

news from the revival fellowship in the americas

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GOD CAN USE US

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard: consider her ways, and be wise:"
Proverbs 6:6

There are many different kinds of ants and all of them are very fascinating creatures. One kind, the Allegheny ant is quite a common species in the eastern United States. Researchers of the University of Wisconsin made a three-year study of these ants and discovered that one colony moved fifteen tons of subsoil, building clusters of large mounds and burrowing almost two yards below the surface.

This 'deep ploughing' by these ants increases the nutrients, clay and organic matter of the surface soil of the forest. If God can use the Allegheny ant to help enrich forest areas by carrying tons of soil from below ground to the surface, surely **GOD CAN USE US** to spiritually enrich the lives of those around us!



- * **God can use us** when we appreciate our privileged position in Christ and the responsibility that goes with it.

"I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

(Philippians 3:8 Amplified Bible)

- * **God can use us** when we see the plight of others and are "moved with compassion toward them."
- * **God can use us** when we recognise "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;"
- * **God can use us** when we respond to the challenge enthusiastically. "Here am I; send me."
- * **God can use us** when we maintain our sense of urgency.

"Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favourable or unfavourable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.]

(2 Timothy 4:2 Amplified Bible)

- * **God can use us** when we come to Him prayerfully.

"The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."

(James 5:16 Amplified Bible)

- * **God can use us** when we "have the same care one for another."
- * **God can use us** when we work together in unity and harmony (with one accord) to edify one another.

"So let us then definitely aim for and eagerly pursue what makes for harmony and for mutual upbuilding (edification and development) of one another."

(Romans 14:1 Amplified Bible)

- * **God can use us** if we are "a vessel unto honour".

"So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart and useful for honourable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work."

(2 Timothy 2:21 Amplified Bible)

Pastor Darryl Williams

Pennsylvania Report

Well things were a bit quiet this past month. We did do some outreaching and did get a couple of new people at meetings. We had a booth at the annual Spring Fling where we sold hotdogs, chips, and cold drinks. We spoke to and handed out leaflets to a number of people and it was interesting to note that quite a few knew where our meeting place was. We pray that some of them will do more than just look in the window and decide to come in for a meeting. Hopefully we'll be able to water some of the seeds that got planted. We made enough money to cover our expenses and little bit over. All in all it was a good day.

We are continuing in prayer for our sister Evelyn and the Stockton family for the Lord to continue doing a great work and to see mighty blessings.

Pastor Carlton

Canada

Canada Camp is just around the corner and we appreciate those people that have paid their fees in advance. It all helps with the organizing. We are updating the web site with more information and have a link to the hotel for those who are needing a space to stay for an extra night or two. We are looking at setting up a few fellowship activities on the Monday after the camp, so let us know what might interest you.

Website is: <http://members.shaw.ca/revival/camp.html> and camp fees can be paid by Visa, Mastercard or Paypal.

We are blessed to have Phil and Alexis Marshman from MacKay in Queensland staying with us for the month leading up to the camp. Phil has been playing guitar for our choruses and the meetings have that added extra excitement with some new people coming along now.

We have a few other visitors that are coming through Canada over the next little while and it will be great to hear testimonies from around the world. It is always a blessing to be reminded of the fact that we belong to a great world-wide work of God.

Ps Mark Lindal

Greetings from Athens, Georgia.

Greetings to all the brethren from Athens Ga. We've had another month of good things happening. Steve and Angela have found a job, bought a house, organized all their visa documents and headed back to Australia to wind things up on that end. A huge undertaking by any standards but one that we are sure the Lord will bless and indeed already has blessed. They found a job and house and gotten their visa stuff under way in around 2 weeks.(after months of long interview processes that didn't pan out this job just came out of the blue and the negotiations were complete in about a week) We are expecting them back here in July. They are currently putting their house on the market in Australia so keep them in your prayers. As I mentioned, it's a big undertaking. Praise the Lord, they're a great couple and we are looking forward to having them here on a permanent basis to help with the work in Georgia and North America. We continue to outreach regularly here in Athens. People are always friendly and responsive. You just can't make them do anything about what they know is right. We live in strange times.

A friend that we've been talking to since we got here finally came to a meeting a couple of weeks ago. He has some health issues and really wants to see some miracles in his life. He's come to the right God! He's been praying for the last couple of weeks for the Holy Spirit so we hope

and pray that he'll receive the Spirit and get a great healing as well. His name is John Thomas. Keep him in your prayers.

That's all for now.
Greetings to all the Saints.

