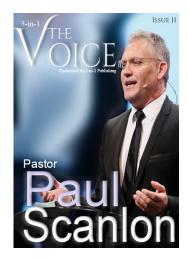


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KARIN McBRIDE-CHENOWETH Editor-in-Chief

WELCOME!

Hello and welcome again to all our E-ziners! Welcome to our 11th issue of 3-in-1. The Voice. I mentioned the last time that we had lots of developments; well one of these developments is our twinning with DREAMS FOR LIVING TV. Richard Kays — Director/Presenter has enabled us to have a new interactive webpage on our website called 'INFOCUS INTERACTIVE'. Richard has a remarkable story and we interviewed him recently — you will be able to read this IN FOCUS in a forthcoming issue of The Man's Voice. The new pages have proved extremely popular and on the heels of this, in conjunction with METRO MINISTRIES have created another new page called INSIGHT INTERACTIVE which hosts the teachings of Pastor Bill Wilson.

Both pages proved so popular in the first weeks that we created PODCAST BROADCAST which enables our readers to now access online teachings from some of our featured guests, including: Dr James McConnell, Patricia Bootsma and Matt Sorger – this page links to their official podcast WebPages and is also proving extremely popular...

In May we will be covering two conferences and if you haven't registered for them yet you should! The first will be in Newtownards at Kiltonga Christian Centre where they will be hosting a SOZO Healing Conference. The second is at Green Pastures Church in Ballymena, where they will be hosting one of the biggest conferences in Northern Ireland this year – EMERGE 2010 key speakers will include: Pastor Bill Wilson, Charles Neiman, Nancy Alcom and Pastor James McConnell. You can download all the info on our website under Events or directly from the official websites of Sozo and Green Pastures...

We have just announced a brand new E-zine called The Prophetic Voice and you will be able to download this in the future. Catch up on our new look website with more Kingdom news to access...thanks once again to all our writers including our latest columnist STEVE NORMAN who begins his section 'A Voice in the Wildemess' in this issue. Finally I would like to thank BELINDA GUEST-WEALE for submitting her inspiring testimony.

Karin McBride - Editor-in-Chief

And remember:

'But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.' Gen 45:7

KARIN McBRIDE-CHENOWETH

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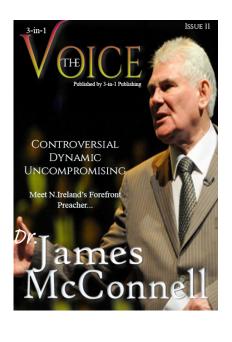
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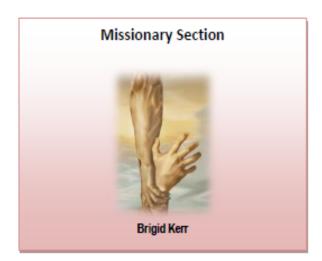
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Missionary News



EVANGELISM

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Evangelism refers to the practice of relaying information about a particular set of beliefs to others who do not hold those beliefs. The term is often used in reference to Christianity, where the scriptures often describe "evangelism" as "spreading the Gospel".

Christians who specialise in evangelism are known as evangelists whether they are in their home communities or acting as missionaries in the field. Some Christian traditions consider evangelists to be in a leadership position; they may be found preaching to large meetings or in governance roles. Christian groups who actively encourage evangelism are sometimes known as evangelistic or evangelist.

The communication of Christian faith to new geographical areas and cultures is often referred to as evangelization, or specifically, world evangelization.

The word evangelist comes from the Koine Greek word $\underline{\epsilon \dot{U}\alpha\gamma\gamma\dot{\epsilon}\lambda iov}$ (transliterated as "euangelion") via Latin "Evangelium", as used in the canonical titles of the four Gospels, authored by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (also known as the Four Evangelists). The Greek word $\underline{\epsilon}\dot{U}\alpha\gamma\gamma\dot{\epsilon}\lambda iov$ originally meant a reward for good news given to the messenger ($\underline{\epsilon}\dot{U}$ = "good", $\dot{C}\gamma\gamma\dot{\epsilon}\lambda\lambda\omega$ = "I bring a message"; the word angel is of the same root) and later "good news".

The verb form of euangelion, euangelizo (transliterated "evangelism"), was used rarely in Greek literature outside the New Testament, making its meaning more difficult to ascertain. Parallel texts of the Gospels of Luke and Mark reveal a synonymous relationship between the verb euangelizo and a Greek verb "kerusso" which means "to proclaim".

Our modern word "Gospel" comes from the Old English word "Godspell." In Old English, "god" with a long "o" meant "good," and "spell" meant "word" (we carry this meaning also in our word "spelling"). So in other words, "Godspell" meant "good word," specifically the good tidings concerning Jesus Christ.



Billy Graham preaches to a large crowd

The Holy Bible, during his last days on earth Jesus commanded his disciples as follows:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19. 20 NIV

Other translations render the phrase "make disciples of all nations" in the above quotation as "teach all nations." Jesus is also quoted in the Gospel of Mark saying

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16:15 KJV

These are two main passages of the New Testament from God that command everyone who believes in Christ to preach the gospel.

