as we journey in this evil world. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

--Bro. Harris Mulongesha

NDOLA

We are delighted to have received 17 Bibles which will be of help in the preaching of the gospel of our Lord.

Further, I and 8 students who have started the Bible Course at Peter Singogo Prison are praising God for this opportunity to learn and know God's purpose and love for mankind.

God is blessing me and I have received an offer of admission in the School of Law and Welfare to study Bachelor of Social

Work. Praise be to God, for this programme will enable me to pursue my vision

"To work for underprivileged in prison, orphanage widowers and street kids, through provision of access to justice and promotion of human rights, effectually and efficiently contributing to the gap that exists to the underprivileged, and calls for their needs."

Meanwhile I have applied to the Prison Counselling and Care Association for the Scholarship. It is my prayer that God will answer, for God does not fail and what he has opened no man can shut. Moreover I managed to pay for the first semester myself and I believe God will offer a way out to my sponsorship. I am glad I receive the world Gospel News which should be sent to the address I have given.

--Bruno Tembo

NEWS FROM ZIMBABWE



CHIPINGE

On 25th April 2012 four brothers and seven sisters attended the burial of our Brother Patrick Mandivinga, which was attended by over 150 people. Bro Nondo gave an opening prayer and Bro. Moses gave a brief talk on Bro. Patrick's life in the Truth, followed by what he believed, (Christadelphian beliefs). After that he talked about the origin of death and went on to say that death is not from Satan, as most of the people believed, but is from God. We read the following verses from 1 Sam.2:6-8, "The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up. The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes and to make them inherit the throne of glory." Deut.32:39: "See now that I, even I, am he and there is no god (power) with me: I kill, and I make alive: I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand."

He went on and said that our brother is asleep waiting for the coming of the Lord, then read

1 Thess.4:13-18. Bro. Isa gave a closing prayer and after a short break we started by singing 2 hymns, one from the Shona hymn book then another from the Swahili hymn book and Moses introduced Bro. Pascal who gave an explanation of death and resurrection as well as encouraging mourners, basing his talk on 1 Cor.15:12-28.

--Bro. Moses Dhlakama

Bro. Patrick Mandivinga

GURUVE

Just to let you know that the front cover picture for the March-May 2012 Gospel News was not actually for the Kenyan ecclesia as stated, but for our ecclesia at Guruve.

The two writers of 2 Timothy 3:1-5 and Matthew 24:4-8 are informing the entire world about the events that will take place before Jesus comes. As to what we can see at the present time, for example, here in Zimbabwe where the U.S. dollar is being used as the local currency, indeed you really see that 99% of the population are vying for the dollar, not for the Word of GOD.

The desires and thoughts of many people are on this dollar because they want to achieve their plans before the dollar returns to the

U.S.A. The rich people especially want to be so much wealthier so that they can achieve their goals; forgetting that there is GOD the CREATOR who is above all and also forgetting that these earthly riches are nothing in front of GOD. What surprises most is that those who are very poor and have no particular assets are the ones who are very busy on the work of God.



Droughts, earthquakes, wars (nation against nation) and food shortages, all these mostly affect the poor people because when these take place the rich people are on the safe side because they can go to a safe and better place, but the poor have nowhere to go and at the end of the day are the worst affected.

Even though these have to take place before the Saviour Jesus comes to rescue the poor people he had better come today because we are tired of this HARD LIFE, we cannot cope with the PRESENT SITUATION. It is like driving a vehicle on a dust-road during the night while it is raining heavily and no moon light. See what type of driving it is? So that is why Timothy and Matthew said that there would be hardships during this present time. Therefore the rich are poor in the spirit and the poor are rich in the faith.

--Bro. Nice Yotamu

HARARE

It is very good to know that we are keeping up our hopes and expectations of the coming of the Saviour. I would like to thank you very much for your latest copy of the Gospel News magazine. Since receiving this copy I am now unable to receive others because the Post Office box I have been using was closed because of non-payment of box fees. At present I am unable to pay this monthly fee mainly because I am out of work and also the help I used to get from CBM. is not forthcoming due to their financial problems.

In case of a reply I would advise you to use the P.O. Box Causeway, used mainly by the Harare CBM. I am not a key holder to this box but as I try to settle the matter of my Hatfield P.O. box you can send me the magazines through this address.

Things are changing each and every time, affecting all of us. Probably the preparations we make are not enough because we are only human. We therefore leave much to the Lord whom we know can help us solve our problems.

--Bro. Alexio Kajowe

Thanks for the magazines that you have been sending myself and Benjamin Makuti. God bless you. If you have any other material that you think may help us grow in spirit please do send me. I will be so grateful.

By the grace of God everything is going on well with me and my family. Brother I do not seem to recall which of the two copies I have. I will be grateful if you send me both copies of Bible Basics and The Real Christ. I am always thirsty for the word of GOD and would want to continue reading and living the word.

--Bro Robson Maradzika

MASVINGO

I thank you very much for updating me with the Gospel News magazine. We also thank C.A.T. for the work being done printing books like "The Real Devil" and "The Real Christ". These books personify the real devil and the real Christ. Even the New Testament "New European Version" was a great work done, easy to read and easy to find the references.

We are requesting 12 NEV Bibles for sisters and brothers and even need some for students and the Sunday School learners. Despite financial difficulties, I will be going to Chipinge District Ecclesia this month to conduct some interviews with the help of Bre. Robson Sithole and Moses Dhlakama. May the Lord help us in the work before the return of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and the Redeemer. Time is too short for us, so let us work hard before His return. Let us stick to the Word of the Bible, to read and preach and pray to God through Jesus, His only begotten Son.

--Bro. Admire M. Museba

RUWA

I am sorry for being silent for almost six months. The problems are many as from 9th October 2011 I was ill and this became serious to the point of death. I have been in bed for six months, two months without eating, only drinking soft drinks and very light porridge and I could not manage to sit or walk. However, by God's mercy and grace I am now slowly recovering and can

walk up to 200 metres. Many people who have witnessed my illness would not believe seeing me walking alive but the Lord has shown them His love and His power on me. Many people have tried to help me and I was even amazed when I received a letter from Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Kitchen and wondered how they got the news as we last contacted each other in 1993.

Anyway, that is how God's love works, through prayers from my brothers and sisters and my own prayers, which all worked together when asked in faith. I also appreciated the article written by a brother from Nalondo in Kenya. "Why some prayers are not answered". It was as encouraging to me as the prayers of my brothers and sisters and pulled me out from the awful pit. I really believe that God has answered all my prayers in time of need.

Thank you for replacing my lost copy of the book "The Real Devil". Duncan is working very hard in the Lord's love and I read about Sister Nina when you were also with them to help such a poor, old Sister by Carelinks in all your ministries. God will keep you all the way to fill all the nations with His Word worldwide to the end of the journey. In Christ I thank all the brethren and sisters who have been praying for me. I also thank you for all your kindness in helping and encouraging me in some of my problems. May God Almighty keep an eye on all the works you are doing and bless all the printing and publishing of His Words for the world. If "Signs of the Times" are still available please keep sending me some.

--Bro. Maxwell Mlakah

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NEWS FROM BELGIUM



God is understanding and merciful. He really does want to forgive us, as His children, if we ask

We're delighted to report the baptism of

Him. He has provided a Son for us, Jesus, to emphasise His concern for us and to show us what

MJUSTAFA and HOSEIN. May God bless

He wants us to be like in our thoughts and actions. The Lord Jesus, who did no sin, graciously them on the journey to His Kingdom. suffered and died so that, in accordance with God's plan, Jesus became the acceptable sacrifice

NEWS FROM CROATIA



Sorry to tell you that brother Ivan from Novska has fallen asleep in Christ. May we meet in the resurrection.

--Bro. Darko

NEWS FROM FRANCE



We're delighted to report the baptisms of VAHI, EDGAR & ANNIE and ADELAIDA. May God bless them on their journey to His Kingdom.



The new Russian speaking ecclesia in Paris

NEWS FROM GERMANY



We're delighted to report the baptisms of KASEM, HASSAN, SEYED and AFUR, all from Afghanistan. May God bless them on their journey to His Kingdom.



news from greece



We're delighted to report the baptisms of DAVOOD and SIMON. May God bless them on their journey to His Kingdom

I'm on translating The Real Devil into Persian. Tomorrow I will start to record the voiceover for the movie on this. Brother Ali helped me to translate that. That was wonderful; we enjoyed that movie explaining Satan, thank you.

--Bro. Farshid

Do you know you are really holding me in my faith way , you are really helpful , you are sent to me from Jesus Christ.

--Bro. Simon

NEWS FROM ISRAEL



We're delighted to report the baptisms of GALINA, HELEN, MATTHEW and NIKOLAJ. May God bless them on their journey to His Kingdom (photo below).



Baptism of Bro Nikolaj in the Jordan River

NEWS FROM KAZAKHSTAN



We're delighted to report the baptisms of LUDMILA and OLGA. May God bless them on their journey to His Kingdom.

KOKSHETAU

There are still a few interested in the Truth, and even in baptism, despite all the problems here. We will send them to Bible School in Russia to learn more and be baptized.

--Sis. Vera

NEWS FROM KYRGYZSTAN



We're delighted to report the baptisms of brothers MAXIM and ARKADY . May God bless them on their journey to His Kingdom.

We continue preparing our home for Winter. Jehovah's Witnesses are so active here although they are banned. I have many debates with them. I very much appreciate the literature sent out from England in Russian, I carefully give it out only to those I think are serious.

