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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. Paul McPhail



DEAR SERVANT OF THE LORD,

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE

Acts 28:11-16

Text: "On seeing them Paul thanked God and took courage" (Acts 28:15 RSV).

Approaching the end of an era in life is always a solemn occasion. This is true of a student who approaches the completion of a course of study, of an employee who comes to the end of a relationship with an employer, of a professional who finds it necessary to move to a new location to carry on his or her work, and of each of us as we say goodbye to someone or something. And it is also true concerning us as we minister through COVID - 19.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving 2020, let us look back and thank God with gratitude for what He has done. Then let us look forward with faith and hope for what He will continue to be and to do.

Our Scripture reading portrays a significant moment in the life of the apostle Paul. His had been a life of impactful service, with a combination of both successes and failures. His was not a life of perfect performance and total success along the way. There were periods and experiences in his life that could have caused him to go into deep discouragement and depression. Paul had been imprisoned in Caesarea for perhaps two years and had endured a difficult journey from Caesarea to Rome, where he was to face Caesar's court.

We can be certain that Paul was exhausted in body and, at least at times, troubled in mind. We find that in those moments of uncertainty when Paul faced a new era in his life, God provided for him. We read how, when the believers in Rome heard of Paul's approach, they immediately went to meet him. Some of them traveled as far as sixty-nine kilometers (forty-three miles), and others traveled fifty-three kilometers (thirty-three miles). "At the sight of these people Paul thanked God and was encouraged"

(Acts 28:15 NIV). The pattern of Paul's actions at this point provides us with a program for facing the future.

LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE BECAUSE GOD REMAINS THE SAME.

Through Malachi, God spoke to the people and said, "For I the Lord do not change" (Mal. 3:6 RSV). The author of the book of Hebrews spoke of the unchanging Christ as being "the same yesterday and today and forever" (13:8 RSV).

As we face the uncertain and uncharted road of COVID - 19, we can be certain that God has not changed His character or His purpose nor His promises or provisions. He is the solid Rock in whom we can trust and on whom we can place our feet for safety and security when the storms of life beat down on us. The psalmist declared, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in (time of) trouble" (Ps. 46:1 RSV).

Ministries change. Individual human beings change. Families change. Businesses change. Nations change. Constant changes always present a threat. In the midst of whatever may threaten us, we can take courage and be strong in the faith that our God who has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ will remain the same.

LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE BECAUSE THE BIBLE CONTINUES TO NOURISH US.

Psalms 119 is a hymn of praise to the benefits that come to those who delight themselves in the Word of God, who let God speak to their deepest needs through His law, His teachings, and His promises.

The apostle Peter encouraged all believers to "long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord" (1 Peter 2:2-3 RSV).

During the past year and in every past year, God has spoken words of guidance and comfort and help to his people as they have feasted on the words of His inspired book, the Bible.

Through studying the Bible, we have found guidance for our feet in times of uncertainty and have found strength for our times of weakness. By meditating on the Word of God, we have received divine warnings in times of danger. By listening to the words of the Bible, we have received divine directions concerning decisions that we were to make. In times of grief and sorrow, we have found the encouragement and the comfort that God has to offer. Let us thank God, for the benefits that have come to us through Bible study. Let us take courage as we face the future, because the Word of God will continue to speak to us according to our individual needs and on the basis of God's great generosity.



LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES THE GOOD WORK OF GOD WITHIN US.

One of the most precious promises that our Lord made concerned the permanence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers. “I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you” (John 14:16-17 RSV). Our Lord was contrasting the length of time the Holy Spirit would be present in the hearts of believers with the brevity of His own time with them. He was to depart, but the Holy Spirit was to come as an abiding companion and counselor, to be to them on a permanent basis what Jesus had been for a brief three years.

Let us thank God and take courage as we face the future, because God the Holy Spirit will be at work in us to help us know what God would have us do (Phil. 2:13).



LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE BECAUSE THE GOSPEL CONTINUES TO SAVE THOSE WHO TRUST JESUS.

As Paul faced the challenge of visiting the capital city of the Roman Empire, he did so with full confidence in the power of the gospel to save any individual who would put faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Rom. 1:16). Let us not fear any decrease in the divine energy that is at work in the preaching of the gospel from the pulpit. Let us trust God to help us witness on a one-to-one basis concerning what God has done and what he is seeking to do through Christ.

