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Nations shall come to your light



What Can I Give Him?



"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." Matt. 2:1,2 (ESV)

Wise men from the east. We hear this story of the visit of the wise men or the magi every year at Epiphany, but rarely do we consider the long, grueling journey these men had to endure to come and worship the young king. Biblical scholars and historians believe that the magi were likely from Babylon (or possibly Persia) some 800 miles away. It is estimated it would have taken 40 days to reach the little backwater town of Bethlehem. Although not mentioned in the text, their journey was presumably fraught with danger and trial, but they believed in the prophesies and they saw the signs of the coming King written in the stars.

When they finally reached Bethlehem the story continues, "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." They fell down and worshipped him. Church tradition reveres these men as kings, so this act of falling down and worshipping is no small gesture. They were kneeling before a greater king. The next thing they did was offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh - kingly treasures.

I believe we can learn much from the actions of these wise men. Most of us are not rich and revered kings. We do not have kingly treasures to offer as worship, but we all have something to offer the King born in the manger. I am reminded of the words of the beautiful Christmas carol "In the Bleak Midwinter".

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

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Offering our heart, that deepest most central part of us, is the truest form of worship that we can offer

the King. He treasures this beyond gold, beyond the riches of this world.

Now, this is not a gift that costs us nothing. Surrendering our hearts requires giving up control, which is something we do not find easy to do. Psalm 116 talks about offering up "a sacrifice of praise". To sacrifice means to "surrender", to "give-up", "to offer" something of value that we would rather hold on to. We see a great example in the story of the wise men of a sacrifice of praise. They sacrificed their time, treasures, safety, and in the end, their pride in the humble act of kneeling before the child king.

Let's learn from the example of the magi and offer up our lives and hearts to the King. The Lord has gifted each one of us with unique skills and treasures. Let's offer them back to the Lord. This will cost you something, and will take a step of faith, but we have a God who is strong in our weakness and delights in our worship. Ask God how He would use your gifts for His glory. Talk to the leadership at St. George's about how to use your God-given gifts to strengthen the church. Romans 12 says, "present your bodies as a living sacrifice... which is your spiritual worship." Worship is not the things we do on a Sunday morning; it is the offering of our lives to Jesus with the attitude of a servant. It is a heart that says, "Let Your kingdom come and Your will be done in my life".

So what can you give Him this epiphany season? Firstly, give Him your heart, unreservedly, which is the greatest gift you can give Him. Secondly, offer back to Him your gifts and talents for His glory. Join with the wise men and bow down and worship Him. Follow the star in the east along the lengthy road to where the King lies. Offer back to Him what you have been given, for this baby in the cattle trough is the good and mighty King of the Ages in whose service is perfect freedom. Amen.

> Bryan Hunt Worship and Media Pastor

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ST MATTHEW'S HOUSE CHRISTMAS 2010

Thank you again to all who supported the 2010 St Matthew's House Christmas Adopt-a-Family program/ministry. Your compassion and overwhelming gifts gave 5 families Christmas gifts of clothing, toys, and a food voucher for Christmas dinner. Many families were not sponsored this year because of the economic downturn at U.S. Steel in Hamilton. The food vouchers were based on the size of the family and provided a Christmas dinner.

My request to the Christmas Program Co-ordinator was to provide us with families who were in greatest need and were the least likely to be adopted/sponsored. To this end, there were five families, all of whom had a single mom. The children were from 7 years old to early teens. This age group is not chosen by most people. Clothes are always requested, especially winter jackets/coats, socks and jeans. Because of your support we were able to provide these clothes plus another non-clothing gift item, and a requested soccer ball.

My grateful thanks are extended to:

. Margaret Hunt for all her help and support for this Adopt-a-Family program. Margaret purchased items that only a parent would know the sizing or what was most suitable. Thank you, Margaret.

Holly Horricks who purchased the gifts and clothing for one of our families. Thank you Holly.

. Dave Shantz and Wayne Neeb who helped load and unload my car during the year.

Special thanks to:

Everyone who supported the outreach to these families.

Each of you who provide food, clothing and other items throughout the year; everything is used and appreciated.

Don and Barbara for their weekly gift of a necessary item that is not food but almost as necessary – toilet tissue.

Pam and Ron who remember St Matthew's House with their weekly food gift.

the person who weekly gives a gift of Mac and Cheese. This is a staple at the foodbank.

While you may never meet these people, without your gifts they would be without these items.

Betty Pristol

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

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St. Paul Anglican Bible Church

Reaching Out to Hurting People

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. [Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)]

As this is our first article since last Easter, we thought we should start by letting you know our progress since last spring, so that you have a better understanding of where we feel the Lord is leading us and to direct your prayers for us!

