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“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet.” Isa. 58:1

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## The Spirit of Eliashib

*“...Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah:*

*And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.” Neh. 13:4, 7-8.*

Today’s religious generation is like Eliashib. They open the door for God’s enemies to dwell among them. It seems that very few share Nehemiah’s discerning vision and zeal for the purity of the house of God. The scriptures call Eliashib’s deed “evil.” He likely thought it was benevolent; big-hearted, as would the ecumenical-minded of today.

Is this “Let’s get together and forget about our differences” and “all paths lead to heaven” mentality inspired by pure, divine love or is it the slick subtlety of Satan, perfecting his craft of deception? Indeed, the devil loves mixture—darkness with light, truth with error. And mixture he has.

We live in the time of the generic “church.” No name brand denominations. “The Community Church.” “The Bible Fellowship.” Just “believe in Jesus” or pray to Mary, even sincerely believe in your heart that Buddha or Mohammed is the right path and we will all end up in heaven. People have been

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### Golden Warriors

In this age so decadent,  
With limp religion evident,  
When “another gospel” has been brought in  
By false prophets loving sin,  
Who will those golden warriors be  
To fight ‘gainst hell’s artillery?

The time is short, the devil knows  
So rages ‘gainst the church, His foe.  
Deceitful errors blind mankind,  
A faithful man, oh who can find,  
To expose the darkness and the lies  
Of Satan in religious guise?

O Christian soldier, be like Christ  
With eyes ablaze to pierce the night.  
Seeing Satan at his craft,  
Knowing how to fight him back!  
His time is short, and so is ours!  
Rescue souls from his dark powers!

—Sis. Susan Mutch

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**Editorial**

There is no question that the perilous times the apostle Paul prophesied would come in the end are upon us. So well have seducing spirits worked their deception that but few have an understanding of God’s church and of what a real, Bible Christian is. Dare to declare these truths, even with the authority of God’s Word, and the people are incredulous, even enraged. It just does not compute with today’s “Christian mind-set.”

But though the tides of error sweep across the earth, the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ stands as an immoveable bulwark, unbending, unflinching. Say what you will, think what you want, but every single error—however popular and widespread it may presently be—will be long exposed and banished while the Word eternal (and the little flock that obeyed it) will last through endless ages, undefeated.

Oh, for an army, a myriad host of God-called and God-gifted messengers to spread the real, blazing, sin-destroying gospel of the Bible! It would send the darkness flying! I am convinced that were the masses exposed to *the* truth, multitudes would rejoice to hear the sound. The temple of Diana went out of business after a few preachers of the Truth came along. Its adherents were more than happy to forsake it, having found the true and living way.

Satan fears the message and the people of the message (He knows who they are). Hence, he vilely works to make the minds of the multitudes evil-affected towards them, just as he did at ancient Ephesus. He cares not if any join one of his seem-right religious ways, but should any head toward the city of Truth, the household of God, the battle will be on.

Yes, the battle is on, indeed. The beloved city is in fact surrounded by the foe as never before, and they see Satan’s wrath and his craft. But this they also know...they will win the war, for “fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.” *sm*

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# Testimonies & Letters

## A Touching Incident

Tonight I was playing the piano while the boys were eating a snack before going to bed. I started playing the song, *Above All*. My wife and I sang the chorus through a few times:

*Crucified, laid behind a stone  
You lived to die, rejected and alone.  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and you thought of me  
Above all.*

I got my boys' attention and explained what the chorus was saying. Jadon (age 8) came over and listened for a moment. When I started playing another song, he asked me to go back to playing *Above All*. I started playing, and he started singing the chorus with me. All of a sudden, he broke into weeping and laid his head and body against my arm. I kept singing gently until I had finished the chorus while he sobbed.

When I finished, I put my arms around him. He said, "Oh, Papa!" I told him, not without having to compose myself a bit, of how much Jesus loved us to go through what He did. He replied through his tears, "That's what I was thinking of just now." And then he said something very touching. "I get so busy in my play...that I don't think about it..." After saying a few more things, he said, "I want to take it in more and think about it."

Needless to say I was choked up, and tears were in my own eyes. How often am I busy with my work and responsibilities and I don't think about His suffering! I want to take it in more, too.

With tears in my eyes, we prayed right there next to the piano. It was a very touching incident, and one I hope neither he nor I ever forget.

Bro. Daniel Eichelberger  
Ohio, USA

## Help Me Maintain this Way

I seek your prayers and divine worship to help me in maintaining this wonderful way of life even though through difficult times and happy moments.

J. Rotan  
Fiji

## You are the True Body

I love your website and all your effectiveness in the ministry. You are indeed what I term as the true body, even the church of Jesus Christ. I totally agree with your statement of faith...The fields are ripe for harvest

in E. Africa and many souls are coming to the Christ but the big problem that we are facing right now is that the church began so well but on the way most of our bishops and pastors have twisted and hence changed the sound doctrine. So the church is not being built up, rooted and established, but instead it is being misled—they come for miracles, buy anointing oil, prosperity gospel daily. Personally, I am very disappointed...I would love to work with your church ministry.

Bro. L. Isoe  
Kenya

## I Truly Enjoy Listening

I would love to begin receiving the *Gospel Trumpet*. I truly enjoy listening to church of God music and preaching while at work, driving the car, and in my spare time. May the Lord bless you.

Bro. Jim  
Oklahoma, USA

## Come to Turkey

I was excited when I visited your website. Your churches look really divine. I'm a Turkish believer and I heard of you when I was surfing on internet. I'm sorry my English is not sufficient but I want say you blessings. God bless your churches. I hope you will come to Turkey one day and I can meet your people.

G. Talas  
Turkey

## On Virtuous Women

Re: the article on "Virtuous Women." Amen! "Blessed are those who mourn..." I mourn the loss of our generation's innocence. I mourn the way our women and young girls are being lured into believing a lie. The lie is this: No one will love you if you don't look like \_\_\_\_\_. I am a husband and grandfather. I am not of your denomination. I am however, your brother in Christ. And I say that a woman's beauty is not revealed from the outside in, but from the inside out. Modesty should be sought after like one would seek out treasure.

