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IN FOCUS

Featuring BOB HEATH Author & Founder of
Kids for Christ USA

- New series by David Chenoweth – 'Facing Life's Challenges'
- Two new regular contributors join the 3-in-1 The Voice team
- More updates from Ratanak with Steve Norman and Dr Howard Morgan helps to understand Hebraic Heart of Leadership...Plus much more from our anointed writers and artists...



WELCOME!

It is May and Issue 23 is out now available to download or view for FREE online! It has been a month of an historic Royal Wedding, which gave everyone something to celebrate! This month we have a very special IN FOCUS with Bob Heath. Bob lives and works in the USA and is Founder of Kids for Christ USA as well as a published author. Kfcusa charity is putting the Holy Bible back into schools in the USA. Bob tells us about the work and the expansion of it and how you could get involved where you live.

In Pilgrim's Progress we will publish, a new series called 'Facing Life's Challenges' by Dave Chenoweth, this teaching can also be found online at Walking in the Light Ministries (UK).

Finally we are delighted to introduce Betsy Natale (USA) who will regularly contribute her poems to our issues in the future and we hope that you will receive the anointing that these poems bring...thank you all for your words of encouragement and continued support as 3-in-1 The Voice continues to grow bearing much fruit and reaching over 84+ nations...

Melanie Henderson – Editor

In addition, remember:

"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you.....Do not be afraid....." Deut 31:8 (NJV)

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Pilgrim's Progress

David Chenoweth
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Failure?

By David Chenoweth

1 Peter 1:6 & 7

He was only a tailor and she was the daughter of an upstanding person in the community. No one thought they ought to marry especially her father. 'What gives you the right to marry my daughter?' He enquired after much deliberation, hesitation combined with fear he struggled with the words eventually knowing that if he didn't say something he would have missed his one and only chance to impress this mine and the chance to marry his one true love would have passed. Could he pass the test? Could he stand strong and be brave in the face of adversity

- 'WELL?' boomed her father
- 'Because, because...' he stuttered
'Even a poor tailor is entitled to some happiness!'

We have all watched it and I recall this scene above all others has stuck in my mind since childhood. In 'Fiddler on the Roof' - the father gave in after this, recognising the truth and that this young 'poor' tailor maybe wasn't so poor and could make his daughter happy after all...

In the kingdom of God wealth is not measured as in the world, the treasures in heaven are not measured by your intelligence, your status in society, how many houses or cars or apartments you own or

don't own. Things are not right here, and won't be right until the return of the Christ. Sanctification is a necessary and painful process, but one that brings us into a unique place and one of not just understanding the Cross and the sacrifice that was made on it for all of mankind by our saviour Jesus but an experience that enables us to meet with Him in a tangible and extraordinary supernatural way, establishing a place where we can be at one with each other and with our Lord completing the fellowship.

'There is no failure, just different levels of success in Christ...'

Dave Chenoweth
Walking in the Light Ministries (UK)

This Easter as we reflect on that very sacrifice made by Jesus, are you prepared to suffer for The Christ? Are you prepared for the preparation? Are you ready and willing do get close to Jesus and understand this - that whatever you are going through right now, in His eyes you are not failure, you are still part of the process, you are a success – determined by the fact that God works everything, good and bad things to the good for you,

'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.' Romans 8:28

Note this – 'called according to His purpose' don't miss that very important part – most people stop at the 'love God' bit but it is the later part of the sentence that tells us that we are called according to His purpose and that means we must be prepared to go through the process of sanctification and become pure – refined by His fire...as Oswald said if God put His own Son through this what makes you think He won't put you through it!

Both Karin and myself have been through this as individuals and on our journey together as a couple we know we will experience this also; however, that is the difference - we know this, we are prepared, and neither of us would have it any other way...this Easter remember you are never a failure no matter where you are in your life i.e. what part of the process you are in - 'when things are good, it's good and when things get 'bad', it's good' – it's all good! Have a blessed Easter and be strong.

In Jesus

Dave

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Introducing...

