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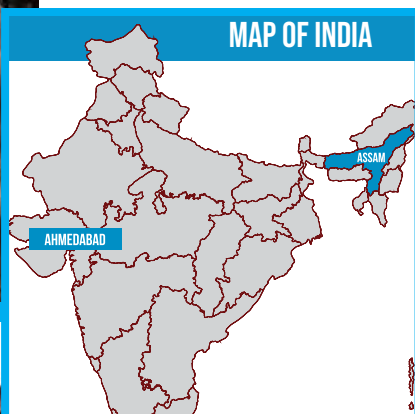


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BFC Editorial

Dear Friends!

As we move into our Easter Season we hope your Lenten Season was reflective, prayerful and spiritually meaningful. May you and your family and your loved ones be especially blessed this season. Expand your devotions in a process that brings you even closer to Christ.

In this issue of Revive we especially dedicate its Theme to Mother's Day. A mother's love for her children is the closest love that describes God's love for you. The Lord loves us so much, not a conditional love, but an open love with No conditions. So too does a mother's love overwhelm us all.

So let us honor our mother's in our lives. Whether here on earth or on the other side in heaven let us pay tribute. A mother's love is so special. Let us say Happy Mother's Day!

In this issue we continue with the RWB Sermons as Sandra Torrant has typed into word about 278 sermons out of the 378 Richard wrote. Several have commented on the timeless nature of the sermons so we will continue to offer his sermons in the upcoming issues.

BFC has updated and launched its new website in April so if you can browse through the website and let us know what your comments are at : www.bramanfoundation.org.

We have expanded and are targeting over 400 churches in the NYC area to expand the work of the Community Programs and the BFC Corrections work in Prisons.

In missions we seek your prayers, especially , because there is so much unrest in South Sudan, Sudan and Pakistan and India. For the first time in years the US State Department has banned travel to South Sudan and Sudan. Pray for our partners there as the Gospel continues to be spread throughout many Muslim Brothers and Sisters. Pray too, for their protection.

Many of our friends in Pakistan and India minister under extreme conditions of persecution and poverty. Please keep them in your prayers also.

Finally, we can never thank you enough for your prayers, emotional support and financial support. You are so needed in the BFC work. There is much to do but not enough workers and never enough, but

The lord always supplies all our needs. And so we say thank you and God Bless you.
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The 2025 Scripture:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16



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Missions: India

Brief report on the activities for December 2024 to April 2025:

Hostel and school activities were closed for a month for winter vacation. We praise God for enabling us to conduct various programs and activities this period.

The following activities were conducted during this period:

1. The Annual Sunday School & Bible class examination was held
2. Prize distribution for both Sunday school & Bible class.
3. Farewell of Miss Hunmon Syieh
4. Pre-Christmas celebration for both hostel & school staff and students were held at school premises
5. Farewell of Class X & XII held at school February 25th
6. Farewell program of both HSLC & HS hostel students were held on February 7th
7. HSLC & HS final were held from February 13th onward till March
8. One of our staff, Mr. Walton's wedding held on April 10th 2025





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Making God Real To Us

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

- Luke 24:34

I believe that it is useless for us to talk about God unless we know him; yes, unless we know that we know him. We will never know him unless we are aware of him. Many of us are not aware of him or his presence. We see God daily in a haze. He seems never to be quite real to us.

What is it that keeps us from this awareness of God? What keeps us from knowing him as we might and as others say that they do know him. What is the gulf or gap between him and us? Why do we have this feeling of unknowing, this sense he is unreal. For a long time theologians have painted men, all men, as the natural enemies of God. If this were not said by men who were serious about their faith and about wanting to know God, it would be tragic. It is tragic enough as it is. We are not God's enemies; we are strangers. It is our inability to conceive of him as a vital, energizing force and an influence that makes its self felt through every day and in every circumstance. So the question invariably remains: How can we think of him in a meaningful and empowering way?

If we are honest with ourselves we will probably confess that we speak of God from hearsay. Other people have said that God is love; as we say that God is Love.

In his first letter John writes, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us. Beloved, now are we the sons of God. And every man that hath this hope in him purified himself as he is pure." Do we know God like that, and is that why we speak of him as Love?

Others have said that God is Almighty, and so we say that God is Almighty. And again we are confronted by this same question:

What do we mean by that and why do we say it? Is it because at the thought of God we feel ourselves grow, we felt the surge of strength and the inflowing of confidence? In one of the greatest passages of Isaiah, he says, "He giveth power to the faint, they shall mount up with wings as eagles." Do we know God like that and is that why we speak of him as almighty? When we say that god is all-powerful, or that he is all-wise or that he is all-present, what have we done? Have we uttered empty words or have we expressed meaning? Have we related something we have heard or have we revealed something we have experienced? We frequently speak of God as we speak of something science has pushed into the orbit of our knowledge. These days, for example, all of us speak of atomic fission, yet most of us have only a faint idea of what it is. All of us as human beings are quick to pick up words and expressions that appeal to us, especially if these words can help us to make an impression on someone else. All of our lives we have heard words and expressions regarding God, from our families, our friends, our minister, but unless we have experienced God in our own lives these words are just words that others have been using and they have no meaning to us and they are not real.

Other people have said that God forgives; and so we say that God forgives. None of us are strangers to forgiveness. We have experienced forgiveness because our parents have forgiven us many times for misdeeds we committed in our childhood. Forgiveness by others has given us joy many times over. We have truly been forgiven many times in our lives. But is this is how we think of God's forgiveness? The Psalmist wrote these words in Psalms 105. "O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the

peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works that he has done, his miracles and the judgment he uttered." Do we know God like that and is that why we speak of his forgiveness? And so we ask again, why is it that we are so rarely aware of God's presence?

How can we find this awareness of God? Did Jesus Christ have no answer? He insisted that he did. In language beautiful in its simplicity he said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Nowhere in the world has anything more meaningful been said in such a simple and tender way. These words open a new world to us. They reveal things we have never dreamed of. The man who is pure in heart sees God in the impossible pageant of the past and in the wonders of today. His history books, his current magazines and newspapers are among his most practical commentaries of his Bible. He sees God in all the affairs of life, in all its appointments and its disappointments. He sees God in every means of grace. To him the Church is none others than the very house of God; to him every hymn is the outward expression of the inward gladness of a purified heart; to him the Word of God is ablaze with the glory of the Holiest, like the bush unconsumed in the midst of the flame. And when he kneels in prayer, it seems to him that God is nearer to him than breathing, closer than hands or feet. We could rephrase the words of Jesus, "blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" and say that we are kept from an awareness of God because we allow things to lodge in our thoughts, which make it impossible for us to see clearly. Where there is resentment, where there is anger, where there is self-seeking, where there is jealousy, the heart is no longer pure. Do not some of these words express our feelings at times? Quite often we are resentful of what other people can do. We resent the fact that others can do something better than we can. It might be that a person can bowl better than you or

maybe someone else can talk and express him self better than you. Many of us are not able to control our anger and we often say and do things while we are angry that we are sorry for later.