Website

## The Message of Today

I am happy to receive more of the *Gospel Trumpet*. It is of great encouragement to me and to my ministry. Thanks. Surely the Lord has given us full salvation through His blood and has kept us by the same.

According to the fall of great Babylon, I think this is the message of today. We are

living in the world that is failing without Christ. These messages that I do receive build me up as an evangelist.

Pray that if God will open for you gate this year to be in Kenya we shall meet. I would like next year to be attending your international meetings. Lift me on your prayers. We will be praying for your meetings.

Josphat Ndungu  
Kenya

## Help Us Evangelize Haiti

I am very happy to write you to ask you to please build a Christian relationship with us...I learned about your work, faith, and your relationship with God. To help our church grow up and bring more people to Christ, we would like to connect with you. We need your prayers and also if you have some missionaries who are interested in coming to help us to evangelize Haiti. That will be very fine because we have many people who are lost in their sin, they need to hear the gospel and come to Christ.

J. Jasmin  
Haiti

## I Rejoiced

I almost always see your web page and I find it very constructive for society in general. It would be beautiful to see many souls living like the one you possess by mercy. Today, humanity finds itself in a very lamentable state, not only by sin but, also, by the form in which they live. There is no respect in how they dress, talk, or educate their children and many other things. When I saw your web page, I rejoiced very much since in Chile people live totally away from God. There is no fear. Well, that is on a universal level. We are in very difficult times.

It would be beautiful if you were in Chile, that there would exist a church like yours. I admire how the Lord has guided you in so many forms of living—dress, etc. I would like very much to know you more. I would like to be a part of this beautiful group of brethren.

G. Mino  
Chile

## Keep Up the Good Work

I always feel blest to receive the *Gospel Trumpet*. It is so good to know there are others who love God and really believe in living the Bible today while so many have found what they think is a better way...birth control wives working out of the home, the television which has brainwashed almost the whole country, so-called preachers who make

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room for so-called trivial wrongs, etc.

God's way is best every time. Hallelujah! Keep up the good work. Bro. R. Martin  
Maryland, USA

## An Angel of Light

Received July-August issue a day or two ago. Your editorial reminded me of a paper I found in a drawer recently. Perhaps you have already seen it—Today the devil does not persecute Christianity in America, he professes it. He does not fight churches today, he joins them. He does not openly oppose Christ, he imitates Him. This is the strategy of this evil angel disguised as an angel of light.

M. Cook

## A Real Christian

Praise the Lord. I want to let you know what the Lord has done for me. He has saved my soul and keeps me free from sin every day. It is such a blessed privilege to be a real Christian in this dark world.

The Lord has given me joy down in my heart that nothing can destroy. The joy of salvation is so wonderful. It surpasses all the joys of this world. I can truly say that since Jesus has come into my heart He has filled my every need. I wouldn't trade salvation for anything.

Jesus is a true friend. He is with me whenever I need Him. He knows exactly how to comfort and strengthen me. Friends in this world could never be what Jesus is to me. I can go to Him and cast all my burdens and cares upon Him and be relieved. It is so good to have someone by your side all the time that wants to help you. He has never failed me, and I mean to stay faithful to Him.

Bro. Jacob Bergen (Age 18)  
Ontario, Canada

## Looking for Dedicated People

I am from Nepal, Christian, and am looking for good and totally dedicated people in Lord. Please help me.

Bro. Abraham  
Nepal

## The True Doctrine

On this day when I write, know that my joy is very great because for close to two years I have been looking for a church that has the biblical doctrine but I haven't been able to find it. But glory to our Lord Jesus

Christ who has permitted me in my search on Google to find your internet site.

I have read your doctrine and it is the true Bible doctrine. I also believe in this doctrine. I wish to work with you in the ministry... I am sincere and I desire this. I direct a church that I started in my house and today has grown, by the power of the Holy Spirit to 70 members. We currently meet in a place that we rent.

All my regards to you and may God bless you.

Y. Philippe  
Cote D'Ivoire

## Wonderful Website

Dear brethren in Christ,

Your website turned out wonderful! Thank you so much for your labours in the harvest of God. May God richly bless you as you labour for Him.

Bro. R. Reiband  
Germany

## In Agreement

I was referred to your website by a friend. I really enjoyed reading this article (Holy Boldness). I'm totally in agreement with it. I plan on reading and listening to all the messages here. I am encouraged that there may be yet many like-minded believers out there. Thanks be to God.

Website

## Wonderfully Blessed

I am a regular reader of your magazine "The Gospel Trumpet" and I have been wonderfully blessed through the magazine. I want to keep having the copy of the magazine in my hand.

O. Onwoke  
Mexico

## Beautifully Explained

Regarding the booklet, *Examining Loopholes for the Remarriage of Divorced Persons*: Beautifully explained. This is the truth God wants ALL His ministers to teach and preach!!! Thanks again and I look forward to more insight on other conflict doctrines in the church of God that are bringing schism in the body among God's people.

Website

## Real Christians

I do read a lot from the church of God newspaper that I receive and I keep myself abreast of what is happening in the church. This is a church where hypocrisy and pretense will never thrive; this is where real Christians receive the right message. I don't want to ever

miss my copy.

My pupils also learn a lot from the children's copy. They had a lot of questions about the day the school children in Ohio, USA experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. They very much wished to pray like them.

Grace Kauma  
Kenya

## From a Former Reader

We have read your magazine for some time now. We wonder, do you really believe that your "Church of God" is the only righteous church? Are you the only ones getting to heaven? How can you be so sure? Our Bible says "God is the judge." It also says "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3. It doesn't say "and if you belong to the Church of God." We believe, "Where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20. Those are words of Jesus. Please take us off of your mailing list.

What constitutes the church of God (look up the name; it is used to address the congregations in the New Testament)? ALL of those who are truly born again. So, yes, we believe there are saved people in denominations, for they are part of His church, through the new birth. They are misplaced. God never intended for them to be scattered in man-made schisms, divided from one another. Since salvation makes us a member automatically, why join an unbiblical sect?

