



The Trumpet

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Prescott, Arizona Pastor Wayman Mitchell Corres: JW Ballinger

attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and those who died trying to save them. It was a powerful remembrance, and two people gave their lives to Jesus that night.

Our traditions in September are Embry Riddle University Appre-

Blessings from Prescott, Arizona.

The new addition to the church is finally complete and God is faithful to fill the pews, as He continues to give us favor with our outreaches.

We had our Family Fun Festival this summer, a fruitful event that Jonathan Heimberg started. It's a "free" day for families with children - filled with carnival like booths of games, puppets, skits, face painting and music. Every 30 minutes we do an altar call presenting the gospel. We saw 13 saved at this outreach.

Always a great summer outreach for us here in Prescott is our every other Monday Night Park Outreach, also at the Courthouse Plaza. There are always lots of visitors in downtown Prescott. We start our evening with one of our local bands and then show a gospel video and have an altar call. One particular evening we presented the "Appointment" and saw 10 people saved.

We're gearing up now for our winter months. Pete Walter and his cast presented us with a heart-warming play, "Letter from War," at the Elks Theater. They later brought the play outside to the Courthouse Plaza, and we had seven people saved.

Another stirring event was the tribute to those lost in the



Jeremiah Sawyer, wife Tiffany, and kids have been launched to pastor in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ciation Day, Native American Day and of course our County Fair. With the help of one of our own Embry Riddle converts, we were able to get on the campus of the aeronautical university Friday evening, something that hasn't been possible in a long time. It was a promising night that drew several more out for service. Five people answered the call for salvation.

It is always a blessing to have our Native American family come down from Chinle and touch our hearts with their incredible testimonies, music from the Chinle choir, and of course, a homemade fry bread lunch. We thank God for Pastor and Sister Artie and Sandra Aragon and the Chinle congregation.

We ended September with the Yavapai County Fair witnessing booth, and saw 60 people give their lives to Christ.

Praise God for all he is doing. We look forward to our winter Home Bible Studies and more of what God has in store for us here in Prescott.

Gospel Jetstream

Pastor Wayman Mitchell has been on a very busy schedule the past 90 days.

In June, Pastor preached in La Habra, California for the rally preceding the "California Conquest," organized by Pastor John Zazueta. These outreaches to the churches targeted, usually eight or nine, use drama, street meetings and concerts for an entire Saturday. Hundreds of decisions for Christ always result.

Pastor Mitchell preached a crusade in Farmington, New Mexico for Pastor David Maldonado. The church presents this annual crusade at a bandshell in a local park. A number of people were saved, and there were some dramatic instantaneous healings. Four young Mormon missionaries raised their hands for salvation during this crusade. The second night, six more came, taking many photos.

In August, Pastor conducted a Miracle Healing Crusade in Utrecht, Holland. Several visible miracles as well as many salvations were recorded. As a result of the healing of a Muslim young man at that crusade, two Muslim men came to the Zwolle conference seeking Pastor Mitchell to pray for their healing. He first led them in a prayer for salvation, and then prayed for one of them who had a herniated disc in his back. He was in severe pain, and God instantly healed him.

Pastor preached for the Zwolle congregation on Sunday, and then on Monday and Tuesday for the Zwolle conference.



Pastor Mitchell prays with a couple who gave their lives to Jesus during Prescott's 4th of July God and Country presentation.

Pastor Mitchell and Pastor Kevin Foley travelled to Walthamstow, London, England in August for three days of intensive seminars, area-wide evening services, Men's Discipleship Classes, and Pastors and Wives Seminars. A tremendous response bore witness to the impact this Fellowship is having in the UK.

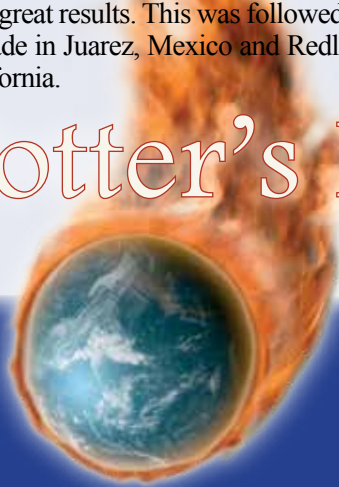
In September, Pastor Mitchell preached two nights in Gallup, New Mexico in a miracle tent crusade. He also preached the annual Oceanside, California crusade with great results. This was followed by a crusade in Juarez, Mexico and Redlands, California.

Pastor made a quick trip to attend to business in the Philippines, and then preached for the Las Vegas, New Mexico church's 20-year anniversary.

He then preached the Carbondale, Illinois Conference, a Las Vegas, Nevada rally and Men's Discipleship, and a Pioneer Rally in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Finally, Pastor Mitchell preached at the Canadian Bible Conference in Chilliwack, BC with workers attending from Vologda, Russia and Brno, Czech Republic.

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Leadership Forum

Principals release powerful growth dynamic

I want to talk about our structure, and a vision for the future that we have to have.

James 3:1-2 from the amplified Bible, says, *“Not many of you should become teachers, that is, self-constituted censors and reprovers of others. My brethren, for you know that we teachers will be judged by a higher standard and with greater severity than other people, thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation.”*

Hebrews 13:7, says: *“Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God over you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Verse 17 says: “Obey those who rule over you and be submissive for they watch out for your souls as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief for that would be unprofitable for you.”*

We will be held accountable by God for what we say and what we do. Leadership is a very sobering responsibility. If you look at leadership as something to be savored, you're insane, because leadership is something that is an added burden, added responsibility and added accountability. Someone wrote long ago that the higher you are on the ladder of leadership, the more your rear end's exposed.

This is something we have to take into account as we accept this position of leadership, but it's a necessity. Many of our churches that we have oversight over will not survive unless someone will step in and furnish the resources, the counsel, and the discipline that has to be done. Otherwise, everyone would do that which is right in their own sight, which has been Biblical history.

If you're an honest Bible student you'll understand that much of the Bible is written with the military facet in mind. Remember Israel was an occupied territory, and the military was very visible. So much of Paul's writings and even some of the Lord Jesus' was taken from a military imagery. I want you to think for a moment about rank and designation. When you think about military, you are talking

about a structure, because structure is absolutely necessary for order and discipline. The reason for that is that any military force is organized to accomplish a mission and a purpose. There's a very potent principal here.

Many years ago Phil Payson, who is a retired military man, handed me this little paper. It had the interesting designation of the ranks. It's very interesting the symbols that represent those ranks. A Lieutenant would have one bar, the imagery on a rail of a fence. In my day they used to build rail fences. They would have three to five rails. A lieutenant is the first rail. Two rails, or bars, is a captain, the second rail of the fence. A major would be a leaf, which represented an oak tree. A colonel would be an eagle, which would be a bird. A general would be a star. The imagery is there that in leadership, you are at a place where due to your oversight you are seeing farther. To be a leader you have to look forward and see where you are going and how this is going to affect the decisions you make. You are able to see the big picture and lead those who are under your command.

Leadership requires a larger vision, you are going to see the consequences of your actions, and you have to plan appropriately. So here's the tremendous spiritual need we have, and it's a responsibility. You're going to have to have a revelation of God that will give you the big picture. Otherwise you're vulnerable to self-deception, one of the deadliest factors of leadership. You might say the right words, you're dancing the tune, but in behind that is a selfish agenda and you are deceiving



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Mitchell

yourself that the decisions you are making are for the good of the kingdom. Unless the Spirit of God gets hold of you, it isn't for the kingdom at all, it's for your own purpose. This is the deadly danger of leadership. We're not just talking about you. We're talking about the people who are under your leadership.

We can think back recently to the Pensacola insanity, and there are hundreds of churches that no longer exist, not only in our fellowship, but in the world at large. It's the most damaging thing that I've seen in my entire pastorate. Early on, God spoke to me, and it was easy to see that this was not Biblical. Underneath all the verbiage, the smoke and mirrors, it was not God. And yet it came in. Leadership has a responsibility to see the big picture and to hear from God. Your danger is that you follow your own agenda and clothe it in theology. God will hold you accountable. Remember that.

Our aim is to have a revelation from God that's worked out in a successful structure to be able to sustain what God has given us. As we've grown, we've been naturally forced to a structure. You cannot avoid a structure. There is no such thing, as the American military says, "An Army of One." If you are an army of one, you are dead. The reason is not for our own agenda, but we have to be able to service what God has given us.

This happens in your local church. You don't have to have much of a structure for 10 people. You don't have to have too much of a structure for 75 people. But as you begin to grow, then other factors kick in. For instance, once you reach 200 people, now buildings become a problem. You can't just go out and rent a building, because it's a larger building and there are leases and zoning. All this kicks in as you grow. You have to adjust as time goes on. Then you come to the place where you are going to have to release to a larger potential. As I've said before, if you don't disciple, and plant churches, then they are

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going to plant churches, only they won't be your churches, they'll plant them out of your church but it will be someone else. This is a natural move of someone who wants to do something for God. You have to release people for a greater potential.

In our adult Bible class, a young man had just been on vacation with his family, and he said he was in an Eastern state, and visited a church. He said they had a tremendous program, and the preacher was a good preacher, but that entire church is built on sucking people in and making it larger and larger, keeping all their talent and their ability in that church. If you've been around awhile, you know that our aim and potential is to take the best people we've got, train them, and send them out. This causes us problems. All of our good musicians are out pastoring, all of our good song leaders are gone, we've sent them out somewhere. This young man was remarking on this contrast. He's only about 17, but he immediately picked up on the spirit of this church. I call it a "vacuum cleaner church," you suck everyone into your church.

We have had to have a structure and understanding of what we're going to do. As we began to grow, we started running into problems. One was that men did not want to plant churches out of a conference, they wanted to plant them on their own. So we discussed this and said they will plant churches out of a conference, and not piecemeal, because it wouldn't be long before we wouldn't have a conference anymore, everyone would be doing his own thing. Then we said we would not allow a church to be a conference church unless they had planted 25 churches or more. We did that for a reason, to preserve the central focus and the church planting dynamic. There was another principal that kicked in, that in a region, there might be a necessity to have a conference in that region because of the people who could be serviced by that, even though the church may not have planted 25 churches. An example is McMinnville, Oregon, for years has ministered to an area and served the needs of people there. Carbondale, Illinois, has not planted 25 churches but for many years has served as a reference point and a center for churches in that area to come to. Cape Cod may have planted 25 churches by now, but they have served on the East Coast for many years. Gallup, New Mexico, same scene there. These

churches were planted to serve an area that had a need.

Another principal that began to kick in overseas is that we had a center, whatever church rose to strength, we made that the national church and focused our leadership in that area. These principals didn't happen all at once, they happened over a period of time.

These principals are what has brought us tremendous growth. I just looked at the yearbook, and we have 1367 churches around the world in 99 countries. In 35 years, that's a phenomenon that may be in history way back but not in many, many years has happened anywhere that I know about. This has been done because we were able to hear from God, not be deceived by our own agenda, and submit to and begin to work a structure, and this has worked very well around the world.

With that then, around 1990, we began to talk about the tithe structure. It's 10 percent back to the mother church and daughter church. Then it changed. As they became a conference church, the conference church tithed 10 percent to their mother church, and then the churches out of that tithed five and five - back to that church and then the church that planted them. In a foreign country we have a national center and that becomes the leading church, the conference church. That has worked very well. In Kenya, when Tom Payne was there, he put emphasis on the indigenous principal, and they began to pay for their own conferences in Kenya. In South Africa, a very powerful, rapid growth there, we did that and just last September, their fourth conference totally paid for itself in a third world country. These are the principals that we've embraced wherever we are.