God is still in the business of saving people from the waste, ruin, and disappointment of life without faith. Let us thank God and take courage as we respond to the truth that people can still be saved.

LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE THAT GOD'S INVITATIONS ARE STILL OPEN.

Many people see the Bible only in terms of restrictions and prohibitions. Others see the Bible in terms of orders and commandments. Let us look into the Bible for the thousands of invitations that God extends to us. For example, He invites us to come into the throne room for prayer, He invites us to be a part of His family, and He invites us to be in partnership with Him in His redemptive program. Let us discover and respond to the great invitations that He continues to offer.

LET US THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE BECAUSE THE FUTURE BELONGS TO BELIEVERS IN CHRIST.

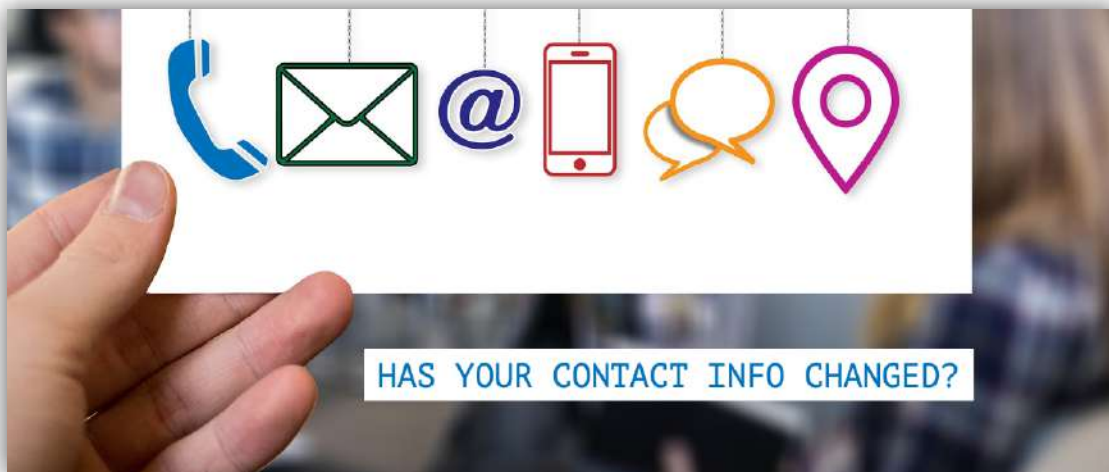
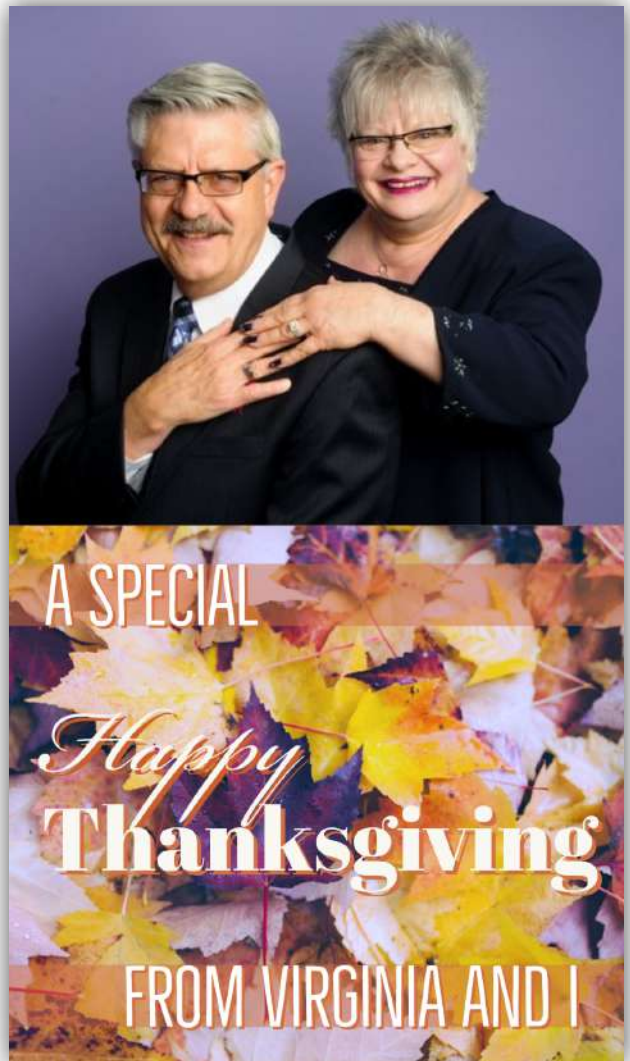
We follow a victorious leader who has defeated Satan, sin, death, and the grave. Paul closed his great resurrection chapter of 1 Corinthians 15 with the shout, “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ" (15:57 RSV). There are times when it seems as if the devil is on the throne and that wickedness rules the universe. In such times, we need with the eyes of faith to see that the decisive battle of history has already been fought and won on a cross and in an empty tomb. Because Christ Jesus lives again, we also shall live with him beyond the curtain of death (John 14:19; Rev. 1:17-18; 14:13).

Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:18 RSV). If we have thanksgiving for the past (including COVID - 19), we will have courage to face the future as we enter 2021.

Please let me thank the churches/ministries, and the individuals that continue to send in their offerings and donations to I.A.O.G.I. (Canada). Please know that your prayers and support are very much appreciated and needed.

Yours in Christ,

The General Secretary has the responsibility to maintain an accurate membership list, and the responsibility of reporting changes in contact information to the appropriate authorities.

**PLEASE KEEP US IN THE LOOP WITH NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS,
NEW ADDRESSES AND NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES.**



FROM THE DESK OF OUR ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. Yvon Stabili

GREETINGS TO ALL IN THE BEAUTIFUL NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR,

At the time of writing these few lines, we are in Quebec, authorized to have gatherings of 250 people and less with strict conditions to be respected. Although this is a difficult time for many, I also believe that it is a glorious time for the body of Christ. Indeed, we have had to adapt to the situation and do things differently; we have received many church reports that contrary to what many believed, online attendance has gone up, finances have increased and we have seen many who had abandoned the Lord coming back to Him. We say glory to God!

I want to thank you, each minister of the Gospel who perseveres in doing the work to which you have been called. Thank you for your faithfulness and perseverance; thank you for your service and your tenacity in doing God's will in spite of circumstances and headwinds. Thank you.

The author of the book of Hebrews in chapter 6 and verse 12 encourages us to imitate those who have by faith and perseverance inherited the promises. There is one promise where all the prophets agree; it is that a revival is coming, and Canada will be part of it; I believe we are about to live out that promise. We see in the Word that our God has always made His church grow and prosper in times of crisis. It is my firm conviction that these very times, though difficult, are also necessary and beneficial to the Church of Christ.



I don't know about you, but for me, it has allowed me to refocus some things in my life and to review some priorities. It has also allowed me to hear things from God that, sometimes because of all our activities and obligations, I didn't take the time to listen. It has allowed me to get closer to Jesus more; and just for that, I am grateful for this time that we have just gone through. It has also allowed me to see how much I love you and the simple fact that we were not able to meet for our annual conference, has made me miss the fact that I missed being in direct contact with you. We are members of each other and we are one body. Let us persevere together and win the victory in the precious name of Jesus.

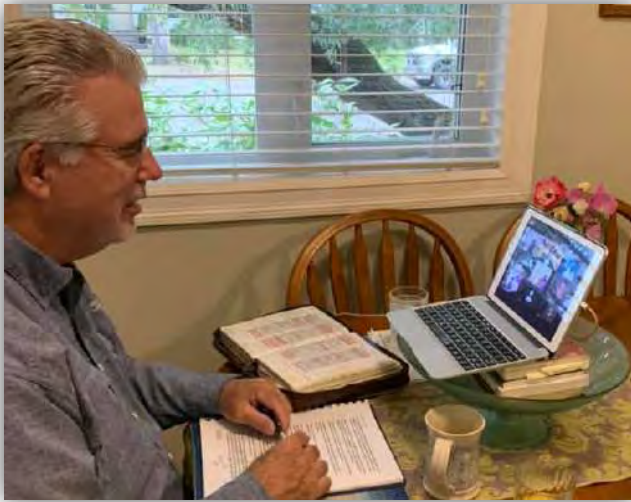
May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, and may His favour abide upon each one of us.