Again we must ask, how many churches does God have? how many doctrines?! Does the Bible not mean what it says—there is one body and one fold? Does it not seem reasonable that God wants all of His children together, speaking and believing the same thing? Is He not able to gather them all together, as He did in the time of the early church?

If this former reader will look into his Bible more deeply, he will also find that it says, "he that is spiritual judgeth all things," "ye shall know them by their fruits," and "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather, reprove them." What a pitiful thing it would be if none could judge (distinguish) a truth from a lie, light from darkness, that which is biblical from that which is unbiblical. Everybody blind and dumb. I have more faith in God than that. He said His Spirit *will* lead us into *all* truth, including the truth about the antichrist system of sectism.

*The Editor*

# An Appeal to Honest Souls

Bro. Ken Harger

*If you by God's grace are living a holy life, your continued presence in an organization that does not exemplify this truth both jeopardizes your walk and, in their minds, legitimizes the group of which you both are a part.*

Do you have a problem with our saying, "Biblically God has only one church, and we are that church." If you are an honest person, please consider the following with us:

1. Can you truthfully say by God's grace that there was a moment in your life when you passed from spiritual death unto spiritual life? When you became aware that you were truly born again? When sinning actually ceased and a life of holiness commenced? When the fruit of the Spirit, to your amazement, convinced you that "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"? Are you now enjoying that state of grace?

a. If you are soundly convinced of this from the direct witness of the scriptures, God's Spirit and the fruit of your life, you have the spiritual eyes to answer the second question.

b. If you are not now in the enjoyment of that blessed state of grace, you need to come to the church of God to see how to obtain and live that life. 1 Cor. 6:9-11 states the difference plainly. Verses nine and ten say to those outside of this blessed state, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." Verse eleven states the case of every member of the blessed church of God, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." *You cannot find the bloodwashed, the redeemed, the justified outside of the biblical definition of the church of God.*

2. Does the Bible teach that there is only one body, one church, and that only Christ Himself adds members to it when He has saved them and

translated them into that state of grace presented in our first question?

a. If you can clearly see this in the scriptures, consider the third question.

b. If you cannot see this in the scriptures, go back to question one, because only those who have been delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:13) can see this truth. John 3:3 says "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 2:14 tells us clearly, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

3. Can anyone who is sinning (a sinner) be a member of that one blessed body?

a. If you believe that a person at the same time can be sinning and be a member of that one blessed body, please consider God's Word on the subject. Gal. 5:19-21, after enumerating the manifest works of the flesh, says, "of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Eph. 5:5 tells us, "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." 1 John 3:6 says, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." 1 Cor. 6:15 says, "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid." If you desire to know more, please read Eph. 5:5-12, 2 Tim. 2:19, Jms. 4:4, 1 John 3:6-10, 1 John 5:18, Rev. 21:27 and 22:15.

b. If you can see from scripture that a person must be presently saved and living without sinning to be a member of that blessed body, you can rightly answer the fourth question.

4. Are you personally then an individual member of that blessed body by virtue of the fact that Christ by salvation has added you to it?

a. If the scriptures convince you that this is true and your heart and life correspond to this fact, please consider question five.

b. If you are not sure of this fact, *you can know*. The apostle John in the book of First John had the burden of making sure that we know. In

that short book, he used the word “know” or its equivalent at least thirty-nine times. Peruse the book and, more importantly, the “people of the book.” For if the book only contains a philosophy or doctrine, and human beings, like you and me, cannot actually live that doctrine, what sets it apart from all the myriad other philosophies of the world?

5. Can you as an individual member of that one body compose the biblical definition of the church of God?

a. If you believe that you as a single individual by yourself compose the church of God, the body of Christ, please consider the following scriptures. Rom. 12:4-5, “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” 1 Cor. 12:12, 19-20, “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ...And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body.” For a fuller understanding please read 1 Cor. 12:12-27.

b. The scriptures say in Heb. 11:40, after detailing the Old Testament heroes of the faith, “God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.” If you understand that you are only a member of that body and that you need each one of the other members of that body, we respectfully ask the sixth question.

6. Do you and the visible body that you (to use 2 Cor. 6 terms) are yoked with or claim to have fellowship, communion, concord, part, or agreement with compose that body?

a. If your answer is “Yes,” then you can truthfully answer, “Yes, we have renounced every yoke ‘together with unbelievers’ (2 Cor. 6:14). We only have fellowship with the saints in light. We are not working to, nor do we desire to build up any body other than the biblical body of Christ. Though we as a body are constantly seeking the salvation of the

unsaved (some of whom even gather among us in our services), there are no members of our body who are not saved and living above sin.” If this is the case, you are speaking the language of the Spirit in our hearts. We understand that language. We yoke with that Spirit. The Spirit within us has led us also to that place. Please consider the seventh and final question.

b. If your answer is “No, I am sad to say it, but it seems that many, if not most, of the visible body I am with, fit the description that God, in 2 Tim. 3:2-7, gave of men in the perilous times of the last days. The abandoned-to-Christ language of 2 Cor. 6:4-10 seems to be a foreign language to the spirit within them. My heart grieves at what I sense around me, but I am trying to be a little candle burning in the night where I find myself.”

Brother or sister, praise God for the light of Christ within you! He wants to keep it burning and increasing within you. But how is that to happen? Would you not agree that it is only possible by a persistent, diligent walking in the light of God’s Holy Word? He only

*What is hindering you from identifying yourself ONLY with the visible body of ALL God’s holy called-out ones?*

knows how to keep us and enlarge us. And does He not give clear direction in both of the chapters just mentioned how that is to happen? 2 Tim. 3:5 says, “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

God, after appealing to the Corinthian saints to be enlarged, in 2 Cor. 6:14 specifically tells them how: “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.” The context of the chapter makes it clear that He was not speaking primarily here of being yoked in marriage, but of being yoked as a body of believers, the church of God, of which marriage is simply a type (Eph.5:25-32).

If you by God’s grace are living a holy life, your continued presence in an organization that does not exemplify this truth both


jeopardizes your walk and, in their minds, legitimizes the group of which you both are a part. God’s clear commandment in 2 Cor. 6:17 is, “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.” Please consider the seventh and final question.

