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"making families fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ"

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What are you investing in, in order to leave a legacy ?



Tim Says:

I have just returned from Lahore, and I am not sure that I really know how to accurately describe what I have seen and been a part of. The city teems with people, noise and life. There are literally millions of people crammed into a small place, all of them trying to get somewhere, none of them giving way to another, passionately defending their view, and sometimes their passion turns to physical violence. Yet in the middle of all this commotion are a group of Christians trying to make God's love known and show the difference Christ makes in a life

They are incredibly warm, hospitable and welcoming; for example throwing rose petals over the visiting preacher to make him welcome, but also very poor. Many of their churches have only large sheets of curtain-like material strung across the rafters for a roof, for they would rather feed the hungry, or educate children than have comfort themselves. Many of the children they teach live on the side of canals which are effectively open sewers, yet the church is feeding, clothing and educating the ones who to society are just "the masses." When they worship, the joy of Jesus on their faces and coming from their hearts through their lips is truly awe-inspiring.

They have only very simple instruments, no PowerPoint or words in books, yet their authentic praise would melt hearts (God's included, I'm sure). In the west we may have material wealth, but our spiritual lives are often very apathetic in comparison. Jesus said "the poor you will have with you always." Yes, but how they teach us! I hope we will not be slow or reticent in worship, witness or generosity when in comparison to their circumstances we are Kings and Queens." Remember, Jesus praised the widow who put just 2 small coins in the offering, she in her poverty has given all she has. May God inspire us all to give God our best too, YES "Go and do likewise!"

Texts for the month:

Rev 2:9 I know your afflictions and your poverty-yet you are rich!

Mark 12:44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything -all she had to live on."

Dates:

Tue: 1st 10am - 4pm Quiet Day
 Tue: 1st 7:30pm Prayer Focus -- Gil
 Sun: 6th 10:30am "Loving & Serving the Family of God" -- Dain
 Tue: 8th 12noon Open Doors Lunch
 Tue: 8th 7:30pm "Pancake Evangelism" -- Barbara
 Sat 12th 11.00am-5.00pm Cross Border Prayer Rooms Initiative
 Sun: 13th 10:30am "Practical acts of Kindness" -- Gil
 Mon: 14th 10:30am Prayer for Israel- see Dave Lines or Kathy Boulton
 Tue: 15th 7:30pm Prayer Meeting -- Dave
**Sun: 20th 10:30am We join with the Methodists at their church
 in Broad Street—Tim is preaching**
 Tue: 22nd 7:30pm Prayer Meeting -- Charlie
 Sun: 27th 10:30am "Water & Spirit Baptism" -- Alan Butler
 Tues 29th 7.30pm "Accountability" -- Tim
 Garage Praise - 26th 7:30pm see Jean Dancy for details.

Praying For the Worldwide Persecuted Church
 At Methodist Church 28th March- See Carol Woodcock for details.

Notices:**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Men welcome too)**

International and Interdenominational "How Many Loaves Have You ?'
 prepared by Christian Women of Chile. Churches Together Around
 Ludlow at The Methodist Church, Broad Street, on Friday 4th March at
 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

LENT GROUPS:

Start 7th March for 6 weeks, "What does the Bible say about POWER"
 application forms listing groups ,dates and times are available NOW.
 please see or telephone Dave Lines on 07544 740977.

LADIES:

A Rose conference entitled "TIME TO BLOOM" On Saturday 9th April
 2011, at the Stourport Hotel, Stourport-on- Severn, Worcestershire.
 10am till 4:30pm (registration 9am-9:45am)

Cost: early bird booking offer £15, by 10th February

Afterwards £16.50p This includes a 2 course lunch.

See Margaret Jones for more information or on notice board at Church

PANCAKE DAY EVANGELISM:

Pancake day is here again, on **Tuesday 8th March** time 7.30pm
 Your chance to bring someone with you. Let them see we are a Happy,
 Friendly People and above all a caring Church, perhaps you can help, see
 the notice board or speak to Barbara Pritchard

Prayer Requests :

For Bob & Jenny Lillyman as they return from their trip to the Philippines.

For the churches, school, adult training centre & Bible College that Tim visited whilst in Pakistan.

For Tariq Shaan & Moshin Marik as they evangelise in a predominantly Muslim environment.

Also for Praise/Prayer Thank God for the good news that Karen & Dain are expecting... ask God to keep Karen safe & healthy until the birth, & that the baby is born healthy!

Elizabeth Shaw that the cancer check will show that the cancer has not returned.

The Work of Options that they will get more clients & that their reputation would increase.

Dain's role in schools would increase.

Regents College for those of the fellowship who are at the college, Jackie L, Sandra Siobhan, Thaisa, Henrique.

Matthew training to be a Pilot

Rachael who is working at a primary school in Uganda.

Notices cont.:

BIBLE STUDY

Bob Lillyman will start the next 7 sessions of Bible Studies on 'The Feasts' at Moss and Carol's on Thursday March 10th at 7.30pm.