Sometimes these principals become an irritant, because pastors don't want the national church to have leadership or they have a grievance. To achieve this you have to cooperate. I'm talking something powerful. When I look at the Philippines, Mexico, South Africa, these are third world nations. And when you understand they are doing what they are doing out of a basis of this structure, it's phenomenal.

This brings you to a place where you have to sublimate your own agenda and your own interests. We've had various places where men said, "I don't want to do this." If they don't want to do that, it computes out very badly down the road.

Each of us who have been in church planting very long have given away churches. As I was preparing this, I was thinking of Australia. Out of Prescott we pioneered six of the churches in Australia, and gave all those freely away for the whole, and that's why they have the powerful church conference center there.

This is what kingdom ministry is all about. But if you are not very careful, then you begin to view this and say, "I don't like this guy," or "I don't want to cooperate with that," and we're still mopping up some of the resistance of that. Because if you don't want to do that, it says to us as a fellowship, "I'm going to do my own thing, and my thing is an exception." Immediately that has ramifications that are going to kick out because I for one am not going to be silent about that, I'm going to let everyone know who you are and what you are doing. Then you have people under you that will hear about this, and then suddenly they are going to be asking you, "If you are not going to do that, I'm not going to do it either." In dealing with this you have to have the long view. Each of us has an excuse of why we don't like somebody, or we're not going to cooperate with somebody.

The difficulty is that self-deception kicks in and we begin to want to micromanage rather than release. Our own prejudice and partiality kicks in to avoid the release of areas and leaders. "This guy has got flaws." I know every person here, and every one of us have flaws at some point in our personality, and every one of us have some kind of reason that somebody could use not to release us, and most of us were put into positions and released to ministry when we were less than perfect.

Self-deception kicks in under the guise of wisdom and concern for kingdom interests. So you want to micromanage everything that goes on under you, but micromanaging is what kills discipleship. Discipleship is a sincere desire to see another person come to their destiny in God and make any personal sacrifice an effort that is required to bring that person to that position. But you see in making a disciple, many men don't understand what making a disciple is all about. They all love to use the cliché. To make a disciple means that you have to gamble into their hands a vital ministry that can fail and

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Pastor's Viewpoint

We must hone our focus on the things of God

A former police officer tells of the tactics of roving bands of thieves: "They enter the store as a group. One or two separate themselves from the group, and the others start a loud commotion in another section of the store. This grabs the attention of the clerks and customers. As all eyes are turned to the disturbance, the accomplices fill their pockets with merchandise and cash, leaving before anyone suspects. Hours - sometimes even days later, the victimized merchant realizes things are missing and calls the police. Too late.

This illustrates for us **the danger of distraction**. Our enemy is a thief, and he doesn't have to get us to renounce God or become involved in blatant sin in order to rob us - he often simply distracts our focus from where it should be.

1. **Churches** can become distracted from evangelism by the busyness of their many programs. Look how

busy we are

2. **Pastors** allow the demands of the urgent to sidetrack them from the things God has called them to focus on.

3. **Believers** can allow the very blessings that God has given be the means of lessening their devotion to the God who gave them. Our love for God and His kingdom has been supplanted

Two things that will help us to maintain our focus:

a. **A deliberate focus on our calling:** *Phil 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but*



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this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

If we keep our eyes on the things we know God has called us to do, decisions will be made that eliminate distractions.

b. **An awareness of the times:** *Matt 16:3 O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?* Luke 12: puts this statement following the parable of the servant who says in his heart "my master won't be back for a while" and therefore begins to make bad decisions. We need to see the events of the everyday news in light of prophecy, and therefore focus our hearts and live with the urgency demanded by our Lord's return.

May God help us to be focused people!

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may sometimes fail. That's why you're a leader, and you're there to clean up the mess if it fails, but to support it to cause it to come to pass. I've never had a perfect disciple yet, and yet have gambled into the hands of men that had flaws. This hasn't always turned out well, but unless you do that you will never make a disciple. Many men say, "I'm making disciples," but they are micro-managers.

Micro-management kills disciples, and it will also kill your field. Every one of you know that I do not micro-manage. Because of that release, people are able to grow. But if you don't allow that in your oversight, then your people will never grow, and you'll stay exactly what you are. You must release. This is a dynamic that is very powerful that has caused us the growth and the explosion that we have around the world.

We in leadership are brought to the level. The higher you are, the larger the

picture becomes. But remember, the accountability is there, which isn't to me or whoever your planting pastor is, it's to God, and He will bring you to an account. The interesting thing about the kingdom of God, it isn't that you begin to veer and all of a sudden a laser strikes and fries you to an ash, but you kick in the automatic dimensions that begin to compute out, and before it's finished you will pay a very high price for not following kingdom ministry and kingdom pattern. Then there becomes another factor which kicks in, which is self-deception. "That may be what the fellowship is doing but I've got a better idea."

We have the national interest that kicks in, that this is the Philippines, or Mexico or Holland, or England. "I'm dealing with a different dynamic." I'm not going to sit at the leadership table and say, "I'm going to do what I want to do," but it does kick in and automatically begins to bring

in factors. Some ask why the Americans make the fellowship decisions. We make them because we started this, and we still have been allowed by God to be in place. And until God removes us, we are going to make decisions. There is an anti-American sentiment that runs throughout the earth. It isn't new, it didn't just begin last week, it's always kicked in that the Americans, are, as they used to call me in Australia, "agro." I am "agro," because I know where I'm going and what I want to do.

So we have this structure and the vision, we have it out, and this is why we put it in place. This does not leave us free to make unilateral decisions that vitally affect the fellowship and its future without ramifications. We're going to call you into account, we're going to talk to you about this. All these things were talked over and put into place a long time ago.

United States



Cape Cod, Massachusetts Pastor Paul Campo Corres: Paul Halas

Greetings from the East Coast where Jesus is still changing lives! On Feb. 5 our church celebrated its 23rd anniversary of ministry here on Cape Cod. It was an honor to have our "Grandfather in the Faith" Pastor Harold Warner here to preach in our Sunday morning and evening services to commemorate such a milestone event.

Also in February we sent a team of 12 people to Chinle, AZ for Pastor Artie Aragon and the Navajo Nation. Evangelist Roger Williams from the Cape Cod congregation preached revival services throughout the week in which some 30-plus people were saved, more than 50 people healed and many filled with the Holy Ghost!

In early March we sent two more outreach teams to our baby churches, one in Newport News, VA for Pastor Liam Jordan and the other to Washington, DC for Pastor Charles Ganear. In April we had our annual East Coast Bible Conference with main speakers Pastor Richard Cox, Pastor Terry Haines, our own Pastor Paul

Campo and many of our local East Coast pastors. The theme of our conference was "Time and Evaluation." It turned out to be a tremendous week of powerful ministry which brought great refreshing to our pastors and imparted fresh vision

to all that were in attendance. We had 600 in attendance throughout the week which made it our largest conference to date! Out of our conference was Pastor Corey and Jennifer Mammen to Rochester, NY, Pastor Roger and Alejandra Williams added to our Cape Cod staff and full time Evangelists Mark Hurley and Tom Connors also out of the Cape church.

On May 29th "Memorial Day" we had our annual fellowship and baptism at a local park where we saw 14 precious souls baptized, 12 of which were from the Cape Cod congregation and others from our baby churches.

We have also been blessed the last six months with two revivals, one with Evangelist Dennis Rice and the other with Evangelist Larry Monteith. Both of these meetings brought timely messages to the people in our church and we saw a number of visitors and souls saved.

Probably the biggest change of the year has been the complete re-vamping of our music scene. In April/May our Pastor challenged us that it's time as a church to "change gears" in our ministry/evangelism to see greater fruit in the future. The



Cape Cod Team outreaches to Navajo Nation

local congregation rose up to the challenge and put together work crews to handle the construction end, and we also saw many new people rise up to fill spots in ministry. Our new night is called "Radical Theatrical" and had its opening on May 20 with our presentation of "Shock Theatre." Each week features one of eight different themes and includes live music, drama as well as video streaming on two big screens of live "street" interviews, drama and action footage. There is also on the spot testimonies and audience participation and of course the evening concludes with the preaching of the Gospel and an altar call to receive Christ!

Through this new "cutting edge" ministry we've witnessed many new visitors each week and seen a consistent number of souls being saved.

We've also recently began a Saturday morning Discipleship class called "No Nonsense Discipleship." This is a great forum to impart practical application of spiritual truths and to put an edge on the disciples that God has blessed us with.

Please continue to pray for us here on the East and especially for our Pastor as we are seeing God continue to do tremendous things among us.



'Radical Theater' brings visitors, salvations to Cape Cod Church

Apple Valley, California
Potter's House
Pastor Derek Jeffries
Corres: Clark Ilagan

Greetings from Apple Valley California. We bring a great report of what God is doing in our city. God has been helping us, especially in the past few months. In June, Leonard Williams preached a Sunday for us. God anointed his preaching and used him to give timely words to the congregation. Shortly after that, we were able to baptized six precious souls. What a blessing!

Two weeks later, the majority of our congregation went to our annual

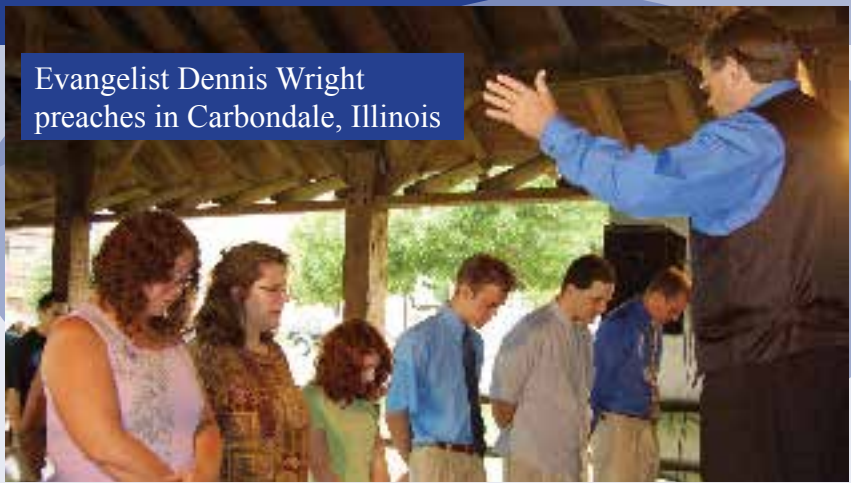
**'We entered the
 harvest field with
 renewed strength...'**

Harvester's Homecoming in Bullhead City. Though only a few could carry on to the Conference, the Bullhead Harvester's was enough to do something powerful in our hearts. We left that city with a fire from God and a realignment of vision to do more for God.

Throughout the year, we have been doing mid-week outreaches, as well as Saturday morning outreaches. But after the Harvester's and Conference, we entered the harvest field with renewed strength, outreaching every Tuesday night, hitting the parking lots and residential areas of our city. We made new signs and have been street preaching every Thursday night. The congregation is stirred to win souls for Jesus Christ. Their eyes are on the harvest field and how they can be more effective in winning the lost.

Please pray for Apple Valley, as we are believe God for a fruitful year and a larger building to house all that God is, and wants to do, in our city. Thank you and God Bless!

**Evangelist Dennis Wright
 preaches in Carbondale, Illinois**



Carbondale, Illinois
Potter's House
Pastor Terry Haynes

Greetings from Carbondale. We have been having a great time laboring in the harvest field over the last several months. God has really been showing us favor and many souls have been saved.

