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When We Fix Our Eyes On Jesus



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Faith... Today we hear people say, "Keep the faith!" "I've got faith for it!" Yet...what happens when our plans fall apart, when our friend is dying of cancer, or my friends son who was injured in an auto accident many years ago is not healed despite all the prayers?

As I was studying I came across a poem I would like to share,

"My faith has found a resting place, Not in device or creed; I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead. I need no other argument, I need no other plea, It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.

- Eliza E. Hewitt, 1891

The Living Word of God says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—Hebrews 11:1

As I reflect over this last year there were times when the mountains seemed insurmountable—My husband's job had been cut, leaving him off work for 6 months.

We left our home of 20 years, leaving everything that we knew as familiar in our everyday life.

Our son was married—now a grown young man.

My husband's step-mother passed away in January and then his father passed away in March.

We moved to a new location 8 hours from our old home.

My husband started a new job.

I faced difficulties in ministry and triumphs in ministry.

Our nation is still at war.

Hurricanes and earthquakes taking thousands of lives throughout the world.

Even though many events clouded the sky and the testing and trials seem endless I find that the path leads to the exercise of extraordinary faith in the life of an ordinary person.

That even in the midst of obstacle, even in the midst of trial, even in the

midst of hurt and pain, even when I have hurt and caused pain to others in my humanness—God is faithful to give me the "faith of the mustard seed that this mountain be moved".

For this I praise my God..."I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them.—Isaiah 42: 16

Even in the best of times and the worst of times, even when we receive the answer we prayed for or the answer we dread—God is there!

God is there—Great Is His Faithfulness. Life is full of inconveniences or are they opportunities for God to work in our lives? Life is full of disaster as we read the newspapers, watch the television or even take a look at the lives of those we love. Where is our faith in the midst of it all?

When We Fix Our Eyes On Jesus...Cont.

Many times I have read the scripture in Matthew 17:14-20. Especially the following portion— “So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Charles Wesley wrote—

“Give me the faith which can remove and sink the mountain to a plain; Give me the childlike praying love, Which longs to build Thy house again; Thy love, let it my heart overpower, And all my simple soul devour.

Then in Mark 4:30-31 Jesus said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground.”

The mustard seed to look at is very small. The kingdom of God in our hearts, begins small, but as it is placed in His hands—cultivated by the Living Word of God, prayer and fellowship—it grows and offers shelter to those we meet in life.

We bring our “little seed of faith” to God and He moves the mountain. Sometimes the circumstances in life, in ministry seem “almost” insurmountable.

I have come to learn that faith is not about our mustering up huge reserves of mountain moving

power but about our leaning on Jesus—Leaning on the Everlasting Arms of Jesus save from all alarm!

We bring the tiny seed of faith that God has placed in our spirits, and God honors that faith. Too many times I have spent my time looking at the mountain, getting overwhelmed but I am learning to instead nurture the seed of faith that God has planted in me and lean of Jesus. God is teaching me to start where I am and to leave the rest up to Him, just taking one step at a time. He is teaching me that it is okay to “Be Still” and wait in His presence before I take the next step of faith.

It seems at times we start well, we falter, we almost turn around—but we don’t want to, where else would we go—so we take one more step, just one more little step of faith even though the journey is almost too much for us. So what is faith? What is faith defined? “Faith is the gaze of a soul upon a saving God”—Tozer Faith is not about us having enough faith to scale the highest mountain or the bulldoze it into the sea, but it is about us, facing our own mountains in life, gazing upon God, who is the only one who can save us as we take one step at a time fixing our eyes upon Jesus. In Numbers we see

God’s patience with the Israelites was remarkable. Even in the life of the Israelites miracles did not seem to have the effect of increasing their faith. We see incredible miracles everyday but fail to really see them. The miracle of a sunrise or the miracle of a sunset, when is the last time you gave praise to God for each and it inspired your faith? Faith seems to be the gift we receive when we gaze at the face of God.

Jesus said in John chapter 3— “I tell you the truth no one can see the kingdom of God (the working of God in their hearts) unless he is born again.”

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” v. 14-15—

Faith of a mustard seed—when we fix our eyes on Jesus. Faith is a passionate gaze at Jesus, the only one who can save us.