Betsy Natale



I live in Fayetteville, North Carolina but was raised in White Oak, NC. I grew up in a wonderful family that attended Church regularly but it wasn't until 1972 that I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Personal Savior. I am blessed to have a wonderful Husband that loves and serves the Lord, I am the Mother of 2 wonderful Sons and a Beautiful Daughter and 4 precious Grandchildren. I had always loved poetry but it wasn't until Autumn of 2004 that the Lord spoke to my heart and I began a Beautiful journey that has enabled me to put my heart on paper and share with the rest of the world. My prayer is that the ministry that the Lord has given me through poetry will touch hearts and lives, leading them to a deeper love for the one that took their place on Calvary, The Lord Jesus Christ.

"Poems are words of the heart and expressions of the soul, If you feel hopeless and helpless in your walk with God, If you feel your failures are beyond forgiveness and you need the strength and encouragement to press on, you are not alone...In my collection "Poems from the Heart of a Sinner, Saved by Grace" I strive to reach the hurting with understanding, hope and encouragement that only a Merciful God can offer. Through many failures and heartaches, I have come to understand that "It's only through the heartache and only through the pain that we bow our heads in sorrow and call upon His name"

I thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who blessed me by using this broken vessel to Honor Him and bring hope to the hurting. I thank Him for holding my hand throughout the process of writing what He lays on my heart....and my prayer is that the years ahead will outshine the wasted ones and bring Honor and Glory to God's Beloved Son.....



Messianic Moment

By
Dr Howard Morgan

The Hebraic Heart of Leadership

Part 1

The more we discover the true Hebraic nature of the Christian faith, the more we will be challenged to live according to the Scriptures. It is in those pages that we find the revelation of the Kingdom of God and God's invitation for everyone to enter into a personal relationship with the King and partake of the riches of His Kingdom. It is also here that we find the process by which the King trains, i.e. disciples, those who respond to this invitation. Only those who are discipled can be partakers of the riches of the Kingdom. Those who refuse this training never experience the reality of the Kingdom of God in their lives. Central to this process of discipleship is the renewal of our minds and the reformation of our hearts. God teaches us how to think and feel as He does. In this way, he determines whether He can depend on us to respond just like Him, in word, thought and deed, as he entrusts us with more and more authority in His Kingdom. It is this process of learning to emulate God and be entrusted to oversee his kingdom that is at the heart of the Hebraic nature of our faith. The Hebraic faith revealed to us in the pages of Scripture centres on this theme. It is very different than all the other religions of the world. They are centered on manipulating the deity to serve the purposes of "self." The Hebraic heart is centered on personal transformation into the image of the Messiah and entrustment with greater responsibility in God's Kingdom.

The pages of Scripture paint a picture for us of our King and His kingdom. They show us who he really is, and who we really are. They teach us the way to grow in relationship to him, to others, and even to ourselves. They reveal to us how the King wants His Kingdom to be administrated on the earth. Of central importance to that administration is the quality of its administrators, or using a more familiar Biblical term, its stewards. A steward is someone who is entrusted with responsibility and authority to care for another's possessions. A leader in the Kingdom of God is simply a steward of that which has been entrusted to him by the King. If leaders in the Kingdom are not properly trained, motivated and equipped, then the work of the Kingdom will be seriously compromised and its effectiveness greatly hindered. Leaders in this Kingdom are constantly being instructed and adjusted by the King to have a heart that reflects His own. As we seek the restoration of the Hebraic roots of our faith, we experience more and more impartation of these dynamics by the Holy Spirit. He is trying to give us a Hebraic heart, the heart of a servant who leads, and a leader who serves.

As we study the history of Christianity, we can clearly see how those who were leaders in the church became compromised in various aspects of their leadership qualities. History testifies to how those compromises produced much ungodly fruit. Instead of building the Kingdom of God, compromised leaders built what I call the "empire of self." Instead of surrendering all personal rights, goals, and desires to the authority of the King and then allowing His interests to rule in their hearts, they allowed "self" and its interests to become the controlling influence of their lives. Deceived by the subtleties of "self," they stopped being inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit. As this deception deepened, the compromised leaders began to do things that protected their own "empires." People, money, and doctrines were manipulated and controlled so that they served the interests of the "emperor" of each "empire," rather than the purposes of the King of Kings.