MINISTRY UPDATES

PANDEMICS CAN'T LIMIT GOD'S EXPANSION

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We are excited to see how the Holy Spirit is moving, even in the midst of unusual circumstances! Nothing phases God. Jesus is prepared for every occasion, and even had a pillow in the boat to sleep on during the storm in Mark 4:35-41.



Even though CTAIM's travelling ministry was curtailed physically during this season, God expanded effectual doors to reach people through Zoom, Facebook, and materials which were downloaded from our CTAIM website (www.ctaim.com).

Through Zoom, Jim is ministering in Northern & Western Canada, India, Pakistan and in many African nations each week. Shelley has been teaching a series on Facebook called: *"God's Design is Wholeness: Spirit, Soul and Body"*. Our prayer is that believers will embrace every good thing God has given them in Christ Jesus and not allow fear, disease

or calamity to come upon and rob them of God's

abundant life! Shelley has finished her book called "The Red Geranium Sisterhood" which will be published in the next few months. The book takes the reader on a journey from brokenness to esteem through personal stories and the transforming power of God's Truth revealed in Scripture. You can contact Shelley via Facebook messenger if you are interested or email her: shelley@ctaim.com. We are believing this book will bring hope and healing to women all over the North, across Canada and around North America and cause women to stand with and celebrate each other.

We are now re-starting our travelling ministry as of September 13th. We will be in various provinces throughout the fall. If you or your church would like us to minister, please contact us at: jim@ctaim.com, message us on Facebook, or call us at: 1-306-270-9881.

To God be the Glory!
With love and blessing,
Jim and Shelley Christian



MISSION THANDO

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The Mission Thando team is working hard in South Africa and in Canada to spread the love of Jesus. We are so grateful for everyone who has participated in some way to help us. In South Africa, the lockdowns have created a greater need for food support. We have been able to increase our food parcels and feeding programs, thanks to our various donors in South Africa and in Canada. We have also been able to give out clothing and other supplies to the poor. A number of people have lost their loved ones during this time, and the church has supported with funeral services and food as well as evening prayer meetings with the families. We were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Zodwa Makaye, one of our founding leaders of Mission Thando.



Please continue to pray for our South African leaders as they re-open church services and continue to serve their community.

In Canada, we had the opportunity to hold a two-day VBS (Vacation Bible School) in the community of Kisbey, SK. We had 19 kids on day two, which was above our expected numbers. Pastor Betty Penner came out to speak to the children and we closed day 2 with a BBQ for parents and children. All summer long we have been holding backyard gatherings. September long weekend we held our first official service in Kisbey, Sk. at the seniors' hall we're renting, and again we were amazed by the turnout. We

felt a beautiful presence of the Holy Spirit as we worshipped, and Pastor Dave shared on God's love. We are excited to reach out and ask you to pray with us, as Dave and I once again take a leap of faith and begin church planting.

We have a desire to reach the lost in this area!

In Christ,

Pastor Dave &
Krista Meisner



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LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!

I am happy to once again brag on what Jesus has done and is doing in the ministry. In the last year we were able to do our largest move ever into a new ministry center. It is new, it is safe, plus we have new very important contacts which has protected all the ministry in India's COVID-19 lockdown. Just recently we also made a huge move for our Grace Life Ministries office here in Canada which will be very healthy for the ministry's future.



We continue to feed over 85 families of children whom we support in the slums as lockdown continues; any help with this is welcomed! The very poor, day laborers of India are going through unbelievable suffering. Many cannot work and cannot properly feed their families. Our feeding program has opened doors for sharing the gospel and drawing close to these people.

God keeps doing miracles! Just yesterday we received our new, large auto rickshaw! This was a much needed miracle for picking up provisions plus transporting kids and our leaders to the slums.

As I mentioned, this year we built a church and ministry center. Final finishing is ongoing, but the church is full! Just in the last few weeks, 10 Hindu families came to Christ and have taken baptism. The area we work in is the darkest part of India. Here the largest persecution of believers in India's history happened in 2008. Yet in spite of threats and

dangers, we are seeing many come to Christ. Baptism is their public testimony that they have left behind their other gods and now only follow Jesus Christ.

In the last few weeks the believers have through faith in Christ, seen many instant healings. People discharged from hospital not cured have risen from their beds healed! Kidneys and stomach problems healed plus many more! Recently, a crippled man was prayed over and instantly healed! As a result of this and the preaching of the gospel, the churches are full of these wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus Christ is bringing His rule into this dark place.