Sometimes, the regular minister of a church is called a *preacher* in a way that other groups would typically use the term *pastor*. The *evangelist* in some churches is one that travels from town to town and from church to church, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many Christians of various theological perspectives would call themselves 'evangelists' because they are spreaders of the gospel. Many churches believe one of their major functions is to function as evangelists to spread the evangelist belief that Jesus is savior of humanity.

The title of evangelist is often associated with those who lead large meetings like those of Billy Graham, possibly in tents or existing church buildings, or those who address the public in street corner preaching, which targets listeners who happen to pass nearby. It can also be done in small groups or even on a one-to-one basis, but actually it is simply one who spreads the gospel. Increasingly, the internet enables anyone to become an Internet evangelist, and resources such as Internet Evangelism Day exist to equip them.



My Story By Belinda Guest-Weale

I was born in Malawi central Africa, I was raised as a teenager in the United Kingdom, I have Cerebral Palsy which made me wheelchair bound, I have type 1 Diabetes and I am also married, My occupation is an Author and a volunteer trustee of my local church which is Light Tower Redeemed Christian church of God in Grimsby. I left Africa in 1993 with my parents, brother and sister, because of poverty, and no education for a disabled person like myself, so my Dad and Mum decided to come to the United Kingdom for a better life and my Dad being British it was easy for the family to come and stay in the UK. I was raised as a Catholic Christian, because my dad and mum were Catholics, I did not really know much about our Lord Jesus Christ, all I knew he was born on Christmas day and died at Easter, I never really attended church, because I found it boring.

Until 2003 when I got saved, I was dating a guy called Shane Weale who was a converted Muslim, then he was invited to visit his friend in Essex South End on Sea who was a Christian guy and he hadn't seen for many years since he left Zimbabwe, while he was on his visit I got a phone call from Shane saving to me "Belinda am again born," so I said to him, "what do you mean, you are born again?" then he said, "I excepted Jesus as my Lord and saviour," I did not understand what he meant by being born again, until he came back from visiting his friend, he said to me "am looking for a Pentecostal church," and I said to him "what is Pentecostal church I never heard of that church before," he said "its a church I went to when got saved" then a week later he found a Pentecostal church was called Elim which was just few blocks away from where I lived, that same week Sunday morning he took me and my cousin to a church called Elim neighbour wood Church. because I wanted to know what a Pentecostal church was all about, because his spirit was so cheered up with joy, when we got there I was quite nervous, everyone in the church welcomed us and everyone seemed so cheerful, friendly and they were dancing worshiping, clapping hands and speaking in other tongues, I found that a bit strange, because in the Catholic church we never did that, everyone was so happy and the worshiping was so lively I said to myself "I want that joy they have, Shane what should I do?," when I got home that Sunday, Shane said to me "say this repentance prayer," I then said the prayer and he explained to me what our Lord and saviour has done for us and he showed in the bible about repentance and from that day on I was born again in Christ, my life changed completely and my relationship with Jesus has grown stronger and stronger each day, no turning back, my walk with Jesus is so marvellous, his given me joy, happiness, peace, grace and wisdom, every day I learn more and more from Jesus, I give him the glory and honour.



Shane and I got engaged in 2004 and in 2005 we got married then in 2006 we stated going to light tower redeemed Christian church of God, Shane and I have being there for about four years. I met pastor Bill Wilson and Janine in 2007 in Brentwood Essex conference and I was

so inspired by his works and his heart and compassion for the children living in poverty around the world and teaching them about our Lord Jesus Christ and helping them, it reminded me of myself when I was a little girl living poverty in Africa.

So the holy Spirit lead me to write a book to help Metro Kids and my husband said to me, "you always telling me, Christian fiction stories, why don't you write them it's your gift," then in 2008 I wrote my first book called Ghetto Revival published in 2009 with the help of Holy Spirit and I am writing my second book about children living in poverty around the world.

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Messianic Moment



Messianic Moment By Dr Howard Morgan

The Resurrection of Jesus Hoax or History
Part 2

What Do Our Witnesses Testify?

Their testimony is simple and straightforward:

- A) Jesus died,
- B) He was buried, and
- C) On the third day He rose bodily from the dead.

Let us examine these three events:

A) Jesus died.

Unless Jesus actually was dead when taken from the cross there would be no resurrection, only a hoax. The eyewitness testimony is that:

- Jesus was scourged with a flagellum (an instrument of torture consisting of long stripes of leather with sharp pieces of bone and metal attached to rip the flesh) by Roman soldiers who were notoriously cruel. The account shows that He was so badly beaten that He needed help to carry His own cross.
- 2. Jesus was mocked. This consisted of cursing, blaspheming, spitting, beard pulling and a crown of extremely long thoms being jammed on His head. These would cause great emotional and psychological pain that would intensify the physical pain caused by the scourging. The mental anguish such as mocking causes should not be minimized. The emotional distress that was caused by being naked, and mocked by the crowd and deserted by His disciple (except two women and John) would further rob Him of strength. Is it no wonder that He cried out, "My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken me?"
- He was forced to carry His own cross. This caused more bleeding from shoulder wounds, and also a great draining of strength.
- 4. He was nailed to the cross at the wrists and feet, and He was also pierced through the chest by a spear. These obviously would not only cause intense pain but a great loss of blood.

Is it possible that anyone could survive such an ordeal?