As we wrote in the Easter By George, a clear message was received at last February's Anglican 1000 Church Planting Summit that we needed to work with a professional church planting coach, and in May with the blessing of Rev. Ray David Glenn, the Leadership Team travelled to Chantilly, Virginia, for a 3-day intensive 'boot camp' with Rev. Tom Herrick at The Titus Institute for Church Planting.

We learned the importance of building a proper foundation, which will determine the effectiveness of the church in its community. We were advised to cease Sunday services and focus our energy on gathering a launch team of 25-50 individuals. Tom said it was as if we had built a great roof to cover our church, but hadn't put in a foundation or any walls to hold it up! We were led in the exercise of re-working our vision statement, mission statement and defining our core values. Tom gently and carefully helped us understand our own hearts and desires and how to blend those together as a leadership team, ensuring we were all "on the same train, bound for the same destination."

We came away tired and fired up at the same time, ready to continue our calling to plant a church in Stoney Creek.

Through the summer months we continued to meet weekly as a leadership team, devoting a minimum of 25% of our time to prayer and meditation, in addition to a weekly Bible study. We continued our coaching through bi-weekly telephone calls for encouragement and to ensure we stay the course, as well as reading several recommended church planting books (to the point of information overload!). Most importantly, we have been reminded over and over to listen to the Holy Spirit to hear what it is the Lord has for us to do in our community.

In the fall we became intentional in our mission call as we met with community leaders, connected with local business owners by becoming 'regulars' at their businesses, attended

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galas for local festivals, and joined a committee for parade events. As we listened to the hearts of those we met and learned of challenges or hurts, we prayed for those individuals and sent them cards letting them know we were praying. These cards have proven to be a real ministry and have opened doors to deeper conversations and relationships.

We also recognized the need for prayer support for ourselves as leadership, so formed a Prayer Partner team that we up-date regularly via e-mail. If you would like to join our Prayer Partner Mailing List please e-mail ReachingOut@StPaulABC.ca.

Our coaches have encouraged us that going out into the community, not waiting for the community to come to us, is establishing a culture of inviting that will become part of our DNA as we grow our membership. In a recent coaching call they commented: "You have made a substantial change in the way you are doing things and the way you are viewing church. You are on mission for the Lord, moving out and meeting people where they are, not sitting back and waiting for others to come to you. Church is about community and this type of interaction reinforces this."

With this encouragement we stepped out even more boldly this past Advent and Christmas season. Between December 4 and 19 we made eight treks through the streets in the Pennylegions' neighbourhood, knocking on doors. We wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and gave them a Sharing the Good News of Christmas gift bag containing an ESV Christmas Edition Outreach New Testament, Max Lucado's The Good News of Christmas tract, and a brochure on St. Paul ABC containing an invitation to call us and we will take them out for a coffee. In all we visited 314 homes, left 300 bags (some folks refused our gift), and spoke to 131 people.

It was great fun to watch people's faces transform from suspicious to wonder to smiles as they realized we weren't there to sell them anything, and that we'd like to take them out for coffee just to get to know them. Several wished us a hearty Merry Christmas and even shook our hands, wanting to know our names and where we lived. On our last afternoon of deliveries, we met an older gentleman who said he wouldn't be having a merry Christmas as his wife had had a stroke just the week before. We asked if we could pray for him and his wife to which he was very receptive. We also plan to visit him again to be a support and help if we can.

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If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

Matthew 10:13

Please pray that there would be "persons of peace" in these homes who will be open to the message of Christmas and act on our invitation to go for coffee.

"Make a friend, be a friend, then bring that friend to Christ".

We also had a Christmas Open House drop-in at the Pennylegions' between Christmas and New Years. We were pleasantly surprised as we put our guest list together to discover how many people we have connected with in the last six months, 53 in all! A total of 20 attended our first social event, including several of our prayer partners. As we chatted with neighbours getting to know one another we heard the hurts and desires of their hearts. Pray that more opportunities to meet and talk with our neighbours would be presented, that we would recognize them, and act on them; and especially, that we each would indeed be a friend and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, not push our own agenda.

Thank you brothers and sisters at St. George's for your prayer support and may you be richly blessed this coming year,

In His Love and Service,



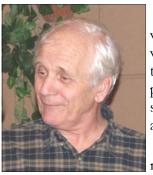
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Again Jesus spoke to them saying, 'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8: 12

A New Body



From time to time I have wondered about the change that will take place when the mortal is replaced by the immortal, when we are transformed from the impurity of the flesh to the purity of the spiritual. The body that we posses is well suited to the demands placed upon it, but God in His wisdom and creativity produced something that is functional and necessary for a limited time only, and for a specific purpose.

