

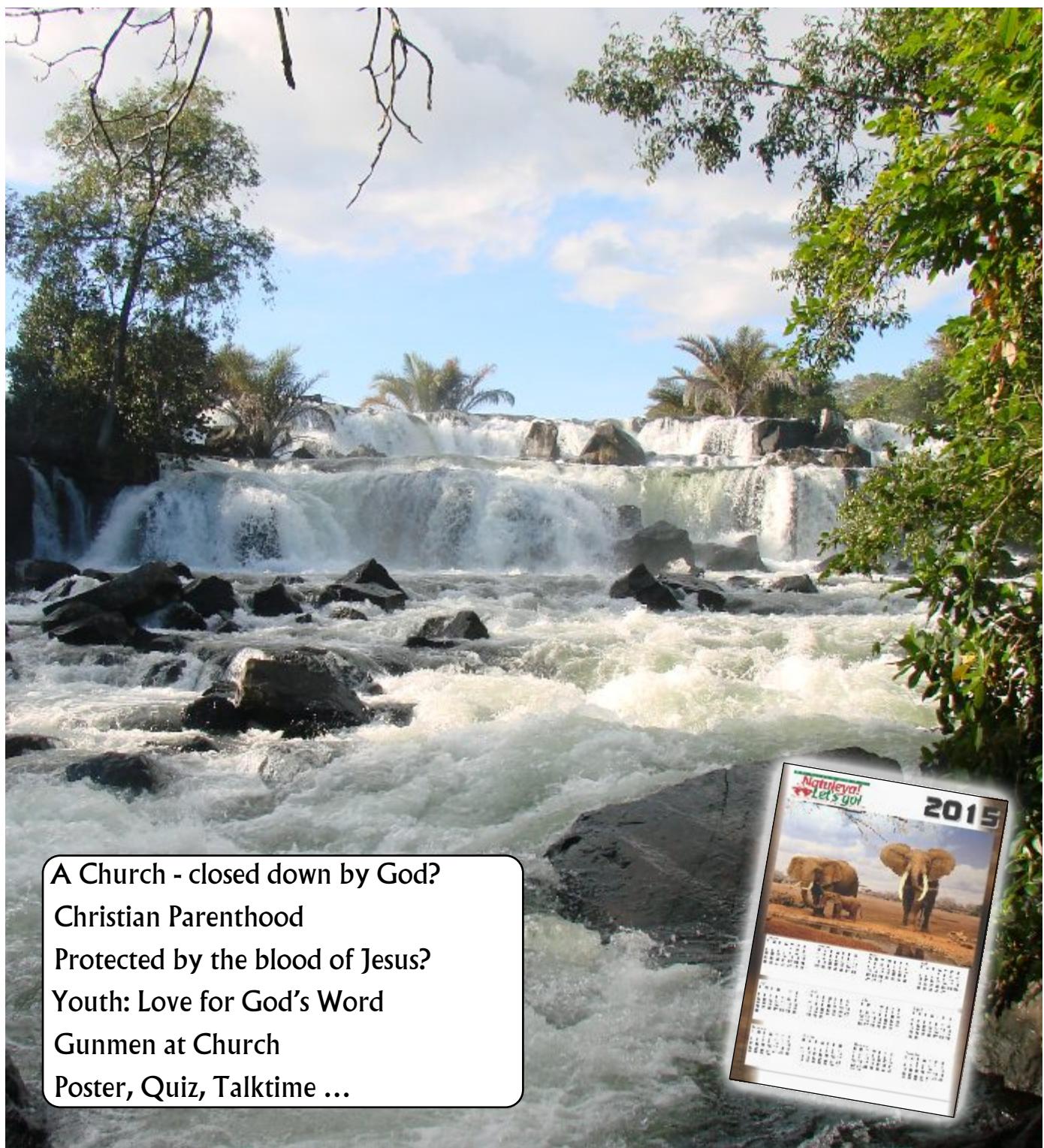
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Here is a riddle.  
There's something  
very valuable in it  
for you.

*"It's easy to do, but  
you can't undo it.  
It looks fun, but it's  
really dull."*

The answer is in the  
story of what  
happened one day in  
the jungle.

The animals were very upset. Elephant trumpeted, Lion roared, Hyena howled, Snake hissed and Monkey chattered, because right through the jungle had appeared a Great Wall. It was so high that the top towered above Giraffe and so long that the sharpest eyes couldn't see the end of it. It was tremendously thick and terribly solid. And all the grass, the lake and the coconuts were on the other side!

So the elephant tried to break a hole into the wall. The hyena tried to run around the wall - both failed.

See what happened next ...

Startlingly Snake hissed. "Leave it to Serpent. With my special, scale-covered spine, I'll slip and slither and slide UNDER that wall. It's the wisdom of snakes that will take me UNDER the wall."

The animals watched his tail disappear down a hole.

After a very long time, Hippo hiccoughed gently and asked, "Do you - um - suppose he's - um ... ?"

Monkey chuckled. "It must be a very long wiggle under that wall."

Rhino rumbled. "Come on, come on. We can't wait all day ..."



At that very moment a puff of dust rose from a hole near the wall.



Out came Snake's head. He hissed. "I've done it. I alone of all the animals of the jungle have found my way to the other side of the Great Wall."

Giraffe bent down.  
"Pardon, but you are still on the same side as all the rest of us."  
Snake spat poison.  
Giraffe raised an eyebrow.  
"So there's no way UNDER THAT WALL."



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# WELCOME!

### Dear Readers!

It is done, finished! All the articles are there, and on the correct pages. The translators in Samfy have already started with some of their work, the designer in Ndola will do so as of tomorrow. Nevertheless, before finally completing the work of putting together the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of "Natuleya!", as the Editor I want to fulfill one last task and desire for today.

### We are grateful

I want to say thank you. A big "THANK YOU" - in two directions! First, thank you, Lord, for helping to find these articles, for grace in technical difficulties, for assistants in Zambia and in Germany, for the right ideas, pictures, cooperating publishing houses and much more. Without you, this work would be nothing.

And secondly: Thank you to Brother Peter Kabungo, our former Managing Editor! Based in Lusaka, Brother Kabungo has done a tremendous work over the past five years to promote this magazine during many trips through various provinces. He trained sales people, explained the work to elders meetings, kept contact with writers and translators, delivered copies and monitored sales in some areas. Despite his own health-related challenges he motivated Christians, wrote articles, checked those from others, proofread many editions, send exhaustive lists of corrections and was an invaluable adviser to the Editor. It was with deep regrets that we

accepted his resignation some months ago when he indicated that he had to terminate his involvement with this ministry due to necessary adjustments in his personal life.

The readers will still meet him from time to time through one or the other article, he promised to remain connected with "Natuleya!" in this way. But as to his widespread activities as Editor, we hereby have to say goodbye to our Brother. We pray that God may continue to use him for the benefit of many people in His Kingdom, and that He may sustain him and his family with His grace and loving kindness.

### Writing competition

All the more important it will be that our readers support the remaining small team, mainly based in Samfy, in their work of developing this magazine. Please pray for us! Talk about the magazine and see to it that more copies are sold! And find people who would be willing to participate in the Writing competition which we are launching now! You find more details about the same on page 28. Find us on Facebook or on our website and pass on the information to others. We want to print fresh, truly Zambian articles - so we need to find more Zambian authors who will write them.

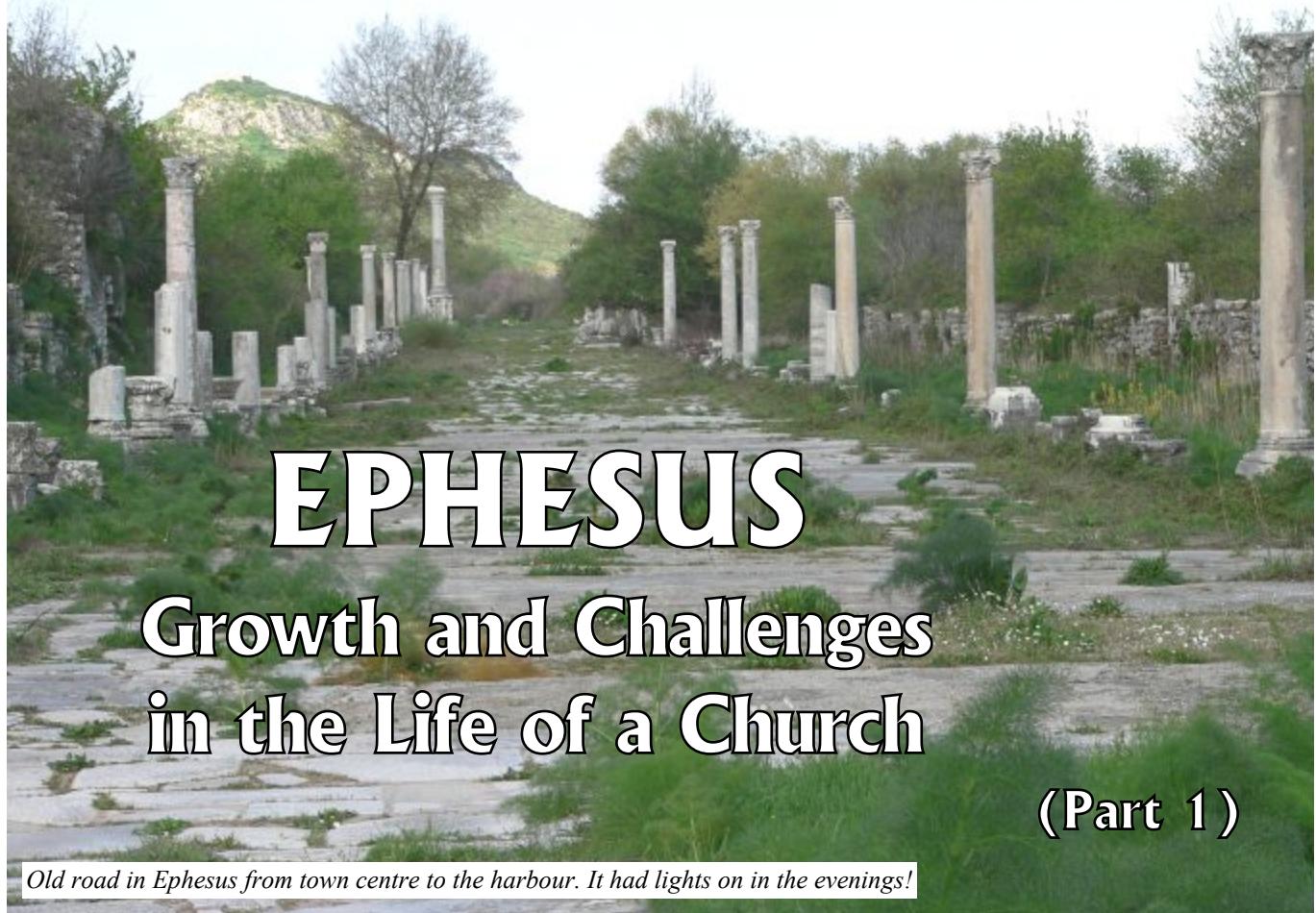
May God bless you wherever you are!

Marco Vedder,  
Editor

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Acts 18,18-22 (NIV):

**18** Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. Before he sailed, he had his hair cut off at Cenchreae because of a vow he had taken.

**19** They arrived at Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

**20** When they asked him to spend more time with them, he declined.

**21** But as he left, he promised, "I will come back if it is God's will." Then he set sail from Ephesus.

**22** When he landed at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the church and then went down to Antioch.

**Have you ever heard of a church being closed down by God himself?** Not? Well, we wouldn't know, wouldn't we? We can not see Him after all. Usually a church dies because of conflicts, a series of splits, because they stopped evangelizing for a long time, or because the preaching had been so dull that the members went elsewhere. But God himself closing down a church?

*In the last book of the Bible we read of a church which God threatened to shut down. This church had had a long history. Several well known workers of God were involved in its planting and growing. For years it had a tremendous impact in the evangelism of a whole province. And yet – all this did not prevent this church from entering into serious trouble with our God who is both just AND merciful, holy AND loving.*

*The Holy Spirit found the lessons from those years so important that He got them written and handed down to us in the Bible. In this series we will study how the start of the church was prepared and what the church planter did first. We will look at how the cleansing from a lot of "muti" was arrived at, how he trained leaders, etc. etc. And then we will ask ourselves, what all this has or should have to do with our churches in rural and urban parts of Zambia today. God is still planting and growing churches – how does He want it to be done?*

## Odds and ends

This biblical passage which reports the Apostle Paul's first contact with Ephesus seems to be some sort of a collection of different smaller items. Before (chapters 17 and 18) he worked in Athen and Korinth, a new church was planted, there was persecution, a lot of action. After this passage, in chapter 19, Paul starts planting the new church in Ephesus, people find to the Lord, there are miracles – again a lot of important things happen. But in this text nothing really big is happening. And yet, the Holy Spirit found each of those items important enough not to be forgotten. And if He thinks so, then we better reflect on them carefully.