It is my prayer to grow to exercise the tiny mustard seed of faith planted in my heart as I love my God passionately, then I will see God move mountains on my behalf, or take me over them when they remain in place. It is my prayer that my faith and that your faith will grow as we watch how God works and as we pray that Jesus, keep us near the cross where there is the precious fountain.

We bring our “little seed of faith” and God moves the mountain!

Fix our eyes on Jesus...cont.

These being the words of that old familiar hymn, "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" written by Fanny Crosby - It is my prayer that "Near the Cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day, With its shadow o'er me." That my eyes will be fixed upon Jesus—"Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him en-

dured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2 In Jesus Precious Name I pray. Amen

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Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen

"For whosoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be

saved". Romans 10:13

"For all and sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have ever lasting life." John 3:16

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1John 1:9

"Call unto Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

Vacation Bible School—Sherwood Content New Testament Church of God, Trelawny, Jamaica, West Indies—Rev. Norman Johnson

Praise be to God this was my third year to be privileged to work with Rev. Norman and Marcia Johnson and the body of Christ at Sherwood Content New Testament Church of God. We were able to hold a three day crusade, a three day leadership institute and a week of Vacation Bible School. WOW what a week and a pouring out of God's Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ our Lord! Glory to God for the GREAT things He has done!



Uncle Kevin leading Praise and Worship time with the children of Sherwood Content.



The children sharing what they have learned during the week.



The children with Director Jacque in the background.



Watching the video "Left Behind".

Bibles Needed in Jinja, Uganda—RCC Ministry with Rev. Wilberforce

THE NEED FOR BIBLES IN THE UGANDAN COMMUNITIES IS GREAT!

Uganda is an East African Nation, which at one time Sir Winston Churchill called the *pearl of Africa* because of her beauty and unique features. Among the unique features is the source of Nile River, which according to us is, the longest river in the world. The Nile River is very significant in the Bible and the life of Christians as you may be aware but its origin is in Uganda.

Despite the fact that Uganda is the pearl of Africa as Sir Winston Churchill said, she has traversed many problems including reigns of tyranny and pandemics such as HIV/AIDS.

At some point in the past years, tyrannical rule of the country caused persecution of the Church and many saints were martyred as the church went underground.

However, God has blessed us with restoration of good governance and the rule of law in this country and as a result there has been a lot of preaching of the Gospel in almost every corner of the urban places and several rural areas in Uganda. The response to the Gospel has been quite good although Islamic fundamentalism is on the rise as well.

Worship in many Christian spirit filled and Bible believing congregations other than those of

high churches in Uganda, is very lively and full of the enthusiasm of the Holy Ghost.

Churches are being filled up with people—both children and adults—nonetheless there is reason to have believers own, read and study God's word.

WHY UGANDANS NEED BIBLES

(a) They cannot afford bibles due to poverty

The Bible, which is a very precious tool, has not reached the hands of many saints especially in the very poor communities in the rural and urban slums because they haven't had the chance to access it. A church is planted, a pastor is installed but no Bibles left. What happens therefore with that kind of church is that they have to rely on their pastor who could be the only person with the Bible. Certainly if their pastor errors, they will have to go by that lie as if it was the truth since they have no point of reference.

Although the yearning for Bibles is evident among the saints, what can a people locked up in a sorry economy at grass root levels do. The bibles are available at the Bible society and Bible league of Uganda but some people cannot even afford to purchase it.

(b) They are being influenced by cults

With freedom of worship, under good civil governance In

Uganda, there are many cults and occults that have now come to Uganda. Among them are the Mormons, transcendental mediators, and local emerging occults. And so forth.

These groups are usually wealthy and operate mainly among Christians for their harvest or sheep stealing. When they find saints who have not read and studied the word, it is easy to accept the book of Mormon or so and believe it as if it was actually God's word.

(c) They need to be grounded in preparation for any persecution

While there is peace and freedom of worship now, it should be remembered that in the seventies persecution for the church broke out by the late dictator **Idi Amin Dada**. While we may not rule out another form of persecution of the church, our worry is not about the persecution but a people who are not grounded due to lack of Bibles. A saint who is not grounded in the word is like a house built on a sandy foundation. When storms come, it can be swept away.

RCC Ministry in Jinja, Uganda—cont.

d) They need Bibles because of the importance attached to the Word.