In June we held our ninth annual healing crusade with Evangelist Dennis Wright as the guest speaker. Every year it gets better and better. We saw several notable miracles. One lady that came out had a couple inoperable brain tumors. She was prayed for and went back to the doctor, who gave her a clean bill of health. Praise God! Another man had a rock climbing accident that rendered his hand almost useless since he could not open it all the way. He responded to the altar call for salvation and then was asked if he needed prayer. He did, and God gave him a miracle for all to see. He held his hand in the air, doing that which he could not do before. We serve an awesome God! During the outreach and the crusade we saw at least 28 people accept Jesus into their hearts. We are still seeing people come out who were touched during the crusade and the follow up revival.

We have been very active in sending impact teams into other cities in the Midwest. We have a youth band that is fired up for Jesus. They are always

looking for opportunities to have a concert and see souls saved. We have utilized the band in many outside venues where we always see great impact. God has accelerated His work and we have seen souls saved on every outreach. Many times we have seen a dozen or more people get saved. We are excited about what God is doing and is going to do.

Chinle, Arizona
Potter's House
Pastor Artie Aragon
Corres: Christopher Morgan

Greetings from the Navajo Nation!

In June we had our Annual Campmeeting with Roman Gutierrez. There were over 500 people in attendance every night, 75 people saved that week and 51 people baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley attended the last night of the Campmeeting and we had the opportunity to pray for him and his wife.

In June, Pastor Anthony Tilli preached two timely sermons to our church and also ministered in music. Evangelist Patrick Johnson came and preached in our church as well as our baby churches. He also ministered in rap, country and reggae music. We also invited him to minister at our outside outreach called "Desert Storm," where we set up a stage, backdrop and chairs in our parking lot. There were 20 people saved that evening. We moved "Desert Storm" to a nearby community



Navajo pastors with Pastor Artie Aragon, 3rd from left, and Evangelist Roman Gutierrez, 3rd from right.



Camp Meeting tents at Navajo reservation

Lukachukai, where we have a Bible study, and had 15 people saved.

The school year is starting as well as our neighborhood outreaches where every week we hit a different neighborhood with music, movies and preaching. The first church service since school started there were over 20 brand new high school students in attendance and 10 of them got saved. We are excited to see what God is going to do in our high school as well as our community.

Lastly, we would like to say Thank You for all those who have helped us labor and who have supported the work here in Chinle. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to pray for you.



Evangelist Roman Gutierrez ministers

Chula Vista, California

The Door

Pastor Chuck Baker
Corres: Peter Odeneye

Jesus is alive and greetings from Chula Vista. God is on the move.

This April we had the privilege to send an impact team of 16 men and women to Tucson, AZ for Pastor John Cornell. Forty-six people gave their lives to Jesus Christ through the music scene and drive-by preaching. Park concerts attracted several visitors as messages of hope and deliverance filled the air.

Another impact team of 25 ventured to the windy city of Chicago for Pastors Bodnicki and Che. At the end of three days of non-stop labor, 100 people were saved from block parties, street scenes and concerts. Back in Chula Vista, Pastor Baker challenged us to our first ever Cinco de Mayo service. Spanish drama, choir singing, a chili eating contest and Holy Ghost preaching drew many visi-

tors, with several making decisions for Jesus Christ.

In early June, we also had our first ever Juneteenth Service. By the end of the music, step presentation and pie eating contest, another three souls were added to the Kingdom of God.

God is giving us favor on the bases. We have four established bible studies and we continue to see fruit of what God is doing there. God has been tremendously adding a new dimension to our congregation through Spanish Services on Thursdays nights.

Our Crossroad Concert scene has been overwhelming, as teens, couples and young people are coming in and giving their lives to Jesus Christ. We had the privilege to host recent revival meetings with Evangelist Patrick Johnson of Killeen, TX, Pastor Hector Ortiz

of Chandler, AZ and Evangelist Dennis Wright of Prescott, AZ. These revivals stirred the entire congregation to a new desire for fruitfulness and a discontent for anything less!

We're in midst of our "Monday Nite at the Movies" park outreaches and are seeing a constant influx of souls being saved through them. We wait in great expectation of all that God is doing and is going to do for the remaining course of this year. Thank you for your prayers and support. We love you Pastor and Connie Campbell and so appreciate the investment of the Chandler Church in Chula Vista.



Music ministry at Chula Vista's 'Juneteenth' service

Copperas Grove, Texas Potter's House Pastor Jon Stapleman

Greetings from Copperas Cove, Texas! God is truly blessing this pioneer work. We are turning this city upside down for Jesus!

converts who really love Jesus. People are coming in and truly being a blessing. New converts are looking for ways to help out, offering to help clean up the church, and we're having several new converts showing up for outreach! They are truly catching the vision. One brother who recently got saved said, "Pastor, the army doesn't look the same to me anymore. I used to think that I could invest my life in the army and be fulfilled, but it's just empty now. Everything has changed. I believe God is calling me to preach the gospel." Glory to God, this guy has got the goods! The important thing to note is

for revival at the end of June. We put out about 800 flyers and the people came. The real miracle was that people who

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Man takes first steps in 10 years at Copperas Grove crusade

Our next door neighbor came to our first Bible Study and got saved to the bone! She had been involved in a car accident when she was 16 (she's now 22) and could not sit cross-legged because of a severe blow to her knee during the accident. After we prayed for her, she twisted her foot behind her head and could not make her knee hurt. Even the bone chip that was floating around in her knee had disappeared! Praise God!

The police had tried to keep our church bands off the streets. The Chief of Police read a city ordinance over the phone that banned outdoor musical instruments when we tried to apply for an amplification permit. However, Coppems Cove loves its high school football. When we witnessed an outdoor pep rally with various instruments, one phone call to the Police Chief was all it took for him to back down. We told him, "If the high schools can have outdoor instruments in parking lots, than so can we!" We have had several bands play for us with no interference from the police!

God has given us so many quality

that this guy is a high-ranking platoon sergeant with incredible leadership and people skills. We are looking to launch this brother out in about three years. L

In April we had a healing crusade with Pastor Larry Mitchell from

our mother church. We had two powerful nights with several notable miracles. God began healing a man confined to a wheelchair. He began to take his first steps with some assistance for the first time in 10 years! One woman had a cyst on the inside of her wrist and while Pastor Mitchell prayed, the cyst disappeared before our eyes! Another woman came forward with a crippled hand, stricken with cerebral palsy. She left the crusade that night beginning to move her hand for the first time; the next night she returned completely healed by the power of God!

Things began to really explode when we had Evangelist Patrick Johnson

showed up never even got a flyer! They didn't even know that we were having a revival. They said, "We knew where the church was and we just thought that it was time to come out."

Our mother church – Killeen, helped out immensely. Our attendance in Copperas Cove jumped up from nine to a solid 15 with three people getting filled with the Holy Ghost and starting to speak in tongues on the last day. One sister got slain in the spirit and never even knew such a thing could happen. When she got hack up, she said, "What just happened to me?" We explained what happened and we all thanked God for such a visitation. We are currently running a solid 23 in Sunday morning service with a least one new visitor showing up every week and we've been in our building only two and a half months!

We would like to thank the Killeen church and Pastor Larry Mitchell, all of the churches that came and labored with us, and the Chandler church and Pastor Campbell for embracing the vision and passing it on!



Prayer during Copperas Grove crusade

**El Paso, Texas
Potter's House
Pastor Paul Stephens
Corres: Richard Contreras**

Greetings from El Paso, Texas. We are so glad to be a part of what God is doing in these last days. These are truly exciting times.

God has been moving in our church in a new and fresh way. One of the highlights of the summer is that we had Roman Gutierrez for Revival in July. We had about 80 people saved during the five services he was with us and we are still seeing fruit from that. On one of the nights he prayed for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and 42 people were filled and spoke in other tongues.

We've also had some excellent outreaches in the streets.

A couple of months back, we had an outreach in which we had an eight foot tall grim reaper calling people out of the crowd. The bouncers of the club came out and started a rucus in which the brother playing the reaper got thrown in jail. That just served to stir up the saints even more. The next Saturday about 100 of us went out there to witness and preach the gospel. We are experiencing a new wave of souls getting saved in our concerts and spanish ministries. We thank God for all that he is doing here.



Evangelist Roman Gutierrez prays for teen at El Paso

Also, the people of God are desiring to live righteously. On July 4, during praying and fasting we married a couple who had been divorced more than 10 years!

We're seeing teenagers getting saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost and in water making total commitment to follow Jesus.

They are rising up, coming to outreaches and rallies and desiring to do more for God - like forming a music band and singing for their king!

We just came back from Chandler Bible Conference where our people experienced "the most powerful conference" they've ever been in. We had a testimony night Sunday after the conference and they testified how God touched, convicted and changed them. One sister testified that during world evangelism service God spoke to her to "give all." So she did, every penny in her



El Paso street outreach

purse. When she got home there was a check for \$500 waiting for her in the mail! God is faithful!

It's a privilege to be part a of Southern California fellowship churches and partner with the bretheren here to win 24 million souls to Jesus. We are participating in California Conquest Rallies and outreaches where our play, rap group and guerrilla team are involved.

We are seeing hundreds of souls saved and set free by the power of the gospel. We thank god for putting us in a fellowship that's doing the will of God.

Thank you to Pastor Joe Campbell and the Chandler Church for their love and trust.

**Fullerton, California
The Door
Pastor Mel Biangco**

Greetings from the saints of Jesus Christ in Fullerton, CA. We praise God for what he's doing in our midst.

Last February we had a revival with evangelist Alan Kern where we saw God ministered 16 people got saved, including four backsliders who returned.

**Globe, Arizona
Potter's House
Pastor John Gooding
Corres: Ruben Garcia**



Globe impact team to Brasov, Romania

Greetings from Globe, Arizona where we're still reaching the globe from Globe!

Here at home we have been seeing visitors almost every service. One young man in particular came in with his family. After service he came up to one of the brothers and asked "Do you remember me? You came in two years ago to the jail and I got saved then." This was the result of our ministry at our county jail. He and his family have since locked in!

We've been seeing God move among our teenagers as well. One sister in the church lives across the street from the high school and has allowed the teens to gather there in her yard. During their lunch break they street preach and confront their peers with the Gospel. After one gathering a couple of teens from another church came up to one of the girls and said that they wished they were that bold, to make that kind of a stand for Jesus.

We have also started a satellite church in a town about 30 minutes away where they've already secured a building and have begun remodeling it. They hold services on Thursday nights and will soon start to hold services on Sunday mornings.

In May we sent an impact team to Dover, Delaware to help our baby church. They spent three days outreaching and witnessing with a number

of people saved.

In July we held our Harvester's Homecoming where we celebrated 30 years of preaching the Gospel. Pastor Bob Mammen was the featured speaker. He preached a timely message and gave powerful words of prophesy.

We also sent an impact team of 26 people to Romania a week after the

Prescott Conference. They spent 10 days outreaching and witnessing, and many were saved. While

it's good to come home, there is nothing that compares with the joy of going to another country and seeing souls won to the kingdom!

We are very excited and are looking forward to what God's doing in our congregation and city. Continue to pray for us as we pray for you.