That all these factors culminated in Jesus' death is certified by a number of witnesses. The Roman executioners were professionals who knew when a man was dead. For them to testify that a victim was dead when in fact he was not would make them liable to be

executed themselves. They would therefore not easily make a mistake. Because Jesus died so rapidly, Pilate questioned the centurion in charge of the crucifixion to be sure that Jesus had actually died. Pilate believed this report and gave Joseph of Aramathea permission to bury Jesus. Proof that the centurion knew Jesus to be dead was that he did not order Jesus' legs to be broken (to hasten his death) as he did the two thieves crucified with Him.

Joseph of Aramathea, and those involved in placing the body in the tomb, did not doubt that Jesus was dead. If they did, they would not have prepared him for burial, they would have sought medical help.

B) Jesus was buried.

Our witnesses testify to the following facts. Jesus was anointed with various burial spices, put in burial wrappings, and laid in a cave like tomb. The entrance to the tomb was blocked by a large stone rolled in place. The stone was then fixed with a seal and a group of soldiers were set to guard the tomb. The soldiers were insurance against anyone moving the stone; the seal, insurance against the soldiers entering the tomb.

C. The tomb is open. The body of Jesus is gone!

On Sunday morning the tomb was empty. The stone was rolled away and the seal broken. No one could be found to argue against these points. The tomb was open - the body of Jesus was gone. The tomb was not empty, however. Left inside the tomb were the grave clothes. This is an interesting piece of evidence. If Jesus was not dead when taken off the cross and only appeared to be dead, could He manage to revive in a cold, dark, damp tomb? Would He have had the strength to remove His wrappings? If He did have the strength, why bother to do it? He had no clothes and His body was lacerated from head to foot. How would a man beaten almost to death, then nailed to a cross, thrust through with a spear, move a huge stone (weighing perhaps two tons) and then sneak past trained soldiers? It takes more faith to believe that than it does to believe that the Almighty could raise Jesus from the dead.

The grave clothes are proof of the resurrection in another way. Who would steal the body and leave the wrappings? Why bother to waste time unwrapping the body? The disciples saw the grave clothes as a testimony to the resurrection. They were in the tomb, Jesus was not. He simply, in His resurrected body, passed through the grave clothes as easily as He passed through walls. And what about the guards? Did they sleep at the risk of their own lives? And if they did sleep, how could they testify about what happened while they slept?

This then is the disciples' testimony. Jesus died, was buried and on the third day rose from the dead.

What Happened to the Body of Jesus?

We have only five options open to us.

- The Disciples stole the body.
- The Jews stole the body.
- The Romans stole the body.

- Jesus escaped.
- Jesus was resurrected.

Let us examine these options:

- 1. The disciples had no motive for stealing the body. Why would they steal it, and then proclaim at the risk of life, limb and liberty, that He had risen from the dead? Why would they die for a lie that they themselves had fabricated? Obviously they would not. They themselves gained nothing except pain, suffering and ultimately martyrdom for the message preached.
- The Jewish authorities had no motives to move the body; they would only want to produce the corpse. This would have ended any 'resurrection' preaching. But since no corpse had been discovered, or could be, all that could be done was to start a rumor that the disciples stole the body.
- 3. The Romans also had no motive. Why would they steal it? Why would they crucify Him and then steal His body? For what possible reason? To confuse the disciples? To agitate the Jews? They would rather Jesus stay dead and cause no more trouble.
- 4. Some say Jesus did not die on the cross but that He merely 'swooned' into a state that appeared like death. He then recovered in the tomb and escaped. We covered this possibility in the previous section and saw that it was impossible.
- 5. After considering all of the above FACTS, we have come to the inevitable conclusion that what turned the disciples from fearful cowards into fearless apostles was nothing less than an encounter with the resurrected Messiah Himself. The apostles testify that this is precisely what happened. That these men were radically transformed is evidenced by their impact on the First Century world. Their influence, through the pages of the New Testament, is still felt today. They began to preach their message right in Jerusalem where the crucifixion took place, not in some far away city where no one had ever heard of Jesus. They were now bold as to preach right in the faces of those who threatened them with punishment and death, those who earlier caused them to cower in fear.

No one could produce a corpse because there was no corpse to produce. Jesus was alive from the dead and the disciples knew it. They had good news to tell everyone and began to do just that.

What Can The Resurrection Mean To Me?

The good news of the resurrection is simply this: God, the creator, loves each one of us dearly. He wants to share all of His vast creation with us. He wants to share His life, His heart, His wealth and more importantly His love with us. But He could not because our sins separated us from Him, so in order to bridge the gap created by sin, God devised a plan, in which His son, who never sinned, would take the punishment due us for our sins. (Read Isaiah Chapter 53.) God could now say to everyone who believes in Jesus and receives Him as Lord and Savior (i.e., the one who saves them from sin) that He no longer rejects them because of their sins but now accepts them because they have the one who takes their sins away. Now God's love can be expressed to us personally. We can receive the inheritance that God wants to give us. We can begin to experience heaven on earth.

Wouldn't you like to enter into a personal love relationship with God? Wouldn't you like to enter your spiritual inheritance? It's easy to do, God never makes things difficult. Just be willing to repent, that is, turn away from any known sins, things you know are wrong or are contrary to what the Bible teaches, and open your heart to pray the following prayer.