7. What is hindering you from identifying yourself *only* with the visible body of *all* God’s holy called-out ones?

a. Jesus prayed for this very thing in John 17:21-23. “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and *that the world may know* that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”

b. Satan for many years has “accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people” (Dan. 12:7). John 11:52 tells us that Jesus died not only for the nation of Israel but also “gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.” Jesus said in John 10:16, “...and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”

You say, “But I am standing for Christ where I am.” The scriptures make it clear that more important than standing *for Christ* is standing *with Christ*. Matt. 12:30 says, “He that is not *with me* is against me; and he that gathereth not *with me* scattereth abroad.” In the words of 2 Cor. 6:1, “We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.”

Rev. 22:17, “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” Col. 3:11, “Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.” 

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deceived into believing that it would be rude and narrow-minded not to tolerate, yea, even respect, all religious notions. But does not the Bible teach us that Jesus is *the Way*? He is not one of many ways. One would have to deny this absolute Bible truth to accept any other way, any other spirit. "Buy the truth and sell it not." Sell this truth and you have no gospel.

Truth is absolute, not relative. Truth calls everything outside of it a lie. This ecumenical spirit would have us respect lies. Not only will Truth not tolerate error, it reproves it, glad to rescue souls from its path of death (Prov. 14:12).

The apostle Paul was anti-ecumenical. He feared that the congregation at Corinth would "bear with" something other than the pure gospel—another Jesus, another spirit, another gospel. He knew it was a corruption of the true (2 Cor. 11:3-4). Nor did Paul respect as "another way to God" the pagan beliefs of his day. He called people to forsake them through the preaching of the one and only gospel of Jesus Christ. He joined no council of religious leaders, other than in the exclusive church of God, wherein they had one mind and one doctrine. He held no joint "unity" meetings with pagans or the Judaizing factions. The gospel that Jesus died to bring us is diametrically opposed to any such confederation. This exclusiveness the devil hates. And this exclusiveness the ecumenical minded just cannot understand.

This ecumenical move is in direct fulfillment to Bible prophecy. It is another sign that we are very near the end of time. Rev. 20:7-9 shows this gathering of the false ways Satan has used through the history of the church to deceive souls—paganism (newly revived in this last century or so with the New Age Movement, occultism, witchcraft, humanism and a revival of eastern religions), Catholicism and Protestantism. Satan has wrath, knowing that his time is short (Rev. 12:12) and is doing all he can to deceive the multitudes before the final return of Jesus Christ. This triad of error is gone out "to deceive the nations" worldwide. It is actually sent by Satan to battle against the truth and is depicted as surrounding the camp of the saints about, the beloved city, the church of God.

Many shall be deceived by this pernicious movement, and through its blinding, deceiving influence "the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (2 Pet. 2:2). The children of God, who can discern the enemy's workings, as did Nehemiah, and refuse to accept or fellowship any false way will be called intolerant, narrow-minded, unloving, bigoted, divisional, cultish, etc.

While we sincerely love the souls who are ensnared in religious error, we do hate every false way that binds them (Psa. 119:104, 148). The Bible declares that Jesus is *the Way, the Truth, the Life*. Woe unto us if we say there is any other way; any other truth.  —*Sis. Susan Mutch*

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If there is not a great gulf fixed between you and the world in this life, there will be none in the world to come.  
— Charles E. Orr

## Briefs

### ECLA Opens Door for Practicing Homosexual Leadership

Minneapolis, MN (USA): The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has opened the doors for practicing homosexuals to exercise leadership positions within the denomination. Meeting this past August, the 2009 Churchwide Assembly passed the measure that reversed the ECLA's previous stance, which mandated that those with same-sex orientation remain celibate.

In permitting the ordination of sexually active homosexual clergy, the ECLA has followed the lead of other large, mainline denominations, including The Episcopal Church, USA and the Presbyterian Church, USA. The ECLA has 4.8 million members in 10,500 congregations.

*"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isa. 5:20.*

*"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind... shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 6:9-10.*

*"...Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:2-4.*

### New Bible Translation to Reconsider Gender Specific Terms

Colorado Springs, CO (USA): Biblica, the company which sponsors the translation of the New International Version (NIV), has announced a revision of the NIV to be completed by 2011. In addition to bringing the language of the translation more up-to-date with the English language (the NIV was first released in 1978), the translation committee is considering the making of a more "gender-accurate" version. This translation philosophy allows for the use of more gender-neutral terms in those passages which are deemed to be inclusive of both genders, but where other translations have used masculine pronouns. For instance, the term "children of God" could be substituted for "sons of God" and "God created human beings" for "God created man in His own image."

Biblica had made such changes in a 2003 revision called Today's New International Version (TNIV), which has not enjoyed as much acceptance as the NIV (in part, because of this very issue). The NIV is the most popular Bible translation in North America.