Uncontrollable anger is dangerous to ourselves and to those around us. And how many of us are seeking things to better ourselves? We do not worry or we aren't concerned about anyone else but ourselves. We say, "I have to look out for myself because no one else will." And we don't care who we hurt or what damage we do as long as it satisfies ourselves. Many of us do all kinds of thing on our jobs to assure our advancement and we aren't concerned about hurting someone else on the way up. How about jealousy? How often we are jealous of other people because they have more friends than we do or because a person has more talent than you do. All of these feelings can so fill our hearts and our lives that we don't have the time or the place for thoughts that are positive, for thoughts that will lift us up or for thoughts that are pure. We say that a man is 'blind with rage' or that he is "green with jealousy." So anger brings upon us a human madness that makes us incapable of understanding those who are around us. So resentment keeps us from judging another man fairly. So self-seeking forbids us to give another man an equal chance. So jealousy makes it impossible for us to see ourselves as we really are. Well if it is so with us and our fellow man, how then is it with us and God? If resentment and anger and self-seeking and jealousy keep us from seeing those with whom we work and live, what will they not do to us when we seek to see God?

We must know that until we come to this awareness we will never be happy; our religion will be pointless and fruitless; it will create nothing and lead to nothing; there will be no aftermath, no power to be, and no power to become; there will be no inflowing tide of strength and no outgoing reach of helpfulness.

What will awareness of God do for us? What will come of it? It will do many things.

When we are aware of God, when God is poignantly real to us, history becomes contemporary. It then matters much to us what happens in other parts of or country, in other parts of the world not because it is a matter of politics and not because it is a matter of diplomacy but because it is a matter that concerns men and what happens to them. It is a human trait and most all of us are concerned first for ourselves, what happens to our lives, then our families, our friends, neighbors and finally what happens to people in other parts of the world. When God becomes real to us we are concerned for all men regardless of where they are.

When we are aware of God, when God is a constant daily reality, prayer becomes a spiritual opportunity. I am sure that all of us pray. I am also sure of this, that the less aware we are of God, the more we pray for mere things; and the more we are aware of God, the more we pray for something to happen to us, the more we pray for depth, the more we pray for spiritual substance.

Again when God is not real to us, our prayers to God are completely for ourselves. Perhaps we pray that God will help us to get through some financial problems we have or to help us get over a sickness we have, or to help us do better on our job. When God is real to us and we are aware of him, our prayers are directed toward helping us to seek spiritual depth, helping us to understand his word and how we can make our lives better according to his will. We also seek to have God help other people with their needs. The less we know of God, the more we pray "to have", the more we know of God, the more we pray "to be".

When we are aware of God, Christianity becomes exciting. I'm sure that we all know that religion is not exciting to many people. Most of us can take it or we can leave it alone. There is nothing strange about this. It never makes much sense until we come to a meaning of God, until we know that he is with us. Once we come to this awareness, strange and wonderful things happen in our lives. Time stretches into eternity, our relationship

to men and women is lifted to a higher level. We become aware of all our failures and sure of our hopes. Our awareness of God helps us to eliminate gossip from our conversations with others, petty things no longer fill our minds and hearts and we soon discover we have found more important things to talk about and read about. We also become aware that we are not perfect, that we do have shortcomings and we are sorry for them, we repent and promise to improve our lives through God's help. We are more confident that we do have someone beside us always to help guide us and this seems to make our goals in life a little easier. We realize that this new life with God will not be easy and that there will be detours but we also realize that we will keep on trying even though there are sometimes obstacles in our way. At long last our faith becomes alive in our world. It takes on meaning in the world in which we live from day to day. Others will know it. Others will feel it.

Sometime ago one of the senior editors of The Readers Digest sat in the study of a minister and asked a disturbing question. He wanted to know whether this minister would send him the names of three or four businessmen in his congregation who have let their religion vitalize their business so that the city was aware of it. The minister wondered how he would answer that. He thought; to speak of a man to whom God is so real that everyone knows it, his employees, his associates, his friends, the whole city. He said to himself, "am I going to write that letter?" And I ask you this question, "would you know such a man?"

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Missions: Uganda

Pastor John Kamuleguya reports that the ministry continues to grow! He continues to ask for prayers and support to continue the ministry's growth.



Elderly Care Program

Missions: Kenya

We continue to ask for prayers and your support to further this program. We recently lost an elder, Simeya, at 88 years old. We held a funeral service for them.

Simeya
88 years old



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Featured Corner

A Tribute to Moms

Mother

Roy Z. Kemp

She guided me through childhood's endless maze With
tender, loving hands, and guarded me
And sheltered me from life when it would daze, And taught
me how to pray with piety.

She knew my coming first and would have given Her very
life that I might breathe and live.

A mother's heart so willingly is surrendered
To charity and love. She will freely give.

I cannot repay her willing sacrifice;

I feel unworthy of so great a love;

On mothers' love, there is no earthly price

It is a sacred thing from God above.

Dear Father, knowing all that she has done,
I pray, in love, make me a worthy son!



A Mother's Creed

Sue Lennon

To be a credit to myself
And to the ones I love;
To realize that what I am
Is sent from God above;
To take the life that is given me
And make each moment count;
To keep my eyes and heart upon
The Sermon on the Mount;
To always see the beauty in
The freshly fallen snow;
To never cease to marvel at
How nature's wonders grow;
To make my faith the cornerstone
Of home and family life;
To help insure serenity,
Instead of stress and strife;
To know that God is the unseen hub
Around which we revolve;
That with His help no problem is
Too great for us to solve;
To face the future full of faith,
Though it be bright or dim
The standard of our family life
Reflects our love of Him.

From my mother, [I learned] piety and beneficence, and abstinence, not only from evil deeds, but even from evil thoughts, and further simplicity in my way of living, far removed from the habits of the rich.

- Marcus Aurelius Antoninus



A Mother's Worth

Georgia B. Adams

Even if the whole world could be mine,
With every single wish at my command,
And if I had the widest choice of friends,
Sweetly fulfilled in my well-laid plans,
And if I were to choose
What in life mattered most to me,
I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt,
'Twould be my mother, yes, it would be she.
Who else through life, except my God above,
Remained steadfast, unmovable, and true?

Who, with a word of love and patient care,
Bore me up and every wave subdued?
Who gave unstintingly of herself
And never counted costs, though vast they were?
I only know that God loaned her to me,
And I will always love and cherish her.
Though the kings of this world have wealth untold
And their coffers overflow with jewels rare,
When one has a mother valued at great price
No earthly things can quite compare.



Vital Experiences

“We know that God not only loves you but has selected you for a special purpose. For we remember how our Gospel came to you not as new words, but as a message with power behind – the effectual power, in fact, of the Holy Spirit.”

- 1 Thessalonians 1: 4-5

The Christians at Thessalonica were the real article, the real thing. They were marked ‘sterling’. They were God’s men and women. They exhibited faith, love and hope – the eternal virtues. In faith they made solid achievement. In love they worked hard. In hope they showed sheer dogged endurance.

So much for their virtues, what were their experiences? Men and women of such virtues must have and vital experiences.

First as God’s men and women they experience God’s love. Read the text, “We know that God not only loves you” – Stop! That’s far enough! God loves you.

That’s human. If you had a child and he had the endurance to stick at a good thing against all odds; if he worked hard, not counting the burdens or the cost; if he made solid achievement; if he had faith and hope and love – wouldn’t you love your child? Is God’s fatherhood less than human fatherhood?

And there need be nothing slushy or falsely sentimental about that love. Nor should the recipient of the love of God become self-admiring and self-satisfied and complacent. Usually when we start admiring ourselves, satisfied with ourselves, and what we are doing and complacent, we are soon headed for a big fall. A person with these traits certainly isn’t very popular with his friends; in fact, he is probably less popular than any other kind of person I can think of.

In the order to convene with God we have to be willing to really and truly, admit that we are not perfect, that we do have faults and that we need His help.