"Heavenly Father, I thank you that you love me and sent your son Jesus to die on the cross, and shed his blood as payment for my sins. I believe that Jesus did actually rise from the dead and is now alive! Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins, and rising again. I open my heart to you and ask you to come into my heart, come into my life and become my Lord and Savior. Fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I will have the ability and the power to follow you, obey your voice, and your written word, the Bible. In Jesus Name, Amen"

If you pray this prayer sincerely, Jesus will come into your life by the power of the Holy Spirit. You will begin to experience His life, His love, His joy and His peace. He will lead you to a Church where there are authentic and sincere believers who can help you grow in the Lord. Get a Bible and read a portion of it every day. The Bible is an amazing book, it has the ability to feed your spirit and build your faith. Pray every day, tell the Lord in your own words about the things going on in your life. Watch God answer your prayers.

If you are sincere with God, He will be sincere with you and will manifest Himself to you.

'He is not here, but is risen!' Luke 24:6



Pictured above the Garden Tomb, Jerusalem one of the sites many believed to be the site of Jesus' burial

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In Focus

PASTOR PAUL SCANLON

Snr Pastor & Founder - ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES

Pastor Paul Scanlon is Founder & Senior Pastor of Abundant Life Church, Bradford. Within the last year the vision has expanded to Belfast with another satellite church in Leeds

3-in-1 The Voice posed some questions for Pastor Scanlon and the phenomenal growth and outreach that Abundant Life Ministries is accomplishing...

- Q Firstly thank you so much for taking time out to answer some of our questions Paul. You have alongside your wife not only founded Abundant Life Church 3o years ago, but you have been in a leadership role for over the past 20 years as senior pastor. I noticed that you have a Leadership Academy how important do you see Abundant Life Church playing a role in equipping leaders of the future?
- A Without leaders both the world and the church has no future. Equipping and raising leaders is amongst our top priorities of course. We are not just looking for church leaders, but leaders for all walks of life.
- Q Abundant Life Church has had a remarkable period of growth in the last few years, in fact we now have a 'branch' in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Do you see this vision expanding to other parts of the UK or even further afield?
- A If by what that you mean starting churches in other cities then no that's not something I think we should be doing. A vision can have influence far beyond its place of origin without having to have a church there. Our vision is not to raise up churches, but big thinking leaders and people, many of whom will no doubt start new churches and strengthen existing ones. I have no need or desire to franchise our church or govern other churches, to just have an opportunity to positively influence other churches around the world is enough.

Q Many do not agree with women being involved in church leadership – what is your viewpoint on this controversial subject?

It's not controversial from God's perspective, it's a no brainer. Women have always been in leadership, they just haven't always been recognized or allowed to have





a title or position. If leadership is essentially influence then there's probably far more women in leadership already than we realize. We are certainly a better church because of the women's leadership amongst us. A male dominated church is just as imbalanced as a female dominated one, we need both.

Q Abundant Life Church has a wonderful worship team – how important is praise and worship in the life of the believer?

Thank you for saying that about our worship team. Worship is our essence so of course it's vital to our well-being. To me worship is a way of life, it's not just something we do in meetings. Worship is an adoration of the heart with thousands of expressions, many of them invisible and un-recorded by people, but not by God. We can't measure our church worship by how responsive people are physically in a 20 minute worship time. To me our worship of God is just as much expressed in our love for each other, and especially for the poor.

Q Do you believe that the Church has a responsibility to outreach in a practical manner?

I don't think outreach can be anything other than practical. For years our church lived in virtual reality outreach. We sang about it, prayed about it, cried about it and prophesied about it, but no one was been reached. When our outreach became practical all hell broke loose in the church, because we'd dropped the virtual bit and entered reality. The reality is that reaching people is exhausting, inconvenient and expensive. Our church has now fully embraced that



reality and there's nothing virtual about the results in people's lives. We have seen some incredible things happen!

Q People all across Britain are losing their jobs

and homes at a phenomenal rate, do you believe that people are so caught up in their problems that they haven't the desire to hear the good news or are you finding the opposite to be true?

I think that when people go through tough times they do what they know. It was said that following 9/11 millions of Americans flocked to churches in America. That wasn't true in the UK or Europe because that's not part of our culture. It's our job to make our message more relevant and more accessible to our country. It will take us generations to re-establish the importance of the church in people's minds; only then will people also consider the option of turning to God and his church in a time of crisis.

Q Finally what is the scripture that means the most to you and why?

I suppose the scripture that means the most to me is the one that's either helping me or someone else today. My relationship with scripture is very practical. God is bigger than the bible, the bible is paper, and He is the person behind the paper. I have a relationship with the person and am so grateful for his word to us, but I never want to get the two mixed up. The Pharisees loved the paper, but didn't know the person; it's taken me years to understand the difference.