**Jacksonville, Florida
Victory Chapel
Pastor Ron Meyer
Corres: Jeremy Meyer**

Greetings from the harvest field of Jacksonville, Florida. The saints in

the south are rising to the challenge to preach the gospel to those who are lost. We really began noticing a fresh

stirring after the Southeast Pioneer Rally in late spring with Pastor Mitchell, Pastor Greg Mitchell, and Pastor Joe Campbell. We were reminded of the urgency of the hour in which we live, and to make our lives count. We then had a revival with Roman Gutierrez, in which a number of people were saved, and are beginning to lock in. One convert in particular was contemplating suicide the very day he was invited to the revival, but instead of taking his life, surrendered it to Christ. He and his wife are now saved and part of the church.

At the end of May we ministered through a rock version of the 'Phantom of the Opera.' We saw more than 1000 people attend, and 50 saved. God gave us such favor that many in the community requested us to have another showing. One visitor said, "I saw the Broadway version, but your version really touched me and was so much more captivating." So we brought the play back "By Popular Demand" for two more showings for those who weren't able to attend earlier.

We followed this up with a revival with Pastor Joe Campbell, where some of these converts were locked into the family of God. Since then, we have had many opportunities open up for us to do outdoor concerts in neighborhoods and apartment complexes. We are simply doing what we learned in the early days – to go to the streets and preach the gospel to the lost through street dramas, street preaching, concerts, movies, one-on-one outreach, and plays. And it continues to work.

We also took a large impact team of 104 people to help labor with our fellowship church in Havelock, North



Jacksonville church produces gospel version of Phantom of the Opera, resulting in many souls saved

Carolina for a Military Appreciation concert where there were 20 people saved that day. The last concert we did in a local neighborhood saw 29 people saved. The management approached us about the concert and told us they would pass out the flyers. They also encouraged us to testify and pull an altar call. The manager even said, "Invite them to your church. I have seen a change in some of the residents that have started going there, and I would love for more of them to be changed like that." It seems every time we begin to partner together. God continues to give increased favor and opportunities in our local area as well. As opportunities continue to come, we will continue to seize them.

Pray for us as we pray for you.

Killeen, Texas

Potter's House

Pastor Larry Mitchell

Corres: Wayne Nickerson

God is doing great things in Killeen, TX.

In May we had a powerful revival with Evangelist Dennis Wright. Many visitors attended and new converts were encouraged and locked in during this revival. Brother Wright prayed for a man who had suffered a gunshot wound to the face and as a result had lost his sense of taste and smell. After prayer he was able to smell the scent of hand lotion. The next night he could taste chocolate.

We just finished an eight week new convert class dubbed "Rootbound." The course covered all the essential topics new believers need to know: the fall of man, prayer, water baptism, sanctification, tithing and offerings etc. Ten believers graduated and received a certificate of participation and are all still going strong for Jesus.

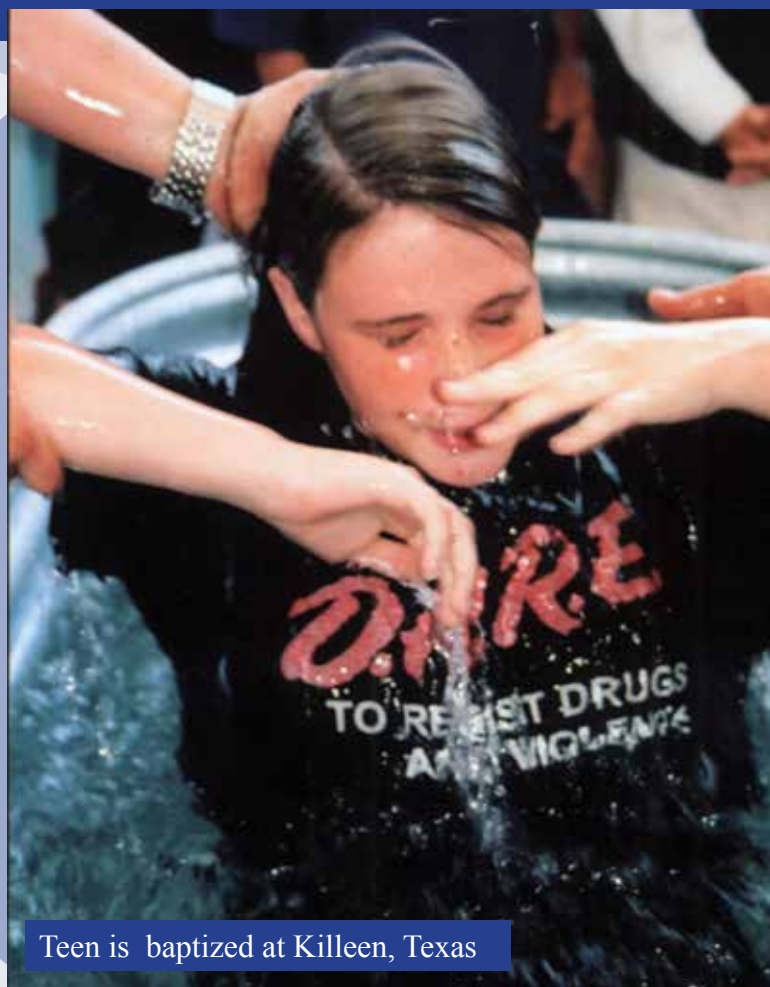
As summer has arrived we have been turning the heat up on the devil with weekly concerts and outreaches. We have great favor with the city of Killeen and have had live bands. Passersby often pull over to investigate and

get a dose of the gospel. Many respond to the invitation given at the end of the concert.

God has faithfully been giving us a harvest of new believers throughout the summer. In June we baptized 12 people. One brother's family visited our church; all got saved and baptized. It was reminiscent of Cornelius in the book of Acts. The majority of those who were baptized were teens who committed their lives to Jesus. It is great to see young people

refuse to just be "church kids," and actually get saved and get serious about living for Jesus. In July we hosted a Teen Rally. A hundred teens from area churches flocked to fellowship and heard an excellent sermon entitled "Getting Control of Yourself" preached by Evangelist Marty Carnegie. Eight teens responded to the altar call for salvation.

Brother Carnegie stayed until the following Wednesday to preach a revival for us. Many were encouraged by his words of encouragement and knowledge. One sermon touched all hearers powerfully: "The Last Church," which was about how we are the last church – the church of Laodicea; the lukewarm church. Our brother encouraged us to not allow ourselves to become lukewarm, mediocre and distracted by the world but to remain on fire for Jesus. Recently we had the opportunity to have a rap concert we called "Summer Blaze." We set up outside a local middle school and had complete dominion as many men rapped and testified about Jesus. Ten teens got saved during the



Teen is baptized at Killeen, Texas

altar call.

In July our pastor, Larry Mitchell, had the great opportunity to preach in India. He went to Bangalore and Mumbai (Bombay). It is a privilege to partner together with others and release our pastor to overseas churches. We just finished a revival with Pastor Hector Ortiz. It was great to rekindle the bonds of fellowship with our brother. Nightly he ministered with power, grace and anointing. Many received timely words of knowledge and encouragement.

Many peoples' minds are on the situation in the Middle East. We have a spiritual interest there as many of our soldiers go to serve in Iraq. While the government sends them to fight for our country they carry on a spiritual war for the souls of men and women. Pray for our soldiers and their families who have to cope with no father or mother for up to a year at a time.

We in Killeen thank Pastor Mitchell and the Prescott church for their ex-ampleship. We also appreciate Pastor Campbell and the Chandler congregation for their prayers and leadership over the years.

Las Cruces, New Mexico
Potter's House
Pastor Jim Ballinger
Corres: Judy Ballinger

We have had a great, busy summer here in Las Cruces. We took 17 teens to the Mexico Boot Camp where Pastor Ballinger spoke into the lives of teens each day. Many made great decisions in their lives. They came back on fire and started school witnessing to others. We are seeing young people and coaches being touched.

We're looking forward to all God has for us this year in many planned out of town outreaches and seeing God move in our own city as we help others.

Mayport, Florida
Potter's House
Pastor Darren Walker
Corres: Heidi Payton

God Bless You and greetings from Mayport, Florida, home of Naval Station Mayport. We have had a very busy year so far, as we have been lock-

Mexico 'Boot Camp' with Pastor Jim Ballinger



ing in new converts and strengthening our growing core of believers.

After attending awesome revivals this year with Allen Kern, Roman Gutierrez, Stacey Dillard and Brad Campbell, we have been on the war-path to win souls. In addition to our regular Saturday morning outreaches, every Thursday night we hit the base. We have been seeing young military men saved at every outreach. In June we had a free ear wash in the church parking lot, which is only a step away from the base, and we saw six people saved. In July we traveled with our mother church in Jacksonville, IL to Havelock, NC to help outreach with the church there and minister to the local people at their 'Military Appreciation Day.' On many Friday nights we either street preach or hit the town in search of people to witness to. You'll also frequently find us standing outside after church, witnessing to people as they walk by on their way to the

bar. In the New Convert's Class that ended in May, we learned how to tell people how we are saved, so old *and* new converts have been in on the witnessing action.

With the revival that we are seeing, we are in serious need of a new building. Every church service and outreach event that we have, people get saved. Our church has been growing so much that before church our prayer room is standing room only.

'Our church has been growing so much that before church our prayer room is standing room only...'

In July we started having adult Sunday School, which has been a tremendous help to the new converts. We are also planning concerts so that our rap group and drama team can have a chance to minister to the local people.

Pastor has been raising up disciples and the men are responding to his challenges, most recently to be at the church in the morning for prayer. As the men continue to learn we have seen them take over leading outreaches, drama, sound ministry, and also preaching.

We thank God for all that he has done and continues to do in Mayport.

Souls hear gospel at car wash outreach in Mayport, Florida



McAllen, Texas
The Door
Pastor Gabriel Alonzo
Corres: Adan Molina

Greetings from McAllen, TX where God is doing wonderful things in our city, including a first time visit from our President of the United States George Bush! We were excited about that, but that's not the only big news around here

Thank God for saints who make their own home visits with the Good News! We have dedicated one night for follow-up each week. Being involved with follow-up has stirred our hearts, especially when we see the joy in that new convert because someone actually made time for them. Right after mid-year conference we eagerly entered our float with the crucifixion of Jesus at this years 4th of July parade. It has been our biggest event of the year with thousands of people along the streets. While they are captured by the message of the cross, it opens a door to pass out flyers, street-preach, testify, and sing songs. We definitely got different responses, but the few people who decided to pray at that moment makes it worth it.

Two weeks after that we sent an invasion team to Belize. In less than eight days the saints were able to pass out 10,000 flyers (mostly house to house), had healing crusades, packed the streets with preachers, baptized visitors, and for Belizeans to be filled

with the Holy Ghost.

As the summer came to an end, we dipped the summer fruit (seven converts) with a water baptism. They were able to share with us the powerful transformation God has done in their lives. That is one thing that keeps the McAllen church going, and another thing is your prayers!

Pueblo, Colorado
The Door
Pastor Daniel Gutierrez

Greetings from Pueblo Colorado to the mighty men of valor in this fellowship throughout the world of which we are privileged to be a part!

In March we got "Fusselized" by Evangelist Jerry Fussel with encouraging preaching on prayer, living clean, fighting against the devil and being under Godly authority.

In June on a Saturday we took off on our scheduled street preaching outreach. We heard of a car show in town so we went downtown where they had closed off about five blocks around. We picked a good spot right in the middle of the car show and went for it. We preached until the security guards demanded that we put our bull horn away and leave the car show. We made a stand and refused to leave and when they threatened to call the police we told them to go ahead. Then they threatened to throw us out and our assistant who was leading the outreach

accepted the challenge and told them to try it. They backed off and said we could stay but we had to put our (Jesus Saves) signs away. We told them no, and then some of the people started shouting and we had a crowd of people who were siding with us. So security agreed to let us keep our signs and let us witness to

people. It was a great victory for Christ and we give God all the glory.