God loves you. How do you know that to be true? Because you have a guilty conscience! Because you are ashamed of yourself!

“My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord. Nor faint when thou art reproved by him; for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son when he receiveth.”

As Paul says in Hebrews, “no true son ever grows up uncorrected by his father. For if you had no experience of the correction which all sons have to bear you might well doubt the legitimacy of our sonship.”

The day that you do that mean act, or think that ugly thought or hug that low passion to your breast, without regret, remorse, heaviness of spirit, shame; that day God has let you go. If you can do a mean act to another person and not be sorry; if you can really hate another individual and show no compassion for that person, if you can truly and knowingly commit an immoral act without any regret and without your conscience bothering you; if you can be a part of a shady business deal in which harm comes to another person financially or otherwise and you are not sorry for it, than you had better believe that God has left your life completely and your are

strictly on your own.

The person who feels that a guilty conscience or a sense of shame is a sign that God no longer loves him is to the greatest degree mistaken. That is the indication that God loves you and will not let you go. When you do something that pricks your conscience, that makes you think twice, that makes you have a feeling of regret and an urge to apologize, then you can be sure that God has not let you go but rather he is there beside you.

We're getting along so very well," said a woman, "we must be living right!" The hearer of the remark was shocked. Living right? Getting along well? Under the blessing of the God? With her children appearing in the courts for delinquency – with the neighbors wishing that the family would move from the community – with her own character such that her friends had to make excuses for her all the time – under the blessing of God because material things were abundant? She thought that her accumulating of wealth was a sign of God's favor. The fact was that it looked as though God had abandoned her. Complacency, self satisfaction, self-pride and selfish exaltation are not signs that God loves you.

Another sign of God's love for his children is that their faults and failures hurt him. The sin of the child hurts the father. A good example of sin of the child happened to me recently. We have a crab apple tree on the side toward our neighbor's house. I came home from work one day and heard that my son had been throwing crab apples at the side of the neighbor's house and splattered the whole side. At first I couldn't believe that my son would do such a thing. (The first reaction of any normal parent) But I finally realized that he had done this and I was hurt because I felt that some how I had failed to teach him properly. He could have broken windows and the thought of ruining other people's property bothered me. But I also realized that he is a boy and perhaps I had done some foolish things in my own life. Philip ended up apologizing to the neighbors (which was perhaps the hardest punishment) and picking up all the crab apples. This is just a small example of how a child's mistake or

faults hurt a father and mother. The message from the cross is the sin of the child hurts the Father. That was revealed by Jesus in the pain and agony of the crucifixion. God loves you – see how he bears the pain for your sin.

God loves you. Is all of God's love chastening? Is it shown only in bearing pain? No, God gives gifts to his children. "Fear not, little flock, it is your father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's men and women know, that all material possessions are ultimately gifts from God's hand, and they are thankful. We need to realize that all we have we owe to God's grace and love and without it we would have nothing.

No chastening seems pleasant. It is in fact most unpleasant. Those psychologists and psychiatrists who find the sense of guilt and shame to be conditions that need to be disparaged, complexes only to be eradicated by false means, only so called negative, are mistaken, to say the least. When the sense of guilt and the chastisement are accepted as the kindness of God, as the loving discipline of God, then they quietly produce the fruits of goodness in the souls and the man becomes a more worthy and more loving son.

God's men and women experience God's love.

Secondly, as God's men and women they experienced God's selection. In our text this morning, "God has selected you for a special purpose." It is a great and vital experience to know that you are selected by God for a special purpose. There is nothing that makes life more meaningful. Nothing makes life happier.

Our text in the King James Version uses the word election instead of selection. Election: "yes, there is an election – whether you are saved or not – God has one vote, the devil has one vote, and you have one vote. God votes for you. The devil votes against you. And you vote. Majority wins.

The doctrine of selection runs all through the

Bible. The Hebrew people were God's chosen people. The Bible heroes were God-chosen: Moses, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Stephen, Paul.

Jesus said to his disciples, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide. Jesus Christ has chosen each one of us to be his disciples, to be Christian witnesses and to spread his Gospel throughout this world of ours. We cannot be Christian unless we do these things.

The nature of the experience brings a sense of humility. It brings a sense of testing. Words said to Esther: "who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Abraham Lincoln is an example of a man who had such a sense of humility and such a sense of destiny.

When men and women with seemingly, minor responsibilities feel that God has selected them for that certain task, how exulted the task becomes. God has selected me for this task – how the task is magnified! How great it becomes, how practical, how meaningful, how personal! What ambition it puts into a man's soul when his vocation becomes his response to the call of God! What aspiration to become what God wants him to be. A Christian vocation is not necessarily directly related to being a minister, a teacher of Christian education or missionary. Each of our vocations whether laborer, farmers, doctor, lawyer, engineer, secretary or housewife, should have Jesus Christ in the center of them and all of us can do our work to the glory of God and as if God were our employer.

Thirdly – As God's men and women, the Thessalonians experienced God's empowerment. Again in our text, "our gospel came to you not as mere words, but as a message with power behind it – the effectual power, in fact, of the Holy Spirit." We need to note that the Disciples of Christ were empowered. And we too, right here this morning, can be empowered by the Holy Spirit. We have to sit still long enough and be silent long enough to listen to him speak to us. Once the Holy Spirit has been received

we will find it less difficult to do some of the things that we now feel are impossible. We will find that material possessions are not as important as before but rather helping those in need throughout our world is by are much more important. There will be no question of how much we should pledge and give to our church and to God's work. There will be no question of where we will physically and mentally be on Sunday morning. Suddenly God will become the center of our lives.

In a hostile world the Thessalonians had no fear. They had positive courage.