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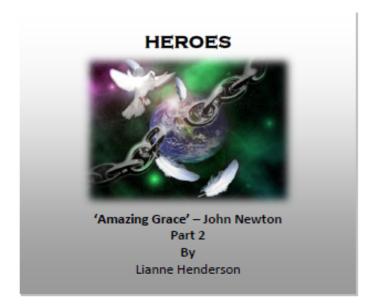
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On March 10th a violent storm engulfed "The Greyhound". The storm was violent in all levels to the point that the ship went plunging up and into the trough of the sea. Few on board expected her to come up again. The hold was filing rapidly in water. As Newton hurried to his place at the pumps he said to the captain "if this will not do, the Lord have mercy on us!" his own words started him "Mercy" he said to himself in astonishment, "Mercy! mercy! What mercy can there be for me? This was the first I had breathed for mercy for many years!". About six in the morning John Newton's cry for help was answered the hold was free from water, and then came a gleam of hope for Newton.

"I thought I saw the hand of God displayed in our favour. I began to pray. I could not utter the prayer of faith. I could not draw near to a reconciled God and call him Father. My prayer for mercy was like the cry of the ravens, which yet the Lord does not disdain to hear."

Later in his cabin he reflected on what he had said and began to believe that God had addressed him through the storm and that grace had begun to work for him. On his way on home to London he began to read everything he knew about Christianity and the bible.

After March the 10th John gave up on drinking, gambling and even swearing. For the rest of his life he would mark March 10th as the day of his conversion a day of humiliation in which he subjected his will to a higher power. He continued in the slave trade for a time after his conversion; however he began to treat the slaves under his care humanely. John Newton renounced slave-trading activities and seafaring in 1754 after suffering a severe stroke but continues to invest his saving his Majesty's slaving operations.

ANGLICAN PRIEST

In 1750 he married Mary Catlett with whom he was in love with for many years after a serious illness he had given up seafaring forever. During his days as a sailor he had educated himself, teaching himself Latin, among other subjects. From 1755-60 John Newton was a surveyor of the tides at Liverpool, where he came to know George Whitefield, deacon of the Church of England, evangelistic preacher and leader of the Calvinistic Methodist Church. Newton therefore became Whitefield's enthusiastic disciple. During this time Newton met and came to admire John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Newton's self-education continued and he learned Greek and Hebrew.

After mixing himself with such influential people John Newton decided to become a minister and applied to the Archbishop of York for ordination. The Archbishop refused his request but Newton persisted until he was ordained by the Bishop of Lincoln and accepted the curacy of Olney, Buckinghamshire. Newton's church became so big during the services that it had to be enlarged. He preached not only in Olney but in other parts of the country. In 1767 poet William Cowper settled in Olney and became friends with Newton.

COWPER AND NEWTON

Cowper began to help Newton with his religious services and on his tours to other places. They not only held regular weekly church services but also began a series of weekly prayer meeting. They had a goal to write a new hymn for each one. They collaborated and created several editions of *Olney Hymns*, which achieved lasting popularity. The first edition, published in 1779, contained 68 pieces by Cowper and 280 by Newton.

Among Newton's contributions to the Olney Hymns were the songs still sung today "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" and "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" and his most famous of all "Amazing Grace".

Newton was not only a prolific hymn writer but also kept extensive journals and wrote many letters speaking about the eighteenth century slave trade. In 1780 Newton left Olney to become rector of St Mary Woolnoth, St. Macy Woolchurch in London. While there he drew large congregations and influenced many, among the many were William Wilberforce, a man who would one day become leader in the campaign for the abolition of slavery. Newton continued to preach until his last year of life even when he was blind at the time. He died in London December 21 1807.

'Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.'



Guest Writer - Mrs Valerie Kennedy

The Preacher

The preacher called with me today, My wish was Lord, please let him stay To educate me of Your love That You send down from heaven above

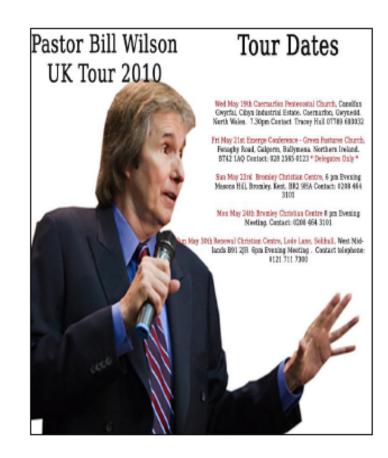
This caring man explained to me That he had frail aged folk to see I told him that I understood Perhaps some dying with lack of food

We ne'er think Lord we'll reach that stage The sad time if You grant old age Please tell all sinners here below To love each other – friend and foe

So thank you for our daily bread It makes us thrive, when we're well fed The rich man's happy with great wealth Too late to share if ere bad health

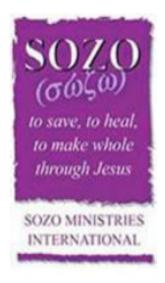
Please God, I beg you, in my prayer To drive out hate – show love and care You suffered Jesus Christ for us 'Tis time o'er You we make a fuss!!

Mrs Valerie Kennedy ©2010



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NAME: JAMES HARPER
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NATIONALITY: British

Why FULL-TIME MINISTRY? I had worked in my local church in the youth department. I decided to do the internship in New York City and after much thought we decided to come back.

INTERESTS: Sports, Music, Learning new skills

PRAYER Requests: That our team may prosper for God and that my sidewalk site may continue to grow. For health & energy.