--Bro. Anvar

NEWS FROM LATVIA



We're delighted to report the baptisms of Brothers ALEKSANDR, MISHA, PASHA, ULDIS, IVARS, VUDE, IGOR, VADIM, ANATAOLY, YURI, DAG, GRIGORIJ, NIKOLAJ, GATIS, ROLIK, SASHA, ANDREJ and Sisters VALENTINA, IVETA, KARMENA, ANYA, NINA, ILZE, SKAIDRITE, TATYANA, NATALYA, VALYA, VIKA and JOLANTA. May God bless them on their journey to His Kingdom.

NEWS FROM MOLDOVA



We're delighted to report the baptisms of SASHA and DANIK. May God bless them on their journey to His Kingdom.

NEWS FROM SWEDEN



Our Afghani Brother Davood, who lives in Sweden, with his Persian Bible and Bible Basics

news from switzerland



You should know what a wonderful time I have had with Brother Nayzghi and Sister Azmait Tewelde in Switzerland. They are the Ethiopian refugees who Asmara left for Rome several years ago. Bro Nayzghi crossed the Sahara Desert in a truck and the Mediterranean in a tiny boat, and whose amazing story of conversion to the Gospel you know well. You will recall that Bro Nayzghi was baptised by Duncan and Cindy in Tripoli, Libya, some years ago, and then a while after that they baptized Asmait near Rome, Italy.

They live in a very picturesque Swiss-chalet-type home on a mountainside among dairy cows with huge bulging udders and drying bales of

September hay an almost idyllic scene. They hope to become Swiss citizens fairly soon, which would end years of uncertainty about their status.

We had a lovely memorial breaking of bread meeting which Brother Nayzghi led. They call it "liebe-feast" love feast. Azmait is very shy but a woman of indomitable faith. For the Bible readings we read five verses each, Azmait in Tigrinya, Nayzghi in German and me in English. We kept together with hardly a break, it must have been `music' to angelic ears. They are in marvellous spirits.

They need to get more involved with the German-speaking Christadelphians in Europe and I will try and help them in that direction. Also Nayzghi is very interested in links with Jamaica, which is why I visited them. As you know, there are strong cultural links between Ethiopians and Jamaicans. I am trying to find funding for him to make a missionary visit to Jamaica. He will have a far more beneficent influence than local North American visitors. It would be marvellous if he were able to visit Kingston and Montego Bay and give them a light of hope.

What wonderful blessings God gives us!

--Bro Alan Eyre

NEWS FROM UKRAINE



Newly baptized Sister Irina and Brother Vitaly read together as a family each day

News from the Americas

NEWS FROM ANTIGUA



choice like this: "Accept My instructions and continue in your life, or reject them and return to the (Genesis 3:17-19)

We're delighted to report the baptisms of HENRY

They made the wrong choice, rejecting the authority of God, and did return to the dust. We have BOWEN and JULINA FERGUSON. May God all inherited their mortality, and also tend to disobey God, just as they did. bless them on their journey to His Kingdom.

That is, we all do "sin", and do need to admit it, and ask God for his forgiveness and help.

NEWS FROM GUYANA



GEORGETOWN

It was a wonderful surprise receiving the NEV Bible with commentary. I had already received my Feb. Gospel News and was so excited by the news contained in it.

I wished to comment on Duncan's Editorial. Page 2 where he says: `How exactly was it that the Lord Jesus was of our nature and yet somehow never sinned?' It is so remarkable that this very question was on my mind for a few months, and so much that I was asking it of almost every person who would listen to me. My question was, `What was the secret of Jesus' success?' If he was "in all points tempted as we are", yet without sin, then he must have of necessity faced the temptations with a steel will. So what was his weak point? I agree, not alcohol or any such. But rather the `misuse' of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon him at his baptism? He now had the power to satisfy the lust of the flesh, eyes, and pride of life turn stone into bread, call upon angels to save him, also to `come down from the cross,' when taunted. Why did he not use the power?

At 12 he would have asked the question: `What mean ye by this service?' he would have witnessed the careful examination of the slain animal at Passover without spot or blemish `I must be about my Father's business.' Would it not be sinking in: Psa.40:6-8, and that he was to be the sacrifice acceptable? `I am thy servant my ear hast thou dogged' Jesus' love for His Father could have kept him straight, until at age 30 he was given the Power in full measure and immediately came temptation from baptism to wilderness. `You have the power, use it!' But the Word was more powerful than the bread `It is written' love for God and for us won. Jesus knew that one teeny-weeny sin would have disqualified him from being that `lamb' without spot and blemish. So `I delight to do thy will, my God.... Your law is within my heart' saved the day and us. We do thank you, Lord Jesus, sincerely from our hearts.

--Sis. Lorraine Mitchell

NEWS FROM JAMAICA



RUNAWAY BAY

I am not a Christadelphian, and there is no congregation in or near my town. But since 2009, sometimes I have travelled one hundred and fifty

miles to attend your meetings. At that time one of your sisters from England, named Helen, visited us and I was her taxi man. She thrilled us with her beautiful singing. She told us that she sang with your Birmingham Choral Society. She left a couple of CDs with us, and later we acquired some more. I started making copies on request, and I cannot keep up with the demand for these. The favourite is "I know that my Redeemer lives," but all of them are popular. Now you can hear the Bible message in song about redemption, resurrection and God's Kingdom on earth all over our area in various homes, churches, in route taxis, even in a local beauty parlour. It's quite amazing. How wonderful it would be if Helen could see her way to visit us again. Sacred music is a marvellous way to preach the Gospel.

--Deron Clarke

NEWS FROM USA



Bro and Sis Duke and others have used the following to advertise Bible Basics in California and it an idea others may like to follow:

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News from Asia

NEWS FROM MYANMAR (Former Burma)



I thank GOD and also you for your love and help to our ministry in Myanmar. I believe God will continue this ministry. I am here just for a short purpose. My job must be God's job wherever I am, to do/share God's Word is my work only especially among the Buddhist because this is my country. Thanks. Please pray for the ministry in Myanmar and also pray for me and my family.

--Bro. Suum Pi

NEWS FROM CHINA



coming Kingdom of justice and peace.

We're delighted to report the baptisms of

HO, JACKY, HAN and SHAO. May God bless fellowship with others with the same faith, hope, and them on their journey to His Kingdom. love. The invitation to join the Lord Jesus and his

NEWS FROM NEPAL



Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I never forget you and your help, love, and prayer. Please don't forget me but you pray for me and my life. I lost my young son, he died. It was God's plan. What to do? Just pray for us. God bless you all the time.

--Bro. Bishnu

Exhortation From Our Hymn 341

Stanza 1. Brethren let us walk together... love and peace: As brothers and sisters in the LORD, we should learn to walk in love which is the foremost characteristic of a true Christian life."For though we have faith so that we could remove mountains and have not love, we are nothing" 1 Cor.13:2- 8, 13, Gal.5:22, Col.3:14, Rom.13:10.

...'Tis in union... :This simply implies that brethren should cease from all forms of conflicts that could bring divisions, and walk in union through which love, hope and joy can increase. If possible we should learn to live peaceably with all Rom.12:18 and not to avenge ourselves vs19. This stanza simply tells us the need for us to love one another with brotherly affection Rom.12:10 and live as one body in Christ Jesus.

STANZA 2. While we journey...each to bear a brother's load... We learn here that while we journey through the narrow path to the glorious Kingdom, we should learn to help each other and not to judge or avenge ourselves Rom.14:1-4. We should try to follow after things which make for peace and things which edify one another Rom.14:19. Hence, we learn to bear each other's burden.

STANZA 3. When we think...far removing all that might offend or grieve: We should know that forgiveness is one of the acts that brings us into harmony with our Heavenly FATHER. How do we expect our sins to be forgiven if we do not forgive those that offend us? Mark 11:25-26 so we have to try and forgive others as quickly as we want GOD to forgive us Col.3:13.and we also have to remove ALL that might offend or grieve our beloved brethren.

STANZA 4. Then let each esteem his brother better...happy are we when in this we all agree.: This is so interesting. There is a great lesson here for every brother and sister to value another

brethren better than him or herself! For "even the quiet or the weak amongst us are of greater value" 1Cor.12:22,23.

As members of one body of CHRIST, we should learn to esteem our brethren better than ourselves. Therefore, we cannot say that we have no need of others 1Cor.12:21. We should learn to grow in love and be free from envy, as those who practise envy will NOT inherit the Kingdom of GOD Gal..5:21.

And when we do all these things as this lovely hymn requires, we shall be happy, we shall be like HIM and inherit all the good promises of our FATHER.

May GOD help us to always meditate on our hymns while we sing!

Sis. Lydia Endurance, (Benin, Nigeria)

Preaching Efforts At The Kakuma Refugee Camp (Kenya)

Situated in northern Kenya, about 997 km from Nairobi, the Kakuma Refugee Camp is home to almost 185,000 refugees from Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, D. R. Congo, Rwanda and Burundi.

The CBM made inroads into this remotely far-flung area after the arrival of Bro. John Katembo, from D. R. Congo, and his family of 10 members who are registered as asylum- seekers in the camp. They started conducting Bible classes and Sunday services in their plastic sheeting home. This attracted some neighbours who joined in with them.