In June we rented a couple of vans and two thirds of the church went to the Tucson Conference where we received a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit and a renewed vision of what God has called us to do.

Later on in June we had a seminar with Pastor George Cruz from Santa Rosa, New Mexico dealing with door-to-door evangelism. We received lots of insight and strategy that has revolutionized this ministry.

In July we entered the annual 4th of July Parade with the theme "A Tumbleweed Stampede." We had a western scene and the



Street outreach in Pueblo, CO

bloody cross of our Lord and preached the gospel to thousands of people. Many remembered us from last year when we caused an uproar and had a story done about us in the newspaper. God had dominion and many again heard and saw Jesus lifted up.

One of the highlights this summer has been our outdoor services where we take the entire church to the city park, which is always filled with people. We set up all of our equipment and many hear the word of God proclaimed. People testify of the power of God to change lives.

Our victory is in perseverance, and we have a wonderful congregation that is willing to keep fighting and standing firm, continuing to do all we can until God moves.

We are looking forward to finishing the summer with two more parades and implementing a new program of follow-up. Pray for us, we need God's dominion to break through.



Rick Ramirez prays with new convert at 4th of July Parade in McAllen, Texas



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Santa Monica, California
The Lighthouse Church
Pastor: Rob Scribner
Corres: Peter Czer

On July 4th we entered a patriotic parade in Pacific Palisades, California, celebrating America. Using this as a venue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we had church members dressed in patriotic garb quoting pro-Jesus and pro-Bible statements that

and that we should be banned from future parades. In these days, as “the love of most grows cold,” I am so glad to be a part of a Fellowship that is unashamed to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the power of God for the salvation of mankind.

This year our annual medical outreach team to Sierra Leone expanded in number, with over 50 doctors, nurses, students, and other medical personnel reaching people in three different cities: Freetown, Kenema, and Lunsar! How wonderful and powerful it is when we are able to minister the Gospel through our churches in these cities and then use medical care to

and changed through the Gospel and we look forward to another year of ministry.

Spring Lake,
North Carolina
Victory Chapel
Pastor Joe Wild

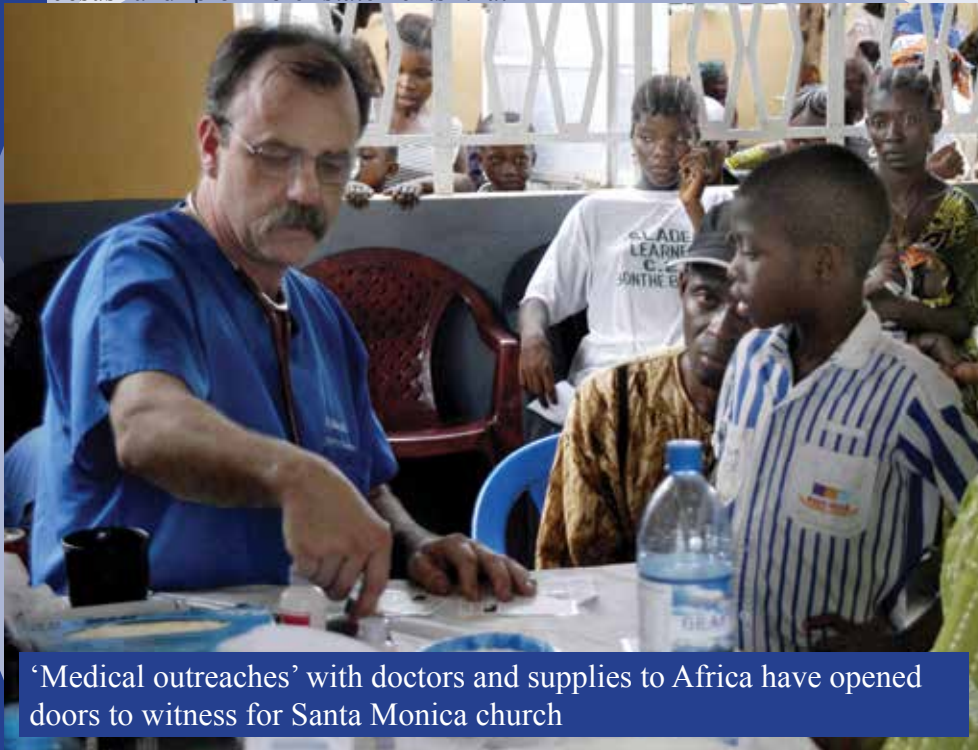
Greetings From the believers in Spring Lake, North Carolina. God’s hand is moving among us.

We have been pioneering and laboring in the harvest for six years with small, sporadic growth and maturity. Something broke as this year began. There has been an influx of converts and the maturity that we have longed for. Young men and women have caught the “vision” and are rising up, bearing armor and pressing the battle. Older saints have become infected with the zeal of the youth and are “keeping up.” We have had revivals with Dave Eccles and Pastor Larry Mitchell this year. They were both awesome and so timely for the body, with words of encouragement and direction for the congregation.

We have established a Saturday night music scene that has also been fruitful with souls added. After one scene a new convert asked us to pray for her hyper extension at the knee area. The saints gathered in prayer, she stood up and began to test it. You could see the excitement and joy on her face as she took off the brace and started jumping up and down, then ran outside around the parking lot.

We have been praying for a new facility as the current building is too small. God has had favor on us and September 3 will be our first service in a building three times what we have now and for only \$100 more per month, than we pay now. Truly God is helping us, the saints are charged and we are grateful for all the prayers of the saints.

We pray for this fellowship and its leadership.



‘Medical outreaches’ with doctors and supplies to Africa have opened doors to witness for Santa Monica church

were uttered by the Founding Fathers years ago, we carried banners with patriotic statements and Bible verses, and we even had Paul Revere on his horse along with our pastors proclaiming Jesus as “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” over the bullhorn to onlookers off to the side. Although many people appreciated our message, as evidenced by our winning the award for the most patriotic entry, some embittered individuals booed, covered their ears and banged on newspaper stands. Some even went so far as to write to the editor of the local newspaper stating that we were distasteful and offensive, that our evangelical exploitation was a disgrace to our “nation’s sacred secular history,”

show them the love of Jesus.

Our medical outreach to Africa has opened a door for us in our community to be a witness for Jesus. Many are touched by our care for Africa and their hearts are softened to hear the Gospel and to even participate with us in giving to the cause. Recently we finished packing a 40-foot container full of food, medical supplies, a car, sound equipment, computers, and other necessities for our Fellowship churches in Sierra Leone. Many from our church, the Tucson church, and our community participated with us in this. It has been such a blessing to give this past year and to see hearts touched

Tucson, Arizona
The Door
Pastor Harold Warner
Corres: Fred Gonzales, Sr.

We want to thank God for all that he has done in our midst this summer. It is only by His Grace, and by the drawing power of the Holy Ghost that we can report these things. One thing is true, God is faithful to confirm His Word!

We are pleased to report that out of our 2006 Summer Bible Conference we launched into Bujumbura, Burundi, Peter and Jennifer Dore; Kiev, Ukraine, Steve and Shirley Anderson; Houston, TX, Ben and Maria Martinez; Hampton Roads, VA, Bill and Lidia Wise; Corona, CA, Aaron and Aldein Navarette;

'We saw 159 souls saved and 82 baptized in the Holy Ghost during our revival with Roman Gutierrez..'

Modesto, CA, Brett and Kari Shaw; Grand Junction, CO, Gabe and Rebekkah Rubi; Long Beach, CA, George and Bianca Grajeda.

We saw 159 souls saved; 82 baptized in the Holy Ghost, as well as many healings, and deliverances during our revival with Evangelist Roman Gutierrez July 28-August 3. The revival was preceded by two nights of the drama "Twice Dead," written specially by some of the saints for the revival. The drama was based on Roman Gutierrez's testimony. Each night of the play the altars were full with people touched by God, as Roman would preach the altar call.

Many of the people who were saved during the revival came and brought friends who also were touched and saved by the power of God.

We thank God for the wonderful privilege of serving Him. Pray for us as we continue in prayer for you.



Tucson, Arizona saints portrayed Roman Gutierrez's pre-salvation days in drama; right, he preaches the gospel after the presentation.



Union City, New Jersey
Victory Chapel
Pastor Fernando Abalos
Corres: Tone Velez

Hello from Union City where we're seeing revival as folks rise up to God's challenge.

This summer we started Friday evening outreaches where men were challenged to reach out in radical ways. This included an outdoor service at the projects, where those outside heard God's word as well as those in their homes. We had a puppet show and concert in the park that drew many kids and adults. At the same park we served free hot dogs during a rap concert. Many received salvation and visitors are coming to church.

We also have been doing out-of-town outreaches with van loads of people. We've gone to Warwick, RI and New Bedford, MA where our Pastor had revivals and saw fruit from the outreaches. In New Bedford we joined the congregation in a parade. During the parade God's word was preached and folks were led to Christ and a few prayed for healing. Recently we went to Chicopee, MA. Our rap group did rap-attacks in parking lots and residential areas while the outreach team scattered to reach the people. In this doors were opened and 12 people received salvation.

Once again, this year we had fruitful revivals. Pastor Jose Torres challenged the saints to do more of God's will. Saints took this challenge and are seeing God move in their lives. Visitors came each night that we had to add and rearrange chairs. These visitors received salvation and a couple have been returning. In July, we were privileged to have Pastor Ron Banet over. We had an awesome time and received timely messages that challenged and encouraged the saints.

Our congregation is excited to see God's work being done and to be a part of all God is doing. One of our couples, Robert and Yolanda Nigrón, got married and came back to church with a heart to serve God. Now they are on fire, wanting God's will for their lives. Robert and Yolanda have been baptized with water and Robert also received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Also in June we began a youth ministry where, once a week, the youth are gathered for a Bible study and fellowship. We are seeing them excited about this, learning that God can use them too and seeing their lives touched.

God is moving in lives as well as in Union City. Pray for us as we continue



Street witnessing in Union City, New Jersey

Upland, California The Door Pastor John Jurenec

Praise Jesus & greetings from Upland California.

It has been a busy Summer as usual, for the twelfth year in a row, staying about the Father's business.

After returning from the Tucson Bible



Top, Brett Shaw uses illusion to draw crowd to hear the gospel; right, prayer for the sick at Tijuana, Mexico

Conference we were able to have Pastor Mori Saffa from Cameroon West Africa minister in our Sunday morning service. He challenged our congregation to become serious about impacting our city. It was a glorious word from God with the altar space overflowing and that was the Holy Ghost push that we needed. We went into a revival w/ Brett Shaw for his final revival as an Evangelist/Illusionist before setting out to pioneer. We used him in our downtown market outreach and saw people saved and one man healed of severe back pain after back surgery. He happened to be a Sunday School teacher at the Crystal Cathedral and was blown away.

A second show Brett did in a YMCA brought in close to 100 visitors with many decisions for Jesus including two exchange students from Europe.

Two weeks later we had a team and Spanish band from Redland to help us, in temperatures topping 112 degrees. Thank God for faithful saints and sun block! God blessed us with lasting fruit and a great time of fellowship from that outreach.

We just returned from a two day Invasion team into Tijuana Mexico for German and Dora Gastelum. We partnered with the Fontana Church and sent two van loads of people to labor in the streets & Parks of TJ. We ended up having music and a Healing Crusade both nights in two different parks.