The tragic result of this deception was the departure from our original Hebraic faith and the creation of a new non-Biblical religion that has generally taken on the title "Christianity." If we are honest, we can see that much of what has been historically called Christianity was, in fact, the formulation of a religion that was not based on the Bible and did not build the Kingdom of God. As you study church history, you will see how "self" interest, though disguised in high-sounding religious language, was at the heart of so many decisions that bore ungodly fruit. The Biblical goal of making disciples (i.e. doing everything necessary to equip and perfect the believers) was completely eradicated by leaders who wanted to build their own empires. The deception was so insidious that this was all done in the name of Jesus and under the supposed authority of the Kingdom of God.

As the church was increasingly removed from her Jewish roots, she grew further and further from the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom was replaced by the "empire of self" that increasingly grew into a political/military force. Using the power of the sword and the threat of eternal damnation, she subjugated individuals and nations, demanding their allegiance to her religious establishment. The Biblical picture of a spiritually empowering, organically relating community of believers that was lovingly ministering to and equipping people to fulfil their calling was virtually unheard of, and when heard of, was persecuted. People were brought into an ecclesiastical system that did not create or nourish a personal relationship with God, or spiritually empower them. Nor did it want to. Its leaders sought to control and manipulate the people so that they themselves could remain in positions of authority and power. They were spiritually compromised, and the fruit of that compromise was (and unfortunately still is today) people who themselves had (and still have) no real spiritual relationship with God and therefore no fruit of the Spirit in their own lives. Instead of building the Kingdom of God, they built (and are building) the "empire of self."

To be continued...



By

Robyn Brooks

The Gospels tell us in so much detail about the life death and resurrection of Christ, and at this time of year. I suppose we as a Christian community concentrate on the details of those last few days of Jesus' life more than any other time of the year but I wonder how you as the youth of the Church feel about it, is it something that means so much to us as Christian's is it just a story that you get told in church every year? Do you 'get' why it's so significant? Here's a different way of thinking about it!!

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!"

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked...

Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!"

"And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked

"Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, you don't want these people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you! You don't want those people!"

"How much?" Jesus asked again.

Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your tears, and all your blood."

Jesus said, "Done!"

Then he paid the price.

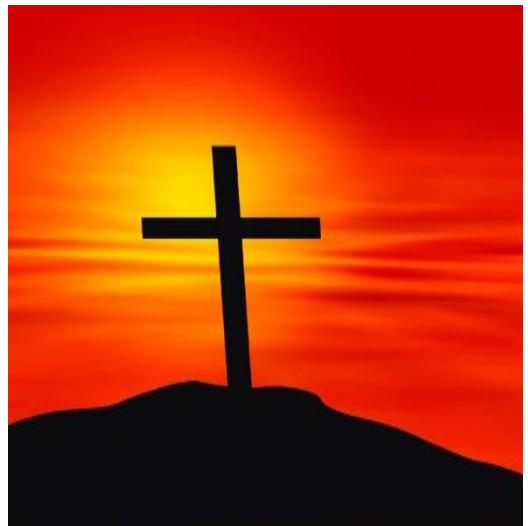
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How amazing is it that Jesus thought so much of you that he gave all his tears and all his blood to pay the price for all of your mistakes bad thoughts and wrong deeds if you remember nothing else this Easter remember that Jesus chose you so this month challenge you to live like the chosen child of God

1 Peter 2:9

However, you are a **chosen** people, **royal** priests, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession. You were **chosen** to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

I'm up for the challenge ARE YOU?