In September 2011, due to Bro. Katembo's request, I made the trip to Kakuma Refugee Camp to join hands with him and we held a series of Bible studies which were attended by a considerable number of eagerly interested friends.

Second Visit To Kakuma Camp

As a follow-up to the work done on the first visit, Bro. John King'oo (from Kangundo Ecclesia) and I met at the Nairobi `Country Bus' Station ready for the 27-hour journey for a 7-day visiting mission.

As usual in Kenya buses on long distance journeys travel at night so as to reach their destinations probably early morning the following day. We set out on Wednesday 27th June, at 10pm and after a very hectic long journey, reached our destination on Friday 29th June at 1am; so we had to spend the rest of the night in the bus due to security reasons. At around 6am, Bre. Katembo and Assuman came to meet us and helped find a guest house in Kakuma town where we were accommodated throughout the visit, since no `outsiders' are allowed to spend the night in the camp.

The Highlights of the Visit

The Bible school dealt with the basic scriptural teachings such as: The Promises, The Kingdom, Satan and evil. The first session in a series of four was held that afternoon and the number of youthful attendees was so great. For four days we held a 3-hour session every afternoon followed by two days of an intensive home visit campaign to some of those who had attended at

least two of the four sessions conducted and had expressed the desire to hear more on the Truth as taught and believed by the Christadelphians. Our stint came to an end on Wednesday July 4th and we left Kakuma Camp feeling spiritually built up and uplifted. However, two particular events stand out as the highlights of our mission on this trip:

On Sunday July 1st, immediately after completing the interviews, the two candidates excitedly insisted that there should be no deferral of their baptism and, at all costs, they should be baptized on that very day. It was a reminder of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8v36. The only contrast was that there was no water around as, in this arid expanse where, under the scorching sun, the temperature reaches the highs of 41o C, it's not easy to get enough water for such an exercise. In spite of that harsh reality, God did provide as we had to dig a hole on the ground and fill it up with water fetched in jerry cans from a tap at about 500 meters away.

On Monday July 2nd, about 30 interested friends in attendance rained down a myriad of questions mainly on the basic teachings; thus, we found ourselves in a position where we could not deal exhaustively with each of them in a 3-hour session; therefore the idea of meeting with some of the questioners at their respective homes the following day.

We thank the Almighty God who enabled us to do the work of spreading the Truth and made it a success as the number of interested contacts taking the Bible lessons quadrupled. We left our brethren of Kakuma with the herculean responsibility of teaching and nurturing those potential friends. So, the great interest seen there is a sure indicator that at Kakuma "the harvest is plentiful... Ask the Lord therefore to send out workers into his harvest field."



An all joyful Bro. Asende Lubwela emerging from the water of baptism

Bro. Innocent (right) welcoming, Bre. Asende (left) and Assuman (centre), the newborn brethren into fellowship

Bro. Innocent (right) with a section of friends who attended one the sessions of the Bible studies



Bro Innocent Baruani (Nairobi)

My Lovely Bible

My Bible is lovely and very dear to me. It reveals to me the wisdom of my Creator; it teaches me the essence of life and serves equally as a guide to how to live a happy and peaceful life in this evil world in which we live.

My Bible is a pearl of great value and very special to me. It is composed of 66 books divided into two sections the Old and New Testaments, serving one and the same purpose. Unfortunately many `christian' denominations today discriminate between the two. The former they consider

old fashioned and irrelevant for doctrine in favour of the latter which they disregard and abuse in many ways. Though lovely and very dear to me, my Bible is simply not cherished by most youths of my age nowadays. "Oh it's too bulky, when would I ever finish reading it" some say. To others it's a book for the old, while others simply shy away from it for fear it would rebuke them of the Godless lives they live, so in a way stealing their liberty or freedom to get along with the world as they wish. 'Oh I don't want to be old fashioned' they say as they mock those of us who try to live the true Christian life as taught in the pages of my Bible.

My Bible is unique and very different from all other books in that its author is God Himself. What a prestigious author for my lovely Bible this just makes it the best book in the world for all times. However, many efforts have been made to destroy the reputation of this beautiful book. Some said it was fit to be read only by a certain class which they called the wise men. Others prevented people in Europe from possessing or even reading it in the dark ages, confiscating and burning many yet my lovely Bible survived all these threats and today it is the world's most published book though readership is proportionally very small.

My Bible is reliable. It has stood the test of those known to the world to be intellectuals who sought tirelessly to ridicule it by bringing out or putting forth what seems to them to be contradictory sayings or other inaccuracies of some sort though such things do not exist in my lovely Bible, because its author is GOD Himself except due to translation inaccuracies into other tongues.

My advice as learned from my lovely Bible to young Christadelphians especially and old alike is "STAND FIRM IN THE HOPE OF ISRAEL" and pursue godliness, righteousness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness for our attitudes to Bible study matters, and the purposes for which we read God's word is an important consideration to be taken into account. To this end I believe we can only grow and be strong in the word if we continue to uphold the values that brought us to the REAL CHRIST in the first place. I am only two years old in the Lord but have seen some come and go and others slackening with time, but unless we remain in Him His words would hardly remain in us and without His word to serve as a lamp light for our feet, in this dark world in which we live, we can be sure we would only go into the bush and get lost. It is true that the way is really narrow but with the light of the WORD we shall reach our destination the NEW JERUSALEM So it is important therefore to highly treasure and preserve the WORD in us and may God help us as we journey towards the promise LAND.

Cyril Ndze (Cameroon)

Move On

Treasured one, I bring you God's cherished words from Exodus 14:10-15. God's word has always been a soothing influence for many aching hearts and I believe as you decide to share a thought with me, you will receive God's blessings and a breakthrough for what seems unbreakable.

You might have had many trials recently and, probably, those problems seem to be lingering on. Many relatives and friends might have written you off, but be of good cheer for the problem you see today you will never see again (Exodus 14:3). The sea in front of you might be that of education or unemployment, sickness, sadness, financial or marital problems but, brothers and sisters, this is not the time to feel downhearted. Just be still, and the Lord will fight for you

(Exodus 14:14). God has not brought you thus far to leave you when you need Him most. No, He is a dependable God. Remember what Jeremiah wrote: "For I know the plans I have from you" (Jeremiah 29:11). Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and faith. He has good plans for you. Just stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring to you today (Exodus 14:13).

These problems seem to be approaching fast and the sea (hopelessness) is in front of you, but move on, declares the Lord, for He made you to. Like Paul, let us forget what is behind and strain towards what is ahead. Move on to win the prize for which God has called us in Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:13,14).

Whatever your beginning might be, move on, for the end of anything is better than the beginning. Be courageous and move on: God is with you. In everything, trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct

CARELINKS

Bro Joseph Kwesi (Ghana)

ISRAEL

We're pleased to report a revival of response to the Gospel in this most special part of the Lord's field. It would seem that the repentance of a remnant in Israel may well be a precondition for the Lord's return, and so to have strong response from Israel is a great encouragement. Life in modern Israel is far from easy; chronic materialism, long hours of work, long journey times to work, serious traffic and personal congestion as Jews increasingly congregate in the relatively `safe' areas of central Israel... all of themselves work against response to the Gospel. thy paths (Proverbs 3:5,6). "I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him, and that which is to be hath already been, and God requireth that which is past" (Ecclesiastes 3:14,15).

The coming of our master, the Lord Jesus Christ, is really very near. So we are to move on to the end. When he comes, let him find us worthy to inherit the kingdom that he will set up on the earth. Amen.

Christadelphian Ministries

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But as always, to the poor the Gospel is preached, and those on the margins of society respond.

Our work is mainly with the Russian and African communities. We met with brother Samuel, whom we baptized three years ago, and were delighted to find him so strong in the faith and having been clearly blessed by God in his life. His wife HELEN has been able to come and join him, and they now have a child. We were very pleased to baptize her, with great joy on her part,

and then celebrate the Lord's sacrifice together. Here's brother Samuel pouring out the grape juice [not win!] for the service:



We were also pleased to baptize an African Jew, MATTHEW. We baptized him on the beach in Tel Aviv, amidst crowds of people simply enjoying themselves in the heat, without, apparently, a thought for their Creator. Russians, Jews, Arabs, Europeans of all kinds, were all escaping the high temperatures in the sea, whilst we quietly baptized our new brother. In the photo you can see some conservative Arab women, wearing their headscarves, cooling off in the sea just a few meters from where we baptized our brother:



We have posted out hundreds of Russian New Testaments to Russians in Israel over the past months. Many Jewish people in the former USSR came to Israel expecting and hoping to find spirituality and true connection with God- but didn't find it. NIKOLAJ was one of them. Since retiring from Tel Aviv down to Beer Sheva, he spends his time searching for Bible truth on the internet and discussing with other Russian speakers online. After much correspondence and discussion, our brother was fully convicted of the Truth and we were pleased to baptize him in the River Jordan:



We met several other interesting contacts. For every person baptized, there are always many others we don't write about who remain on the edge of that great decision for Christ and His Kingdom. Shimeon is one of them. Please pray for him. Like many Eastern European Jews, he has had a remarkable life. His father was Jewish and his mother Russian; he was the second of five children. They lived in a village in Western Ukraine. When the second world war broke out, his father joined the Ukrainian division of the German army, thinking this would preserve his children from persecution and death. Shimeon explained how the Germans came to each village in their district, rounded up the Jews, and shot them. The neighbours told the German soldiers about their Jewish father, and so they came into the home and took the children away, leaving the hysterical mother behind. On the way to the village square where the Jews were to be gathered before being taken away to death, Shimeon's older sister offered her body to the soldiers and started making a distraction by shouting and stripping. "I'm doing this for you, run, Shimeon, run" were her last words to him. Shimeon broke rank during the disturbance and managed to run away. He walked to his grandmother's village and hid there. He never saw his siblings again.