Aftermath: The devastation of New York on 9/11

We need your help in keeping this dedicated staff, running with patience, the race that has been set before them. We are looking for people who perhaps are unable to go and work in another country, but would be willing to "Run With One" and commit in prayer and monthly financial sponsorship of £15, £25, £50 £100 or more and help keep one missionary running to the ghetto's of New York City to rescue these children from a life of drugs, gangs, prostitution and poverty. You will receive regular feedback from the missionary you sponsor and by partnering with them become a vital part of this ministry.

During 9/11, the news showed that while everyone else was running out of the towers, the fire-fighters were running....to rescue, to support and to do whatever it took to save a life.

We need individuals who are willing to do whatever it takes to help us keep these missionary staff members on the field running towards the danger to help save one more child. Will you be one of those who will stand in the gap with us?





Pastor Bill preaches message from 2 Chapter 11 about where Athaliah the Grandmother of the royal seed began killing off her own grandchildren when her son who was on the throne died, so that she could take the throne for herself Jehosheba the priest's wife ran and rescued Joash from among the king's

sons and hid him (out of the grasp of Athaliah and brought him up in the house of the Lord!).

'Today our staff members are like modern Jehosheba's, running toward the danger to rescue one of God's royal children who have been bought with the precious blood of Christ out of Satan's grasp and bring them up in the ways of the Lord. Just as Jehosheba risked her own life to rescue Joash, our staff daily put their lives at risk to rescue one more child out of this war zone.



NAME: RUTH HENDERSON

DEPT: Media / Video Department DATE JOINED: 19 Feb 2009 AGE: 31 DOB: 11 September

1978

NATIONALITY: British

WHY FULL-TIME MINISTRY: I worked in television for a couple of years and felt God calling me to do something more life-

changing, helping young people.

INTERESTS: Films, music, tennis, basketball and walking

PRAYER REQUESTS: To always appreciate what God has given me in this new venture. To do my work well and honour God. To develop my relationship with the children and families on my route.

We have had staff that have been beaten, gang raped, robbed, falsely accused and have had one of our assistant Pastor's murdered behind the church building.

One of our staff was first on the scene when visiting children on his Sunday School route, whose mother had just been murdered. The kids were screaming, they were in the house when it happened and our staff member who was just an intern, went in to find the mother dead on the bed, her throat and stomach had been slashed she was 8 months pregnant.



NAME: FIONA REID

DEPT: Sidewalk Sunday School DATE JOINED: Sept 2007 Age: 26 DOB: 04 June 1983

NATIONALITY: British

Why FULL-TIME MINISTRY? In December 2005 I wasn't a Christian but asked God to show me his purpose for my life. In February 2006, a friend told me about Metro. God confirmed this

was His purpose for me. I dedicated my life to God and now I'm here in Metro!

INTERESTS: Reading, travelling

PRAYER REQUESTS: For strength, health and God's wisdom. Favour on my site and amongst the families and kids.

I could tell you story after story of dangerous encounters our staff have faced and face on a daily basis. They need your prayers and they need someone to run alongside them and say "I believe in you and what you are doing and I will help to keep you out on the field rescuing these kids form the grip of Satan."

When people are dying all around, as in 9/11, there is an urgency to do something, to help to save lives. Will you help us respond to the urgency of the hour as multitudes are dying around us with no hope, unless we take the message of the gospel to them?

"Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.' Mark 10 v 29/30.



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A Voice in the Wilderness

STEVE NORMAN

UK Director Ratanak

VOICE OF THE CHILD

"The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the alien, denying them justice. I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none." Ezekiel 22:29 & 30 (NIV)

Overview:

The response of the Ratanak Foundation to the sexual exploitation of children focuses in three main areas. Prevention of child trafficking, Protection and rehabilitation of younger children rescued from the brothels throughout Cambodia and life skills training and mentoring for older girls trying to transition from the brothels to normal society. All our programs emphasise wholeness, physically, emotionally and spiritually in the lives of the children we serve.

Context:

The Khmer Rouge revolution and subsequent Vietnamese invasion of the 1970"s and 80"s left Cambodian society in tatters. There were few social, family and moral structures left standing and along with this vacuum came profound poverty. Under these circumstances, desperate parents, unable to feed their children will sometimes sell one child and use the money to care for the rest. In a culture already numbed by violence and with no real legal system in place, such children are unprotected and subject to terrible abuse and over time, this sad situation has become accepted by society. An environment where children are bought and sold, where no limits are placed on the degree of abuse and where few legal restraints exist will attract and encourage the very worst forms of human behaviour. While the moral vacuum and poverty represent major factors in contributing to child sex trafficking in Cambodia, sadly there is also a great demand for sex. This, linked to the most dangerous cause of greed, ensures no-one is going to let go of that kind of profit, unless someone takes it from them.

Child Sex Slaves... 3 words that do not belong in the same sentence and yet this unthinkable and horrible travesty not only exists but it is thriving and growing. Today, there are over 1 million children who forcibly enter the sex trade each year – 2 every second of every day. In Cambodia, girls may be sold into sex slavery as young as five ...the "old" girls are 11-13 years old. Torture and violence are a girl"s daily companions. She will be raped 6 to 10 times a day – 50 to 60 times during a weekend – by adult males who travel from all over the world to humiliate her... all this for as little as \$2 per time.