*"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" Psalm 119:89.*

*The Church of God is...*

Mount Zion

*The Flock of God*

Church of the Firstborn

*City of Truth*

New Jerusalem

*The Bride of Christ*

One Fold

*Kingdom of God*

City of the Living God

*The Lamb's Wife*

The Holy Jerusalem

*Church of the Living God*

The House of God

*Pillar and Ground of the Truth*

The Gate of Heaven

*The Temple of God*

The Body of Christ

*Heavenly Jerusalem*

Kingdom of Heaven

*The Israel of God*

Family in Heaven and Earth

*Assembly of the Saints*

Household of God

*Holy Mountain*

## 27 Marks of the True Church

1. She was built by Jesus Christ (Matt. 16:16, 18).
2. Her theme is love ("charity") (1 Jn 4:19; 3:14; Matt. 5:44; 1 Cor. 13:1-8, 13).
3. She was called out of sin by the gospel (1 Thess. 1:9; 2 Thess. 2:14; Rom. 1:16-18; 10:13-15).
4. The church is the body of Christ; there is only one true church (1 Cor. 1:2; 12:27; Eph. 4:4; John 10:16).
  - a. She is not divided (1 Cor. 1:10, 13).
  - b. She shares the same mind, judgment, and faith (Eph. 4:4-5; Jude 3).
  - c. Her members are of one heart and of one soul (Acts 4:32).
  - d. Her congregations share the same standards and ministry (1 Cor. 4:17; 11:16; 14:33; Eph. 4:11-13; Acts 15:23, 28).
5. The members of Christ's body, the church, are saints, holy as He is holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16; Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:1).
6. Her people are of every kindred, tongue, people, and nation, including believing children and adults (Rev. 5:9; 7:9; Matt. 19:14).
7. Her people are all equal and available to be called of God to any office or duty, regardless of race, social status, nationality, or gender (Gal. 3:28).
8. The Lord has set her members in the body, calling and placing them where He will (1 Cor. 12:18, 28; Acts 13:2; 20:28; Eph. 4:8, 11).
9. Her ministry—apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers—for the edification of the body and in the interest of being accountable for the souls of the people, has been given binding and loosing power, having rule over the people of God as helpers of their joy (2 Cor. 12:19; Heb. 13:17; Matt. 16:19; 2 Cor. 1:24).
10. She keeps the ordinances of baptism of believers by immersion – Jn. 3:23; Acts 8:38; Matt. 28:19-20; the Lord's supper – 1 Cor. 11:23-26 and feet washing – Jn. 13:14-15, and the holy kiss – Rom. 16:16.
11. She believes in divine, physical healing of the body (James 5:14-15; Matt. 8:16-17).
12. She continues in the doctrine of the apostles and prophets, holding the holy scriptures, the Bible, as the infallible, inspired, and complete divine revelation (Acts 2:42; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Jude 3).
13. She believes in the Tri Unity of God, three Persons in One God (1 Jn. 5:7; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; Rev. 1:4-5).
14. She teaches that mankind is depraved by nature since the fall of Adam and that the atonement of Christ and call to salvation applies to all of mankind, "whosoever will" (Rom. 5:12, 15-19; Rev. 22:17).
15. Her converts "go on to perfection" after their initial conversion to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, purifying their hearts from the depraved nature received from Adam (Heb. 6:1; 4:3; Jn. 1:33; Acts 11:16; 15:8-9; Eph 1:13; 2 Pet. 1:4). The evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is holy living, and is *not* unintelligible utterances erroneously called by some, "speaking in tongues" (1 Cor. 3:16-17; Eph. 5:9; 2 Tim 2:22; Rom. 8:13).

16. All of her converts are truly new creatures in Christ, having been born again – 2 Cor. 5:17; Jn. 3:3, 5-8. (Drawn by the Father through the Spirit – Jn. 6:44, 12:32; made to have godly sorrow through the gospel – 2 Cor. 7: 8-10; Acts 2:37; led to repentance and faith – Rom. 2:4; 10:17; having confessed their sins to the Lord – 1 Jn. 1:9; having forsaken all sin – Rom. 6:1, 2, 18; having called upon the name of the Lord for salvation – Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13; their spirit having received a witness by His Spirit that they are the children of God – Rom. 8:16; and having begun and continued making restitution of all past sins – Luke 19:8; Acts 19:19-20; to walk in the light of God’s Word and Spirit – Acts 20:32; 2 Pet. 1:19; Gal. 5:16).
17. She is separate from the spirit of the world inwardly, and from its every outward manifestation, including but not limited to its entertainments, its dress, its patriotism, its pursuits, and all of its sins. Therefore, she uses the clothing ordained of God, plain and modest outward apparel coming from a meek and quiet spirit; she is non-violent (not participating in any way in carnal military action) – 1 Cor. 2:12; 1 Jn. 5:19; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 3:3-4; Lk. 3:14; 6:27-29; Jn. 18:36.
18. Her worship services are led of the Holy Ghost in every aspect including singing (without the encumbrance of mechanical musical instruments) – Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; including who shall pray, testify, exhort, or preach; including which songs are called, and the sequence in which all things are done (Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 12:4-7; 14:15, 40).
19. She has been called in these last days to make the judgments of God manifest to all nations, calling all souls out of false religion and the world (Babylon) into the one true fold (Matt. 18:18-20; Mk. 16:15; Matt. 13:38-41, Rev. 15:1,4; 18:1-4).
20. She teaches there will be everlasting punishment and everlasting reward according to the deeds done in the body (Matt. 25:46; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 22:12).
21. She executes corporate judicial action within the church (1 Cor. 5:4-5, 12-13; 2 Thess. 3:14-15).
22. She lives sacrificially for the sake of Christ and the gospel (Matt. 19:29; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 14:33; Rom. 12:1).
23. She believes in the sanctity of marriage, one man and wife for life (Matt. 19:5-6; Mk. 10:11-12; Lk. 16:18; Rom. 7:2-3).
24. Her people are the true Jews, Jews inwardly. The physical nation of natural Jews will never again, as a whole, be the people of God (Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 4:25-31; 1 Thess. 2:14-16).
25. She looks for Christ to return in the clouds at His second and final coming on the Judgment Day, wherein there will be the resurrection of the just and unjust. (There will be no “millennial reign” on earth, for the saints are in the kingdom now, and no secret rapture from the earth before that day.) Heaven and earth will then pass away (Heb. 9:27-28; Rev. 1:7; Jn. 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 2 Pet. 3:7, 10-11).
26. She teaches that it is possible for a saint to fall from grace, losing his salvation (Acts 1:25; Rom. 11:20-22; 1 Cor. 10:12; Gal. 5:4).
27. She is the church of God (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 10:32; 15:9; 1 Tim. 3:5). 📖

## The Church of God...

Which He hath purchased with His own blood.

Coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Having the glory of God.

A glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Christ is the head of the church.

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

# Radical

## CHRISTIANITY

In these last days, devotion and zeal have faded everywhere. Many “churches” are even having service only on Sunday morning. At the same time, the entertainment industry is flourishing. God has been set aside while everyone pursues their pleasures. Six or seven days a week, people stream to buy lottery tickets, tobacco, alcohol, and movies. They will spend hours every week surfing the web.

On a worldwide scale, “Christianity” is lukewarm. To go beyond what is convenient in seeking God is not normal. To strive to go beyond average is considered proud. To be radical is thought of as unnecessary. But Calvary was not convenient, normal, or lukewarm. How can we be casual and shallow in our service and devotion to Him, after He went through such extremes for us?