His father survived the war and returned home in 1945. He became an alcoholic, and Shimeon's mother separated from him and went to live in Uzbekistan, which was then part of the USSR. Shimeon says that although "Jew" was stamped in his Soviet ID papers, he never suffered serious discrimination. But he felt something was seriously missing in his life, and he feared it was "Jesus Christ". He emigrated to Israel as soon as restrictions on emigration from the USSR were lifted, but he didn't find the synagogues to give him the answers he was searching for. He then encountered us on the Internet, studied Bible Basics, and feels the need to be baptized. But... something holds him back. We do not know the hearts of men, but in advanced years and poor health, he says he strongly realizes he needs to become "in Christ". It's futile to speculate his reasons for delay, all we can do is pray for him and many others like him, who have surely been led to the Truth of Christ but still need to commit themselves.

Brother Yuri

We're pleased to report the baptism of YURI at the Riga Bible Center. He had had positive conversations with brothers Guy and John from New Zealand when they were over earlier in the Summer, and has maintained serious interest and completed studying Bible Basics. Yuri has become fully involved with our life at the Riga Bible Center, here he is [center] as "glav sovetnik" and adjudicator at the chess games which are taken with such deadly earnest after and before the meetings:

And the man on the right, who's not yet baptized, asked to come and be present at Yuri's baptism- so you see how chess and coffee lead to relationships deepening and becoming focused around the things central to our faith and hope:

Straight after the baptism, some swans mounted up and flew off in freedom, which brother Yuri was deeply touched by; he then gave a very powerful testimony to the Truth of Christ at Bible class:





My Impressions of Riga Ecclesia, Latvia

July 30, 2012 Greetings in His name:

I am a brother whose career is teaching English as a foreign language. This has led me to visit and work in quite a few countries. Where possible, I try to visit Christadelphian ecclesias in whatever nation I happen to be. At the moment, I am in the Baltics, in a small nation called Latvia. I am living in the capital, Riga. It is the largest city in the Baltics states yet it is a small metropolis by American standards. That said, I expected that I would be breaking bread in someone's apartment with an ecclesia membership of less than a half dozen. Nothing wrong with that of course. Jesus tells us that where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there also (Matthew 18:20). So imagine my surprise, when a taxi driver drops me off at my destination and I discover that this congregation has the largest number of Christadelphians I've ever seen in all my travels. I'm told the membership is roughly 300 all told. On a day with low attendance, it is only a fraction of that. Yet even that fraction exceeds what I'm used to seeing in American ecclesias. So much for the American generalization that Europeans are a godless bunch.

The exhortation was given by Bro. Duncan and the subject was king David. Bro. Duncan serves as both the Recording Brother and Presider but ecclesial members help him with the public reading and other offices. The great majority of the congregation is Russian but he has mastered the Russian tongue quite well considering he is a citizen of the United Kingdom. He gives his sermons in the Russian tongue, yet native English speaking Christadelphians need not worry should they wish to attend memorial services in Riga. Bro. Duncan exhorts in both Russian and

English simultaneously (personally, I am challenged enough just giving a good sermon back home in standard American English let alone code switching between two languages). Doing a bilingual exhortation is a handy skill as some visitors come to the ecclesia from Africa, Iran and other countries and will more than likely understand English as it is the world's lingua franca.

By the way, our Russian brothers and sisters here in Riga love a good discussion on the scriptures so there was plenty of dialogue after the exhortation was concluded. Since I don't understand Russian, I didn't know what was being said, but I could see it was animated and interesting to the members. Afterwards, refreshments were served while everyone took a recess before the 2nd session. This ecclesia left quite an impression on me.

Sincerely Brother Toussaint Foster

Bro. Toussaint Foster (Manhattan, USA)

My Report On Visiting Riga

Flying over the Atlantic to Riga came with the usual anxiety, an anxiety that was soon forgotten once introduced to the Ecclesia in Riga. I am humbled and exhilarated by the days I have spent here. Humbled because dozens believers in the Ecclesia get up each morning from the shelter, without any home or place to go during the day. In addition they have no idea whether they will eat or if they will face sunshine, rain or cold as they approach each day. They live by faith and in the blessed Hope alone.

In two of three days of lectures there were around 100 attentive baptized believers listening and then discussing God's word. The third day there were perhaps 60 as it becomes almost impossible to pay bus fare for three days running. The interest and understanding of scripture was enriching to behold. During my five days here I have seen four baptism, and it is clear why this happens: the Ecclesia has members of nearly 300 and should all attend at once I am not sure the Hall would hold them! The reasons (as I see) for the baptisms is the strong attention to Bible instruction in every lecture.

Solid exposition gives people hope as they fully understand the message of salvation, the tender mercy shown and acknowledgment of our common humanity provides the loving message Jesus left us to preach. "This is how you will know my disciples by their love for one another". In my observation, the loving validation of the worth of these human beings and the consistent instruction in righteousness according to the scripture produces believers whose passion sends them out preaching. Then they bring their friends and they get that instruction and are baptized and bring in their friends. The Riga Ecclesia in the hands of Duncan's pastoral care has flourished because it sees the reflection of Christ's whole mission, namely a right balance between the expression of God's loving care for his "little one's" through feeding and welfare programs, and the instruction in the plan of salvation for all men.

In Riga this has been offered freely to those whom the world considered worthless but who have been made to know their worth to God through Christ Jesus. It has been my privilege to be here and see these truly devoted disciples. It puts one's fear of flying in the air into perspective when visiting with those who routinely have to put aside their fear of dying on the streets.

Those baptized were SKAIDRITE, mother of sister Sandra, who was present at the baptism in the Baltic Sea at the very spot she was baptized previously. The family were all so very happy despite very tragic lives.



Sis. Sandra and Skaidrite; being greeted after baptism by Sister Suzi and then by Skaidrite's son-in-law. Bro Andrei.



Our two sisters, mother and daughter, eating together at one of the feeding schemes after the meeting.

Then there was NIKOLAY, an older man who at present is living literally on the street, sleeping where he can. You can only sleep in the night shelters in Riga for around 300 nights a year, the rest of the time you have to find your own shelter, and Nikolay counts himself lucky that his "free time" has come in the Summer when it's warm. Spectacles were distributed, and Nikolay was so thrilled with his. Whenever there was a chapter or passage to be read, he eagerly volunteered. He was just so happy to be able to read the Bible more easily.



Spectacle distribution before meeting

Finally NATALYA and TATYANA were baptized, these are two sisters in the flesh now both in their 70s and also living in the shelters. The baptism service was performed by reading Romans 6, an exposition of the chapter and of the Red Sea being a type of baptism, and then we all gave some words of encouragement to these two obviously very sincere and earnest ladies. Affectionate Greeting to you all. Sis. Suzie Lange

Sis Suzie Lange (Bloomington, USA)

Eastern European Summer Bible School

With an attendance of 85 Russian speaking contacts, brethren and sisters from Belarus, England, Israel, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine- and the USA- the Summer Russian-speaking Bible School for the brethren and sisters of the former USSR was a great success. There was not only great fellowship between all present, but a total of 11 baptisms also: GALINA, (wife of brother Vova, from Israel), SASHA and DANIK, grandsons of sister Luba from Moldova; TATYANA, LUDMILA, VALENTIN and OKSANA [wife of brother Igor Bakai] from the Ukraine; NIKOLAY and TATYANA from Russia [sister to sister Valya from Latvia]; and LUDMILA and OLGA from Kazakhstan.

Newly baptized brethren and sisters from throughout the former USSR.



After nearly 25 years of preaching work in the former USSR, we can say that the community the Lord founded has come of age; Danik and Sasha, grandsons of sister Luba from Moldova, are now the 4th generation of the Meshkov family to have been baptized. Sister Luba's faithful parents were baptized in the early 1990s, then Luba, then her sons, and now her grandsons.



Sister Luba commenting on the daily readings with her grandsons listening.

Many talks were given by local brethren with some, such as brother Kolya, making their debut. Sister Vanessa Boler and her Russian daughter-in-law were present from England, and sister Suzie Lange from the USA. They made a deep impact on everyone, entering fully into conversation through translators and with sign language as they shared their own lives and Biblical thoughts in a very helpful way.

The total amount of effort made by so many to be present must have been noticed with pleasure by the Lord we all serve; some travelled for three days to be present, including sisters from Kazakhstan, where our community is under pressure and persecution from the local Moslem authorities; Brother Valerij from the very far north of Russia arriving with nothing but a small bag, his Bible and his crutch [with an umbrella strapped to it]; 84 year old brother Pavel from Siberia, who spent days on the train to be with us, and still participated in the play; and brother Vova and Galina who came especially to the Bible School at their own expense, Vova having been baptized by us in the River Jordan in Israel in 2000- 12 years ago. It was a great pleasure to baptize Galina.