Poet's Corner

The Poetry of Jenny Grant

Abiding

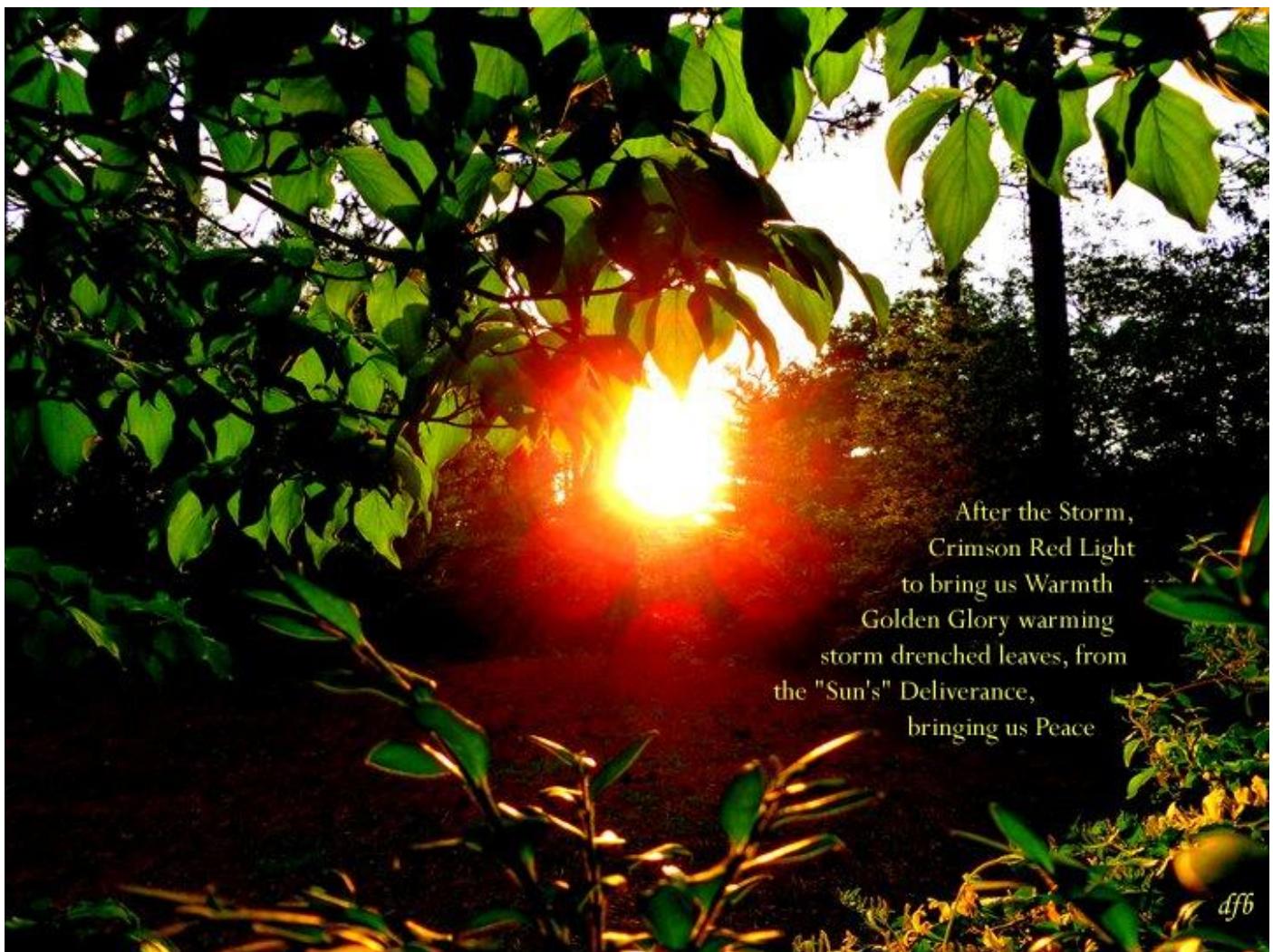
So I abide in his bosom,
The blessed assurance of his faithfulness,
Nothing less,
Lay my all at his rest,
The best of abiding,
Press my heart against his own,
Shows the son,
For his namesake,
Taking time, abiding,
His utterance of heavens beat,
Defeated evil,
He makes his home in me, holy & sacred,
Taste & see & know Gods good,
Abiding at his throne, clinging to his feet,
My eyes scouring his scriptures, daily reading his bread,
Fresh word, the manna of the moment,
Pressed against his girth, truth his strong master,
Abides his word,
Loveliness washes his feet, myrrh, frankincense,
Powers perfume, abides,
Through all time, smell his seasons,
Thinking on the above, his best persuasion,
Every occasion his Royal rustic hue,
True colours,
Growing in his ways, all of my days,
He says abide,
Trusting his finger that lingers upon my brow,
Wow the etch of his hand,
The finer points of great emotive,
Potent the essence of sweet repose, his proposal,
He's my style, my smile, my miles, he never lies,
Forever my life his valleys, green pastures,
Grazing, abiding,
Bales of beauty before, the ardour of the stallions pose,
My life a rose, exposed,
En-grafted his regalia,
He rose upon his legs, his quest, the best of poignant pursuit,
The language of diversity spoke,
His abode, abiding in his shape,
The maker of every craft, he's sharp, articulate,
At home,
Love resonates his song, perfect sound, resounding, all day long,
I belong abiding in his hold,
He's bold, the shadow of perfect light, his flight,
Makes me new, loyalties view, true,