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FEEDING THE HUNGRY

The COVID 19 VIRUS has spawned tragedies of major proportions - leading to hunger, despair and the neglect of serious health issues. In spite of these uncertain times, your compassionate support has inspired us to do more than earlier planned. Thank you for your encouragement!

By the time you receive this report we will have provided an additional 10,000 plus loaves of bread, for a total exceeding 21,000. Although we are thankful for the generous response of many, we still require help for the extra bread. Your consideration will be gratefully appreciated!

Our primary mandate is providing Bibles and sharing the Gospel, but this virus has created a world-wide epidemic! We believe feeding the hungry is the Christian thing to do. Many of you have already indicated your agreement. Although the virus curve has somewhat flattened in North America, the devastating effects of COVID-19 continue in many other areas of the world. Last week I spoke to one of our Roma/Gypsy Pastors in Bulgaria. He resides in the Razlog ghetto, and is one of those responsible for distributing our bread. He said things are still tragic in his area! Here are some of his heart-wrenching comments.

1) "A neighbour who lives at the end of my street said, 'Why don't you send us the virus, that would be better than starvation. We have no food, no money - we are starving'!"

2) "We were looking for you yesterday - my family went to bed hungry!"

3) "Many children are without sufficient food!"

Such excruciating and tragic reports has motivated us to increase our response. Although we are limited in what we are able to do, we are compelled to do what we can, where we can! Instead of just having abstract faith we must act in a tangible fashion - feeding and caring for those in dire need! In Matthew 14, when confronted by a huge and hungry crowd said to his disciples, "YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT!"

Many people conscientiously ask, "What can I do"? Well, for a gift of \$100.00 you can provide a family with a loaf of bread every day for 21 weeks. Hopefully, the crisis will be over by then. Thank you for your concern and cooperation!



4,000 BIBLES DELIVERED

In June, approximately 140 Roma/Gypsy Pastors, representing all nine Bulgarian denominations, met together for the first time in three years. It was an historic meeting, as ministers from Pentecostal, Baptist, Church of God, Apostolic, Adventist and the other smaller denominations gathered in total unity.

The meeting convened in Perushtitsa, with the sole purpose of determining how they could best work together in presenting the Gospel. Their mindset was in harmony with the first century church. The day-long conference proved to be extremely profitable with a unanimous agreement to meet again in three months. Amazingly they were able to conduct the summit in spite of the constraints of COVID-19.

The highlight of the gathering was the distribution of Bibles. Pastor Christov, Bishop of the Roma/Gypsy Ministers' Association, declares there was "an enormous hunger for the Scriptures"! Three thousand Bibles were dispatched that day. Many Churches still have few or no Bibles.

Upwards of another 1,000 Bibles were delivered to Churches and areas not represented, for a grand total of 4,000. Many were provided for the people of Krumovo. This is the village I spoke of in our last Update, in which the entire population responded to the appeal to receive Christ as Saviour. Praise God!!

Thank you for your faithful support during these desperate times. Together we are making a difference! Your gift will help us to share the message of God's love in a dark world.

God bless you.

Rev. James and Olie Weller



GOD'S PLAN...NOT COVID!

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The Urban Haven Project is coming into its 5th year of service to those in greatest need in the London, Ontario community. Like everyone else, when COVID-19 arrived we were forced to rethink the way we serviced our community. Did this mean that we would cease to exist because of a virus, or would we turn to God for directions on how to maneuver through these times? We chose God's plan.

Previous to COVID-19 we saw 25 people per day in the neighborhood offering them lunch, art programs, Bible study, faith-based 12-step groups, trips; anything to engage them with a tangible gospel. It was going great! People were going back to work and school, getting their life in order, finding their way back to God but we were feeling like we were hitting a wall as although many came and went on to better things. We were left with a group of people that just didn't want to move forward in life. It was frustrating.

Then COVID-19 hit, forcing us to change the way we did things. At first, we handed out lunch at the door, offering words of encouragement to those that need it. However, all of the programs we offered ceased. After a month of doing that we realized we were not reaching out as much as we wanted and began to pray and ask God to stretch our borders; and that He did. We began reaching out into the poorer areas of our city - going to where people lived, offering lunch and bringing along items such as cereal, produce, diapers, toiletries, books, etc.