Old brother Anton plays Job and 84 year old Pavel plays one of the friends in the presentation on Job and his ecclesia; The play took the approach that the "sons of God" were fellow believers, and opened with a presiding brother giving an opening prayer and welcoming all to the ecclesia. Then there was a discussion about Job, who was then struck with illness and began scraping himself at the meeting, with his wife commenting



But the hardest journey to the School was surely made by sister Viktorija from the Kuban area of southern Russia. A refugee from Chechnaya, she has no documents and is in very frail health, walking with pain on two crutches, and surviving by selling hot potatoes on the sea front of the Gelendzhik resort. Our sister was baptized many years ago, but had never been to a Bible School; she begged us to meet her off the train in Moscow as she wanted at least once in her life to come to a Bible School. She needed transport by taxi as she cannot manage much walking or steps. She thoroughly enjoyed herself- and the amazing thing was that whilst at the Bible School, flash floods hit the very town where she lives in the Krasnodar region, killing 200 people and leaving 120,000 people homeless, becoming one of the biggest disasters in recent Russian history. With her limited mobility she may well have perished. Those who survived in her area did so by climbing trees or onto roofs. Along with her, we watched with amazement the news coming through on the large screen TV in the reception area of the facility we used for the Bible School. Her coming to the Bible School may well have saved her life. This was clearly the hand of providence and a great encouragement to us all that really God is active in the world today. Sister Viktorija took a full role in the Bible School, and playing Naomi in the play on Ruth.





Sister Viktorija as Naomi with Sis. Vera as Ruth; who then slept at the feet of Boaz [Bro. Anatoly]

In last Summer's Bible School report we mentioned the baptisms of three teenage sisters, two from Kazakhstan and one from Ukraine, who became best friends at the Bible School; they have kept in touch with each other and it was great to see them present again, all having made huge journeys to be present.

There have been a number of baptisms in Russia and Ukraine recently and it was pleasing to see some of our new sisters and contacts present at the school. Sisters Tanya and Ira both gave spirited testimony as to how their rejection of the dogma of Satan as a personal being had led them to such great peace. God willing, the next major Bible School will be held in Poltava, Ukraine at the end of January, where we look forward to brothers from the UK speaking; and then in Moscow, Russia next Summer. Do come along and experience the extraordinary activity of God amongst His people in this part of the world.

He Guards Me Well

During the quiet moment before a Sunday worship, the organist played a hymn that was new to me. I turned to the page noted in the hymnal and read the words of the song, "The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well", a beautiful paraphrase of Psalm 23. No matter how often we read or hear the familiar 23rd Psalm, it seems to come to me with a fresh message of God's care for us.

Though I should walk in the darkest ways. Through valleys like the grave No evil shall I ever fear;
Your presence makes me brave On my behalf your rod and staff Assure me You will save.

This image was familiar to the people who heard Jesus say, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Unlike a hired person who runs away from danger, the true shepherd stays with the sheep to protect them. "But the hireling, who is not a shepherd...sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees...I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep" (vs 12-14).

No matter what you are doing today, Jesus knows your name, he knows the dangers, but the true Shepherd stays with the sheep and he will not leave your side. You can say with confidence: "The Lord is my Shepherd who guards me well." The Lamb who died to save us is the Shepherd who loves to lead us.

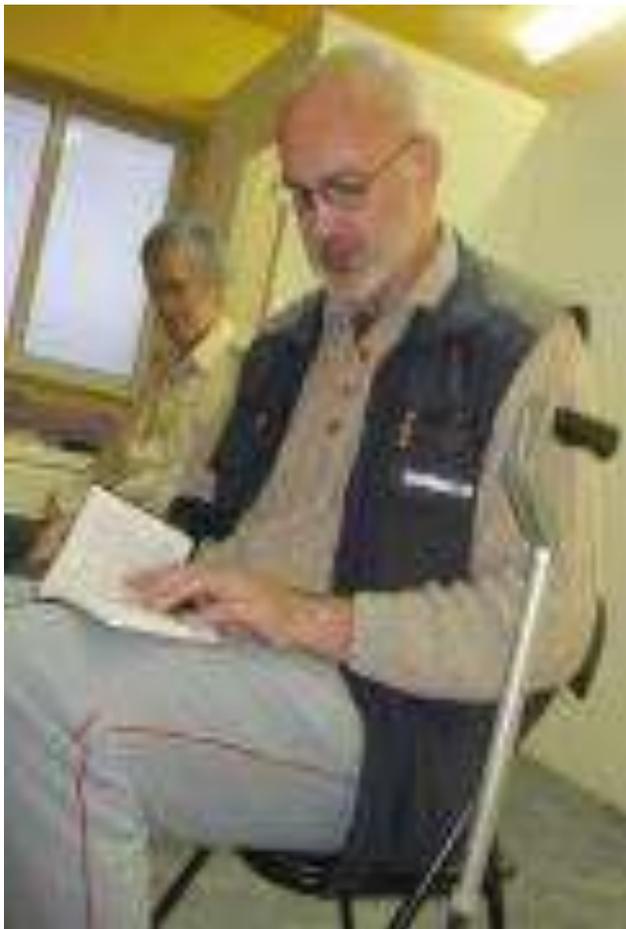
Bro Isaac Kapa (Tongaren, Kenya)

Mighty Waters (Rev 1:9-17)

While in Webuye, I went to see Broaderick Falls, one of the biggest falls in our country. The massive falls are breath-taking, but what impressed me was not the sight of the falls or the spray of the water: it was the sound. The sound was beyond deafening I felt as if I was actually inside the sound itself. It was an overwhelming experience that reminded me how small I was in comparison.

Later, with this scene in mind, I couldn't help but think about John in Revelation 1:15. While in the Isle of Patmos, he saw a vision of the risen Lord Jesus. The apostle described Jesus in the glory of his resurrection, noting both his clothes and his physical qualities. Then John described Christ's voice as the sound of many waters (v15).

I am not sure I fully appreciated what that meant until I visited Broaderick Falls and was overwhelmed by the thundering sound of them. As those mighty waters reminded me of my own smallness, I better understood why John fell at the feet of Christ as if dead (v17). Perhaps my description will help you grasp the awesomeness of Jesus' presence and prompt you to follow John's example of worshipping the Saviour. True worship of God changes admiration into adoration.



Broaderick Falls

Bro Isaac Kapa (Tongaren, Kenya)

"For Me"

Do you remember the first letter you ever received? Perhaps you have not had that exciting experience of having Mother call out, "Here is a letter that came in the mail for you today!" "For me?" you cry, running quickly to take it from her. "Yes, for you, here it is." Excitedly you open it, read what it says, re-read it, then put it where it will be safe until you want to look at it again. And you will read it again, especially if it is from a favourite grandparent or aunt or uncle.

Every day the Post Office handles a lot of mail. Think of it: piles and stacks and mounds of letters and parcels. But only that one letter that has your name on it matters to you. That is the important one because it has a message just for you.

How many books do you suppose there are in this world? Think of them all: school books, encyclopaedias, comic books, travel books, picture books, to name a few, let alone read them. And you wouldn't need to, for most of them were not written for you. But there is one book which is, and that is the one you should have near you now. The Bible is like a letter to you from a very special person - "The God" of this universe in which you live.

In it, He tells you a lot of things about yourself, about Himself and about the world in which you live. About things that happened in the past: Genesis chapter 1 to Jude v25, and also about things that will happen in the future: Revelation. In the Bible, God tells you about His love for mankind, John 3:16. So in a very genuine sense, the Bible is God's love letter to you.

Whether it is your first Bible or not, it is always an exciting experience to open God's love letter to you, and read what it has to say. You will want to read it again and again, and see everything God says, because this book, like no other, is especially for you.

Bro John Kasanda (Kasumpa, Zambia)

The Authority of the Scriptures

You hold in your hands the most powerful book ever written. Countless lives have been changed by it, and many Christians have died to preserve it. Why is the book so important? Because this book, the Bible, is the very word of God. It came from God Himself: He is the author. Over hundreds of years, he chose certain individuals to write down exactly what He wanted to tell His people. This process is called 'inspiration.'

One of Jesus' followers wrote: "Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in scripture came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative" (2 Peter 3:16,17). No, those prophets were moved by the holy spirit, and they spoke from God. The apostle Paul says: "All scriptures are inspired by God and are useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. They correct us when we are wrong and teach us to do what is right. God uses them to prepare and equip his people to do every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16,17). This is still true today, even though the Bible was written hundreds of years ago; its message is timeless, personal and very powerful. Why? Because all scriptures come from God.

The fact that scripture was inspired by God makes it the ultimate authority for our beliefs and practices as Christians. If we discover that someone is teaching in ways that do not agree with scripture, we should point this out, and demonstrate what the Bible actually teaches. We

should recognize that scripture is a higher authority than any human teaching. All teaching about God and the life of faith should be judged against the truth found in the Bible, which is God's word.

Remember also that as God speaks to us through scripture, we must do what He tells us, we must obey Him: "Don't just listen to God's word. We must do what it says. Otherwise we are fooling ourselves. For if we listen to the word and don't do and obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror; you see your face or yourself, walk away and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect lens that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it" (James 1:22-25). It is important that we work hard to understand God's word and then also apply its truth effectively in our lives.

Bro John Kasanda (Kasumpa, Zambia)

God made me and God made you

In the beginning it was dark like night, There were no people and there was no light, No cats, no dogs, no little birds,

But then God spoke, He said the first words, "Let there be light!" And the light was bright,

"Let there be day!" "Let there be night" And all was good in God's sight,

"Let there be sky and earth and seas", "Let there be grass and growing trees", Then, with the angels, He made the stars,

The sun and the moon and even Mars, Then they made every fish and bird, and all the animals - what a noise was heard!