Betsy Natale - Anointed Words

I WAS THE ONE

I was not fit for Heaven above
I did not deserve the love that He showed
I did not deserve mercy or grace,
I could not look Him in the face.
For if I did I knew I would see,
That the one who nailed Him there was me.
How could I endure that pain?
How could I bear that shame?
There He died alone on a tree,
between two sinners and one was me.
I was the one that nailed Him there
I was the one that did not care.
I was the one that did not believe,
I was one.....one of the thieves.
I watched Him as He stood that day,
I watched as His skin was ripped away...
I was the one that did not care
I was the one that beat Him there.
I was the one that wove the crown
Of twisted thorns that pierced His brow.
I was the one that led the way
To Golgotha's tree that fateful day.
I was the one that scoffed and scorned,
However, He was the one that wore the thorns.
He was the one that bled and died.
He was the one I crucified.
But here I am at the foot of the Cross,
standing here with sinners lost,
seeing where His Blood was shed,
and a Merciful God bowed His Head.
Oh, My God, now clearly I see,
The life You gave, You gave for me.....

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After the Storm,
Crimson Red Light
to bring us Warmth
Golden Glory warming
storm drenched leaves, from
the "Sun's" Deliverance,
bringing us Peace

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The "SUN" of Righteousness will RISE with HEALING in "its" Wings~Malachi~4:2 Because of the Tender Mercy of our God, by which the Rising "SUN" will come to us from heaven ~Luke 1:78

As the Sun started to peek thru the clouds after the threatening storms had passed us today, being so thankful, without any destruction from an already devastated town from last week's ravaging tornadoes, I just knew I had to take a picture.

I was so drawn, that no matter what I was involved in at the moment, my mind would not let me forget, Sweet Holy Spirit's nudge, and the words just poured out, The Holy Spirit again no doubt. And I just knew it was for all who have been affected by the storms.

So precious is the Father's Mercy, for in the Storms He will give us Peace and after the Storm He will make right all things tranquil and put all back together that was broken, even our hearts, for the memories will remain, those that were lost, time will heal, never to forget and sometimes even a tear, but, we know who our comforter is and we could not bear living without Him. All Things restored in Him, no matter the extent, He can mend a broken heart, for He lives within, never to depart  deb♥♥

IN FOCUS

BOB HEATH

Author / Founder Kids for Christ USA

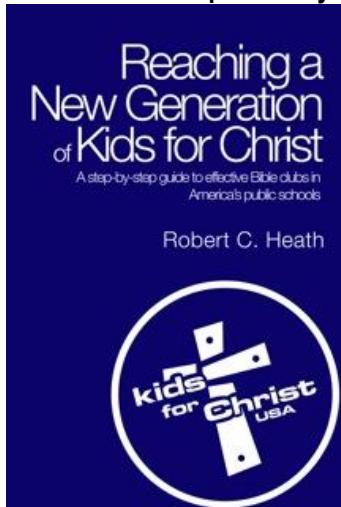


As founder of Kids for Christ USA Bob Heath has planted, or assisted parent and student sponsors of Bible Club in over 60 public elementary, junior high and high school locations in the Tulsa metro area: a place once thought closed to the gospel. Since January of 2001, he and his teams have covered their city on a daily basis taking the gospel of peace to a new generation of Kids for Christ. Since 2005, the vision has expanded into two major California cities, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Iowa, Massachusetts, Kansas, New Jersey, Texas, and Tennessee. To date they have assisted in the launch of roughly 88 Bible clubs across the USA.

He believes that the greatest mission on earth is the Public Elementary Schools. In the past nine years Kids for Christ USA has seen in excess of 10,000 children make decisions to serve Jesus with their lives and over 4,000 people lead to Jesus by inspired children who are implementing the tools that Kids for Christ USA has taught them.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast used by a woman making bread. Even though she used a large amount of flour, the yeast permeated every part of the dough."
Matthew 13:33 (New Living Translation)

Bob Heath takes up the story himself:



In 1963, the myth that the Bible was taken out of the schools began to grow. As a result, The Bible was effectively removed from the daily lives of many of America's children. Today a "show of hands" in a typical crowd proves that 8 out 10 believe this myth is actually the truth. One of our goals and part of our vision is to educate the body of Christ that only

mandatory Bible reading and prayer were removed not voluntary.