The result was fantastic! We quickly went from 25 to 150-200 people each time out. We were building trusting relationships that months later opened the door to prayer and evangelism! We have completely changed the direction of our ministry to total outreach; going into neighbourhoods each week.

Beginning in September, we have partnered with Western/Fanshawe College Nursing Program and the law department from Western to bring the students along to do practical community placements that will benefit both the people in our marginalized community and students alike.

We will now also offer haircuts, art programs and computer classes as most neighbourhoods have offered us an indoor space for the coming cold months! Yeah God!



What started to look like we would have to stop doing the same old thing, ended up being something beautifully excited that only our God could have mastered. Praise Him!

Follow us on our Facebook Page or website at the Urban Haven Project. We want to thank the IAOG for their ongoing support of this ministry.

Blessings,
Dan Morand



**WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?**

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We know God is moving in our midst and throughout our great nation and the world!

Please do not hold back your testimonies, ministry updates, or words of inspiration and encouragement. Staying connected is important!

Please send your articles to us for The Canadian Mantle in a Word document. Articles should be no more than 500 words in length. Don't forget to share some photos too. Friendly reminder, all articles are subject to the discretion of the editor and will be reviewed upon submission. Email: mantlearticles@outlook.com

Remember! We need each other's gifts!

THINK ON THESE THINGS

GOD TAKES YOU THROUGH THE STORMS!

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Text: Acts 27 & 28

I believe God gave me this Word and I pray it will encourage you.

In Acts, Paul was on his way to see Caesar in Rome. It was part of his plan, but then Paul ended up in a storm. I am here to remind you that in the midst of the storm God still has a plan. Know that storms come and they can blow you off course. Storms can alter how “you thought” life might happen.

Storms will test your faith, BUT GOOD NEWS! God speaks to you in the storm! God will walk with you in the storm. He will protect you in the storms.

When we read Acts 27:13-26 there is a comfort that comes when you walk closer with Jesus. Paul had a prophetic word from God yet the majority made the decision on comfort, and what they knew. But they were wrong. In verse 25, Paul says, “...take courage - I believe God. We will be saved, no one will die - but we will be shipwrecked.” Paul, what was that? It is a word of salvation and deliverance. That YES we are in a storm, tough times are coming, but we will live. I remind you, that like Paul, Peter, David, Moses, and others, God will keep you. God will preserve you through the storms.

During the storm, Paul heard God speak. God won't leave you or abandon you. The enemy will be whispering into your ear, but remember God is faithful! Paul got a word, “It is dangerous to leave”. Listen; pay attention when the Lord speaks.

God had spoken to Paul but the majority decided to go ahead. They failed to listen. Obedience brings blessing! Often it will bring you protection. In this chapter, the wind is talked about a lot; a contrary wind, a difficult wind, a tempestuous wind. Do you think we have a contrary wind blowing in these days? These seasoned sailors are doing everything right. They are doing everything that has worked in the past, but today it's not working. It is a new storm. It's a new season of storms.

Remember, it is not Paul's fault he is in the shipwreck. Someone might be making decisions that affect your life and your destination. But here is the big question? Can you lose your ship, your valuables, and the thing you trusted in; without losing your soul? Keep your heart right.

It is important that you now remember this: there will be storms and huge winds in your life. How you handle them is the key. Have you ever felt like you have lost your steering, you keep working hard but



nothing is working and your ship looks like it is breaking apart; 'exceedingly tempest-tossed' and all hope is gone?

Remember, God is still on the throne. Paul stands up and speaks hope and life to the crew, because even in the storms GOD STILL SPEAKS.

Shipwrecks - we have all had them - broken marriages, financial loss, family problems. In those moments when you don't think you can make it, remember this. You are still here and still alive. God has brought you through. Today there are questions and storms, but God still speaks.

Paul and the crew landed in a place unknown to them. They land with lots of questions. Sound like today? GOOD NEWS, God is still in control. In the storm, in the midst of uncertainty and of loss you will find that God is still there, and He got you through safely.

In Acts 28 Paul goes to work. He is picking up sticks and a snake latches onto him. He should die, but Paul suffers no effect. God doesn't deliver you from a shipwreck, to let you die on the beach! God had a plan for Paul and those on that 'certain' island. He has a plan for you. Trust God in the storm. Promotion lays ahead - PAST THE STORM.