So it is often in our own lives, isn't it? From time to time something big happens – a new place of work, a baby is born, one finds his or her partner for life, or the start of a new Sunday school class for example. But in between those remarkable events? Nothing of interest. Every day the same story. Regular, boring life. Occasionally we forget that our Creator who worked hard for six days to arrange all those small details which make our planet habitable – he is interested in the smallish, boring, day-to-day events in our lives. He wants to be part of our thinking before breakfast, he shows up in our mind when taking decisions at our place of work, and he wants to be involved in what's happening between you, your partner and your children when nobody else is watching. It is not only the big times our Heavenly Father cares about – it is what we do in between which show Him how important He is for us. And it's then when our neighbours, fellow students, other church members and everybody else observes whether we are true followers of Christ or not. It is faithfulness in the trifles of life which makes or breaks a Christian testimony.

So, the Holy Spirit, through the pen of Doctor Luke, allows us some glimpses into the personal lives of the Apostle Paul, the church planter couple Priscilla and Aquila and later also the powerful Jewish preacher Apollos.

## Trust God for the results!

The first thing we learn about Paul is that he stayed in Corinth for some time, and then decided to leave (v.18). Paul was a man on the move. That was his job, his calling from God. He was to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ over long distances. And that is what he did. He had been working for some weeks in Athen (chapter 17), which is placed in the South of what is called "Greece" today. A few people had believed in what he preached, but we do not know of any church being established. Then he had been working in Corinth, 75 km Southwest from Athen, for 18 months. Many people there believed and were baptized (18,8). A very active church was planted. And we are going to see – the next town where he would preach the Gospel and plant a church would turn out to be the starting point of a whole movement of churches being planted throughout the whole province.

The same God, the same Gospel, the same servant – and yet very different results. Yes, there are some differences in the length of time Paul spent in these different towns. And yes, the audience was not the same. But in the end, Paul knew that the result of his work depended completely on the grace of the very God he was teaching people about. Some years later he would write: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow." (1Cor 3,6-7)

Are you sometimes frustrated about slow progress in the work you are involved in? I can understand, so am I

at times. It is just human to compare our input with the outcome. And sometimes it IS necessary to do so, and to determine whether we are still doing God's work in God's way, or whether we ourselves are the obstacle for it not to progress as it should. But when you have checked out your relationship with God, and made sure that you are working in a biblically sound way, it still remains with God to make things grow. Or to hold back visible progress for another time, or another worker, to come.

25 years back, a university student from our town stood at the bank of the river next to which we had put up a big tent. He had just been with us listening to the message of a preacher who was with us for two weeks. Obviously he was thinking about what he just had heard. We knew him, it was not his first time to come and listen. I joined him there by the river side and asked him whether he was interested to talk. Politely, he declined. Not now. Ten minutes later somebody else from our team spoke with him. And led him to the Lord! - Why not me? Why was I not allowed to help him? No idea. Anyway, shortly after that decision, he moved into the same house I also had found a room to live in. We became friends, and I helped him to get to know the Bible and to grow in his life as a disciple of the Lord Jesus. Still today we are in touch and pray for each other. I was not the one to lead him to the Lord. I had another task to accomplish in God's plan.

Sometimes we do not know why some aspects of God's work develop well and others less. It is God who gives the results. And there can be a time when we have to move on even without those visible results we would have loved to see first.

There is something else we should learn to trust God for:

## Trust God for His timing!

Already two years earlier, at the beginning of his second journey, Paul had tried to work in the province of Asia with its capital Ephesus. But the Holy Spirit had "kept them from preaching the Word" there (Acts 16,6). God's time had not yet come for Paul to go there.

Now in Acts 18,19-21 he passed through Ephesus, preached once, and travelled on. But he left Aquila and Priscilla, a Christian couple who had worked with him already in Corinth. Some time later they were joined by a certain Apollos, a gifted Jewish preacher who spoke with great knowledge and authority about the things of the Lord. They worked in Ephesus for some time and prepared the ground for what was to start up when Paul would return in Acts 19. It was not before his third journey that Paul finally reached Ephesus to stay and work there extensively – for three years (Acts 19). Later on still we find Timothy involved in the work of God in Ephesus (1Tim 1,3).

Who is in charge of the work of the Lord in any one place? The church planter and his team? Yes, to a certain extend. Paul says: "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is

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building on it. But each one should build with care." (1Cor 3,10) Yes, let us build with care wherever God has placed us in the work of building his Church. But as we do so let us not forget: the one finally in charge is God Himself! He arranged for so many different workers to be involved in Ephesus. He set the right time for each one of them. He made sure Paul did not come too early nor too late to fulfill his part in this town.

God still does that today. Look at Northern (and now also Muchimba-) Province. Over the years God had moved several of his people to various towns by way of government transfer. Several times groups of young Zambian Christians along with some missionaries headed in the same direction, preaching the gospel in various towns and villages. Nothing big happened then. But the vision in those Christians grew and became stronger. Finally in the mid-80's some of them moved to some of these places and began to work systematically. They evangelised one village after the other and planted churches. Some moved to new areas. New workers arrived, from Luapula, later also from Europe. Some died, some went to work elsewhere, some are still there – a lot of ups and downs. But the work still goes on. One of those early workers once looked back thinking about the beginning. He said: "Some people regarded those years of evangelising many villages without planting churches as wasting time. Not me. It was then that the ground was prepared for the Gospel to take roots lateron. It was good we did it."

Let us trust God for His timing. And let us accept the role we are to play in God's plan. He knows best.

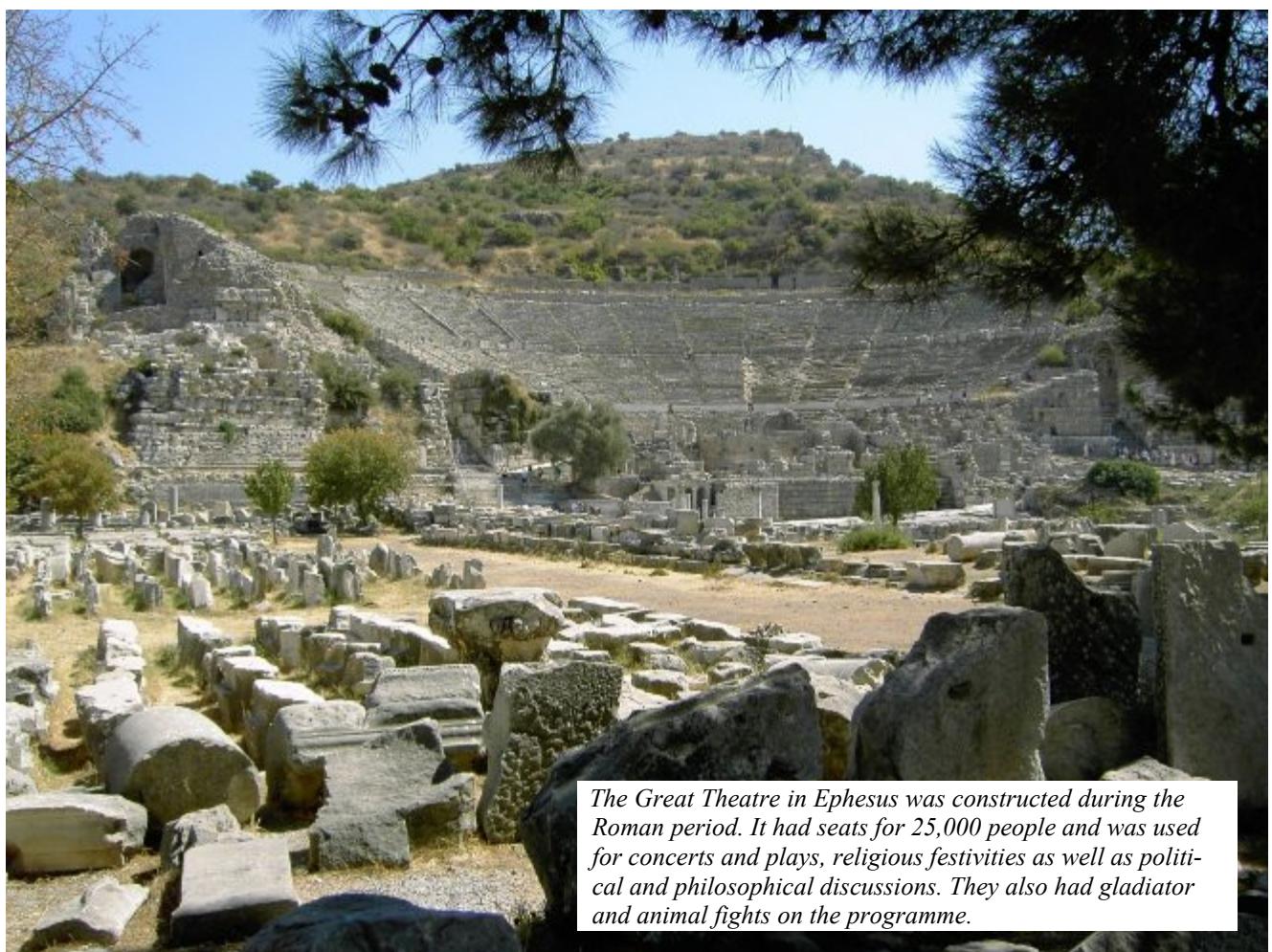
In all this there is one small capacity which can bear very useful fruits:

### The ability of saying "No"

Have we read correctly? Paul got an open invitation to serve in this big town, with its huge potential for spreading the Gospel through the whole province – and he declined? Yes, he did, and left. How can he do that? It is possible if one has learned the first lesson of trusting God for his timing. If you do, then you don't have to be anxious any longer. You don't have to catch the butterfly while he is still flying. You can calmly wait for it to sit down. If you really trust that God is in control and that his time will come, you do not have to jump at each opportunity and overload your life with all sorts of activities. You can look at an offer, think and pray about it, and if not convinced then simply decline.

I know, saying that is easy – doing it is sometimes a different story. But the benefits can be great. In this case he first needed some time with his colleagues and his church, and some of his former disciples needed encouragement and help, before he could settle down for his three year term in Ephesus. We will learn more about that in the next article. It was important for him at this time not to follow those people's proposition. Just as the Lord Jesus in Mark 1,38 where he refused to follow the crowd's call to return to a certain village. Instead he replied: "Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." That is why I have come! If we know why we have come, what God wants us to do at this stage, then we can feel free to decline an invitation to do something else. As somebody put it: "Saying no to some good things means the freedom to say yes to the best."

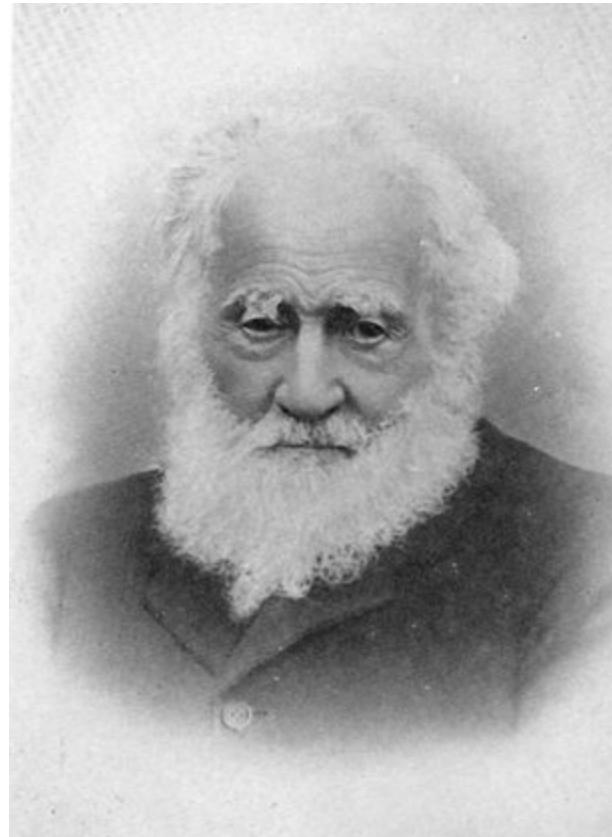
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# Agape Leadership

*If I have the gift of prophecy,  
and know all mysteries  
and all knowledge;  
and if I have all faith,  
so as to remove mountains,  
but do not have love,  
I am nothing. —*

1 Corinthians 13:2



*In today's world we desperately need examples of what Christian leaders are to be like. Robert Cleaver Chapman (1803-1902) provides an extraordinary example of such leadership — agape leadership. Although little-known today, he was a widely respected Christian leader in England during the 19th century. What he was best known for was his remarkable life of godly love.*

*Chapman was a pastor, a teacher, and an evangelist. He was a strong leader and visionary, as the results of his life's work amply demonstrate. But his leadership style did not violate God's loving and gracious principles of leading. The spirit in which God's work was to be done—not just the results—was of paramount importance to him.*

*It is our hope that this book will touch your heart, transform your thinking about how God's work is to be done, and encourage you to be more like our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ.*

The British playwright, George Bernard Shaw, wrote, "Christianity might be a good thing if anyone ever tried it." Shaw's sarcastic wit exposes one of our most stubbornly persistent problems—not living what we profess to believe. Nowhere is this problem more evident than in our response to Christ's teachings on unity, humble-servanthood, and love. We have failed to take Christ's example and commands seriously. Professor Michael Green, from Regent College in Vancouver, B. C., Canada, states this point pungently:

When we reflect on the history of the Church, are we not bound to confess that she has failed to follow the example of her Founder? All too often she has worn the robes of the ruler, not the apron of the servant. Even in our own day it can hardly be said that the "brand-image" of the Church is of a society united in love for Jesus, and devoted to selfless service of others.<sup>1</sup>

When the Anglican archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, announced in March, 1990, that he would resign from his position, *The Sunday Telegraph*, a weekly British paper, critically remarked, "There seems little prospect of finding anyone who would do this impossible job any better; partly, it is because he is a genuinely decent person, intelligent, witty and lacking in pomposity, in a bureaucratic institution full of self-important and ruthless men."