Our calling and purpose is to assist in planting and facilitating Bible clubs in every public school in the USA. Whether hands on or by our influence, the aim is pouring a vision into the nation, not building a kingdom for KFCUSA. If we all work together we will succeed and we will begin see a nationwide movement that changes this land.

We see ourselves as a synapse, connecting people and resources for effective Bible Clubs in America's schools.

Our purpose is simple:

- Reach children in the public schools with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Encourage young believers in their faith; enabling them to live consistently in Christ.
- Train and equip young believers with what they need to win others to Christ.

We believe that by doing these things we will positively affect our schools and our children's lives. Just as yeast permeates every part of the dough so also will our influence permeate the schools. Lives will be changed and every part of our society will consequently be affected.

Kids for Christ USA have 55 volunteers in Tulsa who help run clubs. Of the 55, there are 12 actual kids and youth ministers, the rest are what most would call "lay-people". Kids for Christ USA need about double that number as we are intending to double in size in the rest 12-18 months both here in Tulsa and across the U.S. Every club runs best with a four man team. We work with ministers of all major denominations. My heart is reaching kids and families, not doctrine. What I mean is that we teach "a simple, central gospel message". We leave the doctrinal issues of the various denominations to be taught in the churches. We are there to love kids, to be the hands and feet of Jesus to kids who may or may not have a "church home".

On a national level, there are over 60,000 + elementary schools and presently working with 102. To most people this sounds great and don't misunderstand me it is, but it has taken 10 years to get to this number. That means that we have grown at a rate of about 10 schools a year. At the present rate, we will reach all the schools in the land in about 6,000 years. So to answer your question we need parents/students to sponsor clubs, we need people who wish to volunteer, we need ministers, and we need the Body of Christ. My vision is to empower people to launch clubs, not build an empire that I lord over!

I am called to the schools of the USA, but that does not mean I don't have a heart for the schools of the world. I

know the laws here; therefore, I am most effective here. I would be honoured to help folks in other lands who are willing to do their own legal research. I can help implement concepts, I can train people, but I have found that there are many cultural differences that can be at the very least limiting. I have turned down several people in Pakistan and parts of South Africa after spending 24 days in Tanzania two summers ago. There are many reasons for this not the least of this is budgetary. Your nation and Germany seem to be willing to help with the expenses if not pay them. Also, your laws are similar enough that I can be "useful" in establishing a work there. I desperately need at least two staff members as soon as possible. I need an Administrator and a Tulsa Ministry Director so that I can begin to focus on the bigger vision as mentioned above. The challenge is again budget.

Bob Heath Itinerary 2011

5.27, 28.11--Kids for Christ Block Party, Pizzano's Pizza--Pahokee, FL--561.983.3208

4.10.11--The Link Church--Tulsa, OK--10 a.m.--Pastor Greg Aery--41st & Sheridan

4.09.11--Vision of Faith Church, Tulsa, OK--Youth Conference--1p.m.--8730 S. Lynn Lane, Broken Arrow, OK

3.25, 26.11--The Crossing--Conference--Friday night, Saturday morning-- For info contact Blake Levrets--10130 Tuscany Ridge Drive, Tampa, FL

3.20.11--E3 Scottsdale--Video interview w/ Pastor Brad Larson

1.16.11--Video Shoot--6PM--12816 S. Memorial Dr, Bixby, OK--Sign on Window reads "Jesus Revolution"

1.12.11--Darnaby Elementary--8 AM--Tulsa, OK
8.31.10--Guest on Trinity Broadcasting Network--Praise The Lord--10PM EDT

6.22,24.10--Camp Loughridge--Tulsa, OK 2:30-4:30--Chapel Service

6.9.10--6:30PM, The Crossing--Emerge Youth Service--Student Center @ 10130 Tuscany Ridge Drive, Tampa, Florida

**Bob can usually be found ministering to children in 7-9 Tulsa area schools each week of the school year.

Bob is available to minister to your school group or congregation live or via live stream over the internet. To book a date please use the "contact us" area of the site.