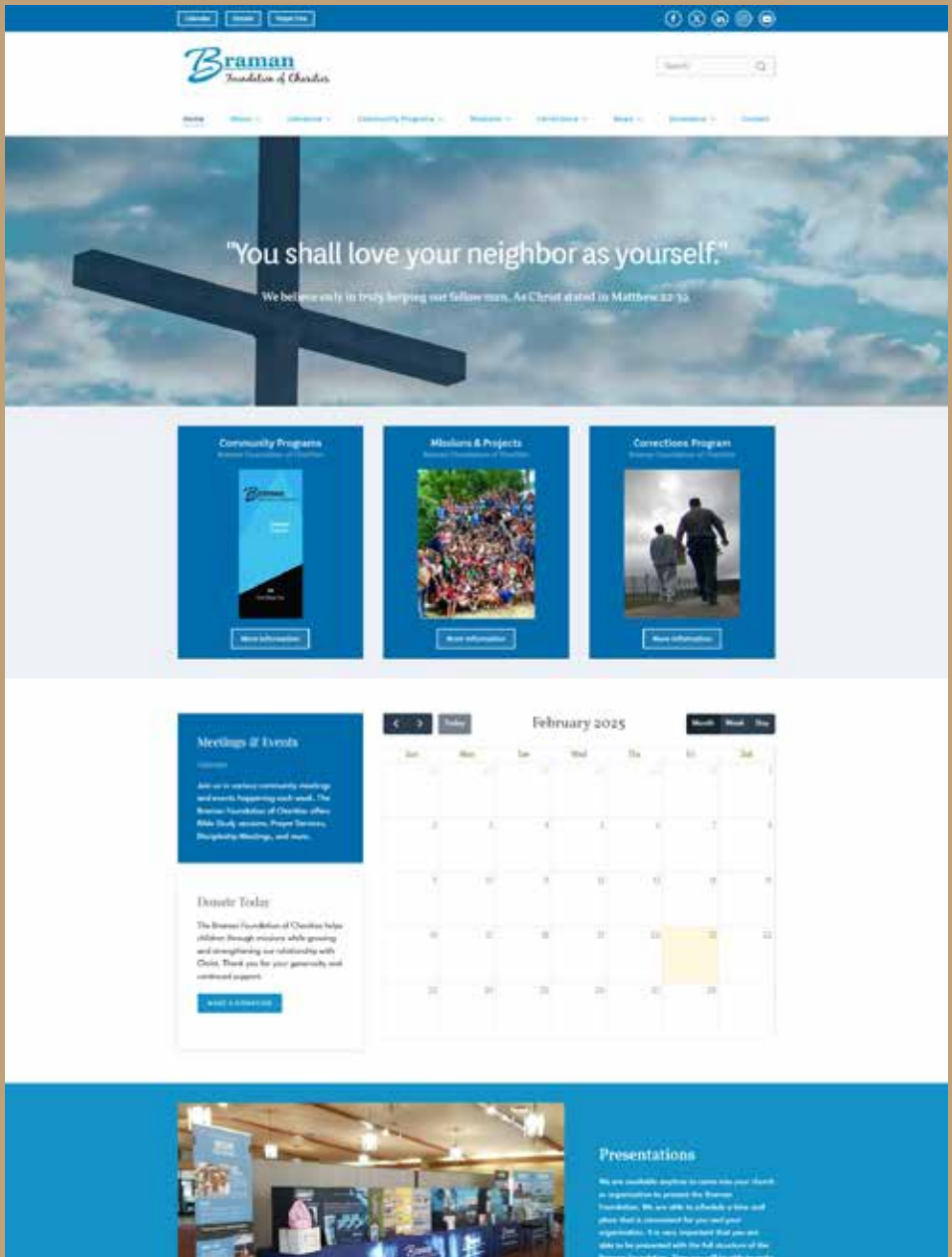
In a needy world they had adequate resources of power.

In tremendous tasks they had the divine companionship. It is so down to this present day. Every God given task is a tremendous task. It has universal implications. This too is a vital experience: God empowers you.

God's men and women have the vital experience. Have you had a vital experience of God's love; a vital experience of God's selection; a vital experience of God's empowerment?

Let each of us go forth. Not to meager, unworthy, ineffectual lives but let us go forth as God's men and women. Go forth to hard work, with dogged endurance, unto solid achievement.

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We are requesting prayers and donations for an upcoming program to take place this May. The program is for Evangelism and Discipleship training for children and youth groups.

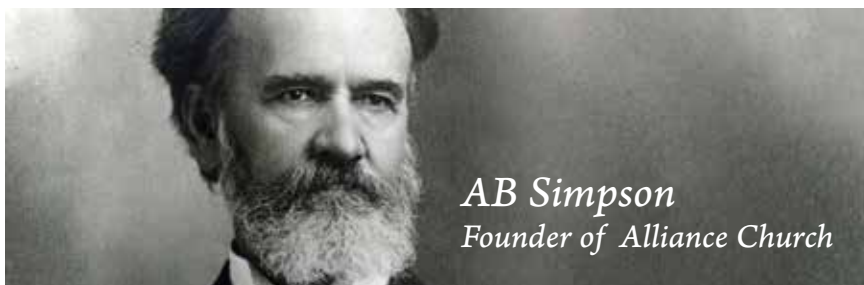
The week of May 2nd, there will be a three-day training session for Sunday school teachers. The following week will be dedicating to activities and training for the children. At the end of the training we will distribute Christmas gifts to the children from the Samaritan organization. South Sudan television will be invited to cover the event. Rev Yagub Akoch Kuek and colleagues Michael Pojak and Abdon Tong, will be doing a presentation on South Sudan radio for peace and reconciliation for the beloved country.

We are also conducting workshops in different churches and presenting the program on South Sudan Radio SSBC RADIO.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support during this difficult time, so we are able to give hope to the children. We are asking for \$850 USD for this work, and are in need of support for the church building.



A Daily Devotional



AB Simpson
Founder of Alliance Church

“He showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God”

(Acts 1 :3)

Easter morning is the beginning of a unique and most tenderly interesting portion of our blessed Savior's life. It is the transition period between His earthly ministry and His heavenly exaltation. Like the Indian summer of the year, there is a tender veil of loveliness and mystery about it which links it with both worlds, and makes it a peculiarly appropriate pattern of a life hid with Christ in God, in which we may walk with Him all our days with our heads in heaven while our feet still tread the earth below. May the Holy Spirit vividly reveal to us such glimpses of this blessed life as will enable us to reproduce it in our own experience and to walk with Him with a new sense of His abiding presence and glorious reality!

A Living Christ

This glad resurrection morning dispels from the religion of Jesus all the shadows of the sepulcher and all the morbid atmosphere of sorrow, depression and death. The Christ of true Christianity is not a bleeding, thorn crowned Ecce Homo, but a glad and radiant face, bright as the spring tide morning and radiant with immortal life. “I am he that

liveth, and was dead,” is His message, and “Behold! I am alive for ever more.” Oh, may this day impress upon our hearts the reality of a Risen and Living Christ, until He shall be more actual to us than any other personality and we shall know what it means to be not only “reconciled to God by the death of His Son” but “much more we shall be saved by his life”!

A Victorious Christ

What a picture of easy and uttermost triumph is that resurrection scene! Satan had done his utmost; men had done their best to hold the Captive of the tomb. But without an effort the Mighty Sleeper calmly rose before the Easter dawn, deliberately laying off the grave clothes and wrapping up the napkin and putting all in place as naturally as any of us this morning arranged our toilet; and then through that colossal stone that closed His tomb, He passed without even rolling it aside or breaking the seal, and before the guards could know that He was risen, He was standing calmly in the garden, talking with Mary as though nothing had happened. The infinite facility with which He put His feet

on every foe and rose above every obstacle is, perhaps, the most overwhelming impression we have received from all the incidents of His resurrection.

So, too, we see the same victorious power expressed in the attitude of the angel who followed Him, and with a single touch rolled away the stone from the sepulcher and coolly sat down upon it, and then looked in the faces of the keepers till they grew pale with terror and flew in horror and dismay without a struggle.

Such is our Risen Christ still, the Mighty Victor over all His foes and ours. Could we see Him now, we would behold Him sitting on His Father's throne, undismayed by all the powers of darkness, and "from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool." Oh, how it cheers our timid hearts to behold our glorious and victorious Captain, and to hear Him say of every adversary and every difficulty, "I have overcome for you." God help us to see the Captain as Joshua beheld Him, and before Him the walls of every Jericho will fall and the legions of every opposing force shall melt away!

How natural, how easy, how artless His manifestations were through those blessed forty days! How quietly He dropped down among them, unheralded, unassuming, unattended by angelic guards, and sometimes undistinguished from themselves in His simple presence! Look at Him as He meets with Mary in that first morning interview, standing like an ordinary stranger in the garden, speaking to her in easy conversation, "Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?" And then, when the moment for recognition comes, He speaks to her heart in the one artless word of personal and unutterable love which disarmed all her amazement and fear, and brought back all the old recollections and affections of her throbbing heart! See Him again on the way to Emmaus! How naturally He drops in upon the little company as they walk! How unaffectedly

He talks with them! How easily He turns the conversation to heavenly themes, and yet how free from strain His every attitude and word! All they are conscious of, is a strange burning in their hearts and a kindling warmth of love. At length they constrain Him and He allows Himself to be pressed to enter in. He sits down by their table, He eats bread, as if He had been another disciple like themselves; and only then, as He vanishes quietly from their sight, do they realize that it is the Lord.