Addressing his own troubled denomination, but his words could be applied to most other denominations, Southern Baptist pastor Richard Jackson said, "Get a roomful of Southern Baptist preachers together and you've got enough ego to blow Washington, D.C., off the map."<sup>2</sup>

Across all denominational boundaries, religious leaders agree that the crucial problem facing churches today is a crisis of integrity. Financial and sexual scandals among Christian leaders have become almost commonplace. Power struggles and divisions are the norm, not the exception. What is the cause of these catastrophes? It is not hard to identify. As always, it is the destructive pride and morbid selfishness of the human heart. Pride and selfishness, rather than Christ's principles of humility and sacrificial love for others, control much of what is called God's work. All too often God's work becomes a matter of ego, a competitive game, or a ladder to success in the big business of religion.

How easily we forget God's command: "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others" (Phil. 2:3,4).

More than ever before, we need to pray the prayer of the wellknown, eighteenth-century evangelist, George

Whitefield: "Oh this self-love, this self-will! Lord Jesus, may Thy blessed Spirit purge it out of all our hearts!"

For those of us who seek to be leaders and teachers of God's people, Jesus Christ repeatedly insisted that we first be humble minded, that we not strive for prominence of place or reputation. He calls us to sacrificially serve one another, to forgive those who hurt us, and to treat one another as brothers and sisters in the family of God. We could summarize all these things in one word—love.

The love that we are talking about here is God's love, as supremely expressed in Christ's self-sacrificing love on the cross. To express this wonderful love, the first Christians chose the noun, agape, and filled it with their new

concept of love: God's deliberate, self-giving love that is expressed irrespective of a person's worth or merit. This agape love is to be the distinguishing mark of all Christ's followers. During the last hours of our Lord's life, He gave the disciples a new command. He said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you. . . . By this all men will know that you are My disciples" (John 13:34,35).

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God's agape love is essential to the Christian life! In 1Corinthians 13:1-3, Paul says, in effect, that if we have all the Bible knowledge in the world, if we are the greatest leaders or the most successful missionaries in the world, we are nothing if we don't have love. We are just wasting our time. Any Christian leader, therefore, who is not operating in agape love is wasting his life now and losing his eternal rewards later. If that isn't enough, such a leader is also hindering the spiritual development of the body of Christ.

Every local church is to be a display window for Christ's supernatural love. This love is to flow out of each member of the body for every other member, for the world, and for angels to see. Thus, as Paul E. Billheimer writes,

The local church, therefore, may be viewed as a spiritual workshop for the development of agape love. Thus the stresses and strains of a spiritual fellowship offer the ideal situation for the testing and maturing [of love]. . . . The local congregation is one of the very best laboratories in which individual believers may discover their real spiritual emptiness and begin to grow in agape love.<sup>3</sup>

The kind of loving, mature church that God intends cannot develop, however, if the church leadership is not operating in agape love. *The local church is not to be a business, social club, or political party; it is the Spirit-indwelt family of God. Just as love is the basic element of a successful family, so love is to be the unifying element of the local church.*

For the best example of agape leadership, which is Christlike leadership, we need only to look at the New Testament letters of Paul. In 2 Corinthians 12:15 he writes, "I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls." That is agape leadership in action!

Authentic Christian leadership involves a glad willingness to be expended for the spiritual benefit of another. Robert Chapman epitomizes such leadership. He became legendary in his own time for his gracious ways, his patience, his kindness, his balanced judgment, his ability to reconcile people in conflict, his absolute fidelity to Scripture, and his loving pastoral care.

We all talk about love, but when people hurt our feelings or disagree with us, we often immediately revert

to the world's ways of attacking one another—angry debate, backbiting, and power struggles. Chapman, on the other hand, implemented the principles of agape love while immersed in the hurts and disagreements of life. Moreover, his life exemplified sacrificial Christian living. He constantly gave of himself and his possessions to people in need, especially to the poor among whom he chose to live.

Harington Evans, a well-known and respected preacher of the day, described his impressions of Chapman in a letter to a friend:

R. Chapman has just left us. He slept here last night, after preaching for me at John Street. Oh, what a man of God is he! What grace does he exhibit! Courage, meekness, love, self-denial, tenderness, perseverance, love for souls—all springing out of love of Christ and God—seem beautifully blended together in beautiful symmetry.

No wonder that in Chapman's day, some people referred to him as an "apostle of love." R. C. Chapman is a man we need to get to know. We may not agree with everything that he did or believed. That is understandable. But we should not allow these differences to cause us to miss the outstanding characteristic of his life—*his consistent, Christlike attitude and spirit.*

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# Christian Parenthood

"With this gift of a child, God has given you a responsibility. You are now a nanny. You are to look after this child on God's behalf."

A Christian friend spoke these words to my wife and me when we had our first child. For ten years now, these words are still on my mind. Zambian Christian parents today are under pressure. There is a temptation to be influenced by our cultural world-view which regards children as an investment for the future only, and not as a responsibility. The other temptation is to be influenced by modern lifestyles and assume that these are the model for Christian parenthood.

Scripture commands Christian parents to live in accordance with God's will in every aspect of their lives. Christians are not to walk in the counsel of the wicked, but are to delight in the law of the Lord (Psalm 1: 1-2). A Christian is to have his or her mind renewed and not just the heart (Romans 12: 1-2). A Christian is required to seek the mind of Christ in all things. Parenthood is one such aspect of life that must be done in accordance with God's will. In this chapter, we will first look at the challenges a Christian parent faces today, and then we will look at principles of Christian parenthood.

## 1. MODERN FAMILIES UNDER PRESSURE!

The first challenge which families face is "civilisation". In Zambia today, there is easy communication, people have become mobile. People leave their families to look for jobs in other places. Trading is on the increase; people travel long distances in search of merchandise. They are forced to stay away from their families for weeks or months. A woman in one of Kitwe's compounds was absent from her family "doing business" for more than three months. Her husband's health was poor. One of the daughters died while she was away. It was difficult to contact the mother, because no-one

knew her whereabouts. Christians too, have been caught up in these difficulties.

Secondly, there is an increasing demand for wives to seek jobs outside their homes in order to earn an extra salary. Mothers are forced to leave their young ones under the care of untrained nannies, often very young and irresponsible girls. Some mothers take their children to their ageing parents to be looked after. There is also the problem of sending children away to an aunt or uncle because of educational needs. Many Christians are caught up in these practices.

## 2. RETURN TO CHRISTIAN VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

The Bible offers principles and guidelines for bringing up, training and caring for our children (sometimes this is called "Christian nurture"). Christian parents need to return to the Bible.

In Ephesians 6:4, fathers are commanded to bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord. What does this mean? Firstly, it tells us that parents are the agents of Christian education. "*Of the Lord*" tells us the subject matter. Children are to be taught to know Jesus as their Lord, and to love Him. This is God's command to Christian parents. Open the Bible to your children. Let it be the basis of your instruction.

Turn to Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and there you will find instructions which were given to Jewish parents. The passage contains what has been called "the Jewish confession of faith". It is striking to note that the confession includes spiritual education of children. They were to recite it every morning and evening. The words were "written" on the heart of every faithful Jew. They memorised the Scriptures, and taught the words to their children. The children also memorised and recited them. Do your children know the Scriptures? Are they increasing in the knowledge of God?

Timothy was a young man who grew up in a Christian home (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15). His father was Greek, but his mother was a Christian Jew. He had known the Scriptures from childhood. From the Scriptures he acquired the wisdom

which led to his salvation.

We can see then that teaching your children the way of the Lord will certainly bear fruit. Another example is Daniel — a young captive who was taken into exile in Babylon. He was subjected to difficult conditions — uprooted from his parents' religion and taken to a foreign land. Yet Daniel still remained loyal to God. He was still able to read the Scriptures and pray (Daniel 9:2-3). When others were tempted to forsake their God and become worldly, Daniel refused to give in to the world's pressures. His life was built on God and His Word. This was due to the nurture or training he received as a child from his parents. His parents were faithful, they obeyed God.

### 3. BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

What ARE the Biblical principles — what are the foundations for Christian parenting?

#### a) Family Worship

The home is the first place where children should learn about prayer, Bible reading and fellowship. Establish a "family altar" in your home. Gather for worship as a family. Read and share the Word. Sing hymns and choruses. Pray together as a family. Let your children see your love for God, and they will share it - they too will become worshippers. Job offers us a good example of a Godly parent (Job 1:1-4).

#### b) Private Prayer

This is called a personal "Quiet time", a time of personal Bible study and prayer. When your children are able to read confidently by themselves, encourage them to do their own devotions. Buy them a simple translation of the Bible, and if possible a guide to help them - for example "God and Me", published by Scripture Union. Con-

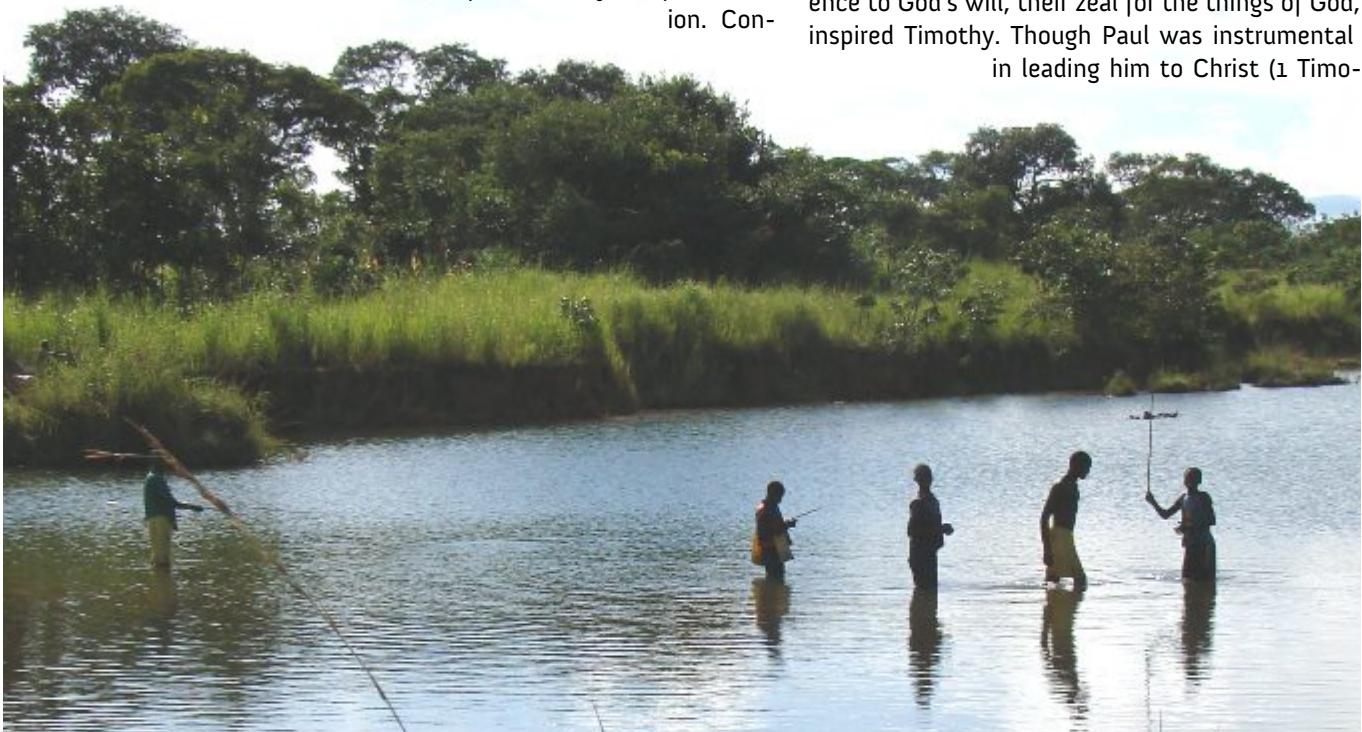
tact Scripture Union in Kitwe for this and other Bible resources.