John Lawson

Greetings from Boise, Idaho

We've had a pretty exciting month. It all began with Kraig and Carlotta Hill from Fresno visiting for a week. They brought great fellowship and testimonies. We had a combined Wednesday meeting on Skype with Canada and San Pedro. Modern technology is amazing that we can have a larger meeting with fellowship and testimonies and the unity of the spirit. It was like we were all in the same room, not able to see each other only hear each other. We are planning to continue this on the first Wednesday of every month. Patrick, who was baptized in Fresno after the last camp, received the spirit a couple of weeks ago. Praise the Lord! We've also had 2 new people at our meetings and have had prayer with one of them. He says he's thinking about baptism. We're still praying for him. There are a couple of other people who are interested in "checking us out". We will continue to stand for the truth and preach the gospel.

In Christ,

Bobby Moses

Greetings from San Pedro,

The Month of May has been a time of rejoicing and prayer. Rejoicing for each other as we march on praising God for His blessing, His Word, and Power. Pray for our sister Tammy, as she has lost her Mom from cancer and Axel for his accident. Axel in his youthfull wisdom didn't put his helmet on while putting his quad in the

garage and went through the back hatch window of a Ford Explorer. Nothing like getting the call your kid is in an abulance with head injuries going to the i.c.u. trauma center. I can personally attest to God's peace as I thanked God he'll be o.k. With that he will be fine. He'll need some time to recover. We praise the Lord for your prayers and the best was sister Evelyn's phone call wishing him God's speed for a healing! Our sister Tammy lost her mom just recently. She called the saints and told us how God has given her a great peace over the situation - our prayers are with her in this time of mourning. On the assembly note we had some new folks in April and gone in May. I'm always amazed for those who pass up God's provisions - let alone everlasting life. We're looking forward to the Canada camp this July. Hope to see many of the saints that can make it. The month of June we'll be having a prayer and fast with other activities. That's it for now.

yours in Christ
Bro Jim

Fresno

This past month we have had special times of prayer and fasting for our sister Evelyn who has been in the hospital 6 weeks recovering from the flesh eating bacteria which infected a large part of her inner thigh and required extensive surgery. The Drs. are amazed how the Lord is healing the wound so quickly, the progress she is making, and many are hearing the gospel through all this. We pray for more miracles as a skin graft is scheduled for Monday the 12th. We also had our regular prayer and fast, outreaching, and wonderful fellowship with a picnic at a park.

By FAITH we are attempting a new funding raising technique this year and are praying that the Lord blesses our endeavors. We are currently selling something similar to a coupon book. However this item comes in the size and shape of a

credit card. On one side of the card it has 15 coupons mostly to use at local eating establishments. Many are the buy one get one offers with unlimited usage for one year. On the other side of the card is a picture of our hall with The Revival Fellowship written across it, our logo, John 8:32 and also our street and web address. The price of the cards is \$10 and it has been a wonderful witnessing tool. If we can sell them all we stand to make a substantial amount of money.

The Fresno Convention will be held November 22nd – 25th – celebrating 20 years in Fresno!



Brazil

Life is always exciting in Brazil!

Much has been happening there lately.

In Fortaleza there has been a lot of baptisms and the hall is overflowing with people. they now have about 567 people including the children. Ps Esteves is having to start 2 meetings for his assembly there so that everyone can get the chance to attend. It is very difficult to impress upon his people the need to attend only one of the meetings as they have such a love for the word. It will take some time for them to learn that they can't be at both for the sake of others that need to be fed on the word as well.

It has been common for them to see between 15 & 25 people or more baptised and filled with the Spirit at each Sunday meeting lately. Last month they baptised 114 people!

There is a great need for men capable of leadership as Ps. Esteves does everything at the moment. He is about to take another helper into the oversight team and train him for

the work. He travels about 4500km (2700 miles) per month in his little 1 liter Fiat wagon, so he almost lives in his car while getting around to visit his people.

The project is living up to it's promises of projected income PTL, but is unable to keep up with the growth in the assembly. The Governemnt is now going to move on to another phase and plant oil producing trees on the land. Brazil has made a commitment to move away from oil imports, and is looking to the future with bio fuels. They will use the trees to produce oil for Bio diesel. We will be able to utilise the land between the trees for planting corn and beans, which in turn will help with the nitrogen input for the soil. The banana plants have a lifespan of about 7 good years and we are near to the time when they would have to be pulled out. When this is done, the land should be given a rest for 6 months before replanting. This would obviously interrupt our income flow, whereas the trees for the oil are a much longer term proposition. If we start now, we will be able to see almost no drop in income over the transition from one crop to the other. The land is in the process of being purchased, and by the end of the year it will be ours. The Lord has really blessed our small project, and it has been a wonderful success story for us.

Revival in the villages has been ongoing as well, and Esteves' brother Ps. Jose has recently baptised 18 people in the larger regional city of IGUATU and is now holding meetings there on Monday nights.

There are saints in each of these villages
GADELHA, BARRO ALTO,
VACA MORTA, PIRIPIRI,
QUEIMADAS, TANQUE, CARDOSO.
In all there are 635 souls in the rural areas. A total of 1202 saints in the fellowship in Brazil. 6 years ago there were 170 total! what wonderful work the Lord is doing