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HEROES



Dwight Moody Part 2

Lianne Henderson

Dwight L. Moody visited Britain with Ira D. Sankey, with Dwight preaching and Sankey singing and together they published books of Christian hymns. In 1883 they visited Edinburgh and raised £10,000 for the building of a new home for the Carrubbers Close Mission. Dwight later preached at the laying of the foundation stone for what is one of the few buildings on the Royal Mile, which continues to be used for its original purpose and is now called the Carrubbers Christian Centre.

Dwight greatly influenced the cause of cross-cultural Christian missions after he met the pioneer missionary to China, Hudson Taylor. He actively supported the China Inland Mission and encouraged many of his congregation to volunteer for service overseas. His influence was felt among Swedes despite the fact that he was of English heritage, never visited Sweden or any Scandinavian country, and never spoke a word of the Swedish language. Nevertheless, he became a hero revivalist among Swedish Mission Friends in Sweden and America.

News of Dwight's large revival campaigns in Great Britain from 1873–1875 travelled quickly to Sweden, making "Mr. Moody" a household name. Dwight's sermons published in Sweden were distributed in books, newspapers, and colporteur tracts, and led to the spread of Sweden's "Moody fever" from 1875–1880.

He preached his last sermon on November 16, 1899 in Kansas City, Kansas. Becoming ill, he returned home by train to Northfield. During the preceding several months, friends had observed he had added some 30 pounds to his already ample frame. Although his illness was never diagnosed, it has been speculated that he suffered congestive heart failure. He died on December 22, surrounded by family. Already installed by Dwight as leader of his Chicago Bible

Institute, R. A. Torrey succeeded Moody as its president. Ten years after his death, the Chicago Avenue Church was renamed The Moody Church in his honor, and the Chicago Bible Institute was likewise renamed Moody Bible Institute.

We talk about heaven being so far away. It is within speaking distance to those who belong there. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

Dwight L. Moody

QUOTES BY DWIGHT MOODY

A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian... and most of all, his family ought to know.

It is a masterpiece of the devil to make us believe that children cannot understand religion. Would Christ have made a child the standard of faith if He had known that it was not capable of understanding His words?

Never think that Jesus commanded a trifle, nor dare to trifle with anything He has commanded.

The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.

There are many of us that are willing to do great things for the Lord, but few of us are willing to do little things.

There's no better book with which to defend the Bible than the Bible itself.

We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining—they just shine.

Where one man reads the Bible, a hundred read you and me.



A Voice in the Wilderness

STEVE NORMAN

UK Director Ratanak

A CASE OF PERSPECTIVE

"The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed" Romans 8:10

Champei was a young attractive seventeen year old who left her home in the village to earn a living, only to pay the heaviest price of all. This is a summary of her journey:

At seventeen, young and beautiful Champei, persuaded by a friend, made the decision to head to the city in search of work. Within hours of her arrival, the same friend who had enticed her there with the promise of money mercilessly raped her. Herein began a fourteen year ordeal of untold heartache and tragedy. As if to try and mend Champei's torn spirit the "friend" found her a job as a seamstress. And yet even there she found no relief from the predatory ways of those around her. She was soon being used and abused to deviant ends only now she was being paid to satisfy their perverse pleasures. By the age of twenty-three she had become a fully fledged prostitute, managed by a handful of heartless and merciless men who shared in the spoils.

One day she found out she was pregnant and for a few months her profession was put on hold. The inevitable financial strain set in and immediately on giving Birth Champei gave her baby away. Within little time she returned to her sordid life which had enslaved her.

Sadly a much worse revelation was about to be made – she was HIV positive. Unable to give up on her lifestyle she continued to pay for the drugs she now needed to slow down the disease. Hardened, calloused and even vengeful, she continued to sell her services to hundreds of clients who were unaware that they were effectively signing their own death warrant.

Eventually she could no longer hide the disfiguring marks of her disease. Blisters blanketed her body. One day Champei could take

no more and ingested a poison before laying down for the last time in her small home and setting it on fire. She died totally alone – her once beautiful body reduced to ashes.

Champei's story is sadly not unique with many millions of men and women are enticed into this trap every year. Recent UNICEF figures tell us that 2 million children alone are sold into sexual slavery every year. Over 27 million people are held in slavery of some form – and this in 2011.