**Lead by example:** let your children see you as a man or woman of prayer. Pray with your children, pray beside them, pray for them. Children will begin to see prayer as a reality when they see a difference between **praying** and merely "saying prayers". Prayer should not be seen by children as a boring duty, but as something real and practical, something enjoyable. They will learn this from parents by seeing prayer in action, witnessing answers to prayer.

#### c) Parents as Leaders in the Home

Parents lead, and children follow. Abraham was a good parent. God trusted Abraham to "*command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord,*" (Genesis 18:19). Joshua also made a great and wise choice "*But as for me and my HOUSEHOLD, we will serve the Lord,*" (Joshua 24:15). Both Abraham and Joshua provided good leadership in their homes. Their families followed and worshipped God.

The FATHER is instructed to "*bring (children) up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*" That is, it is the man's role to provide leadership and spiritual instruction in the home. In many cases, men fail in this God-given responsibility. Perhaps in your family, your husband is not a believer. We can see from the example of Timothy, that even when the father does not play his part, God can over-rule. Timothy's mother and grandmother played a crucial role in the young man's spiritual development (2 Timothy 1:5). Paul writes that Timothy's faith was first in his grandmother, Lois, and his mother Eunice. **Timothy saw these women live a life of faith.** Their love and obedience to God's will, their zeal for the things of God, inspired Timothy. Though Paul was instrumental in leading him to Christ (1 Timo-



thy 1:2), it is clear that he found a fertile soil in Timothy. The mother and grandmother had "planted", Paul "watered" and God gave the growth.

**Children learn by imitation.** They are looking for role models. They will know Christ only as they see Him in you. What are your children learning from you? Are they able to see Christ in you? Are you living the kind of life you would like them to imitate?

If children are to learn from you, the following characteristics should be part of your life:

- Put God at the centre of your life. Make God FIRST in your life, home and work (Matthew 6:35; 22:36-40). Let your speech be controlled and Christian. Let this be the goal of your life. David did this (Psalms 17:3). Raise your children in an atmosphere of kind words. Use words which build, comfort and heal (Proverbs 15:1-4; 16:24; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 2:4-5).
- Let your speech also be TRUTHFUL - many parents are guilty of making empty threats. A good rule is, "Mean what you say." If you threaten to discipline your child by sending him to his room, or smacking him etc., and he continues to be naughty, you must do it. If you do not, the child soon learns that the parent's word is not to be trusted. Parents should teach children to be honest by their own example, (Colossians 3: 9-10; Ephesians 4:25). One mother frightened her child by telling him that, if he did not behave, the white man standing nearby would come and take him away in the night. What a foolish threat! Not only was it not true, but it was also teaching the child irrational fears.
- In all your actions, be a good example. As a parent, your actions are being examined - by your children. Let them see that all you do is done in the service of God, (1 Timothy 4:12; 1Corinthians 11:1).

#### d) Training Your Children

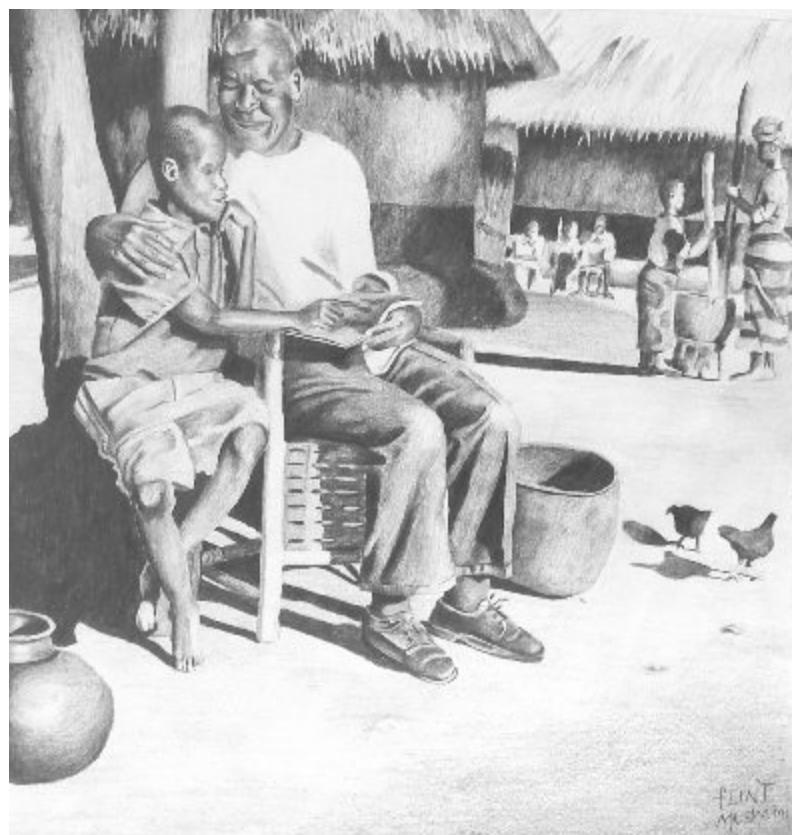
We live in a world which is complex. There are constant changes in life-styles, values and beliefs. Parents need to give children a firm foundation in life, an unchanging security which will help them to make the right choices in life. During adolescent years and on into adult life, the lessons learned early will remain. The Bible states clearly that if we train our children in the right way, they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). God expects parents to do this (Ephesians 6:4).

How can parents go about this important task?

- **Guidelines** - BOTH husband and wife ought to agree on the guidelines or standard of behaviour they expect from their children. This will prevent a situation occurring where one parent says one thing, only to be opposed by the other.

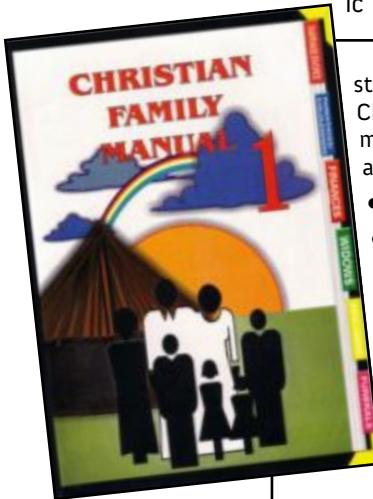
Children will then either be confused about what is required of them, or they will quickly learn to play one parent against the other in order to get exactly what they (the children) want! These guidelines or rules should be based on your own beliefs and convictions not on traditions or what family or others say. A Christian who has offered his life to God is renewed in his mind; he is able to discern the will of God and make wise decisions.

- **Formal Instruction** - you need to make time to instruct your children in a formal way. No matter how busy parents are, they should find time to do this vital task: instructing their children. Instruct them in Godly behaviour - being honest, kind, truthful, gentle, obedient, patient, self-controlled. These qualities do not come naturally to children - they are all born as sinners (Psalm 51:5; 58:3). Very soon, a young child begins to answer "no" and to wail and scream in order to get his own way. This is the sinful nature. A child must be taught to control or restrain this selfish behaviour.
- **Fun Time** - if you lecture your children, they will resent and turn away from God's ways. Formal training must be balanced by fun time together. Each child is an individual, uniquely created by God, a part of his mother and father. How well do you know your child? Do you know his character? The activities he enjoys? His favourite subject at school? Her teacher's name? Many parents do not spend time together with their children. Do things together - allow them to help in the kitchen, show your child how to repair a puncture, paint a wall,



sew a skirt. These are the times when a child feels secure and wanted, and will open his heart and talk to you about the things which please or trouble him. It does not have to cost money to have "quality family time" - do gardening together, wash the dishes, play simple games, sing together.

- **Be an Encourager** - be like Barnabas in your home (his name means "son of encouragement"). Harsh words, negative criticism, failing to appreciate your children's sincere efforts - all these discourage a child and destroy his or her confidence. Be positive. Set realistic goals for your children, whether in standards of behaviour, or in academic achievements.
- **Discipline is Important** - children act in childish ways. Sometimes they are careless or irresponsible; other times they are definitely rebellious and disobedient. There is a need for punishment in parenting. God, our loving Father, disciplines His children (Hebrews 12:5-11). He expects parents to discipline their children (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15). Punishment must be done in love, not in anger. Explain clearly to the child what he has done wrong, and why he must be punished, so that he will not repeat the offence. Have a scale of punishments, from minor offences to serious ones. After punishment, forgive and forget - do not keep reminding the child of his or her failings. START EARLY - whenever a child starts expressing his or her will and trying to get his or her own way, training and discipline must begin. It is too late when the child reaches school age; by then he should be used to obeying instructions and know the limits set by his parents.
- **Adolescents require care** - So many of our teenagers, even from Christian homes, get into problems. This is the time when they want to "test their wings", do things their friends do. The basis you have laid in these early years is so important now. Does your child love and respect you enough to resist the pull of worldly companions? The lines of communication must be kept open; your teenager needs a sympathetic ear when he is going through this



If you want to read more about strengths and challenges of the Christian family, get yourself this manual! You will also find chapters about

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crucial stage of development. Don't force him to give information, but allow opportunities for him to share his thoughts and feelings. Even if your child lets you down in some way, don't turn away from her; show her that you may disapprove of her actions but you will always love her as a person - YOUR child. Despite the taboos surrounding the subject, it is important for Christian parents to give sex education to their children, and share with them the principles of Christian marriage, prepare them for the temptations of adolescence.

#### e) Rely on God

Parenting is a difficult job. We all make mistakes. When a child reaches twenty and is wayward and troublesome, it is too late to begin what should have been done at two years of age. Parenting is a tremendous responsibility but it is also a SHARED responsibility. You are God's co-worker! God has promised help and blessings. As it was in the case of Abraham and Old Testament families, God is not only concerned with the parents, but also deeply interested in the children (Genesis 17:1-10). His blessings are extended to our children (Acts 2:38-39). God is working in their lives too.

Therefore, have faith in God. Pray for your children; pray for their salvation; claim God's promises. Even when things go wrong, don't give up - continue trusting, praying and loving. One parent's prayer for his child was answered long after the parent's death. God always honours His promises; He does not change (James 1:17).

We have seen that parenthood is a God-given responsibility. It is not an easy one, partly because of the worldly forces which put pressure both on parents and children. Christian life-styles and standards have been eroded. It could rightly be said of Christian families today as it was said of King Belshazzar, "*You have been weighed on the scales and found deficient (or wanting)*" Daniel 5:27.

Let us return to Scriptural ways and principles, and provide Godly leadership in our homes. Let us train our children, teach them the ways of the Lord. Let us have family Bible times together, and teach our children the habit of prayer. Let us show by our example what it means to live the life of faith, to trust God day by day. God Himself will be honoured by this, and He will give strength and wisdom to bring up our children. Truly, Christian parenthood is both a humbling and a challenging task.

(*Patrice Siyemeto,  
in "Christian Family Manual 1"*)

# "Protected by the blood of Jesus"

**Who or what - and how?**

Recently there was a conversation on Facebook on a topic which could be of interest even for those who are not using the internet. Please write us what you think about this question. Which Scripture references can you bring to support your opinion? Helpful answers will be printed in the next edition, along with some biblical teaching on the matter. (\*)

**SB:** A few days ago after paying road tax, I bought a sticker and did not pay attention to what was printed on it. The following day as I was about to put the road tax on the windscreen I read the statement on the sticker – THIS VEHICLE IS PROTECTED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS. What does this even mean? How did we get to this point from what the Scriptures teach about the blood like in the verse below? Lev 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life."

MG: That's not right. Don't use that sticker

SB: I have not used the sticker, MG!

GN: Blood and atonement, but they know not what it means.