The cows said `moo!' The horses said `neigh!' The ducks said `quack' and the angels said "Yay! Creation is good; all's gone to plan,

There's one more thing we must make - man". So God with the angels, on the sixth day, made the first man, Adam, out of the clay.

God breathed into to him the breath of life, But then God said "He needs a wife". So they took a rib out of his side, and made for Adam a beautiful bride. Then all was good, and God was glad, He had children, He was a Dad.

God loves me and God loves you, God's glad to be our Daddy too.



Sis Cindy Heaster (Latvia)

The Importance of Remembrance

How many times do you use the excuse, 'I can't remember'? Yet, strangely, we can remember small, unimportant things, but the more serious matters we seem to forget. There is an important reason for this. It is so easy to remember those things that appeal to us most, such as a promised reward or holiday but it requires great effort and determination to remember something we may not like to do, especially little tasks our parents or brothers and sister, have asked us to perform. This is why people generally remember so little about God and His word.

There is nothing that can compare to the enjoyment that God has promised to those who are faithful. But He has linked with the gospel, certain commandments which do not appeal to human nature, and so people prefer not to make an effort to keep in mind God's teachings. The Bible records are interesting illustrations of this. In the time of Moses when the Israelites were cruelly treated being under bondage in Egypt, they had enjoyed good food and seeming security in that land. Then when God delivered them from Egyptian bondage, He performed many mighty miracles, and promised that if His people would remember His works and commandments, they would inherit the land of Canaan a land much more fruitful than Egypt. To get to this land they had to experience difficulty (Numbers 11:5; Psalm 106:13,21). Because they made no

effort to remember God and His works, they were not allowed to enter the glorious land of promise.

We must learn the importance of remembering the good works that God has done for us, in calling us to join fellowship with His only begotten Son, that we may inherit eternal life in the everlasting kingdom to come on the earth. God is pleased to offer salvation and the joys of this coming kingdom to those who make an effort to remember His word and to perform His commandments (1 Cor 15:1,2). The only way we can remember the gospel is by reading the Bible daily. We read and we make sure that we are proclaiming the coming kingdom of joy to our friends.

Bro Emmanuel Milimo (Turbo, Kenya)

Cassava: A Reliable Crop Amid Climate Variability

Many people in Kenya grow their own food, selling their surplus to earn money. But in arid and semi-arid areas, seasonal rainfall patterns result in water scarcity during dry periods. This can leave communities dependent on emergency food relief.

After the severe drought in 2008/09, many farmers reverted to traditional crops such as cassava, millet and sweet potatoes. These crops take little time to mature and can sustain families during long droughts.

Cassava, which is high in carbohydrates, feeds many families. It is very versatile; the root can be eaten raw or cooked, milled into flour for Ugali and bread, or processed into chips. And the leaves can also be eaten, providing proteins, vitamins A and B and other minerals. Cassava can grow in low nutrient soils because of its massive leaf production; the leaves drop to the ground forming organic matter and recycling soil nutrients. It also uses less water than maize.

Farming cassava in Mutomo

Rainfall in Mutomo, Eastern Kenya, has been scarce over the last few years. Under these conditions, maize the primary crop failed and left many families without food or income.

The organization 'Revitalisation of Indigenous Initiatives for Community Development' (RINCOD) carried out needs assessments in 2009. During these, community groups agreed to start the Mutomo Cassava Production and Processing Association (MUKAPA). The project involves more than 100 households and has established high-yielding, disease and drought resistant cassava varieties developed by the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI). These have several benefits:

- The new varieties yield over 20 tonnes per acre, twice the yield of other varieties.
- The roots can be left in the soils for up to 24 months, so they can be harvested all year round.

Cassava farming has been replicated widely; for example over 300,000 households now grow improved cassava in Western Kenya. Fresh cassava tubers and processed cassava products are now available in local and urban markets in the region.

What are the challenges?

· Cassava has the stigma of being a 'poor man's food' in Eastern Africa. However, this view seems to be gradually changing as its advantages over maize become known more widely. · Cassava has a short shelf life once harvested. To make it marketable, it has to be processed to last for a longer period. This requires investment in processing plants such as solar drying and grinding machines; these are already adding value in some areas. · Cassava plantations can be affected by cassava mosaic disease a seed-borne viral disease which is not treatable. This can be avoided through using clean planting materials certified by research institutions.

· Cassava contains cyanide and, if prepared poorly, can cause cyanide poisoning. The new varieties developed by KARI have lower cyanide levels than previous varieties, reducing this risk considerably.

Recommendations

The extraordinary hardiness and drought tolerance of the new cassava varieties make them a reliable crop, even with rising temperatures and an ever-drier climate. MUKAPA's experience shows cassava has huge potential to enhance food security, especially if scaled-up to reach Kenya's very dry areas.

The Thief on the Cross (Luke 23 v.40-43)

The two thieves who were crucified were probably Zealots which was a party that hoped to get rid of the Roman yoke. They may have been caught attempting to rob some Romans for which they were sentenced to be crucified as the 'due reward' of their deeds.

Believing that Jesus had the power to perform miracles, one of the thieves pleaded with him that he should "save himself and us." Luke 23 v.39.

To this request Jesus made no response, Jesus had already dealt with the question of defending himself on the occasion when he told Peter to put up again his sword into his place.... "thinkest thou not that I cannot now pray to my Father and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" (Matt.26 v.52-53)

Jesus knew that he had the duty to fulfil such passages as Daniel Chap.9 v.26 which states, "And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off", that is to say to offer himself as a sacrifice to confirm the new covenant. So there was no possibility for him at the request of someone else, to come down from the cross. It appears that the thief who rebuked the other knew Jesus well because he said concerning him, "This man hath done nothing amiss." (v.41)

Another sincere request

This thief also made the remarkable request, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom". This request reveals that this thief believed that Jesus, although dying by crucifixion, would eventually be raised from the dead and reign as King in his kingdom.

The thief by calling Jesus 'Lord' shows his respect for him. The fact that these three were destined soon to die shows his faith in the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead.

The response of Jesus was amazing; Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with me in paradise".

This promise, in spite of all appearances, was made to give the thief every assurance that his request would be granted. It is the basic doctrine that all the faithful will be made immortal at the resurrection and given a place in God's Kingdom in which the thief will be included. In the response of Jesus he uses the unusual word paradise which means park or garden adding more comfort for the thief.

The correct punctuation

You may have noticed that we have placed a comma after the word `today' to indicate that the promise of Jesus was made there and then. Unfortunately, in the Authorised Version, the translators placed a comma after the word thee which changes the meaning of the sentence

The meaning in the A.V. is that the promise of Jesus would be fulfilled that day. This would not be true; both the thief and Jesus died on that day, Jesus being placed in a tomb as described in v.53.

It is a fact in the original language punctuation marks such as commas were not used. When translating into English the translators would use punctuation marks to give the sense as they understood it. We have not followed the A.V. but moved the comma to give the correct sense.

This incident of the conversation of the believing thief and Jesus on the cross illustrates the graciousness and loving kindness of the Lord Jesus.

National Fraternal Gathering Alayi, Nigeria

Bro. Goddy Nwosu, (Enugu, Nigeria)

At the Fraternal Gathering there were five baptisms: Bro. Festus Nwaeke, Bro. Michael Ovrebo, Bro. Paul Obioma, Bro. Thank God Adindu and Sis. Comfort Nwachukwu. We did not expect more than two hundred people to attend, but we thank God that we were almost five hundred people: despite the condition of things, we managed ourselves very well.

Enugu Ecclesia with sorrow announces that our dearly loved Bro. Gabriel Chukwuani fell asleep on 10th January. He was an example to us all in his strong beliefs and trust in his Lord; and in the uncomplaining way he dealt with his illnesses. Bro. Gabriel now sleeps awaiting the day of the glorious return of our Lord, in whom his faith was strong.

I use this media to thank those who took part during his funeral service, especially Bro. Friday Ugwunta.



Photo of Alayi Fraternal 2012 (Nigeria)

Bro. Ralph Green, Torquay, U.K.

TRUST GOD

It might interest you to know the truth. The only way to salvation is when we are working together for good in this life. If only we would trust God, we would live to see it so. All things are ours if we are Christ's. All things serve us for ultimate good.

Even those things which are most difficult and trying, are really moving our best interests forward! If we knew as much about them as God knows, we would go down on our bended knees, and thank HIM with streaming eyes, for the most difficult of our circumstances. Even if some of these may cut us to the bone, if we believe that the infinite love of God is working in them, and through them, we may sing like Paul and Silas in the prison (Acts 16), even though our feet are fast in the stocks! Let us learn the habit of looking at the bright side of things. If there are dangers looming in our way, don't complain that it is all cast over with danger. We must be sure that God has a purpose in all our sorrows.

Bro. Enyiogu (Ikwueke, Oboro, Nigeria.)

Tanzanian Visit July 31- 1st Aug 2012

It is with a great delight in the Lord that we received a visit, from Bro Tim Evans and his family from Southampton UK, accompanied by bro Thierry Kabangu (Arusha, Tanzania)

Before they came , Bro Tim provided charcoal and wood for cooking food which was eaten at the Bible School he organized at our ecclesia in the Nyarugusu Refugees Camp. Brethren Isidore and Amsini were appointed to deal with cooking facilities. The first talk by Bro Tim was on the subject "The Spiritual Athlete " whilst his wife Sis Judith dealt with interviewing six candidates for baptism.