And yet again, on the shores of Tiberias, how exquisite is His approach! How natural His greeting; how easy the mighty miracle of the draught of fishes; how calm and unaffected are the meeting as they reach the shore and the simple breakfast in which He Himself takes part. How exquisite the interview with Simon Peter, the delicacy and tenderness of which no word can ever express! On, what a picture of that Blessed One who still lives to be our constant Visitor, our ceaseless Companion and Friend; Who meets us like Mary in our hours of sorrow; Who walks with us, as with them, often unrecognized at first; Who greets us in the cold, sad morning after our long hours of waiting and toil and failure with His marvelous deliverance and yet more gracious words of love and instruction. So near is He that not even our nearest friends can come so close! So simple is He that His messages come as the intuition of our own hearts; and yet He is the wonderful Counselor and the mighty God for all our perplexities and all our hard places. Blessed Christ of the Forty Days, oh, help us, with a faith more simple and a love more childlike to walk with Thee!

The Mighty Christ

It is hard for us to realize the Presence that comes with such gentle footsteps and undemonstrative simplicity; but back of that gentle form and those noiseless steps is the Omnipotence that could say, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." All power is His in heaven. He is the Lamb in the

midst of the Throne, that holds in His hand the seven seals and unrolls the scroll of destiny and providence for all worlds and beings and events. All the mighty acts of God recorded in the Old Testament were but manifestations of His power. All the mighty movements which began with His ascension are the workings of His hands. All the movements of Divine providence are subject to His command. All the mighty angels of heaven's myriad hosts are subject to His bidding. All the powers of hell tremble at His name! All the promises of God are fulfilled with His endorsement. All the laws of nature are subject to His mandates. And all power on earth is subordinate to His power. Not a wind can blow without His permission, not a disease can strike but as He allows, not a human hand can hurt us while He shields us with His presence. The circumstances of life, the enemies of our souls and the infirmities of our bodies are subject to His Word. The very thrones of earth are subordinate to His authority. He can make a Cyrus send back the tribes of Israel by a national decree. He can make a Constantine behold the flaming Cross upon the sky and become a follower of the Heavenly Standard. He can open nations and kingdoms to the Gospel, and so He bids us go forth and disciple all the nations because of His Almighty power in our behalf! Ho mighty was the power of the resurrection! It surmounted the power of death and the grave; it passed through the solid stone; it defied the stamp of the Roman government and the sentinels of the Roman army. It could pass through the closed doors without rending them asunder. It could bring the miraculous draught of fishes to the apostle's net with a single word of command. It could rise without an effort in the chariot of His ascension. It could anoint those weak and timid men with the power that shook the world and laid the foundations of the Church. Oh, that our eyes were but opened that we might behold "the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints," and "the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised

him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body" (Eph. 1:18-23). Why is it that we do not receive and realize more of this Almighty Christ? Alas! because we cannot understand or stand the fullness of His power. God is ready to work through us the triumphs of His omnipotence, but we must be fitted vessels, open to His touch and able to stand His power. The ordinance that has to bear a mighty charge of powder must be heavy enough to stand the charge without explosion. And so hearts that are to know the power of Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think, must be "strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man," so that "Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." To think of what Christ is ready and willing to do in us and for us would frighten some of us into apoplexy, and actually to realize it would snap the frail thread of life itself. Christ's heart is bursting with resources that the world needs and that He is ready to use if only He could find vessels ready and willing to use them. Oh, that we had the courage to see the power which He is waiting to place at the service of all who are consecrated enough to use it for His glory and close enough to receive the heavenly baptism! He has for us the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of prayer, the power that will conquer circumstances and control all events for His will, and the power that will make us the trophies of His grace and the monuments of His indwelling presence and victory. We shall find this power as we go forth to use it according to His own commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Nothing but a work as wide as the world can ever make room for the power which Christ is waiting to bestow.

A Loving Christ

How unavailing all His power would be if we were not sure that it is available for us, and that His heart as tenderly loves us as His mighty hand can help us. How tender and loving the Christ of the Forty Days! See Him in the garden as He speaks to Mary with tender sympathy: "Women, why weepst thou? whom seekest thou?" He asks, and then calls her by her name in tones which must have expressed more than words could tell. What mourner can doubt henceforth His sympathy and love? What heart can hesitate to accept His friendship which still speaks to each of us with as direct and personal a call, and gives to each a name of special and affectionate regard?

Or look again at Him as He meets with Thomas, the doubting one, the willful disciple that petulantly demanded that the Lord should meet him with an evidence that He had given to none other, and that no human heart had a right imperiously to claim. But how tenderly the Lord concedes even his demand, until Thomas is ashamed to accept it and, more amazed at his Lord's magnanimity and omniscience than the evidence of His wounds, he cries, "My Lord and my God." Who that is harassed with doubts and difficulties need fear again to bring them to His presence, Who with such condescending love is ready to meet them all, and to make our hearts know by the deeper evidence of His own great love and the revealing of Himself that He is indeed the Son of God?

And look at His interview with Simon Peter! What backslider need ever doubt again the Savior's forgiving love, or fear to come and know that he will be welcomed to a nearer place in His heart and a higher service in His kingdom if only he can say as Simon said, "Thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee."

So tender, so forgiving, so full of love He comes to us, to dry our tears, to satisfy our doubts, to forgive our failures, to restore our souls, and then to use us for a higher service,

just because we have learned through our own infirmities the depths of His great love. The secret of walking closely with Christ and working successfully for Him, is to fully realize that we are His beloved. Let us but feel that He has set His heart upon us, that He is watching us from those heavens with the same tender interest that He felt for Simon and Mary, that He is working out the mystery of our lives with the same solicitude and fondness, that He is following us day by day as any mother follows her babe in his first attempt to walk alone, that He has set His love upon us, and, in spite of ourselves, is working out for us His highest will and blessing, as far as we will let Him; and then nothing can discourage us. Our hearts will glow with responsive love. Our faith will spring to meet His mighty promises, and our sacrifices shall become the very luxuries of love for one so dear. This was the secret of John's spirit. "We have known and believed the love that God hath to us." And the heart that has fully learned this has found the secret of unbounded faith and enthusiastic service.

The Physical Christ

He that came forth from Joseph's tomb came forth in the flesh, with a material body and the same form that He had laid down in death and the grave. He made this most emphatic in His interview with His disciples after His resurrection. He wished them to be thoroughly assured that there was no illusion about His body. "Handle me, and see," was His emphatic word, "for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."

Indeed, His spiritual consciousness had not died; it was only His body that tasted death, and it was His body therefore that was raised from death. The resurrection of Christ, then, is a physical fact, and the physical meaning of the resurrection must be of surpassing importance. It means no less than this, that He has come forth to be the physical life of His people now, and in a little while the Fountain of their immortality and the Head

of their resurrection bodies.