To understand the reason why we are of the flesh, we have to return to the beginning and the Garden of Eden. In His desire to have a friend, God created Adam, but the form that Adam was

given did not totally reflect that which we have today; he was created in a more perfect form. To give sustenance to His creation, God provided the Garden of Eden with a river for water and all the food that Adam needed by planting trees that would bear fruit. These fruits would give Adam all the sustenance that his perfect body would need. Eve was also given the same form as Adam, and both lived in harmony with God until that fateful moment of Satan's deception and God's resultant judgment on them both. Banishment from the Garden was not just a straight forward thing. There had to be changes in their bodies to adapt them to whatever they were able to provide for themselves. Although God was angry with them, He did not desert them and leave them to their own fate, but provided them with bodies that could survive in a hostile environment and what the land could provide by their own efforts. It is this body that we have today, a body that was born into sin and all the imperfections that come with it.

Little is mentioned in Scripture about the change in our bodily form until the death and resurrection of Jesus. From Scripture we are given an account of Jesus' appearance to individuals and His disciples after He was resurrected, which indicate that He was able to move freely from a physical form to a spiritual form at will. He went through several encounters which also indicate that He was in a different condition of the body when revealing Himself: to Mary, when He told her not to touch Him[John 20: 17]; to the two travelers but not eating with them[Luke 24: 30,31]; to the disciples and breathing the Holy Spirit into them [John 20: 22]; to Thomas, and asking him to touch His hand, and to thrust his hand into His side [John 20: 27]; to the disciples, and asking for food and eating the fish they supplied[Luke 24: 41, 42].

We can assume that with Jesus' ability to appear and depart at will, He was

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St Georges Winter Family Fun Day Saturday February 5th 2pm – 7pm

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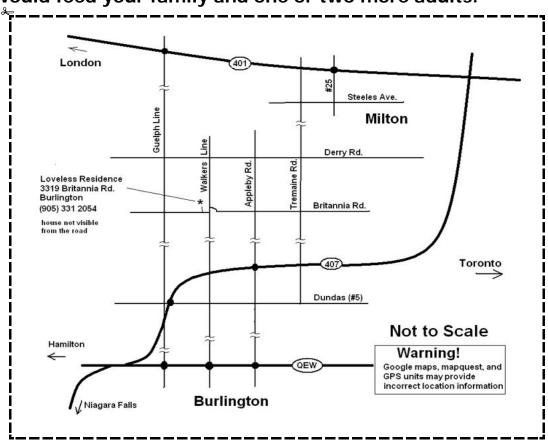
- Skating (weather permitting please pray!)
- Free skating
- Hockey Game
- Small toboggan run (6 and under)

Indoors:

- · Board games and children's toys.
- · Hot & cold Drinks
- Pot-luck supper (5pm)
- Fellowship
- Winter hiking
- Bon-fire (6pm)



Bring your skates, hockey stick, toboggans and flashlights. For dinner, please bring a dish (main course or dessert) that would feed your family and one or two more adults.



Everyone Welcome!

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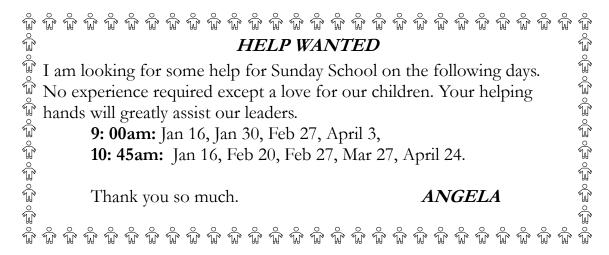
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not of the same flesh as we are. Although His body was of a physical form, He was spiritual purity itself, and when we are raised to join Him, we shall also be transformed into the same spiritual body as He. All who are destined to be with Him for His one thousand year reign and beyond, will be given a new form, and we will all be sustained by a river of life that flows through the New Jerusalem, and the fruits of the trees that grow on either side of it.

This transformation that we shall go through when we are raised up to meet Jesus at the last trumpet sound, will be the completion of the work that was started with the creation of Adam. The fall from grace will be corrected, and all who have chosen to become a child of God will inherit these new bodies and be clothed in white to spend eternity with Him and His Son Jesus in a new heaven and a new earth. All who reject Him will be rejecting a timeless place of peace, love, and joy; for all who will be with Him are those who have chosen to accept Him unconditionally, and have acknowledged the price that was paid for them by His Son, Jesus. All others will be denied access.