The first night the local police decided to decline us the use of the park after outreaching for it all day, so the whole team had a prayer meeting in that park calling upon God to intervene. The pastors went one more time to ask for permission and permission was granted this time. God moved with salvations and healings that night. Glory to God!

We were recently inspired to do



an expansion to our sanctuary space and God is beginning to fill it.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership to all the surrounding Churches.

God is faithful and is continuing to build His Church in Upland, California.

West Las Vegas, Nevada Potter's House Pastor Scott Lamb Corres: Tony Henslee

We thank God for all that He is doing in Las Vegas. We are staying the

course in evangelism and winning souls to Christ.

In May, we had the play "METH" from Glendale, AZ in to minister. We had an afternoon and an evening show with many visitors coming for both. One local treatment facility reserved 25 seats for each show, bringing kids as young as 12 and 13 and even some adults. These youth are bound in the drug scene even at this early age. Some were 2nd generation addicts. After watching the play and responding to the altar call, more than 100 souls gave their lives to Jesus Christ!

We took advantage of the setting and prayed for those sick in their body from drugs and sin. One young girl had scoliosis from birth. When asked if there was anything traumatic that happened when she was born, she said she was told that her father had tried to kill her when she was born. After prayer, as she bent down and stood back up, she didn't know whether to laugh or to cry. The audience could tell that God had miraculously healed her.

In July's Prescott Conference, we launched two new pioneer works. Rich and Lisa Twine went to Raleigh, North Carolina. Tony and Gine Henslee are going into Garland, Texas.

Our Spanish ministry is having a tremendous time. Many souls are being saved and locking into the church through outreach and Thursday night services. We had a revival with Moises Villeda who preached with power and anointing. He made a call for those that would commit themselves to God. Many couples came forward and the single men were stirred as well, wanting to do something for God. One recent neighborhood outreach with hotdogs, drinks and a movie attracted more than 100 people with 51 souls getting saved!

God is really moving in our church. Yasmany Salamanca was a high school student who had gotten saved and was really on fire for God. He was helping with the Bible Club in his school, outreaching and really being fruitful. Unfortunately he backslid, got caught up in alcohol, drugs and got his girlfriend pregnant. God is always faithful though, as this young man recently came back to church and re-committed his life to Christ. Rosa, his girlfriend came and got saved as well.

Now they are married and ready to have the baby any day! We thank you for your prayers as we take Las Vegas for Jesus!

Yuma, Arizona
Potter's House
Pastor Kevin Foley
Corres: Angel Torres

We are excited to tell all that God has done since our last report.

In the month of May we fasted and prayed every Monday for the revival we had with Evangelist Dennis Wright. He had preached a month prior to that and we saw God move in our services during that time, so we sought God for the same kind of services. We had a powerful time. He ministered in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and prayed for the sick. In reference to one particular healing, he called out two people from our congregation. God spoke to Evangelist Wright, specifically, about these two individuals and he made note of it during prayer. He prayed for them and

they were healed! He then showed them what he wrote and asked them to read it to the congregation. Sure enough they read what he had written prior to praying for them and it was specific in describing what God wanted to do and what He did! How awesome!

In the summer months we decided to hold our Saturday night scenes outside the church. The mind of man would have thought otherwise but as we took these scenes to parks, grocery store parking lots and Hastings parking lot we saw an incredible amount of visitors stop and hear the gospel with many decisions for salvation. Even now, we have been holding our scenes outside in the intense Yuma heat but thank God for the fruit that we've seen in doing that!

July was our Harvester's month. We had an awesome time with Pastor Scott

Lamb as our guest speaker. There was a freshness to what he ministered on and an anointing that challenged our pastors and young disciples. We were excited to see many couples rise up and respond to the call of God during this time. Naaman and Dawn

Struck also responded to God's call by taking on the responsibilities of Door director here in Yuma.

From all the outreaching and one on one witnessing we've experienced some growth.

With this we've started up a new convert's class that has been very strategic in establishing new believers in the faith.

Responding to the call of God by reaching the lost will never get old. We thank Prescott for their steadfastness in keeping the pattern they've set more than 35 years ago! Pray for us and we will continue to pray for this fellowship.

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Scholar's Library

Surprising Insights from the Unchurched

Author: Thom S. Ranier

Publisher: Zondervan

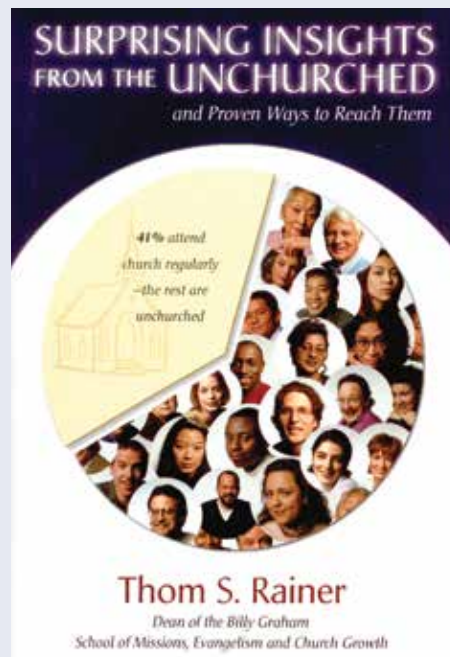
Thom Ranier is the President of the Ranier Group – a church consultancy group. Most previous statistics used for church growth analysis have been based either on the unchurched (*Why don't you go to church?*) or church leavers (*Why did you leave church?*). Ranier points out that both of these may be very inaccurate:

a. The unchurched who were interviewed may have no intention of ever attending church.

b. Those who leave may have hidden heart issues that will cloud their perception and responses.

The basis of this book is 353 interviews with formerly unchurched (in our language – new converts!) and find out issues such as:

a. What factors led you to start attending church?



b. Why did you choose this church?

c. What influenced you to get saved or keep attending once you started attending?

The answers are instructive for those who wish to be effective in building a work for God – both pastors and congregations. The book reveals the importance of relationships, evangelism, the crucial factor of the pastor and his preaching. In direct contrast to much of the church growth “don’t ask anything of anyone/don’t speak strongly held beliefs and doctrines” attitudes, Ranier shows that strong emphasis on clear Bible doctrine and high expectations of church members are large contributing factors in conversions and growth.

The last section of the book is based on interviews and analysis of more than 100 pastors of churches who are experiencing great ‘success’ in reaching the formerly unchurched.

Foreign Field



Chilliwack, BC, Canada
Potter's House
Pastor Dave Marks
Corres: Rod Neufeld

Greetings from Chilliwack, BC. We have been very busy this summer as we kicked it off with Pastor Rick Martinez who preached a great revival which stirred and challenged the people to live their lives for Jesus.



Jason and Jennifer McDonald launched at Prescott Conference to pioneer in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada.

We have been very busy with our regular outreaches and have had some excellent band outreaches on the courthouse steps. Some of the disciples have even been getting together to go on impromptu outreaches to the skate park and various other places in town. In the last three weeks we have seen 15 people give their lives to Jesus.

Recently our band Brimstone was able to go to the baby work in Surrey and play and testify in Bear Creek Park where hundreds were fed hot dogs and heard the gospel. Surrey is a city that is filled with people from many nations, particularly India, and many East Indian people had a favorable response

to the saints as they challenged them to give their lives to Jesus.

We saw 14 people from the church go to the July conference in Prescott, where Jason and Jennifer McDonald were launched into Maple Ridge, BC. On the way back from conference some of the ladies were able to pray the sinner's prayer with a young woman that was involved with lesbianism. Upon praying that prayer her countenance was drastically changed. We are pressing on and fighting the good fight as we labor to see souls saved in these last days.

We will also be holding our annual Canadian Conference in October with Pastors Wayman Mitchell, Tom Payne as well as pastors from Russia and the Czech Republic. It will be such a thrill to see what God is doing in the nations that God has given us the privilege and opportunity to invest in, and support the works of His kingdom.

We look forward to hearing many victorious reports as we labor in Christ for He has made us more than conquerors.

Davao City, Philippines
Victory Chapel
Pastor Frank Buenaventura
Corres: Ramon Jungco, Jr.

God is in the move! Our service for the Lord is just getting more exciting as we are inspired by what He is doing in our fellowship. He has been

adding new converts in the church that have locked in and are now joining our outreaches and prayer meetings.

One brother was delivered from bondage of witchcraft. He surrendered all his stuffs, renounced and burned them and declared to serve God all the days of his life.

God is raising up leaders in the church as we have seen them committing to lead the home Bible studies. Today, we have around 23 Bible study centers in the city. Two different Bible study centers experienced the healing power of God. One youth was healed from epilepsy while in another Bible study was healed from mild stroke! Halleluia!

Our children's Vacation Bible School was very successful and fruitful. It was attended by around 150 kids and 31 teachers. We were able to conclude this five-day activity with God's help. The kids as well as the teachers were participative and the spirit of unity was present. Many parents were encouraged.

We had just held a Concert at the Park last May 27. The Voice of Victory church choir ministered and after two preachings, we were able to gather 52 decision cards.

The last week of May was a revival service with Pastor Gerente of Batangas City and God awesomely and powerfully moved that week. Its just one of the best revival services we ever had.

The month of June was a good time of receiving God's insights with our lawyer pastor, Jing Llamas of Makati City. We had a time of breakfast fellowship with around 50 couples. July was with Pastor Rollie Gacote of General Santos City, who truly brought stirring among us. We were directed, refreshed, encouraged and even challenged to do more and better things for God as we live in the last



Pastor Rolie Gacote preaches during Davao City's 20th Anniversary Celebration

150 children attended summer Vacation Bible School at Davao City



days.

Our church just turned 20 years last July 15. We had a good time of fellowship at the beach with the brethren and

invited pastors and disciples from our baby churches. Around 450 members attended. Some backsliders attended the celebration and we were

glad to see them back in church! We had preaching of the Word stirring one another to just continue what had been started 20 years ago.

Island of Guam Victory Chapel Pastor Glen Cluck Corres: Bill Lucas

Hafa Adai from Guam,

In February we were blessed to have Pastor Mitchell preach our annual miracle healing crusade once again in Ypao Beach Park. Despite a bout with rain on a couple of nights, the overall results remained the same; scores were saved and healed, the Island was impacted and the saints were encouraged.

We've had several outstanding revivals with Dennis Wright, Frank Buenaventura, Chuck Benson, Jim Ballinger and Dave Marks. We so appreciate these men's ministry and look forward to seeing them again sometime.

Inspired by the popularity of one on one basketball, one of our men organized a street ball competition that drew in local basketball players. Complete with free food, local sponsors and a grand prize of \$300. The desired effect was achieved; Sinners heard the gospel and souls were saved.

June saw the Guam Bible conference with Pastor Dave Marks as



Dave Marks stirs up the saints during Guam Bible Conference

keynote speaker. The atmosphere was electric as the saints gathered from all over the Islands of the sea. It was the general consensus that this was the best conference yet. Easily the most exciting news was the launch of our beloved assistant Pastor Bob and Phebe McGinnis in to Quezon City, Philippines. We are truly giving our best to the Philippines. Pastor Cluck said it was like cutting off his right arm. Another thrilling announcement was send-

ing Erick and Pam Marino into the Island of Pohnpei after being in Chuuk Island only a year. Erick has seen revival in Chuuk of Biblical proportions establishing a church of nearly 200. Now Pohnpei can say with the Thessalonians, the man who turned Chuuk upside down has come here also.