CROSS BORDER PRAYER ROOMS INITIATIVE

The Cross border Prayer rooms initiative will be launched at Ludlow Elim from 11am - 5pm on Saturday 12th March. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS! Basically from 14th - 28th May there is going to be intense prayer down the Welsh border with churches on the Welsh & English sides partnering & praying for God to pour out his Spirit in revival. Ludlow will be partnered with Presteigne & there will be two days where 24 hour prayer will be held. These dates are 21st - 22nd May. We sincerely hope that Christians from all denominations in and around Ludlow will get involved.... please help us pass this message on to other Christians you know! Anyone who is interested in being trained in prayer & being involved the prayer rooms can go to Llandrindod Wells on Sun 20th March from 2:30 - 4:30 at the New Life Church where free training will be provided! We really hope that all of you will get involved in this.

ENABLE 2011

For Men in Church and the ladies who want to see their men grow in Christ.

Enable Men's Conference 2011 is an inspiring 1 day conference with a vision to challenge, encourage, equip, and support men in their Christian Faith.

Sat 26th March, 9-30 to 5pm, 4 Inspiring Speakers
Only £10 per person, (lunch not included) transport to be arranged.

Contact Tim Coles or Gary Brant in Church
Listen out for more announcements.

BOOKS FOR PAKISTAN

If you have Christian books that you have finished with that you would be prepared to send to Pakistan, please post to:
Pastor John Iqbal, Pakistan AOG Bible College, PO Box 5153, Model Town, Lahore Pakistan.

Prayer For Israel:

The next prayer for Israel meeting will be on Monday 14th March, starting at 10:30am and finishing at 12:noon.

This group meet at Kathy Boulton's house, for more details please see Kathy or phone her on - 01584 873685
or

Speak to Dave Lines
Jackie Shaw

facebook

The church now has a "facebook page", where you can leave comments and respond to comments. Also take part in discussions. Why not give your views on current topics!!!!

Little Squiggles parent and toddler group

Meet on a THURSDAY MORNING - please see Louise Bromley for more information.
Phone No: 01584 856747

From Rachael in Uganda

Oleotia! (Hello, or what's up in I'Ugandan)
To which you would reply "gendi" (I'm fine).



I arrived in Uganda at 23.45ish on Sunday evening, and was met at the airport by Uncle Paul!!!

On Monday I visited Molly and Paul's Kibuye High School, where Gerard attends (some of you may remember him and Julius from April last year). I also saw Julius there.

Then on Tuesday I went to Molly and Paul's New Kabaale Busega primary school, which is where I will be spending most of my time. I have been allocated to top class (4/5 year olds) where they are just learning some everyday English, numbers, writing etc. Molly and Paul also have a clinic and an internet cafe there. The clinic depends on donations to buy medicine and equipment; it only has 2 or 3 wards.

I went back to New Kabaale Busega on Wednesday to be with top class. They finish school at one 'o'clock as they are young.

On Thursday I went to the airport with Aunty Molly and her son Paul to collect 3 Irish volunteers who are here until next month. I did have a room upstairs to myself, but am now downstairs sharing with an Irish girl called Shauna as her brother and sister in law have my old room upstairs.

On Friday I went back to Busega with the Irish volunteers as they had a look around and I taught top class some commands.

On Saturday we went to a Ugandan wedding. The actual Church service was similar to ours, just in I'Ugandan, but the reception was very long with lots of ceremonial type traditions taking place. I got to hold a very young I'Ugandan baby which made my day!!

Tomorrow (Sunday) I will be going to Victory Church to the English speaking service at 8am, which means a get up of about 6.45!! OH NO!! The pastor of that Church is father to one of the students at Regents, Joshua, who I have met during some of my visits to the college. It's a small world!

Today when I got home the power had gone off so I went for a walk with Hannah (age 17, adopted by Molly and Paul from Tanzania) and Shanni.

I ended up buying Shanni biscuits and carrying her all the way home, which on Ugandan back roads, is no easy feat! Then, after all that, the electricity was back on!

Roads here are crazy, I would fit in very well. Cars don't wait, they just go. And if there's a space, they will try and get through it. Horns should not be allowed here as they are always being hooted! There are motorcycles here called budda buddas which are a main form of transport along with taxis. A taxi journey cost me 1000shilling (about 25p). And the budda buddas are very fun!

Thankfully we have a working toilet, sink and shower here at Shalom house. Although the shower only has cold water so when I want to wash my hair I have to get a basin of hot water.

Hope you're all well,
God bless.

And Finally:

Did I read that sign right?

In an office:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER..... PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

Women with a message

'Arise, beautiful one' S of S 2v10

Spring, the time of new life, birth, hopes & aspirations.

The Creator of the universe at work

The frozen earth has held its new birth until the right time - NOW

Spring awakens the sleep of winter
The birds sing their songs of praise
The new growth pushes up through the frozen earth

Why? Because seeds of new growth & new birth have been waiting for that signal from the Lord

'Push' He says 'push upwards, through the hard ground and you will reach the warmth, the sun that will make you strong and beautiful

I need you to display My beauty,
My creative and re-creative power
Look at the snowdrop, look how she stands, in purity of white, upright, bowing her head before Me'

What a pattern for us to break through the hardness of our own hearts, push up through the hard ground of 'self' to bow in surrender to the Lord of creation - our loving Father.

Why? Because He has asked us to and He is Real Beauty, full of Love & Grace.

Jean Dancy

Let us have YOUR contributions for the next newsletter by 18th March , if possible send by e-mail to trcoles@talktalk.net

or Jackie Shaw at jackieshawskye1@btinternet.com *Thank you*