What a source of strength and inspiration it is for us to know that our blessed Lord has still the same physical organization that we possess, and is willing and able to share with these mortal frames His infinite and quickening life! He is our living Bread, and as He lived by the Father, so we may live by Him, and not only is He the source of health and strength to our material life, but He cares for the wants of the body. Hungry and cold were the disciples from their fruitless fishing that Galilean morning; He saw their need and tenderly asked them, "Children, have ye any meat?" and then, filling their empty nets and spreading the table on the shore, He said, "Come and dine." So still He thinks of the poor and the struggling, the hungry and the helpless ones, and stands beside them in their need, ready and able, by a word, to provide immediate and abundant supply.

Are we today in any place of need? The Christ of the Forty Days is nearer than we think, able to be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities," and ready to give us the greatest help in time of need. Like the fishers of that Galilean sea, our empty nets can be filled at His bidding; the perplexed workman can be directed to the very thing to do; the wretched failure can be all corrected. There is no need that He cannot supply, no counsel that He is not able to give, no regions where His power does not penetrate, no disciple that He does not love to help in every time of need. Oh, let us trust Him more with all our circumstances and sorrows, and our utmost need will only prove the more Infinite resources of His love and grace.

The Ever-Present Christ

The Christ of the Forty Days is not a transient vision that has passed away forever, but the Christ of all the ages. Standing at the close of those blessed days midway between earth and heaven, He said, "Lo! I am with you all the days, even unto the end of the world."

That blessed present tense has bridged the past and the present, and has prolonged those heavenly days after the resurrection through all the days since then, It is not "I will be," as one who has to go away and come back again; but "I am," as a presence that is never to be withdrawn, He is unseen, it is true, but is as real as any friend is real in his absence as well as presence. For in the spiritual world distance and time are eliminated; just as the telescope can bring the distant object near the eye, and the telephone can present the voice that is hundreds of miles away to the listening and attentive ear, so there is a spiritual mechanism that can make Christ as immediate to the heart as though He were still visibly by our side. Had we but another sense, all heavenly beings and realities would be directly present to our perception.

The promise of this beautiful passage is not only fulfilled in the presence of Christ in the heart of the believer, which is a literal and glorious truth, but it is a presence with us. It is more than the spiritual consciousness of the Lord's indwelling. It is His direct personality and constant companionship with all our life and His omnipotent cooperation in all our needs. It is the presence of One who has all power in heaven and in earth, and whose presence means the defeat of every adversary, the solution of every difficulty, the supply of every need. Oh, it does seem, in these days, as though we could almost see Him moving in the midst of His people, here and there, in His mighty working, on the mission field with the lone worker in the midst of dangers and foes, in the busy streets of the crowded city, in the mingled incidents of business life, in the whirl and confusion of our intense life today, in every department of human society - touching with His hands all the chords of influence and power, moving the wheels of Providence, and working out His purpose for His people and the redemption of the world. Oh, that we might see Him as Joshua saw the Captain when He entered Canaan and camped around Jericho; as Stephen saw Him when he faced the crowd of wolfish foes that

thirsted for his blood; as Paul saw Him amid the tempests of the Adriatic and the lions of the Coliseum; as John saw Him in the midst of the Throne, holding in His hand the seven stars and walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, and then standing before the Throne with all the seals of human destiny in His own right hand! Then, indeed, no trail could discourage us, no foe intimidate us, no fear dismay us, no work overwhelm us; for above every voice of peril or of hostile power, we would hear His gentle whisper, "Lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the end of the age."

The promise is better translated "all the days," rather than "always." He comes to you each day with a new blessing. Every morning, day by day, He walks with us, with a love that never tires and a blessing that never grows old. And He is with us "all the days"; it is a ceaseless abiding. There is no day so dark, so commonplace, so uninteresting, but you find Him there. Often, no doubt, He is unrecognized, as He was on the way to Emmaus, until you realize how your heart has been warmed, your love stirred and your Bible so strangely vivified that every promise seems to speak to you with heavenly reality and power. It was the Lord! God grant that His living presence may be made more and more real to us all henceforth, and whether we have the consciousness and evidence, as they had a few glorious times those forty days, or whether we go forth into the coming days, as they did most of their days, to walk by simple faith and in simple duty, let us know, at least, that the fact is true forevermore, that He is with us, a presence all unseen but real, and ready if we need Him any moment to manifest Himself for our relief.

There is a beautiful incident related of the mother of an English schoolboy whom, when he was a lad, she sent to a boarding school, some distance from her home, where the rules of the school only permitted her to visit once a fortnight. But this was more than her mother heart could stand, and so,

all unknown to her boy or his teachers, she rented a little attic overlooking the school, and often, when he little dreamed, she would sit in that upper room with her eyes on her darling boy as he played in that yard below or studied in the schoolroom. He could not see her, nor did he dream that she was there, but had he cried or called her name or needed her for a moment, he was within her reach.

There is a little parable of the sleepless love and the ceaseless oversight which our savior exercises towards His beloved ones, for He has His eye upon us by day and by night; and although we do not see His face and hands and form as He moves through our pathway, dissipating our foes and clearing our way, yet He is there, ever there "all the days, even unto the end." Let us believe His promise, let us assume the reality of His presence, let us recognize Him as ever near, let us speak to Him as one ever by our side, and He shall ever answer us, either by the whispers of His love or by the workings of His hand.

Thus shall we never be alone, thus shall we never be defenseless, thus shall we never be defeated, thus need we never fear. And even should the lonely vale itself open to us, it shall be but the opening vista of a larger vision and a closer and nearer presence, as we find that neither "death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38, 39)

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"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

Biblical Studies

“The Holy Spirit gives power to change others’ lives through you”

Isaiah 61: 1

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has appointed me, to preach good tidings to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.”



BFC Commentary

Friend, substitute your name for “me” in this verse. My friend, you can literally change other lives through the power of God’s Spirit in you. Now of course, it is not you as self doing this work, but He that dwells in you. His Spirit in you manifests its power to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive and to confront those who mourn. God, the Holy Spirit has given you this power. You must seize the opportunity and serve the Lord, and His people. May His will be done.

The Lord has anointed you to preach the good news. To be anointed, to be disposed, to be allowed by the presence of the Holy Spirit in you to preach the good news. The good news is the gospel. That Christ was born, Christ went to the cross, to take away the sin of this world and rose again through the power of the presence of God. Are you on fire, can you preach this good news? That is your lot, your blessings bestowed. Go forward and preach this good news.

The Lord has anointed you to bind up the brokenhearted. All around you is suffering in various forms. Suffering from brokenness. You have been given a choice through Christ. As His ambassador you are to help others overcome the broken of this fallen world. Though, this world be broken, in Him it is whole.

You witness many afflicted in bondage of addiction, of sin and difficulty. You break this bondage through the presence of the power of God. To be captive is to be bound by fear, unforgiveness, continued hurt, pain and hatred. You can, through His presence, remove these chains. The chains disappear through His sovereign Grace. Press into this calling, my friend, and break these chains.

Freedom is declared!! To be free indeed. At the core of you is your divine image of God. Yet we identify in multiple ways to this world.

Freedom was given to you once you asked Christ in your life. He is the Father, you the Son. He is the wind that is ever at your back, the reason that you bear your cross. Freedom comes with responsibility. Talk to those around you. Bless them, do not put your light in a bushel basket. Let your light shine. Let the light shine on all others around you. Be a servant of all and be ever free. Amen!

Christ was, Christ is and Christ shall always be! He is the alpha, the omega, the beginning and the end. Christ opens doors, shuts doors, and makes crooked paths straight. Teach others the truth of the protection of the Holy Spirit for you know there is little more importance than this, but to lie down one's own life, for another. Therefore my friend grow in prayer, in love and find true peace. So many are bound by delusion, illusion and self.