CK: Preach it. Nice sounding platitudes have replaced doctrinal correctness. And similarly you hear prayers that speak of "soaking in the blood of Jesus." The practice in the Old Testament and which is the concept used by the NT is sprinkling and not "ukwabikila"

DM: Listening to witchdoctors posing as teachers.

SN: The teaching is strange indeed. It sounds nice to the itching ears.

MC: I have listened to prayers which go like this "we plead for the blood of Jesus on the steering wheel of the vehicle, on the tyres." And when going to sleep the prayer goes like this, "we plead for the blood of Jesus on the lintels, the windows, the roof of the house and let the blood be sprinkled in every bedrooms." Now you are left wondering as to whether the death of Christ and his shed blood on the cross had houses and vehicles included in the covenant. Why honestly making Christ's blood so cheap and very common to be sprinkled on anything? the question is did Christ die for vehicles and houses?

CC: At long last, someone is talking sense!

SCN: Someone said it has the same application with the passover lamb whose blood was sprinkled on the door posts which ensured protection of the household



MC: that was symbolic!

IC: I have always wondered why that is widely practised by people who claim to be bible believing Christians. True that precious blood which flowed my life sake of the cross was for my salvation not for my house or my car not the new office am getting this year. May the Lord have mercy on us. Thanks Uncle you have stuck a cord that's been itching to sound out...

CC: At long last, someone is talking sense!

PKS: I've seen this too, I've just gone mute seeing some people who claim to be Christians have those stuck on the cars, homes...

ASS: It must have come about when with time Christians thought challenging un-biblical practices was not loving. So all those things which are not biblical yet unchallenged are likely to be part of tomorrow's believing community. Just like anointed water, while ministers of the gospel are quiet it is becoming a very common practice, when it has no basis in the word but in mysticism.

SCN: Brother, seeing that some stand on the Exodus passover passage, you do well to explain clearly the inapplicability of it to the issue at hand - truth needs be taught

BD: Glad you're all trusting God's word !

PC: the sticker was talking about the blood of Jesus and not bulls

KN: Interesting and healthy conversation

BM: I thank God that the scriptures say that we do not know how to pray as we ought to but the Spirit himself intercedes for us and also our Lord Jesus intercedes for us. Therefore I would not condemn any ones prayer!

CP: I failed to buy a sticker - all of them in the shop I went to had that same message PROTECTED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS. My theology does not agree, too.

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# PRIVILEGES & RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE LOCAL ASSEMBLY

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## PRIVILEGES

One of the outstanding features of the Christian life is the privilege of fellowship in a local assembly. There is nothing like it. No lodge or fraternity can compete. The communion of saints is one of the closest, most precious bonds known to mankind. Purchased for us at enormous cost, it is one of the four main purposes that bring believers together—the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42).

When God's people gather for these purposes, they are assured of the promised presence of the Lord Jesus Christ (Mt. 18:20). While it is true that He is always with His own, it is also true that there is a special sense in which He comes very near when believers gather in His Name. We accept this reality by faith.

In meetings of a local church, we fulfill one of the main reasons for our existence—the worship of God. Who can describe how "sweet the moments which, in blessing, musing o'er the cross we spend, life and health and peace possessing from the sinners' dying Friend?" Or who can fully know the thrill of singing a song that will resound throughout eternity, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain?"

It is in the local assembly that we are grounded in the Word, called the apostles' doctrine in Acts 2:42. How I thank the Lord for men of God who stood firm on the verbal inspiration of the Bible, who expounded the Word to us, and who taught us to test everything by the Scriptures. The assembly was my Bible school and seminary.

Some say, "The church was my mother." I know what they mean. Just as the early believers continued steadfastly in prayer, so we come to value the practice of collective prayer. In the prayer meeting, we learn how to pray. We expand the scope of our prayers. And we rejoice together when the answers come.

The local church affords us the special benefit of serving, whether in a Sunday School class, in tract distribution, in gospel outreach, or in visitation. Friendships are deepened in cooperative labor. The Lord uses it to polish the rough places in our character and to conform us more and more to His image.

Giving is too often taught as a duty. Why not think of it as a privilege? When we give, we give to the Lord. What we give is multiplied in blessing to others and in reward to ourselves. The gifts of a local church can reach out in influence to the far corners of the earth. They are an investment for eternity. The local assembly forms us into a family that serves us well in times of need, sorrow, trial, or tragedy. I know of nothing in the world that is comparable to it.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Wherever there are privileges, we should also be cognizant of responsibilities. The French have a phrase, Noblesse oblige. It means that nobility has obligations. That is true of our place in the local church. As God's aristocracy on earth we are obligated to live as His children and do as He has commanded.

Let me give a list of our responsibilities in the local assembly. The list is suggestive but not exhaustive. We should love all the saints and pray for them. Some believers take the assembly directory and pray for each person every day. It is a worthy habit, worth imitating.

We should be faithful in attendance at all the meetings. The Lord misses us when we are not there, and we miss the superlative privilege of being with Him. Irregular attendance sets a poor example for weaker believers who are eager to find an excuse for their lack of dependability.

We should submit to the elders as those who must give account. "Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you" (Heb. 13:17).

We are responsible to exercise our spiritual gift(s). Just as the health of the human body depends on the proper functioning of the individual members, so the health of a local fellowship depends in part on the members carrying out their functions.

Personal holiness is a great responsibility. What affects one part of the body affects the whole body. When sin is unconfessed and not forsaken, this holds back the flow of blessing in the church.

We must endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Whenever we are tempted to exercise our gift of criticism, we should bury that gift. Instead we should be positive and enthusiastic about a fellowship that seeks to present a model of Christ's body to the world.

Sharing in the financial needs of the assembly and in financial fellowship with full time workers is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is still true that giving is more blessed than receiving. Mutual help, exhortation, and edification are ways that we can minister to one another. These are ways in which we can wash the feet of our fellow-believers, as taught by our Lord.

Sharing in the ministry of hospitality is a sign of a healthy, growing assembly. This practical demonstration of Christian love is often more effective than a sermon.

Sharing in the practical work of maintaining the chapel may seem mundane and not an especially spiritual work, but if done for the Lord, it is as spiritual as preaching the gospel or teaching the Word.

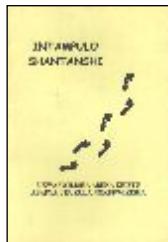
There is no doubt about it. We are the most privileged people on the earth. To be a true disciple of the Lord Jesus requires that we assume the responsibilities that go with our fellowship in a local Assembly.

*(William MacDonald, "The Disciple's Manual",  
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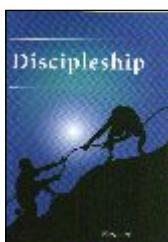
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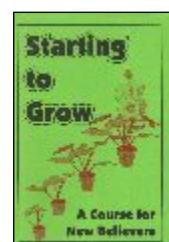
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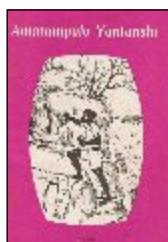
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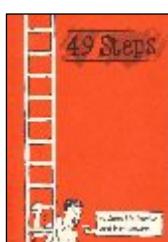
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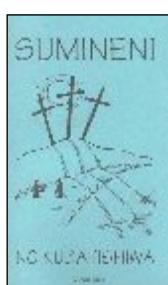
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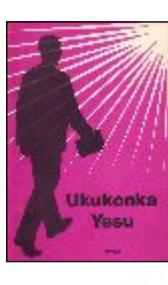
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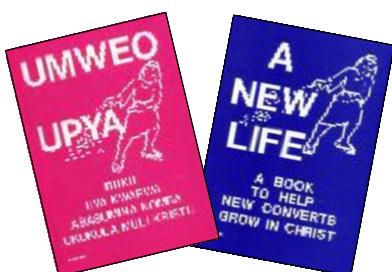
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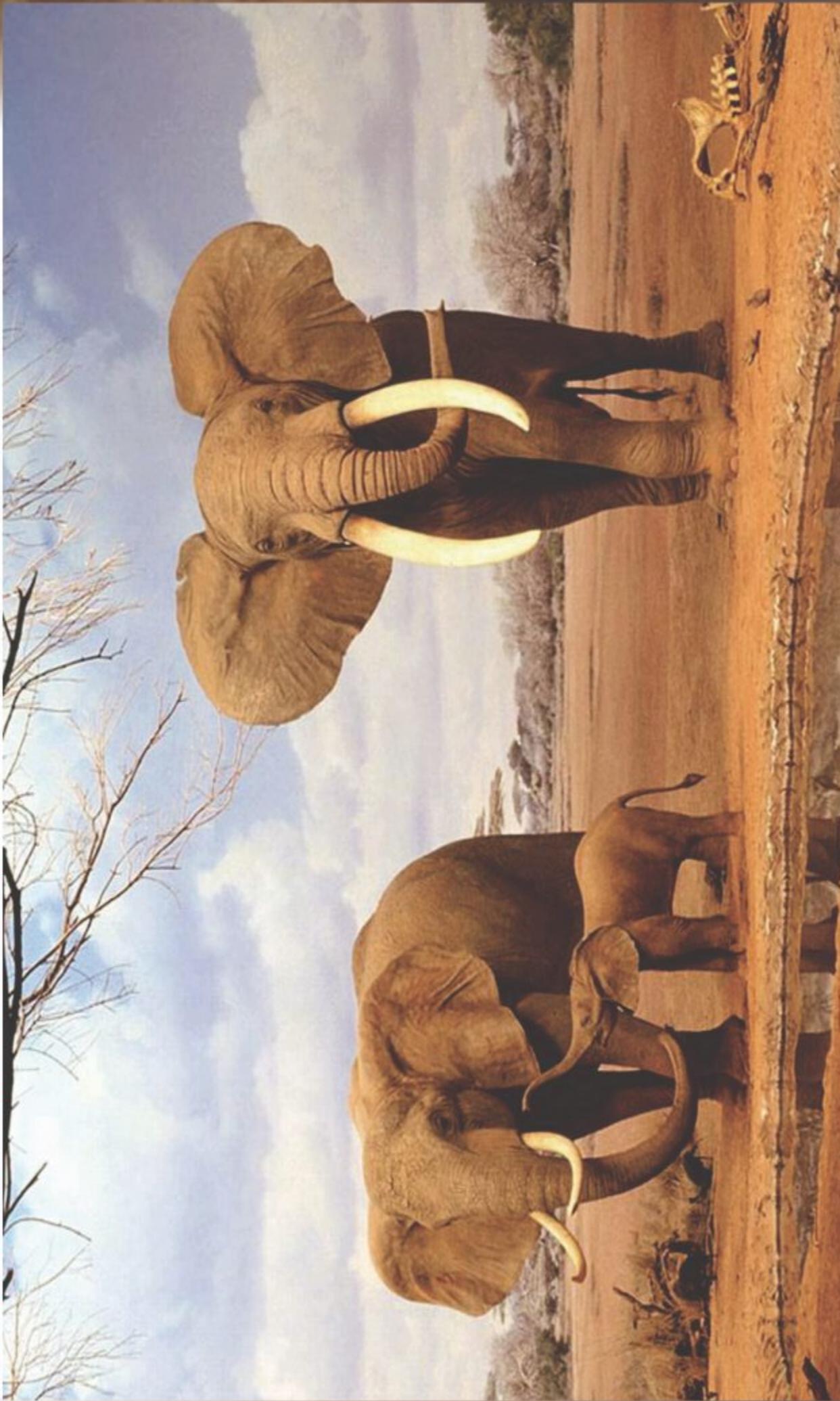
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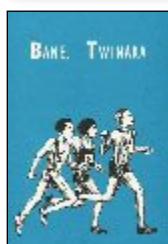
  

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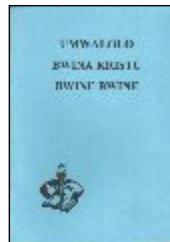
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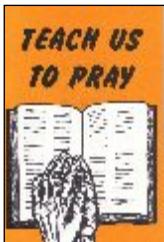
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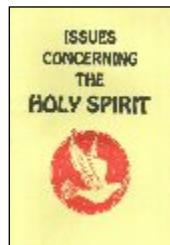
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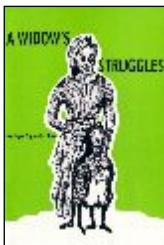
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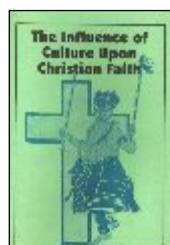
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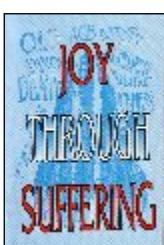
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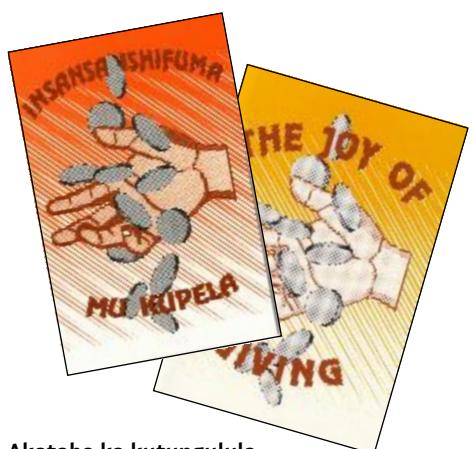
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# George Verwer now “only” speaks 300 times a year

The founder of “OM (Operation Mobilisation)” about his life

George Verwer is the Founder and former International Director of Operation Mobilisation, which is a ministry of evangelism, discipleship training and church planting. George led Operation Mobilisation (OM) for over 40 years before stepping down in August 2003. George has a burning concern for vital, multiplying and revolutionary Christianity in his own life and in those he meets.