The men will take photos and videos of her terror so they can re-live the moment over and over again – openly distributing this material to impress their "friends". But this girl"s story remains untold. Her voice is silenced by the fear, shame and guilt that she is forced to endure. Her body is desecrated by the multitude of sexually transmitted diseases it is forced to host. She is hopeless, helpless, has no passport or papers, no identity. She has become what they want her to be – a product – a sexual commodity. If she doesn"t "perform" or tries to escape she is brutally beaten – sometimes to death – as an example to the others to "behave" and make sure the "customer is satisfied".



Two young girls cling to each other for comfort

Heavily sedated during the day and pumped full of amphetamine by night, these children are held prisoner with threats and violence. Beatings are common and considered to be all part of the "training".

The use of electric shocks serves as a common form of punishment. In more recent years, the AIDS epidemic has added to the disaster. Children are now left orphaned and are sold by neighbours, friends, police officers and distant family members. Those seeking "safe sex" pursue younger and younger girls who are felt to be less diseased. Cambodian folklore teaches that an AIDS infected man can be cured by having sex with a young, "clean" virgin.

The implications of such thinking are absolutely devastating. The situation is now well known world wide and so scores of international paedophiles fly into Cambodia every week to wreak their havoc and add to the suffering of these innocents. Brothels are now commonplace, young women and girls as young as five years of age are held captive to be abused on a

daily basis. Many corrupt police and officials turn a blind eye and indeed are often paid by the brothels for providing protection.

Slowly but surely, inroads are being made to rescue children from the brothels, with skilled Christian organisations leading this very dangerous work. But it has become clear that one of the biggest problems resulting from such rescues is what to do with the rescued kids. It can take 5 minutes to rescue a child. from the brothel - but it can take up to 5 years to rehabilitate them. These girls remain a very valuable product to the pimps and brothel owners and they will take extreme measures to get them back, including threats, intimidation, violence and murder. There are no social services to plug the girls into; many do not remember their families and some of those that do. know that if returned they may be resold. They are traumatised, physically injured, disoriented and sadly, many feel totally dependent on, and have become "bonded" with, those pimps that have so brutally abused them. Some have been sold across the border from Vietnam and so are considered stateless.



Steve Norman pictured with two children at risk

Such children have no concept of compassion, trust, belonging or identity. What does one do with such children? What are the long term consequences for these children? What hope do they have to live to adulthood?

Yet it is into this darkness that God is calling His people through the words from Isaiah 61:1-4 to be His light by entering into the battle against oppression, to bind up the broken hearted, to release these prisoners from the dungeons of sex trafficking, to set these captives free; to bestow on them His crown of beauty instead of ashes, to replace their spirit of despair with His garments of praise, to pour His oil of joy upon their crushed hearts so that they can become oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour.

What will be our response...? Will we simply turn and walk away or will we be a people who will heed the call of God and stand in the gap for the children of Cambodia?

After Drug trafficking, the trafficking of human beings is now ranks alongside arms trafficking as the second most profitable crime in the world raking in a staggering \$32 billion dollars a year. How can this be? A drug dealer can sell a little bag of drugs on the street just once. An arms dealer can sell a hand gun on the

street just once. A trafficker can sell a child 5, 10, 15, 20 times a day; day after day after day.

Irish orator, politician and philosopher Edmund Burke (1729 – 1797) is recorded as saying, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that enough good men do nothing."

What will YOU choose to do?

Does all this sound overwhelming? It is absolutely not for Christ – "For nothing is impossible for God" (Luke 1:37)

Steve Norman is available to talk in your church/organisation please contact him below at the UK address thank you. If you would like to make a donation please do so at the appropriate office and may God Bless you...

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The Grapevine



Sylvia Reeve

I'm not giving up! Part 2

A true event from my childhood

We would promise, but it would be short lived; our young minds didn't hold on to the 'mundane' things when we were enjoying themselves. On that day however, I had mixed feelings. Dennis didn't have many friends and I felt sorry that he had to go and find his own enjoyment. Should I-we-go with him? I struggled, knowing if I said I would go with him, the others would probably follow. Did I want them to get into trouble if we were found out? Not really, but then I didn't want to get in trouble either and it was a much bigger misdemeanour which would result in more than a telling off. I could see myself being grounded, not allowed out to play until I 'leamed my lesson'. So we watched as the dejected but stubborn figure of Dennis walked slowly away.

"Bye Dennis." I shouted.

"Bye Dennis." The others shouted. "See ya."

Dennis didn't stop or turn round; he didn't even raise his hand as a gesture he'd heard. I wanted to run after him and tell him not to go. But I was afraid; afraid he would rebuff me because I was embarrassing him. Girls don't, or didn't do that kind of thing when their friends were about. Girls were cissies, in his eyes anyway; so I sat down again and acted as if nothing had happened. All day I had this funny feeling, but couldn't say what or why. The next morning as usual four intrepid train spotters set off, each of us having been warned by our parents not to get too near those smelly steam trains, knowing their words fell on deaf ears. Dennis, who didn't live in our street, usually met us on the bridge, but that morning he wasn't there when we arrived. We waited but by the time the first train was due he still hadn't turned up. In fact he never did turn up that day and I had an awful feeling that somehow we had let him down. Perhaps he was 'paying us back' for

not going with him. But I wasn't sure that was his way of doing things. We wondered whether to go to his house, but that might have annoyed him too. By the end of the day, having been to our respective homes for lunch, Dennis had not put in an appearance.