- The word of God is a powerful weapon in our spiritual warfare (Hebrews 4:12)
- The word of God is food for the soul to nourish believers (Mathew4;4)
- The word of God is believer’s compass (Psalms119; 105)
- The word of God is a detergent against sin (Psalms 119; 11)

Finally I would like to narrate my experience with two groups of leaders I met in relation to Bibles.

It was last year when I went to meet some of our leaders in the Northern part of Uganda. It was a leadership seminar but surprisingly among the 30pastors that had gathered, only one had a Bible of his own. I wondered how they could handle God’s flock without this precious tool.

In another incident , I recently met leaders in my mother church of Jinja and gave bibles to leaders who expressed the desire to take them to their church members back into their congregations.

God bless you all and I would like to hear from you. Incase you would like to participate in these

programs please let us know. For 15 dollars you can save a soul by donating a Bible . Please designate if you will, for RCC JINJA, Uganda. Web site of the church

Website: www.reformedcc.org



Rev Wilberforce giving Bibles.

The church in Jinja helps many orphan children



The Elders of the church with Rev. Wilberforce.



Construction of the House of God in Jinja, Uganda



Rev. Wilberforce and Mrs. Teddy Wilberforce.



Personal Testimony - from Pakistan—Pastor Fayyaz James Saddique

I am Pastor ,FAYYAZ , James SADDIQUE ,I was born in a Christian Family. My father is an Evangelist and he preach the word 's of God in different areas in Pakistan. I did not hear the Word 's of God. My all family accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, But I did not accept Jesus Christ I was going to Hell, Day by Day my sins increase it was huge spot at my father's ministry. I did not hear the word 's of Jesus .

I was earless to word of God I was tired of myself I was not go to church Specially Sunday Morning.

I went far from the presence of Jesus Christ. I was in dangerous position But the Lord led me Son to see my sins. heard many people saying prayers for me to Lord. While when I sinner one Sunday morning I went to Church I listen the Gospel of Jesus Christ about sinner. I know God is very kind to us. One of the evangelist came from far area in Pakistan in our Church and he preached the word of the Gospel to the people.

He told the people we most be willing to confess our sins. I heard so I only cried out to Lord of Bible again and again.

Oh I am sinner I am living in darkness and shadow of death .I bent down forward and pray to God.

I repented deeply of my sin and my life radically changed forever. I devote myself to Lord Jesus Christ eternally .I have tasted the grace of Lord by His Beloved Son Jesus Christ . Then I spent my time in prayers or read Bible daily. Now I am in peace and live for Christ kingdom .

The Women's Ministry:



Since My conversion I preached in different areas with my dad and other people. I reach out lost people by the Grace of his Son! Many people accepted Jesus Christ as personal Lord of own lives by my preaching. Jesus Christ made my life very potentially effective for other and for lost. I have been made an instrument in the hand of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord give us Great commission. Go" so, we must go to people and share the love of

God !

May all his blessing be with you forever!



Children's Ministry of Full Gospel Fellowship— Pakistan

Children's Ministry.

Children's Ministry is heart beat of our Ministry. Wherever we start ministry, children are our first priority and we prefer every Tuesday and Saturday and every days in morning assembly children's singing for lord and for his Glory.

The School for the Children

We have a school for the poor children where children receive (physical & carnal) and spiritual education by our teacher. Three years I felt the need for the children is potential need for school of Christian community and Christian people. The Christian children's were playing whole day in street and wander here and there without aim and purpose. Some cannot bear expenditure on their own and some parents do not like to send them to school and some families have fatherless children living without an education and without ray of hope.

We are so and so excited and pleasure to work for Lord by children's Ministry and it is our keen desire to train them for the Lord Jesus Christ. By reaching the children we also touch their partners and relatives and many more lives for Jesus. Children

are so and so enthusiastic and find much pleasure because there are learning and become polished individuals that God created them to be.

We want edify them according the Christian Law. We are profoundly and excited because we make them capable to realize their own duty and right. There is no easy way by which men can raise themselves from a low position except by the practice of those virtues by which so many people around them have achieved better position these virtues are hard work and self reliance and develop children's themselves conducting in church and different places. They are understanding it great dignity for us. We conducting Sunday school and other Children's programs. The children are growing in body, soul and spirit and in the admonition of the Lord.

Baptism of New Converts. Glory to God!