LEADING DURING TROUBLED TIMES

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*Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me,
in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 14 That good thing which was committed unto thee
keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.
2 Timothy 1:13-14*

Leading in troubling times should never fall on our shoulders as terrible, heavy burdens. It is a privilege to be called, an honour to serve, and His burden is light containing all we need to accomplish it.

Finding a way through the worlds many differing voices while doing our best to comply with laws, is challenging. In all of this, we must seek the heart of our Living Saviour. He has things to say, and instructions to guide us. Most important are the Words He has already spoken.

The differing voices may cause pressure to find a new way. A new answer. A relief from pressure, a door that believers can walk through. The enemy is pushing hard with an undergirding tone that what has been done so far is not only insignificant, but severely lacking the power to change anything.

That pressure, those words, are trying to shake foundations. Cause over analyzing, and a desperate looking for something that really isn't there.



Have you ever been looking through a filing cabinet for a piece of paper you were sure was in there? You may have gone through every file twice over without locating it. All it did was cause frustration to grow an ugly tree of anger that is typically shared with anyone you can get to hear you.

The deep feelings of a lack of answer, can drive any person to the point of breaking. There are many governing officials that are suffering as the pandemic continues to be surrounded with questions. They don't have Jesus and will not have the Answer. Many are being publicly shamed by rowdy angry mobs with no one to turn to receive healing for their wounds.

We leaders must rise to the call from the heavens to stand on the promises that we have already been given. We need to be consistent in our faith and unshaken by the world's words. We must hold them fast. Cling to those words and decree His promises.

He has never failed. He never changes. He is the Mighty Deliverer!

If you have been overwhelmed and have taken one to many blows to your faith, reach out! Ask for help and then get up! The Apostle Paul was 'stoned to death' and yet got up and kept preaching. If you are still breathing and, on this earth, you are meant to be here.

Now, get out those prophetic words that you were given, remember the promises from the Bible that have been committed to your hearts. Believe them! Love them! Live them!

TIMES OF TROUBLE OR OPPORTUNITY

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For many children of God, the Christian life is a quiet, trouble-free life. That a prosperous and uneventful life is a sign of God's approval, and that we must find the flaw, the "hidden sin," as soon as a job loss occurs, an accident happens or illness strikes!

No wonder many people lose base when we confine them, completely change the way things are done, and only give them back the right to go out with their promise of appearing with a mask while respecting a social distancing.

What is the state of our people in the church?

How old would they be, according to their "Christian language" versus their true spiritual maturity to endure adversity?

Are they prepared to face persecution in the name of Christ?

Will they understand when the world's contempt for the gospel is spat in their faces? Are we ready???

I think we have a foretaste of what it's like to be taken by surprise on a global level; like in Noah's time!

Unfortunately, many join their voice to that of the world in these difficult times, by going up to the barricades to raise their fist against the authorities.

Shouldn't we, in my humble opinion, keep our focus on equipping God's people to hear His voice, and to be led by the Holy Spirit?

People are dying, they are in panic about what is happening. They are ripe for the harvest! And us? Are we too busy contesting?

The apostle Paul thus exhorts us in 1 Cor. 10:32-33, "Do not be a scandal to the Greeks, the Jews, or the Church of God, in the same way as I too strive in all things to please everyone, seeking not my own advantage, but that of the greatest number, so that they may be saved"

Thank you, Lord, for those who are mandated by the governments, so that nothing will escape from the rights and freedom of worship that we still have! As for the majority, let us not undermine their work and let us take care of our Father's business, keeping our eyes in the right place and our ears attentive to hear the instruction given to us to GO!!!

Let us never forget that times of turmoil are opportunities for God's people to manifest Christ!

In the words of my Pastor, Pastor Yvon, "It is great that God opened the Red Sea to bring the people across on dry land; but it is because of the Egyptian army pursuing them that He did it! It is also because they were in the desert that they were fed with manna, drank from the rock that followed them, and their clothes and shoes did not wear out!"

Often, we are so affected by circumstances that we feel that things need to change for God's plan to be realized in our lives. And if it was God Himself who places us in the midst of the storm, after having saved, washed, restored, equipped, strengthened and sent us ... to manifest Christ???