As this report is being written, we are in revival with Erick Marino and are seeing unprecedented numbers of souls responding to the altars every night. When God decides to move, there is not much we can do except hope we don't get in the way.

In the Underground, the night before revival, we showed a movie called "Escape from Hell." There we were, minding our own business, and showing a movie, when all of a sudden the church was packed to overflowing. As Pastor Cluck stood to bring the altar call, he was astounded to see nearly 30 new visitors respond. It's been like that all week with sinners filling the aisles every night. We are amazed at the awesomeness of God. Maranatha!

Pray for us as we do for you. Thanks to Pastor and Sister Mitchell and this fellowship for your prayers and support.

**Palau
Victory Chapel
Pastor Wilter
Seharmidal**

Alii and hello from the island of Palau! The church here is continuing to see the fruit of its labor!

These past months in our "Invasion Babeldaob" outreaches – outreach efforts to distant, cultural bound states in Palau – we have targeted three areas and have seen scores of visitors responding with an estimate of 65 souls saved in the last three months! Even as we evangelize places not in our area, God is faithful as we have been seeing him bring in visitors to every service, most of whom are sick in body.

'His legs have been paralyzed for a long time, but after praying for him, he was able to stand and walk.'

More opportunities for the Gospel to be spread! One visitor was deaf in one ear and after prayer it was immediately healed.



Jesse Cluck ministers during revival on Island of Palau

The father of one of the saints was visiting from Yap. He couldn't lift his arm without great pain but after the son broke off the healing band and everyone prayed, painless mobility was restored to his arm! In a recent village outreach

our pastor was asked to pray for a man in a wheelchair. This man turned out to be the brother of one of the high chiefs in Palau. In his words, his legs have been paralyzed for a long time, but after praying for him, he was able to stand and walk which shocked him so much he wanted to sit again!

This past June was the Harvester's Homecoming Conference in Guam. Palau's first couple was launched to take up the pastorate in the island of Chuuk! We thank God for this couple and their faithfulness in the church and we're excited for all God's going to do through them.

In July we had a four-night revival with Pastor Jesse Cluck. This revival was for the saints as message after message brought a refreshing to our lives as well as challenges to seek the will of God personally and corporately. The gift of Word of Knowledge was in operation every night as saints were expecting to hear from God.

On the final night there was a power outage right after the preaching started, but God is on the throne as one new convert was filled with the Holy Ghost and a visitor, blind in one eye, was instantly healed after being prayed for!

All that God is doing in Palau would not be possible without the vision of the Fellowship and the prayers and investment of Pastor Cluck and Sister Donna and the Guam Congregation.



Young boy is saved during Rotterdam outreach in Curacao

**Rotterdam, Netherlands
The Door
Pastor R. Maduro
Corres: R. Toren**

Thank God for continuing the work that He began. At Rotterdam church we are enthusiastic about church planting. We have five baby churches now; two in The Netherlands and three overseas. We not only want to send the couples out, but also want to go there with teams to support them.

In May we went to two churches in the Caribbean: one on the island of Curacao and one on the island of Bonaire; the last one is one of our baby churches. We went with a team of 14 people. We had a music group and rappers with us and joined our baby church in outreaching. In the revival meetings and music evening we saw visitors come and about five people got saved.

We want to see new people added to the church and also encourage the people in the churches we visited. It's great to be involved in the plan of God and see God move in many people's lives. He moved in the people of the team, in the overseas churches and in new people who gave their lives to Jesus.

**Croydon, South London,
England**
Potter's House
Pastor Clement Okusi
Corres: Farai Dangarembizi

Greetings from the Croydon Church, South London, England.

The best way to describe the church over the last year would be eventful!

We've reaped a harvest of conversions through our weekly Thursday and Saturday outreaches.

This commitment to evangelism has helped set the tone in our church while communicating our vision.

The vision has been further clarified with two international impacts teams, we sent to help some of our missionary works.

In June 2006 Pastor Clement Okusi led a team of 10 precious saints to the Czech Republic for Pastor Evgeni. It was a tremendous time with some 30 decisions for Christ and several filled with the Holy Ghost.

The following month saw our Pastor lead another team of 10 saints (including an eight week old new convert) to the nation of Guyana for Pastor Kelvin Roy-Palmer.

We outreached daily in the city centre, hosted concerts and a revival over a period of 11 days. When it was all said and done, we had more than 200 decisions for Christ! Hallelujah!

We really appreciate the sacrifice and liberality of the Croydon saints as they partner with our fellow churches worldwide.

As we have been faithfully "watering others" God has been watering the work in Croydon.

We regularly see 200+ saints in our Sunday (AM) services and up to 150 in our evening and mid-week services.

Also in the month of August we baptized 18 new converts.

We've also been blessed with several timely revivals with Evangelists and Pastors Ross Barcham, Carey Mejia, David Vicary and Stacy Dillard who stirred the congregation for the Kingdom of God.

We've had two weddings in the last

Crowd gathers to hear the gospel at opening of Sutton church



eight months and will be having more more weddings in the month of October.

Due to the growth of the church, we have seen the first ever staff member. This will free our Pastor to give himself to the Word of God.

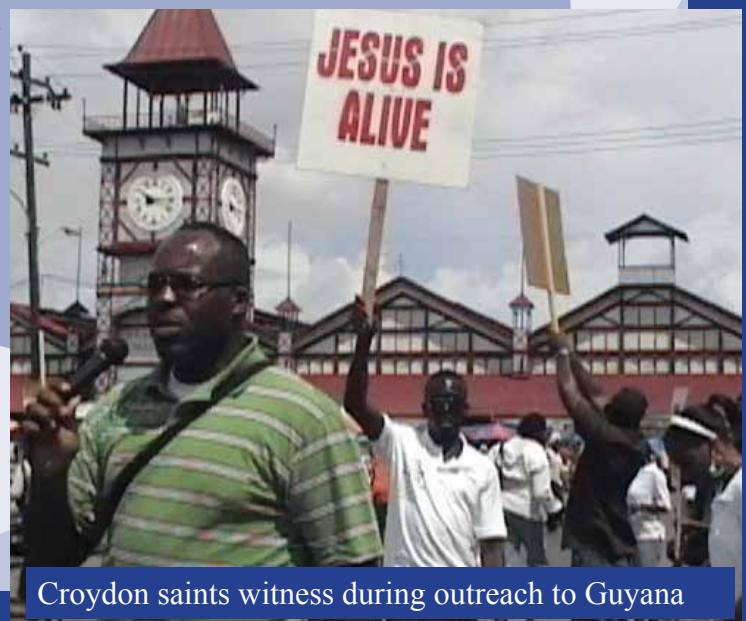
Finally the highlight of the last year was the planting of our first church, Tapiwa and Gillian Muzvidziwa into Sutton.

Many of our fellowship churches from the UK helped with the opening and we saw 60 people give their lives to Christ and 25 of them came back the next day for church!

Please pray for the Croydon and Sutton Churches as we pray for you, God bless.



Street witnessing at Sutton opening



Croydon saints witness during outreach to Guyana

**Phoenix, Durban,
South Africa
Pastor John McCarthy
Corres: Pam McCarthy**

milling around with nothing to do. The headmaster decided to call a mandatory assembly and we ended up ministering for one and a half hours to over 500 students! God is good!

During the first meeting Pastor Mammen preached, a young lady was visibly delivered from a demon that had tormented her for years.

things!

One in particular was a woman down at the local youth hang out. Pastor decided to take the cross out onto the streets. A young convert wanted the privilege to carry the cross and portray Jesus. We proclaimed the full council of God, sin, repentance, and forgiveness, as we stood our ground the Holy Ghost bore witness. The youth where we were witnessing got stirred up.

One lady came across the road towards us mouthing all manner of words, and than physically pushing one of our girls. She had a child with her and she said the cross with a bloody Jesus on it had upset her son. We pressed on, and the police came and questioned us. In the end they said there's nothing they could do, they didn't want to stop us, praise God! They turned to this lady, and said, "Shouldn't you take your son home?"

Pastor decided to preach on what had happened, so he showed the tape of the outreach at church and preached on evangelism. Not long after that night this lady came to church and got saved! She apologized to Pastor for what she had done. She got born again, and God healed her son from a lung disorder.

We have realized that the gospel needs to be taken out of the local church building and in doing this we have had around 100 visitors, 10 water baptized, and people filled with the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues, including a 75-year-old on fire man of God!

Newcastle saints are marching on and there is a great sense that God is about to do something great. The youth are rising up, and people are getting married.

At the March Conference we were blessed and excited to plant Gavin and Jodie Spruce into Maitland, NSW to pioneer a new church. God is raising up disciples in our congregation with a desire to take this gospel into regions beyond.

Pastor has started up a Dedicated Disciples every fortnight on a Sunday afternoon with about 20 men coming out and desiring more of God in their lives.

We appreciate and are greatly honoured for those Pastors in which have come and preached revivals. We thank the fellowship, and we appreciate the leadership of Pastors Wayman Mitchell and David Vicary.



Drama team outreach in Durban, South Africa

Hope. A clean slate. A healed body. Deliverance. All in Jesus. In May we were privileged to have Lee and Beckie Wilson here with us in Phoenix, South Africa. Pastor Wilson preached a great revival. We saw a steady stream of visitors each night and several families locked in during the following weeks. There were a number of miracles, including a woman who was carried in and walked out. When she forgave, the healing flowed. Her entire family prayed for salvation.

God had good things in mind when he sent Pastor Bob Mammen and seven of the McMinnville, Oregon church members, to help us in June. We started the week with a street meeting in the Phoenix Plaza. This place is jammed with people; buying, selling and bartering goods. There is also a taxi station there with a large captive audience. Hannah and a young girl from our church took care of the music and the Mac team and Pam performed several street dramas. On the following Monday, we had the opportunity to do a 45 minute "anti-drug" meeting at a local high school, for any students that would like to attend. It "just so happened" when we arrived, that the teachers had gone on strike that day and the students were

The next week we were able to join with several of the area churches for a large outreach in Pietermaritzberg. Each of the young churches came with a song or drama and together we were able to minister for a full hour. When the alter call was over, 72 people had prayed for salvation. We were stirred to see what teamwork could accomplish.

We are excited to share that in the last month we've been able to pray with five Muslims to become Christians. These are no light decisions and persecution from the family is quite common. Please remember us in prayer as God moves in Phoenix.

**Newcastle, Australia
Potter's House
Pastor David Ehlers
Corres: Jason Hughes**

Greetings from the east coast of Australia. Newcastle saints are pressing the battle to the gates! Over the past 12 months God has accomplished great

**Pietermaritzburg, South
Africa**
Potter's House
Pastor Jack Miller



Outreach in downtown Pietermaritzburg

In April our area leader for South Africa, Pastor Robert Polaco, came and ministered for us. Our pioneer church joined us for a wonderful time of insight. Then we headed for Durban for an area-wide rally, followed by a Pastor's seminar with brother Polaco. God encouraged the churches in the area, which are now seven in number. There is a great spirit of fellowship in the province



Prayer for Pastor Visham Rambhal, left, who now pastors the Pietermaritzburg church.



Pastor Mark Green and family will take over Pietermaritzburg pioneer work

**"The
appeal on our
paperwork for Botswana
has been approved."**

and it is a privilege to be able to link together in the harvest.

In June we had revival with Pastor Shaun Haven from the Navajo Nation. We had the churches from Durban come help us with a miracle crusade in the center of town. Hundreds of people gathered to

listen and 73 people prayed for salvation! There were at least 10 testimonies of immediate healing. Sunday morning we had visitors from the outreach and five more were healed!