The old corruptible flesh will be cast away. The incorruptible spirit enveloped in a body is made new, never to shed a tear, never to experience death or mourning, crying or pain. What a vision we have been given by Jesus. Our thanks are to God for the blessing of this message, and the peace and comfort that it contains.

Roger Harris



Another Year for Reaching Out

Epiphany is all about showing forth the Christ Child, which can be translated in our times to mission outreach - "disciples making disciples". A year ago, in Epiphany 2010, two of our St. George's mission Reach Out projects were featured each Sunday following announcement time.

On January 3rd our local partners, the **Shifra Home** in Burlington, a Christ-centred maternity residence for young pregnant women and teens, and Chris Kovac, who serves with the **Navigators** on the Mc Master Campus were featured. Looking at **Acts 1: 8**, we see them as our Jerusalem.

The following Sunday we presented our "Judea" people: The work of **Threshold Ministries**, (formerly Church Army) serving in prisons, on the streets of large cities, in churches without pastors and in homes for those recovering from addictions, and also the work of **Invitation to Live Ministries**, founded by our own Marney Patterson, world-wide evangelist for forty-four years.

On January 17th we moved further afield, our "Samaria", covering the ministries of our South American Missionary Society partners, Nelson and Kara Mejia, on the island of Roatan, Honduras, and also Jess and Erica Cantelon's church planting efforts in Israel.

Finally, our "uttermost parts of the earth" was presented as we briefly looked at the ministry of our Asian and African mission partners. You were asked to remember these people in prayer. How we praise God for them! Each of our partners received \$250 per month from St. George's.

In addition we were able to assist with his tuition a young Indian student in theology at Tyndale College. We sent one of our teens to Manitoba Pioneer Camp. We provided St George's full share to the Anglican Renewal and Development Fund's project for health education and mosquito netting for every home in the Diocese of Maseno, Kenya. We were able to underwrite the expenses for 2000 Candles, an outreach theatrical performance held at the Crossroads Centre in December.

As your committee has some decisions to make regarding our mission partners for 2011, please pray for us: Ray Smith, Martin Price, Markus Bischoff, Mary Krucker, Anita Chambers, Marjorie Helder and Pam Bales, that we might be guided by the Holy Spirit in our deliberations.

Pam Bales

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Church of the Messiah News



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chest, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

[Matthew 2:11]

Epiphany can be described as a time when the first Gentiles, the Magi acknowledged Jesus as King. In this season we are called to reach out and show Jesus as Saviour to all people. These men came, following a star, and bearing gifts to the Lord. As a member of the Church of the Messiah I

see the many gifts that are offered to Our Lord. Perhaps the most precious gift is the gift of time, of service to a King. As many of you know we worship in a rented space, a space that needs to be set up and cleaned each week. Levites were set aside for the work in the Temple and this was an act of worship to the Lord. While cleaning the Deck is not the most appealing job, it is a very Biblical calling. I am thankful for those who serve God in so many ways. Debby, is a true gift to us and to the Lord. She gives so freely of her time, cleaning the Deck, volunteering with the Youth, teaching Sunday School, leading a Bible study and somehow finding time to treat us each week with something delicious. We are



very fortunate to have Debby in our midst. My thanks go out to all those who give their time and talents in service to the Lord. Among them are Dottie, Anne, Betty, Brenda, Vicki and most especially Peter.

As I look back at the past year I see how God has used us to further His Kingdom here in Norwich. The Upper Deck hosts a Christmas Supper for all those who might not otherwise have one. As over the past two years, many gave their time and resources again this year to help make this evening a success. Peter is a treasure to us and to the Lord; he drove all the way to Norwich to help with this event. He worked all afternoon setting up and peeling potatoes. Debby and Brenda also helped with the meal. It is my understanding that more than eighty people were fed and each one left with a gift basket. We need to thank the Lord for all the volunteers from the Upper Deck, especially Jacqui Armstrong, for organizing this event for the past few years. The evening was a

great success and I am sure that many saw Jesus at work through His people.

ANiC has provided us with strong leadership and shepherds who truly reach out to the flock. On December 5, 2010 we were blessed to have Bishop Charlie join us for our service. He has such a heart for the Lord that despite his hectic schedule he still found time to be with us that Sunday morning after just returning home from Ottawa the previous night. He came and shared with us how important Holy Scripture is, teaching us how to hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life through reading and memory work. He showed us how important our

grounding in the Bible is, and as well how important we are to our Shepherd. We thank the Lord that we have a man with such deep understanding and commitment to God's Word. Charlie truly puts the needs of his people before his own and for that we are truly blessed.