Glory to God for the salvation of new souls!

Pastor with the Elders.



Praise and worship.



GOD IS GREAT! - Rev. Roper Sillada—Cebu, Philippines—Sillada's Update

More Updates For What The Lord Has Been Doing in Cebu, Philippines:

Greetings from Cebu! GOD is Great!!! WE are amazed with what the Lord has done in our lives and family, at how God gave the desires of our hearts. Although it seemed impossible for us but God made it, **for that HE has shown to us His greatness...**After our DTS last December 2004 we prayed to God that God would allow us to visit our target tribe (Mabaca tribe) in Northern Luzon, particularly in the province of Abra. Last January, Roper visited the Mabaca community in Buneg, Lacub, Abra. When he was there, he was surprised—less than 5% from the total population of 20,000 are the only ones who know about Jesus. Truly they still belong to the Unreached People Groups here in the Philippines. Some of them are in bondage to paganism and animism. It is sad to know also that they are victims of injustice, prejudices, discrimination and some of their youth would become juvenile delinquents if they could not go to college. Besides that, they are hungry for the word of God. Upon seeing these things, the more Roger **feel compassion and drawn to be God's ambassador to bring good news for the Mabaca tribe.** After Roper's visit, he planned to immediately transfer his family in Northern Luzon. So, he asked for more prayers, asked advices to his co-laborers in the mission field and he also personally asked God for more confirmations, directions with what the right things are to do regarding this matter. As a result to this, he realized that he needed more preparations especially that he will bring his family to the Mabaca tribe. And he also needs more knowledge to reach the unreached tribe even though he and his wife

Amelia already have an experience in the ministry long before. **What's more they are waiting for God's timing!** So. Both of them decided to take School of Frontier Missions (SOFM) during September to December 2005. Meanwhile, they work as volunteers in YWAM Cebu. They also transferred earlier to Cebu in preparation also of the studies of their children (Micko, Joshua, Shechinah and Elizur). This coming June Micko will be in Grade IV, Joshua will be in Grade 3, Shechinah will be kinder 2 and Elizur in nursery. With regards to their ministry here in YWAM Cebu, Roper volunteers in the Frontier Ministry and Amelia is assisting in the Pre-school.

"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Joshua 29:15

Prayer Points:

Good Health for our family—Roper has blood clots in heart but is recovery by God's grace.

More spiritual growth.

God will raise people to be their partners in prayer and finances in God's mission endeavor.

For their monthly provision for food, house rental, travel/ministry expenses and school expenses of their children. They need \$500 monthly. (Should you be touched by the Lord, you may support them with \$5, \$10, \$50)

For SOFM study during September to December 2005.

They hope no one will feel pressure at all that they share their financial situation. Even more your prayers are highly appreciated and very much needed because they believe that there is a power in a multitude of prayer. They thank everyone very much and send their love very much to everyone!

Praise Reports:

1. Roper's recovery and continued good health for the family, traveling mercy and strength for each day.
2. Praise God for His provision to their travel, house rental, food and etc. As they have moved to Cebu from Canlaon City.
3. Praise God for (YOU), their friends and partners in the ministry, who support them in prayer and financial aspects that help in their ministry and they know that your labor is not in vain and the Lord will multiply His blessings upon you, your family and your work. In Jesus Name.

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Pastor T. J. Odavor—of Imus, Philippines—working with Korean Mission

Pastor T. J. Odavor is working with a Korean Mission in Imus. His wife Paz is the Praise and Worship Director with the Baptist Church in Imus. They have three children, Hershey, Charlene and Ellei.

They appreciate your prayer support and any financial support that you can send for their ministry for the Lord Jesus.



“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him , not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing, I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:7-14

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

Pastor Roper & Amelia Sallada and family of Cebu, Philippines

Pastor Roper and Amelia appreciate you prayer and financial support.

The children are Micko in Grade 4, Joshua in Grade 3, Shechinah in kinder 2 and Elizur in Nursery. Pastor Roper and Amelia have also returned to school as they study to gain more knowledge in reaching the unreached tribes in their area who do not know Jesus Christ, especially the Mabaca tribe. Please keep them in your prayers as the

pursue the passion God has placed in their hearts. They give all the Glory to God for the great things He has done and for His faithfulness to their needs each moment of every day.



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