"Perhaps he'll turn up tomorrow." Terence said hopefully. I don't think he liked being the only boy in the group.

"Well if he does he can jolly well go away again." Norma said spitefully.

"That's not very nice Norma; he might have been poorly and couldn't come." Jackie ever the peacemaker told her.

"Well let's wait and see if he comes, then he can tell us what happened." I still tried to stick up for Dennis, I had experience of feeling unwanted myself at times. I asked my mum if she knew whether Dennis was ill. She looked at me with a, 'you aren't supposed to play with him.' expression.

"I don't know." Was all she would say; no reprimand; no 'what have I told you.' Just a look I could not read.

It was two days later that our parents told us that the police divers had recovered Dennis's body from the gravel pit pool. It was the first time since my granddad had died some four years before, that someone I knew and cared about, even though just a friend, had died. Poor Dennis; we really had let him down; maybe even contributed to his death by our refusing to go along with him. But when I poured out my guilty grief to my grandma, she said that we were all in charge of our own destiny; that it wasn't for one child to feel responsible for another child's actions. That was a parent's job. I still felt somehow I should have done more. What I did do, was promised myself that I would never be as stubborn as Dennis, just to save face!

My husband tells me now that I am not so much stubborn, but 'patiently persistent', especially when I have a problem with my computer. I sit for hours trying to solve it, (often having to resort to a 'HELP' text to my son.)

What a good job God never gives up. He could be called stubborn, unrelenting and persistent; yet He affords us unconditional freedom of choice. Make your choice honourable to Him, as we remember this Easter time how He suffered unconditionally; and give praises that He Is Risen. Hallelujah!

God bless Sylvia



Melanie Henderson

The late Dr. S. M. Lockeridge, a pastor from San Diego, California said these words in a sermon in Detroit in 1976 – the following is an excerpt of his sermon to hear this version <u>click here</u>

My King was born King. He is the King of the Jews He's the king of Israel He's the king of righteousness

He's the King of the Ages

He's the King of Heaven

He's the King of Glory

He's the King of Glory

He's the King of Kings

He's the Lord of Lords

My King is a sovereign King

No one can measure the power of His love

He's enduringly strong

He's entirely sincere

He's eternally steadfast

He's immortally graceful

He's imperially powerful

He's impartially merciful

He's the greatest phenomenon that has ever crossed

the horizon of this World

He's God's Son

He's a sinner's saviour

He's the centrepiece of civilization

He's the loftiest idea in literature

He's the highest personality in philosophy -

He's the fundamental doctrine of true theology

He's the only one qualified to be an all true Saviour

He gives strength for the weak

He rescues the tempted and the tried

He sympathises and He saves

He strengthens and sustains

He guards and He guides

He heals the sick

He cleanses the Lepers

He forgives sinners

He discharged debtors

He delivers the captive

He defends the feeble

He blesses the young

He serves the unfortunate

He regards the aged

He rewards the diligent

He beautifies the meagre –

He's the key to knowledge

He's the wellspring of wisdom -

He's the doorway for deliverance

He's the pathway to peace

He's the roadway of righteousness -

He's the highway of holiness

He's the gateway of glory

His life is matchless

His goodness is limitless –

His mercy is everlasting

His love never changes

His Word is enough -

His grace is sufficient

His reign is righteousness

His yoke is easy

His burden is light

He's indescribable

He's incomprehensible

He's indestructible

He's invincible

He's irresistible

You can't get Him out of your head

You can't get Him out of your mind

You can't get Him off your hand -

You can't outlive Him

You can't live without Him

The Pharisees couldn't stand Him

They found out they couldn't stop Him

Pilot couldn't find any fault in Him

Herod couldn't kill Him

Death couldn't handle Him

The grave couldn't hold Him

That's My King!!!!!



The Word of God May



1st He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. Deut 32:4

2nd It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. Psalm 18:32

3rd Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. 1 Chron 16:23

4th The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. Psalm 37:39

5th Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. 1 Chronicles 16:11

6th Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. Psalm 34:5

7th For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:40

8th See that you do not look down on one of these little ones.

For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. Matthew 18:10

9th For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

10th I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24

11th But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life. Luke 21:18-19

12th David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, 2 Samuel 6:14

13th The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. Psalm 19:9

14th The LORD detests the thoughts of the wicked, but those of the pure are pleasing to him. Proverbs 15:26

15th when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Proverbs 3:24

16th Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24

17th The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. John 1:5

18th Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. Lam 3:32

19th You will be protected from the lash of the tongue, and need not fear when destruction comes. **Job 5:21**

20th But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thess 3:3

21st Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 97:10

22rd And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. 'Matthew 6:13

23st Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Matthew 5:37

24th Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

25th As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. **2 Samuel** 22:31

26th Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:24

27th And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. Romans 1:6

28th Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

29th By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:8

30th Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness. Proverbs 14:22

31st Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Eph 6:13

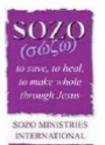
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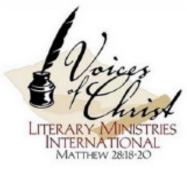












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