January 2, 2011 marked the second anniversary of the Church of the Messiah. The two years have flown by quickly and God has been forming us into the Body of Christ. From our early beginnings with Dottie leading Morning Prayer and Peter joining us monthly, then bi-weekly, to what we have become today; St. George's has played a vital role through their mentoring and prayers. We

have been truly blessed; one of the greatest blessings that we have received has been Peter. God had a plan for Peter; I am not sure Peter would have pictured being in a small town called Norwich in his retirement years. But God reminds us all in Isaiah 46:11 that His plans will be fulfilled. "From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do." Peter came from the far off land of Burlington, from a parish that recognized their call to mission. God has placed Peter in our midst for His purpose.



Our mission statement is to be teachers of the faith, to promote a clear understanding towards a strong spiritual community of godly people. When I read that statement it becomes so clear that God sent Peter into our midst so that we could fulfill His purpose for us. Peter has many gifts and one gift that has blessed us is teaching. God continues to transform us through His word.

So as we celebrate the beginning of our third year of ministry in Norwich, we give thanks to St. George's, to Ray David, to Bishop Charlie, and most especially to Peter. As we enter into the season of Epiphany, we ask you all to join us in a prayer to the Lord.

Loving Father, thank you for placing us in Norwich, for opening the right doors and sending us Peter. Bless St. George's as they continue to hear their call to mission and to planting churches. We ask you to bless them over the coming year and to make their path clear giving them wisdom in all things. Be with the members of the Church of the Messiah and give us guidance in all our decisions. Help us to be lights in our communities in Norwich, Burlington, Guelph, and all the surrounding areas. May we truly recognize the call to be your disciples reaching out into our communities proclaiming Jesus as Lord. We ask this all in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

Sheilagh Roloson





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TIME IS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY

"O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

Surely a man goes about as a shadow!

Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;

Man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you. *Psalm 39: 4-7* [ESV]

- Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the right-eousness of God. Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 5: 20- 6: 2 [ESV]
- Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake up from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. *Romans 13: 11, 12* [ESV]
- Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

 . . . Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. *Matthew 24: 42, 44* [ESV]
- He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

 *Revelation 22: 20, 21 [ESV]

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

Redeeming the Time

Maybe this is the year to become an intercessor, to plough in boldly before the throne of grace, persistent and determined to hold the church militant up before the Lord. We need intercessors. There is a disturbing word in Revelation 12 that says that the devil has come down to the earth filled with fury because he knows that his time is short. The church is the target. If the devil is determined to destroy the work of Jesus, certainly to go after the church would be a key strategy. What then should be our counter strategy? If this is war, let's get on with it. Let us pray for a deep hunger for God. Let us pray that in our day we won't be the "most" whose "love grows cold because of the increase of wickedness," but that we will be the ones that "stand firm to the end and are saved" [Matthew 24:12,13]. Let's call down God's strength to stand wherever the church comes under attack. Let's pray down on the church every grace that Jesus meant us to have, grace to be faithful, grace to live a life worthy of the Lord, grace to press the attack, to go forward inch by inch, taking hold of every promise of Scripture for the church by prayer. Let us pray that the church will become as the bride of Christ, "a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" [Ephesians 5:27]. Now that's a counter strategy!

Maybe this is the year to "delight in the richest of fare" [Isaiah 55:2]. This past year in our household we committed to read through the "One Year Bible". Reading the One Year Bible you read through the whole Bible in a year. You can read any version that you like. It is an investment that lasts. We found that it takes persistence and perseverance to make it happen. But that is true of anything valuable. Our record was not perfect but we will do it again.

We found that the Scriptures are a living word. We found that, remarkably, the Scripture readings very often applied directly to what we were experiencing at the time. Also we found that remarkably there was a connection among the passages on any given day, a connection that was there, not just because of the way that the editors divided up the readings, but because of God's authorship. We found that the Lord's ways are not our ways. We found that the Bible is a living word and a very contemporary word. We found that we should expect God to act in our day, to do mighty things even in our days. And we found that He does. As we finish the year, we find that the prophet's heart is the same Old Testament or New Testament, Joel, Amos, or John the beloved apostle; all are the same. All carry the burden of a broken world and a people under judgment; but they see in the distance the shining light of the hope of the Gospel. Jesus is coming back.

Mary Ann Masters

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We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love. For the darkness shall turn to dawning and the dawning to noonday bright, and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

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