Pray the Lord to help us, and pray for our leaders and for all people!

Personally, I find it very difficult to criticize someone for whom I have just spent time on my knees!

May the Lord bless you!



FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR CREDENTIALS!

CREDENTIAL RENEWAL FEES 2021

The time of credential renewal is upon us. This year the renewal fee is \$170.00 if sent in by **January 31, 2021**. Please make all cheques/money orders payable to I.A.O.G.I. (Canada).

After February 1, 2021, there will be a late penalty of \$30.00 added to the \$170.00 = Total \$200.00. Forward Form #3 with your cheque/money order to your licensing or ordaining pastor/church. The licensing or ordaining pastor/church will send the material directly to me.

For a minister 75 years of age and older your renewal fee is \$25.00. Please complete Form #3, provide your birthdate and forward it to the licensing or ordaining pastor/church

We are pleased that a few have taken advantage of forms being offered on the web www.iaogcan.com and have renewed early. Please feel free to do so also.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE COMPASSION FUND?

A ministry of compassion to the families of ministers of the Lord Jesus who are promoted to glory.

This is not a life insurance plan:

But a Biblical way of ministering to a loved one with a gift of condolence in time of need. The ministry of compassion functions to collect gifts of money from participating members to give to the beneficiaries named by the participating member who has died.

A contribution of \$15.00 will be paid to the Ministry of Compassion Fund when you are notified of the death of a fellow participating member. Notification will be sent when a fellow subscribing member dies so that you may contribute as an expression of compassion and love.

One-time registration fee of \$15.00 is required. Applications can be found on our website, or you can write to request registration.

Compassion Fund
Box 653 | Chatham, ON | N7M 5K85

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE ARE NO PROMOTIONS TO GLORY TO ANNOUNCE AT THIS TIME

IAOGI PRAYER INITIATIVE | PRAYER WARRIORS UNITE

The National Prayer initiative began because it was the heart's desire of ministers of the IAOGI to raise a nation of pray warriors; coming to a deeper level of intentional and deliberate prayer; uniting and building "Houses of Prayer" across Canada.

We are looking to take next steps and put into practice the things we have learned, as well as walk out the things God is wanting to do through us. We are coming to a place where we need to unite.

Therefore, from here on in we're calling ourselves "*Prayer Warriors Unite*", as I believe God to gather the people of prayer across this nation to stand united and move in a corporate manner; lifting the things that God is speaking in people's hearts. We are the Body of Christ and every member is essential AND we are called to pray, to encourage, to support and inspire one another in the work of the Ministry, as well as lift each other up in prayer through life's challenges and circumstances.

Therefore, let God use *Prayer Warriors Unite* to gain victory over all things and accomplish God's plans for our nation.

I invite you to check out the messages on the IAOG Prayer Facebook page (www.facebook.com/iaogprayer) as well check out the new IAOG website when it is completed. I encourage you to contact us with prayer requests, and or share those things that God is speaking to your heart about, so that we can gather in support of each other over what God is doing in our lives. God is speaking to each one of you and we want to hear what that is so that we can pray and be an encouragement to you as you walk out those plans.

I am excited to move forward into God's next as I am sure, you all are as well.

God is calling, "Prayer Warriors Unite!" Will you join me in this call? I look forward to hearing from you. Blessings in the name of Jesus,

Miss Doreen Charette
National Prayer Coordinator, IAOGI

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JUNE 14/20 - The Lakeside Church - Scarborough, ON - Church Anniversary - Rev. Brian and Sabrina Foerster

JUNE 21/20 - Celebration Life Church - Surrey, BC - Father's Day - Rev. Gwen Dreger

JULY 8/20 - Zoom - Conversion Therapy

JULY 9/20 - Zoom - Go Decade - Rev. Kay Horner - 430 Leaders and 71 Nations

SEPT. 10/20 - Zoom - Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP)

SPECIAL INVITATION FROM RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

You are invited to attend a FREE ONE-HOUR LIVE Webinar at Noon EST, November 10, 2020. Please note this webinar will only be presented in English. You can register here: bit.ly/winning-the-battle. This live free webinar will present the reality of the pornography problem among teens and young adults within the faith community. In addition, we will present practical steps that faith community leaders can take to help those under their care and win the battle against pornography.

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