Saved at the age of 16 in a Jack Wyrtzen meeting in which Billy Graham spoke in Madison Square Garden, New York, George returned to his school in northern New Jersey. Within a year about 200 of his classmates had found a relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ. Shortly after his conversion he said to God, "Only one thing I want in life: I want to learn to pray, to love you, I want to know you and commune with you." He has not moved from that principle.

George had a growing conviction to share the Word of God on foreign soil. He started with distribution of Gospels of John in Mexico along with two friends. This continued with others during summer holidays - beginning in Mexico in 1957.

Attending Maryville College after high school, he transferred to Moody Bible Institute where he met a girl, Drena, who was a fellow student and later became his wife. They went to Spain

where in 1961 the work of OM was born. The goal, always the same, is to get to know God together in discipling young Christians while carrying out a rigorous programme of world evangelism at the same time.

Today OM reaches across the world through two ships and over 4,000 people working in over 80 nations to make Christ known in the lives of all they meet. George has raised up dedicated leadership to pursue this task across the world.

George and his wife, Drena, have three adult children and five grandchildren. They make their home in England.

George shares the Christian revolution of love and balance right around the world. He starts at home emphasizing the need to worship God, to live in fellowship with one another by walking in the light, and to live a disciplined life of victory as forgiven, repentant, Cross-centered Christians.

In August 2003 George handed over the international leadership of the work of Operation Mobilization to Peter Maiden, who was the Associate International Director for 15 years. George and his wife are now involved in Special Projects Ministries full-time. They still travel and take meetings around the world.

The following interview took place on June 12th, 2009.

George Verwer admitted that he has slowed down just a little since he handed over the leadership of Operation Mobilisation. "I now only speak about three-hundred times a year, where before I would speak about six-hundred times. But that's a long time ago," he laughed. "Of course, when you're leading a movement like OM, you have perhaps less freedom because you have all these executive meetings three or four times a year and then all the day-to-day details you have to deal with."

### Retirement?

Well now that he has a British old age pension, why doesn't he retire and put his feet up?

"I have no plans for retirement," Verwer said. "I have never found that in the Bible. I do believe in lots of change and there've been lots of changes in OM and I purposely felt I should step out of all leadership of committees or chairman of this or that so that I could give myself to preaching, recruiting and finding finance for the work of the Kingdom."

He added, "I think one of the greatest mistakes older people make is to start to put up their feet. If we really believe the Bible, and if we believe people are lost, even if we're just limited to talking to individuals, we should do that the rest of our life even if we're stuck in a nursing home. I'm already planning my strategy for when I can't get out of bed. I've got two Blackberry telephones, and a laptop, so I won't need to get out of bed to do my job."

### Books for Mexico

I then asked George to give some background about Operation Mobilization and he said that when he was at college, he and two friends had met regularly to pray. They became burdened by the spiritual needs of Mexico. So, in 1957, the three friends sold some of their own possessions to raise money and gave up their summer holiday to distribute Gospels and other Christian literature in Mexico. The friends returned the following summer and the next.

"I had this vision for going to Mexico because I was learning Spanish and I wanted to learn the language better and also I had a vision for evangelism," he said. "It was a passion. I'd already been in the streets of New York City sharing the Good News and I'd gone door to door in my own hometown selling books. I was seeing people come to Christ almost every week."

Eventually, in January of 1958, George Verwer moved to Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and on one visit to Mexico, took some of the Moody students with him.

"We opened up a book shop, started a correspondence course and also began a radio broadcast while studying Spanish at the same time," he said. "We saw this a winner, seeing that what we studied theologically all year at Moody, we could then put into practice. This was one of the birth places of the whole short term mission movement which, I know even to this day, has its negative side like most things in life. And yet, I believe the positives far outweigh the negatives. So that was the early

days in Mexico, learning experience, learning to be culturally sensitive and learning the language. Some of my closest friends 'became Mexicans.' In fact, one of my sons is named after two Mexicans. It was a really exciting time."

### Accused of being a spy

Verwer said that soon God increased his vision to reach out to Muslim, communist, and other closed countries, but he said he didn't really know how that would work.

"After I had graduated and found my lovely wonderful wife, Drena, there at Moody, we went to Spain because that was at the time a closed country."

It was during a trip which he called "The Great Russian disaster," that the name of Operation Mobilization came about.

"I studied Russian and headed into Russia the next summer. That was to be a great disaster. One of my favorite books is Erwin Lutzer's 'Failure: The Backdoor to Success.' It's a brilliant book. Just the title was such challenge to me as I had a real fiasco in Russia. I was arrested by the KGB and accused of being a spy, and it was all in the newspapers. We eventually got thrown out when they decided we were just religious fanatics.

### Guidance through prayer

"That led me to a day of prayer, and I changed the name of the ministry from 'Send the Light', which had the narrow vision of Muslim, communist and closed countries, to our present name 'Operation Mobiliza-



tion.' I had realized that we needed to mobilize many more Christians, getting them involved in the immense task of world-evangelism. I was thinking of all the horrendous things that I call 'A Revolution of Hate', and so I thought "We need a 'Revolution of Love'" (which is the title of one of my books).

"I went back to Spain and shared this with a few fulltime Spanish workers and I asked them, 'Look, do you think this is from God?' We were on a weekend retreat of prayer and fasting and they also felt it was from God. It was a big step for them. That's when I moved to England. By 1962 we had 200 people, and by 1963 we had 2,000 and the rest is history."

### Working with ships

The work of Operation Mobilization has grown and grown with more than 100,000 people participating around the world. Also, the three ships, Doulos, Logos2 and Logos Hope (the latest), have been serving the nations since 1970. Over the past 35 years the vessels have visited ports in over 140 countries in the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Pacific. The ships project promotes international understanding and world-wide education.

Through cultural exchange programs, community service initiatives and a floating book fair a ship experience encourages all who come aboard to expand their horizons and embark on a voyage of discovery. The ships carry a multinational crew and staff of 600 volunteers whose service is a practical expression of their faith and commitment to serving the nations.

In total, over 30 million visitors have come aboard to purchase from the selection of 4,000 titles available. Titles cover a wide range of subjects,

such as science, sports, hobbies, cookery, the arts, philosophy, medicine and children's books, as well as faith in God and living life in God's service. The books have been carefully chosen to be of interest to every member of the family, and with the

major port in India on our own ship. That was a phenomenal answer to prayer. As we came into one of the ports, I saw an old friend and I just broke down. I shed tears of joy that I was finally back in the country I so loved."



educational, social and moral needs of the local community in mind. Books are on offer at a fraction of their retail value. While in certain ports, books are donated. Additionally, every visitor to an OM ship (where possible) is given the opportunity to take a piece of free literature, which explains more about the need for a right relationship with God.

India has always been one of George Verwer's favorite countries, but sadly he also got banned from there many years back, although the work continued on the sub continent without him.

"I did get banned from India and that was, again, more due to my own stupidity than the Kingdom of God. He put me in Nepal in these leadership training programs and that's where a lot of my praying for the ship took place," he said. "So eventually, a few years later, God gave us our first ocean going ship.

"I have since been able to go back to India. I was there in every

I told George that the floating book exhibitions on board the OM ships were known around the world, but asked him what else the crew did when they arrived at each port.

"The book exhibit is the more visible ministry, but there's about ten different ministries that all go on at once," he said. "They include the Bible teaching ministry, training courses, film ministry, conference ministry, and also the children's ministry. Then there are all kinds of things on shore such as children's nights, church meetings, and the mass distribution of literature.

"We've had over twenty-million visitors up the gangway. A hundred-million have been reached through the ship ministry through all of the various aspects on shore. It's amazing."

### The younger generation

Now that George Verwer has reached the grand age of 70, I wondered how he felt about the new generation of Christians.

"I am very optimistic about this new generation," he said. "As I travel the world, I meet the shakers and movers that I think are going to go beyond us, though it may not be in the same way. Many of the younger generation come from Asia, but also from the Western countries. These are outstanding people and there are lots of new younger leaders coming up. It's very exciting to note that the Church is five times bigger globally than it was when I launched out."

"So it's going to be spread out, even though many of them will never become well-known globally. There's just tremendous poten-





tial in the new generation. Of course there are tons of problems; there were in our generation as well. Sin isn't something that was invented last week."

Verwer went on to say: "We have to be ready for change and it's sad when you meet older people unwilling to change; they want everything to stay the same. Those kind of people are what I call 'grace killers' because they're hindering and destroying a lot of ministries and a lot of churches. We need to be flexible. We need to be filled with the Spirit. We need humility and brokenness. I'm still working on all those things so I can run the race right to the end. By the way, I can also make a list of thousands of older people who are in no way into this retirement thing."

### Finding his wife Drena

I then asked George what has been the great highlight of his life. "It

was the day I met my wife, Drena," he said. "Up until that time my whole life was just women. I had about thirty-two different girls before I was seventeen, not sex and that kind of thing, but after I became a Christian I still had struggles in that area and I wondered how God could ever use such a 'scum bag' as me.

"I would lead a girl to Christ and then kiss her for a couple of hours. I was convicted about that, realizing that that was not the way to follow up on my evangelism. So when I went to Mexico, I went 'cold turkey'. No more girls; no more kissing and, of course, no more porno. Then I left university and I arrived at Moody Bible Institute and I saw all these gospel girls carrying big Bibles. I thought that if I tried to kiss one of them, they would hit me with their Bible.

"Initially, I was infatuated with about seven in the first week, but I didn't do anything about it. But then it all changed when I stepped out of an elevator one day to rent a film and the woman in charge of the films, Drena, just blew my romantic circuits. I broke my 'fast' and I moved in on the target. It was love at first sight. I said some really stupid things to Drena and for her, it was 'fright at first sight'. I managed to get her on the first date and I tried some reverse psychology. She had never met anybody like me; she was a real quiet girl from Iowa.

'I said, 'Look, probably nothing is going to happen between you and me,' which was my 'hint, hint reverse psy-

chology.' Then I said, 'But I'm going to be a missionary and if you marry me you'll probably end up being eaten by cannibals in New Guinea.'

"Needless to say, she still wasn't in love with me and so I mobilized prayer and God broke her heart and when I asked her to marry me she said 'yes' and next year we celebrate fifty really great years. We are two very different people, but still very much in love with Jesus and one another. That's what God can do.

### Looking back

I concluded by asking George Verwer if he would have done anything different in his colourful life.

"Yes, less sin," he said firmly. "I have sinned with my tongue and I've sinned with my attitudes. I hurt my wife and my children with my tongue more in the early days. On the other hand, I believe we're all on a pilgrimage and I certainly was, from the beginning of my conversion, radically committed to Jesus. I always wanted the best. At the same time I was a needy human being. I was a clay pot but, praise God, He's big into pottery.

"So I had to grow up and I had to learn so many lessons. Looking back, I wish there'd been more love; more patience; more big heartedness; more grace awakened and less criticalness.

"I think academics and graduates sometimes tend to be too critical; too analytical. There's a lack of love; a lack of grace; a lack of big heartedness. They may have strong ideas about strategy, about the way we need to do things, and not grasp the variety of ways - that God works through all kinds of people, including many who never had the opportunity to go to college, much less graduate."

With that George Verwer was off. He is a man who will never see his equal in his honesty and passion for evangelism, yet is so concerned for each person he comes in contact with – and I have known him for more than forty years. Even since I did the interview with George, he has been sending me e-mails about his latest adventures, including sailing again with the crew on the Logos Hope which is now berthed in his beloved London.

I am glad he doesn't believe in retirement!