Next day we had an instructive talk and then divided into four groups as a workshop and we were all well instructed. Bro Tim's son Bro Joel and his daughter Sis Abby instilled much enthusiasm as they took the Sunday School.

In the afternoon we all went, together with some friends, to river to baptize five candidates from Nyarugusu 1 ecclesia (Bro JAFARI, Bro DENIS, Sis BINWA), and two from the Nyarugusu two ecclesia, (Brethren AKILI and EKOMBE). On our return to the hall, Bro Tim powerfully exhorted us and welcomed our new members, giving each the right hand of fellowship into the household of faith, on the road to God's Kingdom. Then all members broke bread and drank wine in remembrance of the Lord.

About 70 individuals attended the Bible School plus 90 children. We thank God that we were all spiritually and physically well fed.



Bro Isidore Mwibeleca and family

Bro Isidore Mwibeleca

The Lord Was With Joseph

Three times the bible assures us of this truth (see title, Genesis 39:2,21,23). This is an outstanding statement when we consider the context in which it is given. Anyone observing Joseph's life from a distance would conclude that God must have been against Joseph, or at least had forsaken him. He was kidnapped by his own brothers and sold into Egypt to become a slave. He seemingly accepted his circumstances and uncomplainingly served his master. Later, his master's wife, after repeated attempts at seducing him, falsely accused him of attempted rape. Believing her accusations, his enraged master put him in prison. Even the butler, released from prison, forgot to mention Joseph to the king. By all appearances, God had utterly forsaken Joseph.

What kept Joseph from giving up in discouragement? The Lord was with him and assured Joseph of His presence in little ways behind the scenes. When he was a slave, the Lord made all that he

did to prosper in his hand. The Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake. Even his ungodly master could see that the Lord was with him. Joseph had another proof of God's presence, when he found grace in his master's sight (Genesis 39:49). Things could have been much harder than they were. God was with Joseph and was carefully monitoring the intensity of Joseph's difficulties.

After the tremendous humiliation and disappointment of imprisonment, God again proved His divine presence. The Lord showed him mercy and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison (39:21). Instead of treating Joseph harshly and putting his feet in the stocks, as he could have done, the keeper committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners (39:22). He was given privileges the other prisoners did not have. The Lord made that which he did to prosper (v 23).

Joseph could have easily become bitter against his life and against God. He could have said, "This is not fair. Why do I need to go through this?" He probably would have said this if he had focused only on the bad situations in his life. But Joseph had learned to find and track God's hand of mercy in his life in the midst of the hard things.

Why did God allow these hard things in Joseph's life? God had a plan for him. Later on Joseph saw plainly the unfolding plan of God. God had an explicit purpose for all that He had allowed, including what the evil people did to him. We too need to learn to find God and the reassurances of His presence in the middle of hard experiences and disappointments. What really is the most important thing in life? That everything goes nice and easy? That we have plenty of money? That the world smiles its approval on us? No, one hundred times, No. To have the Lord with us and to love, with His smile of approval and blessing, is by far the most important.

Think about it: Joseph was rich, even if he was a penniless slave. He was free, even though he was in prison, because the Lord was with Joseph. Compare his freedom to that of his brothers and Mrs Potiphar. They were probably always on edge fearing that someone might find out the truth. They were not free. A person with a guilty conscience is never really free.

The lesson? Always live to please God and have a conscience free of offence, no matter what difficulty and affliction it brings us. In all of life, claim the presence of God. Trace His hand of mercy and care in the middle of hard experiences. After all, He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee".

Bro Uka Egwu (Ohafia, Nigeria)

Where Can You Find Real Hope?

If you find that you are losing hope, as many are in these troubled times, where will you turn for help? Many people claim they can help you, but again you find that their suggestions are false and contradictory. So why not turn to the one who designed mankind with the capacity for hope in the first place?

"He (God) is not far off from each one of us" (Acts 17:27) and He is more than willing to help. Hope means to wait eagerly for something and to expect good. Faith is the assured expectation of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1). Meanwhile, these three remain: faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13).

How can you have such hope in God? God is the source of true hope: it is written that God was called Israel's only hope. God gave His people, Israel, a solid base for hope. The apostle Paul wrote: "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

The Bible definition of hope is broader and more profound than the one in common use among today's doctors, scientists and psychologists. Hope, basically, is composed of two things:

1. The desire for something good 2. The basis for believing that good will come

Hope has a solid basis in fact and evidence. The basis for hope is that "not one of all the promises that the Lord your God has given you has failed" (Joshua 23:14). Thousands of years later, that record still stands sharp and new.

What hope does God give? When do we feel the greater need for hope? Is it not when we face death? After all, what could be more hopeless than death? The wise man said, "Anyone who is among the living has hope even a live dog is better off than a dead lion. For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing" (Ecc 9:4,5). But the bible also says the last enemy to be destroyed by God is death itself (1 Cor 15:26).

How can we find hope in the face of death? The Bible verses that call death the last enemy, also reveal that God has more power than death. He has proved this on many occasions how? By resurrecting the dead, by raising them to life again. In an outstanding incident God empowered His son, Jesus, to resurrect his dear friend Lazarus, who had been dead for four days, not secretly but openly in front of on-lookers. Jesus, deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "'Take away the stone', he said", (John 11:38-44). Read the whole of this wonderful account.

You might wonder why people were resurrected. Did they not grow old and eventually die again anyway? They did, yet because of reliable resurrection accounts such as Lazarus, we can have a desire that our dead ones will live again. "Jesus said, `I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die'" (John 11:25,26).

"Jesus said again, 'Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned'" (John 5:28,29).

Paul teaches us more about the value of hope. He spoke of hope as a vital spiritual suit of armour. He said, "Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet" (1 Thes 5:8).

Clinging to that hope can give us the incentive we need to live by God's standards instead of giving in to the chaotic, immoral state so prevalent in the world today. The hope that God offers involves you personally. But each one must have accurate knowledge of the truth. This is good, and pleases God, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. Read 1 Timothy 2:3-6. The hope that God will thereby give you is far superior to any hope you can find in this world. But Paul says again, "We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13).

My brethren and sisters, each one of us should make every effort to remain in fellowship with God. We have been called to a wonderful hope. Each should live according to the Lord's gift to

him, doing all we can to let the word of God direct our steps. You were bought at a price, do not become slaves of men.

Bro Green Mumbelunga (Ndola, Zambia)

Working in Dangerous Grounds

The Bible tells us in the letter to the Hebrews 12:7-9 that being servants of Christ does not mean "all is well" or "perfect". We have to share in our Lord Jesus Christ's sufferings. Thus the writer is saying that being God's sons means that

He is disciplining us, so that our faith in Him is proven to be genuine. Based on our perseverance and endurance, we move along the road to salvation, which Jesus has provided.

This begins with one's reaction and response to God's word leading to repentance then, of course, to baptism "which is a symbol for identifying oneself with Jesus Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:3,4). As well as Jesus other servants of God worked to do God's wish and will in dangerous working grounds. These include Noah, who was a man of faith, preaching to the world at a time when people's hearts turned away from God's decrees and statutes (Gen 6:1,2). But even though this was the case, Noah was brave enough to preach God's word starting with his household. This was not a simple task, which proved that Noah had a patient and understanding heart. He preached to these wicked people to see if they would respond to his exhortation, because God's wish is that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Nevertheless, this generation chose willingly not to abide in God's statutes and decrees (Gen 6:1,2).

Noah had a task before him to build an ark. He took the assignment God gave him and his household, enduring the mocking from this crowd of wicked people. Let us put ourselves in Noah's shoes and view the burden which he carried in life. In this way we see that God graciously helped Noah to preach and work in dangerous grounds. Noah responded positively to His word.

Bro Musanda Mbewel (Mufulira, Zambia)

Who Is an Apostle of Christ?

The apostles of Christ were men who kept company with the Lord Jesus from his baptism until his ascension, and:

- were witnesses to his resurrection (Acts 1:8,22, 23)
- must have seen Jesus Christ and conversed with him (Acts 1:21)
- must have been chosen and sent by the Lord (Matthew 10:15; Luke 6:14-16)
- were authorised by our Lord to forgive and retain sins (John 20:22,23; Matthew 16:19; 18:18)

· Were able to work signs and wonders and mighty deeds as signs of apostleship (2 Cor 12:12) · must have believed the pure gospel, and walked according to the truth · must have received the power of the holy spirit (Acts 2:4)

There were twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2; Acts 22:14,15) with the above qualifications, and their administration was of the holy spirit through them, so in their word was power for the healing of diseases and sickness (Acts 5:5,10,12; 8:22). They were able to confer spiritual gifts to co-labourers upon laying of their hands (Acts 8:17; 19:6) and gave commandments to their faithful followers as the ambassadors of God on earth.

Therefore the word of reconciliation was committed to the apostles (2 Cor 5:18-20), so that one of them could say, "We are of God, he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error" (1 John 4:6). And they were correctly justified in saying so, for Jesus said to them: "It is not ye that speak, but the spirit of your Father which speaketh in you" (Matthew 10:20). Also our Lord said, "He that despiseth me and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me" (Luke 10:16).

Currently, nobody can claim that he is an apostolic successor, or has power on earth to forgive or retain sins. There are those who apply these scriptures to themselves a groundless claim, as groundless as a succession to the rights of the Levitical priesthood. They would be: "False apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Cor 11:13-15).