Spring forth your Spirit to bring true freedom. Friends invoke the power of the Holy Spirit to speak to others hearts. This brings peace, this brings freedom. This is the way of holiness.

As such as the world pulls you toward it, resist. Spend time apart from others in devotion to Christ. Spend time in repentance, in prayer, fasting and overcome, Love my friend.

The Holy Spirit is in you always available to you to bring others into relationship with Him. Learn to grow in this truth!! May His peace be your ever present guide! Amen!

This Biblical Studies is an excerpt from
An Understanding of The Holy Spirit



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Missions: Pakistan

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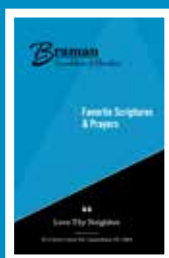
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Growing in understanding of the Holy Spirit is so important in one's faith because the Holy Spirit is your constant companion. Thanks to God through Christ the Holy Spirit has been given to us for various reasons. This body of work has been written to support this fact. One's faith must continue to grow in order to better serve the Lord in all our endeavors.



An Understanding of Devotion, Confession, Self Reflection & Repentance

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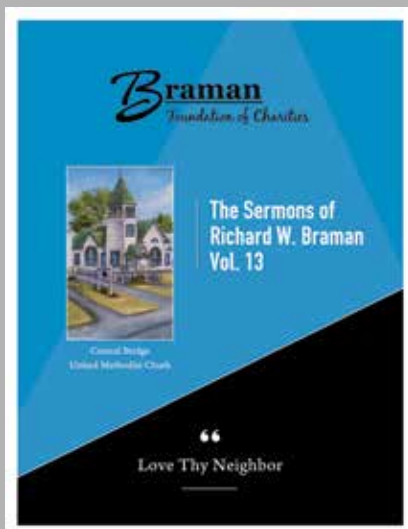
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Missions: Sierra Leone



REPORT FOR REUNIFICATION OF CHILDREN WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN COMMUNITIES. Date:18th/03/25

During the month of February 2025, St George Foundation carryout family tracing, mediation, and assessment was done for seven children (7) (2 Female and 5 Male) under this reporting period. These children were referred by the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs and the Family Support Units of the Sierra Leone Police respectively. St George Foundation provided temporal shelter for all these categories of children (Street Children, Abandon, Neglected Children, Child Conflict and abused Children).

Field staff working for St George Foundation coordinated with other community stakeholders to be able to successfully traced the families of children who have been wondering the way about of their missing children, as the Lord can do it, the families were very pleased with the contact from the field staff and the report was filtered back to the children at the home who were extremely very glad to heard the news of their families.

Between the 28th of February to 14th of March,2025 a total of seven (7) children were successfully reunified with their families in communities in the Western Area Rural District. As part of the support coming from Braman Foundation in the US has been very helpful in providing reunification packages to these set of vulnerable children who were once again enormously appreciative of such support by connecting them back with their families after a long stay.

St George Foundation and Braman Foundation will continue to play a vital role in the lives of vulnerable children and families by putting smiles on their faces.



Figure 1 shows a field staff from St George Foundation and the Ministry of Gender standing together with the child and her Mother reunite again after six months



Figure 2 shows the family setting of the child families on the occasion of reunification



Figure 3 shows another child reunified with her family after two years



Figure 4 shows a reunification of a missing child reunified with her family



ST GEORGE FOUNDATION (SGF) UPDATED REPORT FOR MARCH 31st 2025.

Key Activities Undertaken During This Period.

- Referral
- Family Tracing and Reunification
- Psychosocial Support/ Counseling
- Medical Report

Referral Cases

Throughout this reporting period, St George Foundation, Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Genders and children Affairs and the Family Support Unit (FSU) referred seven (7) children (2 boys and 5 girls) for protection and shelter. These children referred to St George Foundation interim care center are street children who absconded from home due to Maltreatment, Physical abuse and Sexual abuse they faced at home based on their case histories. During this period a ten years old boy was referred to St George Foundation interim care center for medical support and safe shelter by the Family Support Unit, the child was Physically abuse by his biological father who mercilessly beaten and the child sustained severe wounds his body. Through the support of Braman foundation the child was admitted for a week at the hospital and the father is in custody of the police.



Family Tracing and Reunification

During this reporting period, Saint George Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children Affairs and Family Support Unit (FSU) the Sierra Leone Police, carryout a successful Family tracing, Mediation, and Reunification of ten (10) children (4 boys and 6 girls) who were reunified with their parents, caregivers, and guardians. The children reunification process was done at the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs, the Family Support Units of the Sierra Leone police in the Western Area Rural District.



Figure 4 shows a street child reunified with his grandmother and money provided for the child schooling expenses



The children have been in the interim care center for some time now, after several family tracing and mediation exercise, we came to realized the actual location of the children's family members in the Western Area Rural District. We succeeded in placing all the 10 children with their families, as an organization we want to appreciate Braman Foundation for their partnership with St George Foundation connecting children back with families.

Figure 5 shows reunification of a child standing with his reunification certificate



Psychosocial well-being can be seen as the state of being or doing well of an individual in different aspects of life, including having supportive social relationships, access to basic survival needs and economic and environmental resources and physical, intellectual, emotional, and development needs being addressed. Psychosocial support and counselling help strengthen protectiveness of children, including their ability to identify dangerous and risky situations.

ICC staff provides mentorship on Hygiene and teaching of traditional songs, cultural dance and paper works (drawing and painting), these skills and practices activity are to build the children's resilience in different techniques learned during their stay at interim care center, it helps children to relief from traumatized situations and transformed them into positive children.

Medical Report

Ten years old boy who was referred for medical treatment to the hospital after he was beaten severely by his biological father. Scan and other treatment were conducted, the scan was done to see if he has any broken ribs in his side, as an organization we are providing closed monitoring as his condition continues to improve on a daily basis.



Due to the extensiveness of our work across in West Africa, St George foundation has extended it activity implementation in Liberia and Guinea to continue providing valuable services to vulnerable children and families.

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CORRECTIONS & PRISON MINISTRY

If your church or organization is interested in learning how to approach prison or local correctional facilities, please call the Braman Foundation.

Let BFC help in training, organizing, and implementing.



Behind the Walls

Includes Training and Life Line Literature

Learn a devotional program than you can bring into your local correction facility to help inmates come to Christ and strengthen their walk in Christ. It is a thorough program using the 12 step method of recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Meditation techniques as well as a program for dealing with violent behavior. In addition, our program helps to provide clarification concerning the negative learned behavior that unfortunately comes out of some families.



Lifeline

Includes Matchcard for 15 Inmates and Personal Training

This program, when instituted, will enable any individual being released from a facility the opportunity to be united with a home church and a contact person in their home area. In addition, we will offer a mentoring program. Learn how to bridge inmates from the facility to your church.

CORRECTIONS & PRISON MINISTRY NEWS

Since 1985 BFC has given testimony throughout the NY Corrections System. From that movement the program: Behind the Walls was formed and used in several correctional facilities. Often local churches are called to form a small group of church members to visit their local jails, institutions or correctional facilities. In fact it is in Matthew 25 that Jesus speaks to us about : ' I was in Prison and you visited me. "

And so with this in mind BFC has begun to expand its Prison Program and is currently making available to several churches in the NYC Region. Pray also for BFC as we seek to work with local churches to answers the call to help those in Prisons or Correctional Facilities.