Some people say we should blend in with our society and not be conspicuous. What about being separate from the world? Can sheep blend in with wolves? They just don’t fit in. From the depths of our inner being to our dress, we are light and they are darkness. Light is always conspicuous in the darkness—it cannot blend in. The children of Israel couldn’t help but to stand out in the wilderness. The orderly camp with the moving pillar of fire must have been an amazing sight. There was no other camp in the world like that.

In Revelation 3 God lets us know that He hates lukewarmness. We need to be fervent in our love and devotion to God. What husband would ever only do for his wife specifically what she asked? Love is extreme and will cause one to go beyond what is expected.

The Law of Moses provided for freewill offerings for those who just wanted to give something to the Lord that He had not specifically required. Are you numbered among those who offer sacrifices and praise to God when you are not required to, or must you be led around with a bit and bridle as the horse (Psa. 32:9)?

Let us consider the examples of Levi and Jonadab, how God blessed them for being radical. “And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him *for* the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he *is* the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord of hosts.” Mal. 2:4-8.

The reason the Levites were ordained to the priesthood was not that God drew straws and Levi won the draw. There was a reason—“for the fear...” Levi feared above normal.

He was not casual about the things of God. He not only feared God himself, but was successful in “turning many from iniquity,” or causing them to fear as well. God honored him greatly for it. His children for thousands of years benefited from his going beyond the normal. They were privileged to be the high priests and go into the holy of holies and see the glory of God. They got to be there when the children of Israel brought in all their sacrifices and of-

fered them up to God. I believe those were great and glorious times, as God blessed them for what they brought in and sacrificed. I believe there were tears at times, and great rejoicing at others. The Levites got to see it all.

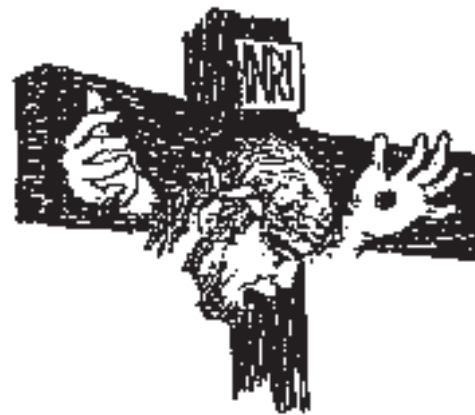
Are you concerned about the spiritual welfare of your children? Be like Levi—fear God above the norm.

In Jeremiah chapter thirty-five, we read of the children of Jonadab that obeyed their father’s commands to not drink wine, sow seed, or build houses. God did not scold them for it, rather He greatly blessed them for honoring their father’s commands. The people of our day would have said, “That’s not written in the law. I’m not going to do that.” And they would have missed out on the blessing.

Some have quoted the following scripture, “...If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book...” (Rev. 22:18), trying to justify the practice of not requiring anything of themselves or anyone else that is not expressly written in the Word. This is a grave error. Let us consider the words of the apostle, “And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.” Heb. 13:22. The apostle here was requiring the saints to allow someone to expand upon the written word, in order to aid in understanding the burden and spirit of the letter. We must follow not only the written commands of the Word, but also

follow the spirit and principles that were laid down as well. It was not possible for any of the apostles or prophets to write all of the will of God concerning all of His children for all generations. If they could have, there would have been no need for Moses to appoint judges over tens, fifties, hundreds,

and thousands, or for the appointed judges as we know in the book of Judges. People could have just looked up their situation in the law and read it for themselves. A large part of the




*Calvary was not convenient, normal, or lukewarm.*

job of secular judges today is applying the laws of the land to the thousands of situations they have to deal with. Not every case is black and white. They don't add to the laws—they just apply them. So is the practice of real Christians. They will apply the Word to all the situations in every area of life.

In the two thousand years since the New

Testament was written, many new avenues of sin have arisen, as well as new practices and customs all over the world. Some applications are obvious, some are obscure. You, dear reader, would do well to take heed to the apostle, and suffer the word of exhortation from spiritual people in our day. It is not those that love God who have a problem with those

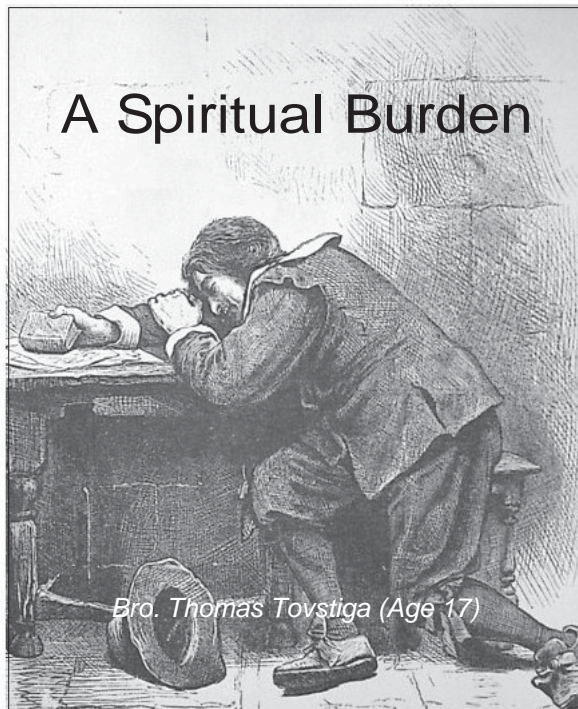
who “go beyond the written word.” It is those who love themselves and feel condemnation when those who are real Christians show up their hypocritical professions. May the Lord help us to love Him supremely and serve Him with all of our hearts in the midst of a world of people who love pleasures more than God.  —Bro. Jere Thilmony

**A** spiritual burden is something that lies heavily on a Christian's heart. It is not a common care, a worry, or a fret. It is not merely a part-time preoccupation of the mind. Nor is a spiritual burden simply a part of a Christian's life; rather, it *is* his life.

It is not something that rests on his heart or on his mind, which he may at any time lay aside or put off. No! On the contrary! It is comparable to a substance that soaks and permeates the Christian's being, until it alone possesses all of his heart, his mind, and his soul. This means that he cannot put his burden down at leisure and take it up again at a later time, for it has become part of him. Never leaving him, it goes where he goes and does what he does.