For those wondering, our initial paperwork to start a pioneer church in Botswana had been denied back in February. Neil McCann came that month to preach here and, without knowing the details of the situation, he gave me this prophecy:

"There is a demonic strategy against you that is linked to one person in the government office. God has allowed this for a season and is working something out in His timing. God has allowed this

for His greater purpose. The door will open because God will remove that hindrance, which was there for God's purpose."

Thank God we are now entering His timing and purpose. The appeal on our paperwork for Botswana has been approved. As the church here in Pietermaritzburg entered its 10th year in June, we made a pastor change. Pastor Visham Ramphal, who pioneered three years ago in the Indian area across town, took the mother church and they are having revival. Brother Mark Green has assumed the leadership of the pioneer church.

It's wonderful to see discipleship work. Thanks to everyone who is praying for us.

Trujillo, Peru
La Puerta
Pastor Peter Majoor

Greetings from Trujillo, Peru.

We just finished our June Summer conference and it was a great time! We had two main speakers - Pastors Kevin Foley and Chris Entong from the Netherlands.

We've heard excellent preaching and pastors came from four different nations: Bolivia, Chili, Brazil and Peru. Several people got saved during the services and many responded after we played drama on the plaza in the centre of

the city.

We are excited about what God is doing here in Peru. It's a pity that we couldn't send out couples this time, but several men told me they want to be sent out in the future.

I want to thank Pastor Evert Valk from Zwolle, Holland for his advice and also all the pastors who came to preach for us! Please pray for Peru and for our pioneer churches.

Embry Riddle Day at Prescott



Dave Jones



Captain Woody Carter



Business Owner Ken Herman



Business Owner Mark Barry



Ken LeBlanc



Pilot Pete Davis



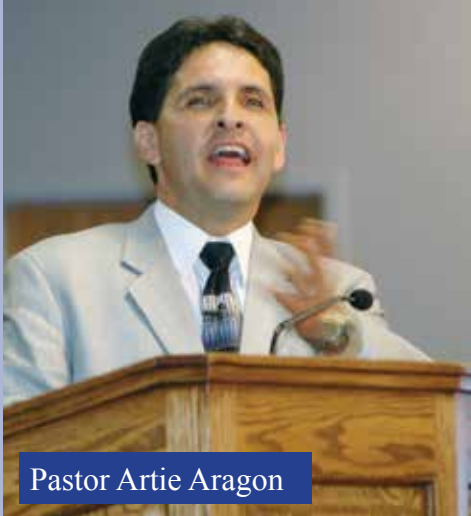
Pastor Eric Krahmer



Business Owner Mike Cilano

Each Fall, the Prescott Church honors graduates from the local Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, inviting ERAU students to church and treating them to lunch afterward. This year, we were able to have an outreach on campus, and several students visited for services. They heard preaching from United Airlines Pilot Woody Carter, and Pastor Eric Krahmer, along with testimonies from Embry Riddle graduates who had come to Prescott and gotten saved during their school days. It's always a great outreach and a way to share the gospel with students from all over the world.

Native American Day



Pastor Artie Aragon



Chinle teen testifies

Each September, the Prescott Church has a special treat when the Navajo Nation comes to Prescott! We always look forward to the powerful preaching of Pastor Artie Aragon, and then a lunch of authentic fry bread cooked by the Navajo ladies. It's no small undertaking, because they make fry bread for some 600 hungry people! In the evening service, the Chinle Choir ministers and members bring wonderful testimony of God's power to change lives through Jesus Christ. Pastor Aragon always brings great report of what God is doing on the Navajo reservation.



Chinle ladies cook frybread for 600...



Chinle choir ministers



...and we always enjoy it!

Changed Lives

From drugs and hatred to new lives in Jesus

Revelation 12:11 says “And they shall overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.” Richie and Briana Maerk’s testimonies offer real hope to those whose lives have seemed hopeless from childhood.

Richie

As a young boy, Richie attended church with his parents, who were serving God in Prescott. His father, then his mother, quit attending church, and while he came with friends for awhile, Richie eventually drifted out as well. “I account my salvation now to Children’s Church,” he said. “There’s always been this drawing, and that seed was planted there. I never really got to spend time in the main church.”

Richie tried everything in the effort to fill the void in his life. When he was older, he did give his life to Christ, but it wasn’t all smooth sailing. “I backslid a thousand and one times,” he said. He tried being super spiritual, then just being a nominal church goer. Finally, he simply left. “There was no drama, I just gave up.”

Then, he said, he began to make some terrible decisions. He started using and dealing methamphetamines.

“That completely took me into a new realm of disorder and chaos. It was disgusting. My brain got so twisted I really thought that I could control people’s lives. I was taking things I had learned in church and twisting them. I was speaking things into people’s lives, it was witchcraft. I found myself aligning myself with the worst of the demons I could possibly think of, just so I could have power. I would sit and talk to these spirits. I thought this was God’s will. That’s just a proof of how insane you can get on that drug.”

Richie told God, “OK, if that’s what You want, I’m giving in to it.” But living on drugs wasn’t what God had for him. After he made that declaration, he said, everything fell apart. He got kicked out of where he was living, and he lost his job.



Richie and Briana Maerk

But there was a glimmer of hope. “God proved Himself that this wasn’t what he wanted for my life. That’s what I really absorbed.”

He decided he was going to hitchhike to Oregon, but before he could leave, he ran into a girl from church, who invited him to the Underground, Prescott’s downtown music and drama ministry. That night, he gave his life back to Jesus.

“I remember walking back to my

‘I was an addict, an adulterer, a fornicator, a liar, a thief. I was all these things, and God still had love for my life. I praise Him for what He has done. -
Richie Maerk

Grandma’s house after I got saved the last time. I said, ‘I’m going to do this, this time, because it’s the only choice,’” he said.

When Richie made that decision, He found God willing to pour out His help and blessing. This time, it’s different. Turning back is no longer an option.

“I’ve been remembering, and praising God for what He has done in my life. God really changed me a lot. I was an addict, an adulterer, a fornicator, a liar, a thief. I was all these things, and God still had love for my life. I praise Him for what He has done. Then I live my life, and He adds so much to it. People getting saved, having a little bit of impact, it’s truly His hand. It’s our attitude, I think, toward him.”

Richie remembers a sermon about God being a father that made an impact on him.

“I always prayed to God as this great being, but He really does want to be our provider, and father, and our comfort. I try to talk to Him like a son would to a dad, with confidence and

a little bit of self, not a ritual," he said. "I finally told God I was going to serve Him. He has really honored that decision. God really proved Himself."

Briana

Briana grew up in church, too, but her parents left and went to a different church when she was 10. They divorced when she was 12. Briana never gave her life to Jesus as a child. "I knew the truth. I remember going to church, but I don't remember being saved," she said.

After her parents' divorce, Briana and her brother chose to live with their father. She put all her anger and frustration at the divorce into fighting and hatred. "I did my first line of meth at 12 in the girl's bathroom at school. All my friends had money, and I always had the opportunity to have drugs. I never had to pay for my dope," she said.

Along with the meth, Briana started sniffing paint, smoking marijuana and drinking. Finally, she got kicked out of school in 7th grade, mostly for fighting.

"You couldn't look at me for too long or look me in the eye, or I was going to beat your face in. I was always fighting. I hated everybody, and then I started hating my dad. He took really good care of us, but I hated him, too," she said.

She ran away from home, going with two friends to California. While doing acid, one of the men at the house where she was staying went wild with a shotgun, and Briana found herself hiding in a room with a couple of tiny children, trying to protect them. She'd had enough, so she called her aunt, who helped her get home.

"I came home, and I was fine for awhile, but I still hated everyone. I took off again, and I'd go on these long binges, staying at friends' houses," she said. She hooked up with another man, a meth addict, and the two of them robbed her father's house. That landed her in juvenile detention for nearly six months.

When she was released from detention, Briana lived in a group home. "I liked it, but I ended up running away from there, too," she said.

Seeing a friend overdose so unnerved her that she quit using meth, but Briana continued to drink to excess. She got a job as a waitress, and she kept drinking. "I drank before work, at work, after work. I was always partying and fighting. But I

wasn't getting high, so I justified it," she said.

Then she met a cocaine addict, whom she would later marry. She quit drinking after seeing him overdose. Desperate to help him, she tried everything from treatment programs to prayer rooms. "Finally," she said, "It was him that said, 'Maybe I should go to church.'" That was fine with her, as long as it wasn't the Potter's House. But that's where he wanted to go, and both of them came and gave their lives to Jesus.

"I was the one that stuck it out. I knew God was there, and that He would protect me. There was a peace and a comfort," she said. She needed peace, because her life was falling apart around her. Her husband of three years began to cheat on her, and hit her, and then leave for weeks at a time. At 22, she was divorced.

"I made up my mind that I would focus on God. He was the only thing I had. You don't ever get married and not want it work out. My life, my marriage,

I'm learning how to pray, to have a relationship with God as a father. You can seek Him for everything. I know all my old friends see me now and they trip out that I even smile. God's just awesome. -
Briana Maerk

I couldn't keep it together like I thought I could as a little girl," Briana said.

Salvation, she said, "is still a learning process. Even though I was born in church, I'm learning how to pray, to have a relationship with God as a father. You can seek Him for everything. I know all my old friends see me now and they trip out that I even smile. God's just awesome."

Serving God together

After he had been saved for some time, Richie was thinking about getting married. He wasn't talking a lot to girls, because he knew he needed to focus on serving God. But Briana's brother got saved, and he began spending some time with him. Often, they would go eat or hang out, and Briana would come along. Friends had told him he needed to find a wife who would serve God on her own, regardless of what he did.

"The more I got to know Briana, I saw

she was seeking God, and wanted Him to use her life," Richie said. "Even though her brother went his own way, Briana and I stayed friends. I told her I wouldn't date her until I got a job, because I was always in and out of jobs. But I got a job, and we started dating."

Briana had a crush on Richie, as well, but she wasn't going to make the first move. "I figured if it was God's will, it would happen," she said.

From the very beginning, Richie said, purity was paramount to both of them. "We never held hands, never kissed. We took it seriously, that finally in our lives, if we kept this one relationship as pure as we could, God would be able to use that somehow to heal all that garbage from other relationships. And He did. It's amazing. God has shielded us from some problems because we stood for that purity, something we had never had in our lives. God was showing us that if we would put one stone upon another for Him, He would give us the power to make it through."

"There were a lot of people praying for us, and we prayed a lot," Briana said. The two dated for nine months, and then married in August 2005. Both say they feel like they've been married longer, and they exude

the joy they feel in living for God as a couple.

"Richie helped me a lot in wisdom of God. I never had that because of past relationships, they were so selfish and foul," Briana said. "We both have this focus now. We want to do stuff for God, to win souls, to do these things unselfishly. It's such a good feeling. It's clean. I don't have to worry about where Richie is at. When we got married that fear melted away."

And Richie knows only the sweet-spirited woman he is married to now.

"I've seen pictures where Briana looks all hard, but I've never seen a hint of that. The Briana I know is not that person."

Richie and Briana are not eager to forget the past, however painful it is. That is because they want to remember how far God has brought them, as they go forward to serve Him in the future.

Letter from War

Letter from War is a multi-media patriotic presentation from Prescott that tells the story of three generations of a family that has gone to war to die, sometimes for those they will never see, and how Jesus Christ died for us before we were ever born. The presentation played at the Elks Theater in Prescott, and then on the Prescott Courthouse Plaza, resulting in six souls saved.