Bro Walter Wasike (Mombasa, Kenya)

Scriptural Authority for Sisters

Women, though subject to some scriptural restrictions and limitations, have a definite place in teaching God's word. Jehovah recognised women's ability to teach, else there would have been no restrictions thrown around her in the work of teaching. No man has the right to deny her the right to teach, save as the Lord has circumscribed her activities as a teacher.

Women were commended to teach in Titus 2:4 and they did teach according to Acts 18:26. These passages provide proof that a woman is to teach. This teaching took place either in an assembly or out of it. If it were out of it, then this was a class. Whenever there is a teacher, call it what you will! The New Testament refers to the following women who taught: Phillip's four daughters (Acts 21:9); Priscilla (Acts 18:26); aged women (Titus 2:3,4).

The restrictions on women teachers are listed in 1 Timothy 2:11,12. This passage forbids a woman to teach in such a way as to exercise a certain type of dominion. It is obvious that these prohibitions are limited in nature, for a woman may both teach and exercise dominion over her children. Thus while a woman may teach and exercise dominion, she may not exercise either over a man. Teaching over a man involves the inherent idea of usurpation of authority and assumption of dominion. Any time the woman usurps this authority, she is wrong.

There are several ways a woman usurps authority: she may teach without the approval of the elders: she may refuse to be in subjection. But she may scripturally teach where she does not

usurp authority. God is glorified and the church is strengthened when we observe both the opportunities and limitations established by the scriptures in connection with the role of women in the work of the ecclesia (1Corinthians 14:37).

Bro Jacktone Ukiru (Nhiwa, Kenya)

Eternity for the Faithful

We are living in the midst of mixed reactions as regards eternity for the faithful; we differ because of the way we understand the Bible. The majority of `Christians' believe in spending their eternity with God in heaven, while relatively few believe that they will spend eternity on earth.

It may seem very simple to decide who is right in this case. We could go with the majority, since it may seem hard to believe that only a few will be selected for the kingdom of God, as the minority tell us. But we can prove who is really right by reading our Bible, unbiased by anything learnt either from our parents or from legendary stories.

God through Isaiah, His prophet, has made it clear that the purpose of creating the earth was to be the dwelling place for the people (45:18). Moreover God promised Abraham, the father of the faithful, the land of Canaan as an eternal inheritance for him and his seed (Genesis 13:15). Again, Jesus in his mountain teaching pointed out that the meek shall inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5). From what we have gathered therefore, we come to the central point for those who argue that we shall spend eternity on earth.

It may appear very unconvincing to talk about spending eternity here when we see the way things are on earth with all its violence and spiritual darkness. Additionally, the faith of many is very cold; hence the question, Will the son of man find faith on earth? Well, we need not forget the curse that was imposed upon man for disobedience which has resulted in the wrong things on the earth. The work of Jesus, the begotten, beloved son of God, is to remove that curse in fulfilment of the purpose of God. Having done that, the earth will be turned into a new paradise without violence and spiritual darkness. God will be all in all to his faithful servants.

Resettlement Of Our Refugee Brethren:

Putting Ourselves In Their Place

Sis Esther Worrell (Canada)

Since my last issue I heard over the media that the authorities responsible for accommodating refugees in the camp had expressed concern about their ability to maintain the humanitarian programs vital to the day-to-day mental, moral and physical wellbeing of the occupants.

The Very Distressing Situation of Our Brethren Let us try to put ourselves in the place of these people, especially single females, single parents, young families and young people. These are people who have had to run from settled comfortable homes, many from established jobs, with very little, if any, personal possessions. They have lost just about everything they ever owned, and have to make do in a new very likely harsh environment with the barest of necessities, not knowing what their future will be. They realize that they will have to exist with inadequate food, and very depressing living conditions. Those with children have no idea what their children's

future will be, as in their position there is nothing to which they can look forward. Some just have to stand by helplessly witnessing their teen-aged children being taken advantage of because of their inability to provide them with the required necessities. The prospects are hopeless, as there is absolutely nothing, but darkness ahead of them. All of us would like to be in a position to be able to plan and work towards a future, but these people huddled in small or even gigantic make shift camps, with no comfort, very little privacy and poor sanitary conditions, with not enough food to go around, have no idea how long they will be in this situation or worse if they will ever get out. Imagine parents who normally provide for their children, standing in line, along with those very children, for handouts of food. Yes, just let us take some time out from our comfortable situations and consider how we would manage in this situation. We must remember that they are there through no fault of their own. What then can we do?

"In All Their Affliction He Was Afflicted". Hopeless and desperate as this situation is, I know from my reading of the scriptures, that our Heavenly Father is in the midst of them. He is their Father, and they are His children, and as He is our Father too, they are therefore our brothers and sisters and children. When His children were sojourning in the wilderness, he told David that He was with them - 2 Samuel 7 6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Very comforting that God is with us in times of affliction Isaiah. 63: 9 "In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old." I've noticed however that despite His presence with them, He commissioned a man, Joshua, through Moses, to take them over to the land He'd promised them, but note that He did not leave Joshua alone with this task, but sent the captain of His host to direct him.

God Similarly Expects Us To Make An Effort To Relieve Our Suffering Brethren "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." . These people our brethren - in the refugee camps are our own flesh according to Isaiah 58 7 "when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" Even though God was with the Israelites, just as He commissioned Moses and Joshua to do their part on behalf of their brethren, He similarly expects us to make an effort to relieve our suffering brethren. Let us apply the second great commandment that He gave to us, for this situation - Matthew 22: 37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.38 This is the first and great commandment.39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets". Let us begin by getting together, beseeching our Heavenly Father to come into our midst, and begin planning how we will approach this matter.

It will greatly help if those who are in charge of our publication to the brethren worldwide would include these appeals, giving as many as possible, the privilege and opportunity to get involved in this rewarding project

--Sis Esther Worrell (Canada)

Owing to the considerable increase in the number of refugees, inflation and lack of resources, it is not always possible for the relief organizations to provide what is regarded as the minimum basic food rations. The two large meetings in the Nyangusu Refugee Camp (Tanzania) temporarily had their basic allowances cut. Thanks to the help of those donating to CAT Funds it was possible to help remedy this situation, as you will see on the the back cover photo.

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Bro Sylvester Tembo (Mzuzu, Malawi)

Jamaican Missionary Endeavours

On Tuesday 4th, September 2012, Sis Elesa Fisher, Bro Harold Campbell and myself journeyed to Port Antonio to fellowship with Sis Enid Hall. Port Antonio is the first tourist town in Jamaica, it is East of the Island. It has lush greenery and is densely populated. Sis Enid Hall lives directly in the town.

We discussed the daily Bible readings, did hymns, breaking of bread and prayer. Below are pictures of the Bible discussion and breaking of bread taking place.





Wednesday 5th, September Sis Janetta Elliott (she's a shut in sister) received the emblems when we fellowshipped together. She lives in Round Hill, which is a major farming community in St.

Elizabeth which is south of the Island and is close to the capital. See pictures below.



Sister Janetta is a paraplegic, she became like that in her infancy. She spends her days at home mostly indoors or on the varanda as it tends to get very hot in St. Elizabeth. She always welcomes fellowship and so was most delighted when we visited.



Ecclessia interest rekindled...

Sunday August 26th, 2012 Memorial meeting held at Llangly District, Port Maria. Young Bro Cadur (newly baptized) selecting hymns on computer to accompany us as we sang.

Bro Cadur is a former Youth Circler who has been attending for the past three years and expressed interest in the gospel. He was instructed and baptized in August of this year, and is now attending the Port Maria meeting.



Brethren and Sisters attentively looking into the scriptures as the exhortation is given.



Brother Harold Campbell presiding at Memorial meeting....

Friday August 24, 2012, three interested teenagers (Junior Lawrence, Saneesha Byfield and Anita Brown) being instructed for baptism in Port Maria. They are former Youth Circlers of the Port Maria Ecclesia.





Sunday Memorial meeting at Port Maria....

After a lull, in attendance over a period of months I am happy to say that the interest is being rekindled at Port Maria Ecclesia. With over fifteen of us in attendance, three from Free Hill joining us in fellowship. The meeting is desirous of having a mid week Bible study, youth circle and Sunday School. All this we have sat down and talked about. I will have to be instrumental in getting them to these meetings as transport is a problem for them. I am trying to see how best I can use my time to help them make these a reality. Thank God all is not lost.

Bro Martin Shirley (Jamaica)

Follow Me

In the gospel of John, Peter asked Jesus, "'Lord, whither goest thou?' Jesus answered him, 'Whither I go thou canst not follow me now, but thou shalt follow me'" (13:36). In Matthew, "And he (Jesus) saith unto them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men'" (4:19). Brethren and sisters, think of it: if it were you and me what would be our reaction toward the Lord Jesus?

"Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle. Set yourselves, stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord ... Believe in the Lord your God, so shall he be established. Believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper" (2 Chronicles 20:9- 12,17,20: compare Psalms 25:15). "Because thou has kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth" (and see all of Revelation 3:8-12). If you believe him, follow him: "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 20:27,28). Are you following the Lord? If not, why not? Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day. And in thy righteousness shall they be exalted, for the Lord is our defence. And the holy one of Israel is our defence. Amen.

Bro Harris Mulongesha (Ndola, Zambia)