HAS YOUR CHURCH CONSIDERED PRISON & CORRECTIONS MINISTRY?

Dear Church Leaders,

The Braman Foundation of Charities is dedicated to supporting incarcerated individuals through our Prison Ministry Program. Behind the Walls and Life-Line Ministry. Since 1985, Behind the Walls has been serving New York State prisons systems and local jails, providing faith-based recovery programs that combine the 12-step method, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and strategies for addressing violence behavior to help individuals prepare for successful reintegration into society.

The Life-Line Ministry focuses on assisting individuals during the critical first 24-48 hours after their release, connecting them with local churches and members to reduce recidivism and support lasting transformation.

If your church has a group of individuals that are interested in correctional ministry, then the Braman Foundation can provide the programming and training needed. For more information on how your church can participate, please visit bramanfoundation.org or call us at one of the numbers listed below.

Blessings,
Peter Braman
Braman Foundation of Charities

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Two booklets are shown side-by-side. The one on the left is titled "Behind the Walls" and the one on the right is titled "Life-Line Ministry". Both have blue covers with a white cross and a photo of a person.

SPURGEON'S CORNER

Tribute to his mother.



Fathers and mothers are the most natural agents for God to use in the salvation of their children. I am sure that, in my early youth, no teaching ever made such an impression upon my mind as the instruction of my mother; neither can I conceive that, to any child, there can be only one who will have such influence over the heart as the mother who has so tenderly cared for her offspring. A man with a soul so dead as not to be moved by the sacred name of “mother” is creation’s blot. Never could it be possible for any man to estimate what he owes to a godly mother. Certainly I have not the powers of speech with which to set forth my valuation of the choice blessing which the Lord bestowed on me in making me the son of the one who prayed for me, and prayed with me. How can I ever forget her tearful eye when she warned me to escape from the wrath to come? I thought her lips right eloquent; others might not think so, but they certainly were eloquent to me. How can I ever forget when she bowed her knee, and with her arms about my neck, prayed, “Oh, that my son might live before Thee!” Nor can her frown be effaced from my memory, - that solemn, loving frown, when she rebuked my budding iniquities; and her smiles have never faded from my recollection, - the beaming of her countenance when she rejoiced to see some good thing in me towards the Lord God of Israel.

Well do I remember hearing my father speak of an incident that greatly impressed him. He used to be frequently away from home preaching, and at one time, he was on his way to a service, he feared that he was neglecting his own family while caring for the souls of others. He therefore turned back, and went home. On arriving there, he was surprised to find no one in the lower rooms of the house; but, on ascending the stairs, he heard a sound as of someone engaged in prayer. On listening at the bedroom door, he discovered that it was my mother, pleading most earnestly for the salvation of all her children, and specifically praying for Charles, her first-born and strong-willed son. My father felt that he might safely go about his Master’s business while his dear wife was caring so well for the spiritual interests of the boys and girls at home, so he did not disturb her, but proceeded at once to fulfill his preaching engagement.

My mother said to me, one day, “Ah, Charles! I often prayed to the Lord to make you a Christian, but I never asked that you might become a Baptist.” I could not resist the temptation to reply, “Ah, mother! The Lord has answered your prayer with His usual bounty, and given you exceeding abundantly above what you asked or thought.”

Community Meetings



Prayer & Meditation

Every Sunday, 7pm

Discipleship

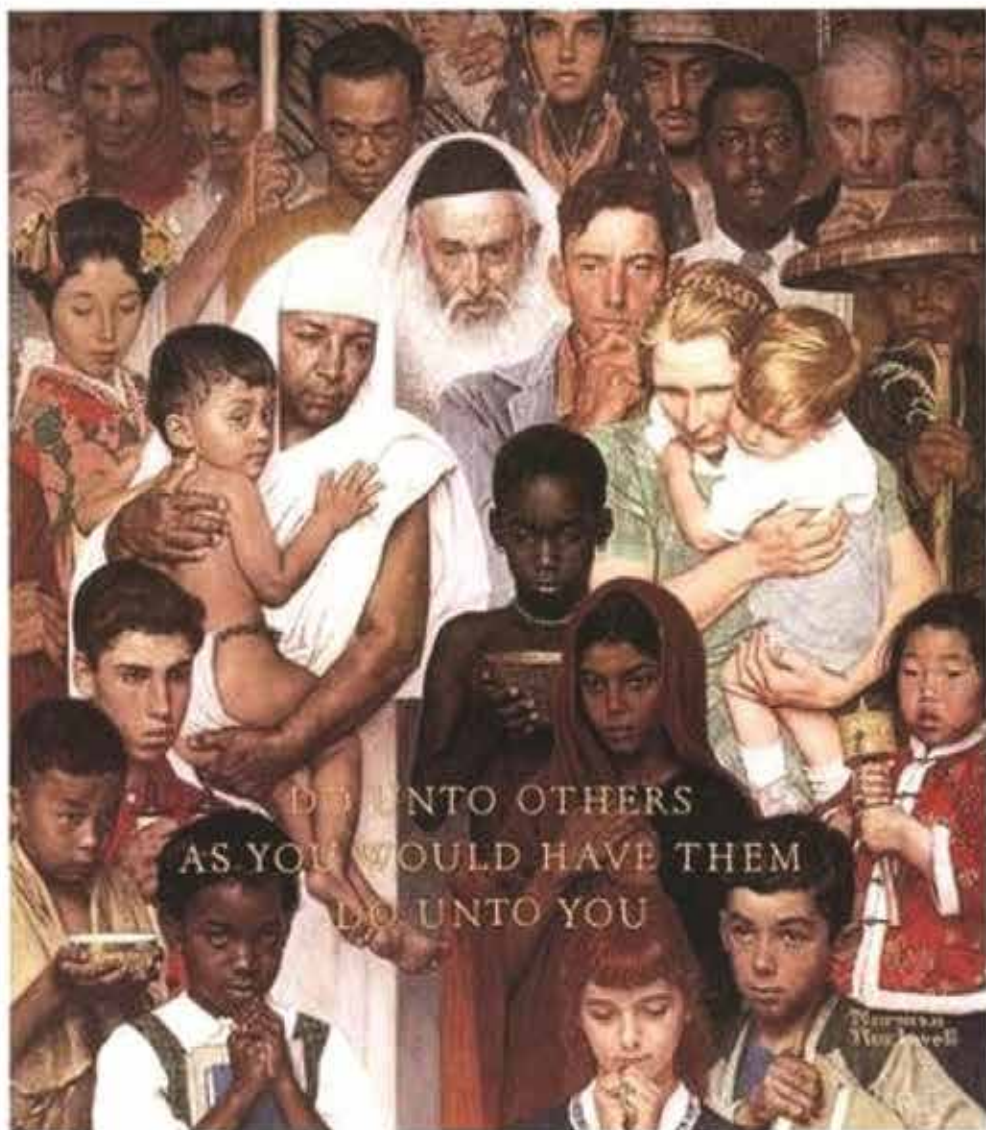
Every Tuesday, 7pm



The Braman Foundation has used its 5 Community Programs throughout its Mission Footprint in India and in the six countries that BFC currently ministers in.

Over the last few years BFC has implemented its Community Programs while in Queensbury NY and now in Poughkeepsie, NY. BFC feels inspired to expand its footprint in the NYC Region with its Community Programs and has begun to explore the possibility of working with local churches in NYC and the surrounding areas. Please pray as we feel led through the holy Spirit in the expansion.





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