How do we respond to accounts like this of Champei? Are we saddened, despairing, frustrated, heartbroken, or has the modern culture of the society around us infected our worldview. Do we simply read and move on, unaffected by the misery and suffering of a young woman we have never met who lives in a country we have no desire to know about? Are we simply slumbering whilst many in our world live in tormented situations unable to escape?

But then again you might be someone who wants to change the status quo despite the somewhat overwhelming statistics. Often it is these very figures which keep us in the starting blocks, suffering from a virtual paralysis, overpowered by the magnitude of the challenge we face and convincing ourselves that nothing we can do will make a difference. On the other hand there are those who will dive in with naïve enthusiasm underestimating the issues, only to burn out from discouragement after a few setbacks. Neither of these approaches is useful if you truly want to follow Christ's example in carrying the good news in tangible ways through this hurting world. We need to become realists – a people who see the possibilities between the obstacles and the opportunities.

In a recent conversation with a friend who is a professional photographer he pointed out the most common difference between a poor photograph and a great photograph. "It's all a matter of our perspective". And that is the situation in this instance too. We need to adjust our perspective and mindset to that of Jesus. As we look upon the pain and suffering in the world what do we see? Do we see a malnourished child – or do we see a future farmer? A child without schooling – or a potential teacher? Do we see a frightened child huddling in the confines of a refugee camp – or do you see a future world leader? When you look into the eyes of the poor, malnourished, downtrodden and marginalised, do you see the situation as hopeless – or do we see a people made in the very image of God, with all the prospects of a hope filled future ahead of them?

All too often as Christians, Christ's ambassadors, we can look at our broken world, shrug our shoulders and say, "That's just the way things are." Instead we can shift our perspective and embrace the vision of what could be – if only we would step up to the mark. Surely it is better to light a candle than curse the darkness. And dare to imagine what can be achieved if we lit not one candle but many...



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Why it's dry and your low
You're feeling thirsty again
Need something to drink
However, find nothing in your hand
When you can't find your way
& are cutt'n really bad
Look to Jesus – Jesus
For he gave all he had

You're the one - Jesus
Who brings true life
You're the one
Who mends my soul tonight
I need your water, I need your life
I need your spirit
- Ohh God
Rain down on me

The very touch of your rain
Falling on my soul
Your very presence
Gives me peace and makes me whole
I wan'na smell your rain - ohh God
Open my eyes - make me see
How beautiful you are
The fact you died to set me free

Rain – rain down on me
I need you, I need you, I need you

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1st Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. **1 Chron 16:27**

2nd Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. **Ps 97:11**

3rd In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. **Exodus 15:13**

4th For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **Romans 8:14**

5th Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. **Prov 4:13**

6th I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. **Rev 3:11**

7th The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. **Ps 29:11**

8th And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. **Acts 13:52**

9th Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. **Acts 2:28**

10th And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." **Rev 7:10**

11th Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **Prov 3:5**

12th God's voice thunders in marvellous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. **Job 37:5**

13th Do not be afraid of them; the LORD your God himself will fight for you. **Deut 3:22**

14th A psalm. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. **Ps 98:1**

15th Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **Deut 11:18**

16th So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. **2 Corin 4:18**

17th You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. **Job 11:18**

18th For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. **Rom 6:14**

19th But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish. **Ps 9:18**

20th The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. **1 Sam 2:7**

21st Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be. **Job 8:7**

22nd How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! **Ps 139:17**

23rd Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time. **Dan 11:35**

24th You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light. **2 Sam 22:29**

25th The human spirit is the lamp of the LORD that sheds light on one's inmost being. **Prov 20:27**

26th Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. **1 Tim 4:12**

27th The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. **Jer 31:3**

28th from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth— **Ps 33:14**

29th The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; **Ps 121:7**

30th From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. **Acts 17:26**

31st The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. **Rom 8:16**

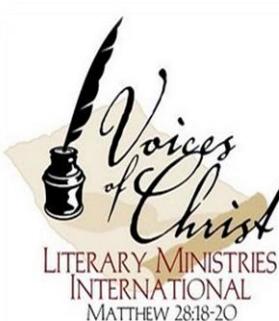
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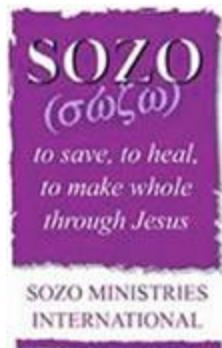
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