A true spiritual burden is driven of love. Hence, love cannot be built on a burden, for it is from love itself that a burden grows. In fact, love has been the beginning, the life, and the end of every true burden that God's men have borne throughout history. Love is a burden's ultimate supply source. If love is deficient, then consequently, the burden will lack. If love has waxed cold, there will be no heated burden. Spiritual love and a spiritual burden inhabit each other.

The hallmark of a true burden is its ability to endure. Emotions come and go, delightful ambitions quickly fade, and even serious concerns are known to pass from the scene. Yet, when it comes to a spiritual burden, we see a consistent, rock-hard record of stability, strength, and endur-



ance—an endurance that stands the fiercest test, the test of time. This steady endurance defies the ever-changing seasons, scorns the going down of the sun, and lies oblivious to the coming of a new year. Death is the only thing that can possibly bring release. Truly, a burden lives and works on as if time were something that did not exist.


A genuine burden knows no boundaries. Yes, it is literally boundless! Every natural border is defied by the burden's firm resolve. Physical and cultural barriers are overcome by its impartiality. Indeed, a true burden looks far past the differences of race, colour, education, or any other type of “social rank.” Spiritual obstacles, as well, stand no chance of success when standing in the way of an undeviating, valiant burden. All of these hindrances appear as tiny ice cubes, which, when tossed into a blazing fire quickly

evaporate. All that a burden's far-seeing eye is trained to look for is the burden. A God-given burden will never submit to any foe, nor halt before any obstacle, but will always conquer and subdue.

The following characteristic is the most powerful of all other characteristics. That is, a spiritual burden is not selfish. Many people claim to love and even declare they have a sincere burden. But when their own self is at risk, they cowardly slink away and seek to escape the responsibility the burden brings. A burdened heart does not think of itself. It cannot, because it is not the burden. The burdened soul takes discomfort, pain, and adversity with joy, if only the great cause can be furthered in some

way. *That* is the only thing it sees, hears, or feels. All else is something far distant and totally irrelevant to the only need—the burden. A true burden can only thrive in a selfless environment. Self-love is a deadly cancer that, without fail, will deal a death blow to even the most vivacious burden. Death to self is life to the burden.

Man has a drive to live. Everything possible is done to prevent death. Nevertheless, to a burdened Christian, the well-being of the burden outweighs the well-being of his life. Truly, a burden must be worth dying for, or it is not worth living for.

When the Christian has passed away after having faithfully carried God's burden and has safely arrived at his Home, he will, then and there, lay his burden down forever. Amen. 

Baja needs workers. The Philippines needs workers. The Gospel Trumpet needs workers. The schools need workers. Foreign countries plead for workers. The work is everywhere. It is in your house, on your street, in your school, at your workplace, in your prayer closet. It is in every Sunday service and every Wednesday prayer meeting. And work calls from scores of darkened souls who have never been enlightened with the knowledge of the glory of God. But where are the workers?

“Workers,” you say, “you must mean those outstanding saints, the ones who are gifted in singing and praying, the ones who can preach, or the ones with experience who seem to have such wisdom in dealing with souls. Those are the ones needed. I cannot testify any better than Balaam’s donkey. I cannot speak three languages fluently. When I talk to a soul about the Lord, I stumble over my words. I don’t know how to be useful. Besides, I have too many responsibilities at home to be able to work for the Lord. Let the young people go. They have time. We will pray for them.”

But listen. The Lord of the harvest is calling. “The harvest truly is plenteous,” He says, “but the labourers are few” (Matt. 9:37). Men who can labour are wanted. Not just preachers, or singers, or individuals with wonderful talent and much spare time. All He seeks is solid saints with a real love for labour.

Labour is an intense word. It is more than doing a job. Labour takes soul-energy; it uses all the resources of head and heart and hand. Labour is not accomplished in a day, or a week, or a month. Only those patient souls who are willing to work for months and years if need be, without wearying under the burden or giving up when they do not see immediate results, can truly be termed labourers.

Labour is for the courageous, for those who will not run from danger, for those who will press beyond disappointment and seeming failure. Labour is determined. It fixes upon a goal and does not give up or get easily distracted by the way. Labour is hard—there are not two ways about it. Nothing worthwhile is ever accomplished without effort, and no reward can be won

without cost. It takes stirring yourself when nobody else is stirring you. It takes encouraging yourself when you see nothing encouraging on your horizon. It takes setting aside fear and tackling the challenge you thought you could never handle.

A labourer is not, after all, anyone very special. He is merely someone who can recognize a need and step in to share the load.

He is a pillar. He can bear responsibility. He can perform little drudgeries cheerfully when no one is praising him and no one sees the value of his work. He does not hesitate because the task looks too hard or try to avoid the difficult task and let it fall on someone else. He embraces labour because that is his calling. He thrives in challenges. He is a professional who, as one writer said, “can do his best work when he doesn’t feel like it.” And whenever he does a task, he does it well.

Moving to the Philippines does not make a person a labourer. Labour starts long before that in the home congregation. It starts in testimony service when everything is quiet and the saints are counting on you. It starts in personal devotions when your feelings are dry and you still have the courage to pray down strength and grace for the day.

It starts in the home when you feel annoyed or stressed and still have the grace to keep sweet and content. It starts in every trying circumstance and everyday monotony when you have enough determination to rise above depressing spirits and exercise the living joyful presence of God among daily cares.

Are you considering the mission field? Do you have the character of a labourer? How do you face a challenge? Do impossibilities discourage you? Can you pray when you don’t feel like it? Can you be counted on to move in the Spirit when the service is at a standstill and the glory is waiting for you? How do you react when things don’t go your way? Can you stand up to your own self and do things you don’t like to do with cheerfulness? Can you rest in the Lord when troubles come to make you impatient? Can you reach out to others when you are going through a battle yourself? Can you stand on your own two feet when you feel disappointed or unappreciated or discouraged, or must you be constantly supported and cheered on? Are you a

## Labourers Are Few



*Sis. Kara Wiebe (Age 18)*



New School for Greenville, Ohio Congregation

As the work of the Lord continually progresses, it necessitates the need for larger accommodations. Such was the situation in the Greenville, Ohio congregation. How wonderfully God has supplied! The government closed their public school at 214 N. Main St. and this facility, complete with a gym and a cafeteria, was purchased by the church in a public auction.