If you would like to know more about George, just go to his website which is [www.georgeverwer.com](http://www.georgeverwer.com)

(Dan Wooding,  
Founder of ASSIST Ministries)



George Verwer in Kabwe 2009 during the Panafrican Brethren Conference on Missions



## "Love for God's Word"

We asked Samuel H Mululu from Mansa what the Bible means to him. He has been doing a lot of different things over the last few years. But whether he is repairing vehicles, or organizing a youth camp, whatever he does he keeps coming back to the Bible. Why is that? What is so special about this book for him? Here is what he thinks.



### Has God provided us with a manual for instruction? The answer is yes!

Many people have known this but have no interest in reading the Bible despite knowing that it is a manual given to us on how to go about in Christian life. In other words, God reveals himself through the Bible. You can only get to know more about God if you have the passion to read the Bible every day. There are some cultures in this world where reading is not something to take pleasure in, especially not the Bible. A good number of people do not even have a copy of a Bible. Something especially surprising is that, some of the so called leaders in churches at times use other people's Bible when preparing a sermon. People don't realize that in the Bible there are stories of great importance. The history of the creation of mankind is in the Bible. The plan of God about everything is also found in there. Even discovering who oneself is. In the Bible, that is where we draw our strength and hope. Joshua was encouraged by not letting the book of the law depart from his mouth; he was supposed to meditate on it day and night in order to observe what was written in it. David said, *"I have hidden your word into my heart that I may not sin against you".* (Psalms 119,11) It's not easy to know and understand what is required of us - not until we begin to study the word of God which is the Bible.

### And how do we develop the love of God's word?

A lot has been said about this. There is literature on the Bible, sermons and many other ways of encouraging people to read and learn more about God. Do you want to know more about God? When the desire for God begins to grow in you, the interest to learn more about him will also begin to rise. This will bring spiritual growth especially when somebody is eager not just to read but also to act upon the message. Acknowledging the Bible as the voice of the LORD God brings transformation in the life of a reader. Find time to read the word of God. Do not read only passages that interests you, instead, read in order to be acquainted with God through Jesus Christ. *"Whatever you do, do it with all your heart as*

### Useful instructions

Once upon a time, a friend from South Africa visited us in Zambia driving a car that seemed complex to some people who did not know much or anything about the make of the car. It was parked just about a meter away from the house building. Anybody who was supposed to move it needed to reverse it. The issue was where to find the reverse gear, because nothing was written on the gear knob to provide guidance for a driver. One of my friends failed to do it because he couldn't find the position for the reverse gear. The reason was simple: he did not find a person or a manual to guide him.

I went close to see whether I can be of any help to him. I entered the car and the first thing I did was to look for some instructions. Fortunately, I found the gear shifting instruction written somewhere and that made it easy for me to drive it without further challenges.



*unto the Lord*" (Col 3,17). There some people who read the Bible as if they are being chased. When you read the Bible like that, you will not benefit much from what it teaches.

### What are the outcomes of reading the bible?

Let me begin by saying that, Christian growth does not come simply by attending church services. I do not mean attending church is a bad thing, actually the Bible want us not to neglect meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10,25) But I became a Christian in 1996 when a visiting evangelist preached in our church. My growth since then has not depended on how many times I attended the fellowship meetings. More important was the inner joy for accomplishing the daily tasks of God. It is so joyous to understand what really God wants you to do through the Scriptures. After believing in the Lord Jesus as my personal savior, I saw it necessary to get baptized and this happened on 2nd August, 1998. This did not happen because I had seen some Christians getting baptized, but because I had read in the Bible and understood its vitality in my Christian life.

Looking back into my life, major changes were noticed when I fell in love with the Bible. I had begun emulating some vibrant Christians, wanting to be like them. Hey! It is amazing how the love of God's Word brings growth in people. I never wanted to waste my time, I engaged myself in a number of activities at the church. Nevertheless, reading and acting upon the Word of God made me know what I was supposed to do. Believe me I have made reading the Word of God to be a vital part of me. Now I am

serving as a full time minister of God and helping my fellow young people and also doing mission work.

My source of power and strength comes from the Lord. David, even faced with the mighty warrior Goliath, said, "*You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will hand you over to me...*" (1Sam 17,45) Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Let us trust in the Lord, God Almighty, and not in our own understanding and things that surround us. I always want to follow the Lord by following what the Bible teaches and this process will continue until I am no more. It is really good to love the Lord with all your heart and to enjoy studying His Word and discover who I am in the Lord and what He requires of me. I hope this will help you rekindle the love for God in you. If you have not given your life to Christ, dear friend you are missing out a lot, make up your mind and surrender to Jesus. God bless you.



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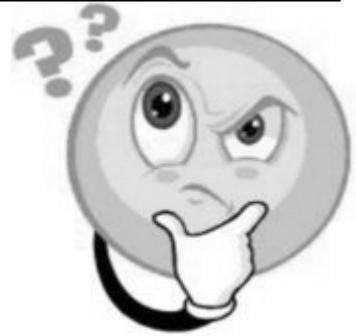
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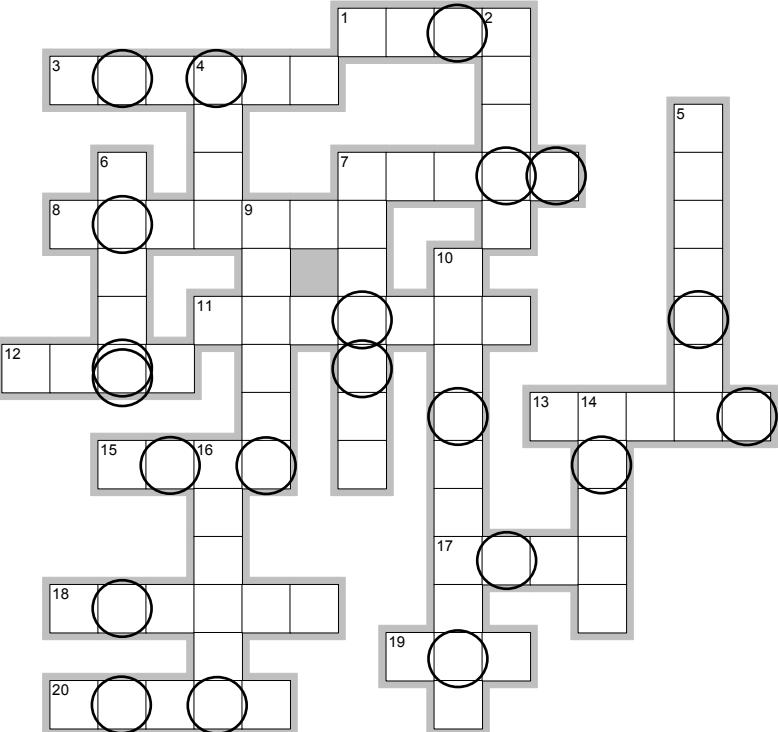
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# Quiz



**Theme:**  
**The Word of God**



1. Fill in the words looked for in these clues.
2. Use the letters in the circles to build the answer sentence below.
3. Praise God for what you have found!

## Across

1. In the beginning was the ... (John 1:1)
3. A collection of 150 songs in the Bible is called the book of ...
7. The author of Psalm 119 rejoiced in God's promises like one who finds great ... (Ps.119:162)
8. A person who receives messages from God to tell to his people
11. The first gospel was written by ...
12. Half-brother of the Lord Jesus and author of a short letter in the New Testament
13. God's word will not return ... (Isa.55:11)
15. The disciple who wrote 5 books of the New Testament
17. The man who trusts in the Lord is compared to a ... planted by the water (Jer.17:7,8)
18. John was exiled to ... (Rev.1:9)
19. God's word was Jeremiah's ... (Jer.15:16)
20. The word of God is like a double-edged ... (Heb.4:12)

## Down

2. King of Israel who wrote most of the Psalms
4. God's word is a ... to my feet (Ps.119:105)
5. The law of the Lord is ... (Ps.19:7)
6. Man does not live on ... alone (Matth.4:4)
7. Another word for 'law' (Ps.19:7)
9. ... and earth will pass away (Matth.24:35)
10. The last book in the New Testament
14. Author of the Pentateuch (Genesis to Deuteronomy)
16. God's word is like fire and like a ... (Jer.23:29)

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps.119,89 NIV)



**Job 10:1-22:** What lessons can we learn from Job's personal justification and his poor mental image of God? What advice does James give us in such matters in James 1:13 and 19?

**Job 11:1-20:** When Zophar speaks he lacks compassion. What reasons does he give to show that God is against Job? It could appear that suffering was associated with sin at that time just like some people think now. What would be your view?

**Job 12:1-25:** In verses 7-12 Job appeals to all creation to testify that God does what he pleases. How can this lead us into worship for him? In verses 13-25 He shows God's sovereignty over the created world. How far can you agree with Job?

**Job 13:1-28:** In the first part of this chapter, Job rejects his friend's counsel and turns to God. "Though he slay me yet will I trust him?" What a challenge! Make this to be your prayer too.

**Job 14:1-22:** The question that Job raises cannot be answered by any man. Who can answer man's questions? Cf. John 11:25 and 2 Timothy 1:10.

**Job 15:1-16:** Here we see Eliphaz criticizing Job. How would you describe his words to Job - love or like a wounded person?

**Job 15:17-35:** What is the fate of the wicked according to Eliphaz? What does he think of Job to be? What should be our prayers in this case?

**Job 16:1-22:** Job again insists that he is innocent. What does this teach us about our conviction in relation to salvation and our security in Christ?

**Job 17:1-16:** Life on earth is very short and full of sorrow. Again Job shows that he is ready to die except that he can only be

delivered by God. What a faith! Meditate upon these words and ask God to increase your faith in Christ Jesus.

**Job 18:1-22:** In this passage what does Bildad advise his friend Job? Your friends may leave and reject you. Who will not desert you even when you are being persecuted and suffering? Cf. Hebrews 13:5

**Job 19:1-29:** This is Job's reply: "I know that my redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth." Job confessed God as his redeemer in all these temptations. Who is your redeemer? Make this your prayer too.

**Job 20:1-29:** Zophar did not bring in any new thing other than what has already been said. If it were you, how would you have helped Job in this situation?

**Job 21:1-16:** How does Job protect his innocence? And how far do you agree with him?

**Job 21:17-34:** Why do you think Job asks this question in verse 22: Can any one teach knowledge to God? Cf Isa. 40:14.

**Job 22:1-30:** Eliphaz appeals to Job to come back to God. State points of admonishment as found in verses 21 - 27. Make them your prayers.

**Job 23:1-17:** Job is saying he has fought a good fight. How can we compare his words to those spoken by Paul in 2 Timothy 4:6-8? Will you stand in the day of your tribulation? Think about Job's words: "he will only present his case to God; though he cannot find him; God alone has afflicted him; yet he Job will not be quiet."

**Job 24:1-25:** Job complains to God the injustice he sees in the world; yet God does not bring justice cf 2 Peter 3:8-13. Instead of complaining how should we react to suffering? 2 Peter 3:14-17.

**Job 25:1 - 26:14:** What does this passage teach us about God, Man and the power of God? Can man understand God's work? Meditate and worship Him about his power.

**Job 27:1-23:** There is no lie in God. If Job would agree with his friends that his suffering is based on sin he has committed, then he would be lying. That is why he insists on his innocence. Meditate upon Job's security (verses 1-6) and the fate of all the wicked (13-23).

**Job 28:1-28:** According to Job what is the source of all wisdom? Verse 29. What could this be a picture of?

**Job 29:1-25:** List and meditate upon the services of Job that he rendered to the community before he was afflicted with the sickness. Make them your devotion.

**Job 30:1-15:** How does Job look at his

present situation? Is he lamenting in bitterness or in love?

**Job 30:16-31:** Job feels that he has been treated unjustly, whether by God or by man. Cf v24, 29, 30. Please make your own comments.

**Job 31:1-15:** Job makes his final oath of innocence! Make it your prayer.

**Job 31:16-40:** What is the final lesson that we can learn from Job's last words about his faith in God? Pray and let God be truly your God.

**Job 32:1-22:** The young man Elihu clearly sees Job's problem (v2) and also why the other friends are wrong (v3). What can we learn from his attitude (v4.21)? Who alone can give us wisdom in difficult circumstances? Cf v8.

**Job 33:1-18:** Elihu gives us a good example as he counsels Job! What is his attitude before God (v3.4) and towards Job (v6.7)? What can comfort us when we feel that God does not answer our prayers? Cf v14.

**Job 33:19-33:** Elihu paints a picture of someone enduring severe health problems. What is always God's purpose with us, whatever the circumstances are? Cf v29.30. Who is the mediator Elihu mentions in v23/24? Cf Hebrews 9:15!