Thirteen classrooms are now filled as the students have commenced their new school year in this 19,613 sq. ft. building.

God has been gracious in this restoration time, pouring out His Spirit time and again upon our youth even during the school day—a sharp contrast from the atmosphere of most public schools today with their drugs, smoking, promiscuity and increasingly godless agenda.

May God preserve our liberty to educate the children He has entrusted to our care as He would have it, with holiness unto the Lord written upon all we do, His glory being supreme and His commands exalted in the midst of a perverse generation.



## Church of God Schools (Kindergarten – Grade 12)

### Upland, California

The Gospel Restoration Academy

### Warsaw, Indiana

The Church of God Restoration Academy

### Benton, Ohio

Seventh Trumpet Academy

### Greenville, Ohio

The Church of God Academy

### Honey Grove, Texas

The Church of God Restoration School

### Bonduel, Wisconsin

Little Pilgrim Academy

### Steinbach, Manitoba

Church of God Sunrise Academy

### Aylmer, Ontario

Church of God Christian School

### Germany

Christliche Schule der Gemeinde Gottes

### Baja California, Mexico

Baja Church of God Mission School

### Chihuahua, Mexico

Evening Light Christian Academy

### Durango, Mexico

Church of God Evening Light School

leader at home? How many people have you encouraged lately?

The labourer is not measured by the place of his labour or by the type of his work, but by the quality of his labor and the depth of his burden. One may be a labourer just as easily in his home congregation as on the

foreign field. The harvest is everywhere. Labourers are needed in Canada and America just as desperately as in Baja or in the Philippines. Dreamers are plenty. Want-to-be labourers are plenty. But the real toilers are scarce. Men and women and children who will help to bear the load are tragically few.

Yet the harvest is so great! Let us lay aside our little fears and burdens. Let us forget about waiting for exceptional talent and strength. Let us learn to put our hands to the plow and to labour with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength that we be not found idle when the Master comes. 📖

# MEETING REPORTS

**Haiti:** Thank the Lord for this present restoration of truth. We have been thrilled to see with our own eyes what God is doing in and through His church and are filled with great anticipation for that which He will do as He permits time to continue.

From July 22-28, I, along with Bro. Marcus Benion, had the privilege to travel to the small Caribbean island of Haiti. We met with a brother who had heard of the church of God through being given the *Gospel Trumpet* paper.

We spent our time there in visiting several congregations and were received very well at each location. The dear ones in Haiti showed good interest in the Word of God and expressed a desire for our return. Several contacts were made and the Lord has opened a way for the *Gospel Trumpet* to have circulation in Haiti. Pray for the dear ones there, as we desire the Lord to have His way in this island and bring many souls to the light of the glorious gospel of Christ.

Yours in and for the one body of Christ,  
Bro. Steve Hargrave

**Chihuahua, Mexico:** We look back with grateful hearts at the strong meeting held here in Chihuahua, August 9-16. Lightning came forth as a flame of fire as the ministry in His right hand boldly preached the Word of God. False doctrine was exposed, saints were shown how to keep God's temple clean, and the sinners warned of the soon coming judgment. We rejoiced to see some wonderful results from such strong preaching as the sinners prayed through to the glory of salvation.

Most of the saints present at the meeting were from different states of Mexico: Baja California, Durango, Zacatecas, and Puebla. Several saints came from Canada and the United States. Visitors in attendance throughout the week were several from the Tarahumara Indian tribe from deep in the heart of the Copper Canyon here in Chihuahua. Oh, what a privilege it was to sit all together in heavenly places with the people of God from different races, tongues and tribes.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established...and all nations shall flow unto it." Isa. 2:2. What a blessing to see

this scripture being fulfilled right in front of our eyes.

Two afternoon meetings were held during the week, one of which was a street meeting in a town nearby where the anointed singing reached out into the depths of the souls of man. The other a prison meeting, held in Cuauhtemoc, brought hope to the prisoners.

We pray that the seed sown in this meeting will bring forth much fruit in the hearts of the hearers. Please pray for the work here in Chihuahua. Thankful for the church,

Sis. Ellie Froese

**Durango, Mexico:** "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things." Psa. 86:9-10.

We thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings during the meeting in Durango, Mexico, August 18-23. Our souls were stirred and encouraged by the deep, anointed Word of God. All messages were translated into German and Spanish for the many visitors from the nearby villages and ranchos.

The Lord blessed the street meeting which was held Friday on a busy corner in the town of Nuevo Ideal. Many souls were reached by the distribution of tracts and the singing of the saints. On Saturday six saints were baptized. Continue to pray for the work in Durango. Bro. Isaac Thiessen

**Alaska, USA:** We thank the Lord for allowing a gospel company of the church of God to stop by Alaska once again. Meetings were held August 24-30 in the south central region of Alaska, specifically in Anchorage, Soldotna, Palmer and Houston, Alaska.

Bros. Daniel Layne, Rick Wiebe and Tim Strizu preached the ten services that were held during the week. Saints from California, Indiana and Ohio, Canada and Mexico were present. Fifty visitors attended the meetings throughout the week.

On the Sunday prior to meeting, Bro. Layne was invited by a local pastor to preach and the singers to sing during his congregation's morning service. The Lord blessed the Word in a special way and a number from that congregation attended the meetings held later

that week in Palmer.

Though meetings have been held in Alaska for several years, the work here is a pioneering work. The saints had never been to two of the towns where meeting was held and it was clear that people were wondering who we were. Meeting invitations, *Gospel Trumpet* papers, tracts and singing CDs were distributed as the saints went about in each community. The effects of the meeting will surely continue as the Holy Spirit uses the Word preached, songs sung, literature and recordings disseminated, to strive and reason with souls.

We are thankful for the prayers of the saints for this meeting and for the availing help of the Lord in answer to the cry of His children. Continue to remember Alaska and the work here. Sis. Rosalind Sims

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