**Job 34:1-20:** Have you ever felt like Job in v3.9? What can help us in times like that? Consider v12, memorize it and keep trusting the Almighty!

**Job 34:21-37:** Make a list of what we learn about God in this paragraph! What of it is especially important for you in your present circumstances?

### Recharge Instructions:

1. Pepeni / Pray!
2. Belengeni / Read!
3. Tontonkanyeni / Think!
4. Lembeni / Write!
5. Asukeni / Answer!

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## Gunmen at Church

One Sunday morning during service, a 2,000-member congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying sub-machine guns. One of the men proclaimed, "Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are." Immediately, the choir fled, the deacons fled, and most of the congregation fled. Out of the 2,000 there only remained around 20.

The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the preacher and said, "Okay Pastor, I got rid of all the hypocrites. Now you may begin your service. Have a nice day!"

And the two men turned and walked out.

—  
What about you? Would you have stayed?

*Source: unknown*

## Death in Tea

It's a true story took place in Madhya Pradesh, India around a year ago. As usual in the morning, a mother prepared tea for her family. By afternoon three children and the parents became ill and died in the hospital.

On investigation it was revealed that the mother had misunderstood pesticide for tea and filled the tea jar in the morning and subsequently used for preparing tea. Because the pesticide was old, it had no bad smell, which was looking like tea powder.

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It looks like something familiar - but it is deadly poison. Even in spiritual matters we should take a close look at what we and our families take in ...



# Yes!

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Some people think writing is an art that only very few people can learn. Others say everybody can write. The truth is somewhere in between.

## Writing competition

*Communities and Churches in Zambia need Christians who are able to express themselves in writing. People need guidance, ideas, correction, inspiration, comfort - and those who write can pass it on to others even when they are hundreds of kilometres away from the person in need.*

We from the Natuleya Magazine have been trying to foster the needed writing skills in recent years. This year we have a goal: A team of seven regular writers. And we have a plan: A writing competition + training and mentoring for promising new writers. Read on, if you are interested. Pray for us, even if you are not.

### Details

Planning is still underway, but the main tracks are clear.

#### Organizers:

„Natuleya“ Magazine, in cooperation with Samfyia Bible School and possibly other partners

#### Time:

You can start writing right now!

#### Jury:

1. The general public via Facebook and website
2. A team of writers and Bible teachers, including the Editor of “Natuleya”

#### Prices:

Will be announced on the website in due course.

#### Terms:

The participants have to submit by email to editor@natuleya.com or by mail to Samfyia Bible School, P.O. Box 720014, Samfyia

1. one article (maximum three articles per person), be it a story, interview, how-to-do article, comment, devotional, Bible study, testimony ... which would challenge, comfort or otherwise edify our readers.
2. the Competition form with some additional questions about the author, his/her experiences and interests.

Some guidelines and the form will be made available in printing and on the website.

The participants agree that “Natuleya” might, but is not obliged to, use their articles in print or online.

**Each article that reaches us will be made available to the public on our website under “First shots”** (provided it does not contradict essential biblical teaching which our magazine stands for).

So get started - write down what God has given you!

**We pray for seven men and women  
- are you one of them?**

### Who can participate?

Some people may think, this is only for young people. Not so! Young men and women, even boys and girls, are welcome to participate, yes. But what our churches also desperately need are mature men and women who have lots of experience in life and who are willing to share their insights with others. We need people who have more than good ideas or big visions. We need people who have something to say! Elders, Sunday School Teachers, Evangelists, Bible Teachers, grandparents, widows, business people, teachers, farmers: you have achieved something in life! You have seen God at work! Allow others to learn from your success and failures. You have something to say - just write it down!

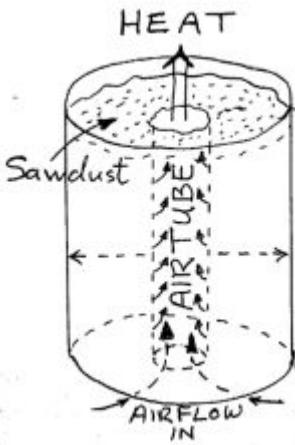


# Saw Dust Oven

## Heat for free!

- Did you know that charcoal making WASTES 87% energy? You only get 13%!
- Did you know that charcoal fumes KILL?!
- Do you know that deforestation is making Zambia into a next African DESERT?!

Look around and see the piles of sawdust waste spilling over the walls of sawmills and even beside the main roads. Waste? Sawdust contains the same potential energy as the wood it comes from. But can one harness its energy to do more than smoulder? Can it produce useful heat? Can one do it cheaply? Easily? YES!



The reason sawdust heaps smoke and smoulder is that insufficient air is available for clean combustion. Encourage an airflow and... useful heat is yours – and without the smoke. How?

### Principle:

Sawdust stoves need a vertical airtube up through packed sawdust. The fire occurs in this tube and as the heat rises, it

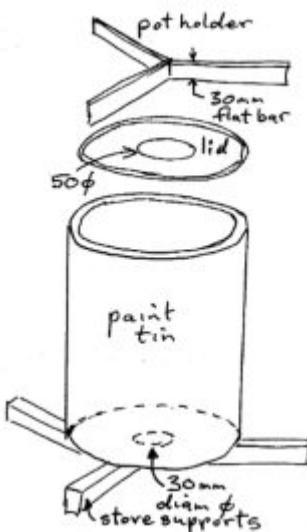
draws air in from below – a **self-induced draught**. The more draught, the greater heat intensity and smokelessness. The sawdust burns from the centre outwards until all the sawdust is consumed.

### Lighting procedure:

Pound the sawdust with a blunt tool (stick), as you pour it into the stove evenly around the airtube former (piece of pipe). Do this with the stove sitting on the ground. The better the pounding, the less likely the sawdust will collapse (killing the fire!). Lift out the airtube former carefully, leaving a neat round tube-shaped hole in the sawdust. Sit the stove on its support, fit the lid and pan support on the top. Place shavings, papers or oily rag under the stove and light. Make sure the flames enter the bottom of the airhole and shoot up inwards. You may wish to encourage the lighting using a tin chimney for 2-3 minutes. The stove is ready for cooking on in 3 minutes - after the sawdust tube has caught fire (glowing) - and lasts ~ 90 mins.

### WARNINGS:

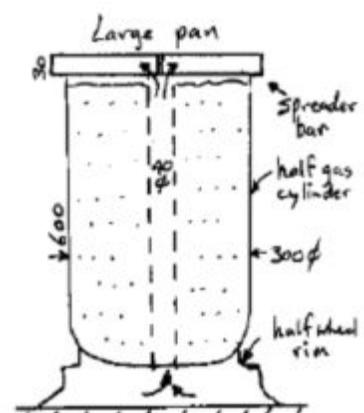
- Sawdust must be DRY.
- The sawdust must be well pounded down – else it will collapse, killing the fire.
- Stove must not be handled roughly after airtube former is removed.
- Stove is basically “smokeless” but pans will need “greasing” underneath.



### The Paint Tin Model:

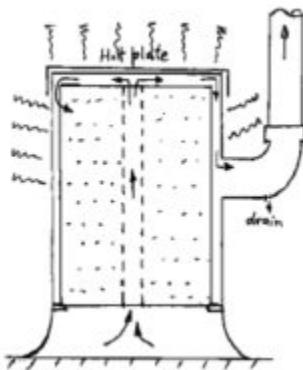
Here's the simplest – and cheapest – just right for the family cooking!

Cut a 30mm long cross (X) in the middle of the base of a 5 lt empty tin. And fold flaps to make a round hole. Cut/ chop a round hole 50mm diameter in the middle of the lid. Sit the tin on top of two small bricks (to allow air in under). Make a "Y" or "X" shape out of

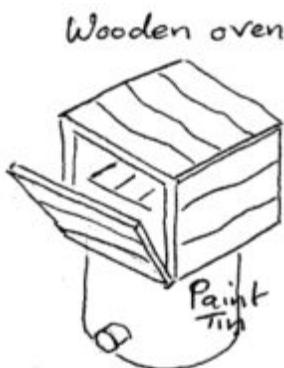


### Options:

**The Mammoth** – can boil 35 lts water in 2½ hours. Made from disused gas cylinder. Selfstanding. Basically smokeless.



**The Radiant** – can run for 11 hours. Suitable for night watchmen. Good space-heater and cooker. Smokes, but chimney ensures a fumeless room (see photo on page before; find a detailed construction plan on our website!).



**The Oven** - The box is made from pinewood off-cuts, with a sheetsteel base, sitting on top of a 5 lt paintpot stove.

### Conclusion:

Sawdust stoves offer a cheap alternative to the expensive charcoal. However habits take time to change! It is hoped this article will challenge you to use this valuable resource and save trees for a future generation.

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**"The earth is the Lord's,  
and the fullness thereof;  
the world,  
and they that dwell therein."**

Ps 24:1

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A yell from Monkey made all the animals turn. "Stay there, Twiga," he chortled. "Leave it to Monkey. I'll be *OVER* that wall in a jiffy. I can climb anything."

Up Giraffe's tail he scampered, on to his back, up his neck, on to his head and then he leaped up and up, climbing with his paws and tail.

The higher he went the smoother the wall became. His front paws slipped. His back paws slithered. His tail twisted uselessly. For a split second he was poised high up.

Then down

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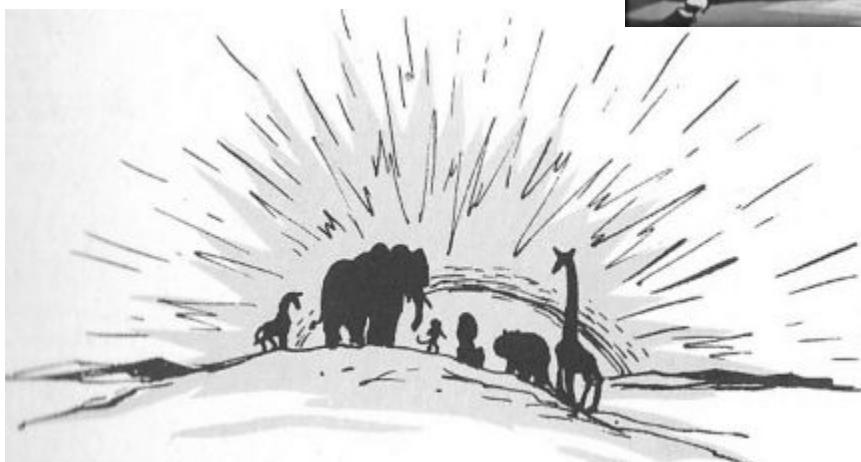
down ...

**WUMP!**



It took a long time  
for little Monkey to  
get his breath back.  
At last he gulped:

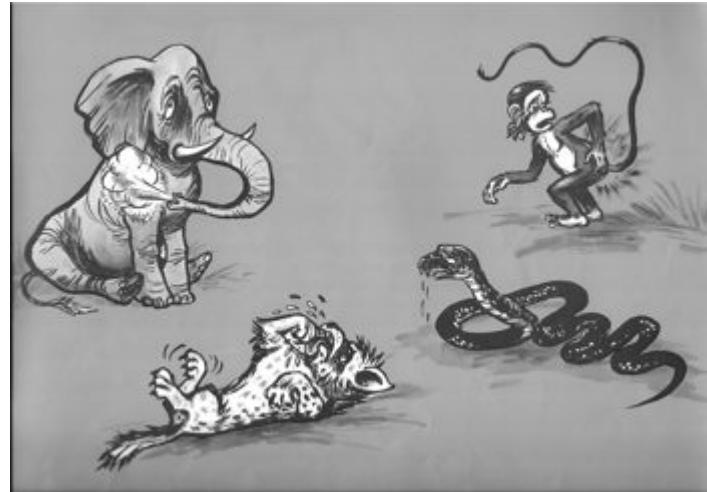
"There's - NO - WAY -  
OVER - that - wall."



The animals looked at each other and said sadly,

"There's no way  
THROUGH the wall  
ROUND the wall  
UNDER the wall  
or *OVER* the wall."

(Start reading on page 2)



People have wall trouble too.  
We have each built walls with our pride  
and our selfishness and lies and cheating  
and spite and dirty-mindedness.

This barrier is sin and our sin cuts us off from God. No one can push his way through that sin barrier. No one can walk round the sin barrier. No one can tunnel under the sin barrier. No one can climb over the sin barrier.

But Jesus, God's Son, made a way. With His cross he BROKE DOWN the Great Wall. You and I would be in a hopeless position if He had not made a way.



**Jesus says, "Come to me: I have come that you may have and enjoy life to the full. I AM THE WAY."**

(John 10,10; 14,6)