

Hope Ministries India

By God's grace Hope Ministries is going on well here merely with all of your prayers. Thank you to all in Jesus name. Many people are reached and the Lord is moving in a powerful way through His Spirit. We praise God for His mercies in our lives. Amen.

We are so happy to be a part of AFCM group of ministries. I am not lonely man since we are part of you and AFCM is a great blessing. We are doing ministry among the tribal people in India especially in remote areas. In certain places in the villages there is no proper church building to worship God. We are planted FIVE congregations in poor condition with a great burden. People are in need and request help for the construction of the church buildings.

Our pastors are in need of bicycles and motor bikes to travel to the surrounding villages and preach the gospel of Christ effectively and FOUR WHEELER VEHICLE for the outreach Gospel.



Many of our believers have no regular source of income and ask for loans to buy cows or sheep so they can sell the milk or wool. This is a great need as there is a lack of jobs in the villages. Please do pray for them and their ministry.

Hope Ministries also has outreaches for the children, youth, women, camps, Children's Bible Clubs, mini crusades and other programs.

We have been doing our Lord's ministry independently since 1972. My age is now 60 yrs. We lost our daughter and her husband in the year of 2005 suddenly. They have one daughter who was only eight years old when she lost her parents. Since that time she has been with us. She is now 12 yrs old and studying in her 7th class. She is very intelligent and very interested in spiritual things. She is a very fine singer in our Sunday school and church services. Praise the Lord.

Please pray for her good health and knowledge to develop in her life and best future. If God directs you, we are asking for sponsors for her education and for other essential expenses. We trust that you are all doing the best with guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We appreciate your loving prayers and financial support in Jesus name.

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The purpose of this short article is to help us understand and recognize a Holy Spirit revival and the counterfeit revivals that abound in many places today.

Revival is defined as a reviving or being revived. Revive is defined as to return to life, to return to health or vigor, to come or bring back to use.

Acts 3:19 says, “*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.*” We need to read all the way through to verse 26 in order to get the context of this verse.

Acts 3:25b-26 reads this way, “... *saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’* To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away everyone of you from your iniquities.”

Galatians 3:8 says, “*And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached THE GOSPEL to Abraham beforehand saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed’*” (Gen 12:3).

BLESSING OF ABRAHAM

The blessing of Abraham to all nations is the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ (Gen 12:3) and Gal 3:14). Sin separated mankind from God, but through Jesus, the seed of Abraham, man’s sins have been forgiven and he can once again enter in to the presence of God. This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the Good News that we have been commissioned to take to the whole world (Matt 28:18-20).

REVIVALS

Throughout history we see revivals or fresh outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Many people are “revived” or “returned to life” during these outpourings. Ephesians 2:1 says, “And you He

made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.” Many times Christians who had in times past been born again (made alive in Christ), but had fallen away, gone back into the world, etc., repented during these “times of refreshing.” They were forgiven and fellowship with the Lord was restored.

COUNTERFEIT MOVES

Unfortunately, there have also been counterfeit “moves of God.” II Corinthians 11:13-15 speaks of false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. Satan himself was an angel of light. II Thessalonians 2:9 speaks of Satan with all power, signs, and LYING WONDERS (miracles). We cannot base our Christian walk on supernatural experiences or miracles. We must be able to back everything up with God’s Word, rightly dividing the Word of Truth (II Tim 2:15).

READ YOUR BIBLE

When the Apostle Paul preached in Berea, the brethren searched the scriptures daily to find out whether those things were so (Acts 17:10-11). If we as Christians would read our Bibles, we would find what true revival really is. We would find that revivals are moves of the Holy Spirit, not of angels, etc.

TRUE REVIVAL

True revival will result in salvations of souls. People will be hungry and thirst for more of God. The Apostle Paul is a good example of one who was made alive and stayed alive to the very end. His secret? Philippians 3:10 (Amplified Bible), “Paul’s determined purpose was to know the Lord intimately and the power of His resurrection (Holy Spirit)”

A true revival will bring people to an intimate relationship with God. It is then that you will begin to see true signs and wonders as you share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others, bringing them into the kingdom of God! Amen!

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Our trip to Africa was very amazing. We were there to attend the AFCM Africa Family Reunion and three AFCM International Training Center (AFCMITC) graduations.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted by Jennie Ochieng, AFCM Africa Director and founder of Disciples of Mercy (DOM), her daughter, Natalie, and Natalie’s husband, Tobias.

Family Reunion went very well. Did you know that AFCM has extended to 24 African countries? We had about 30 members attend from several different countries and they all had interesting things to share. I remember one man saying how thankful he was for AFCM. He went on to say that it didn’t matter what color he was that he could sit and talk with anyone.

I want to say thank you to Word of Faith Family Church, Pastors Rod & Annette Rice, for donating two mics and to Heart of the Bay Christian Center, Pastors Mark & Brenda Thomas, for giving money so that they could buy a whole new sound system. They were amazed and blessed by this!!

I was ecstatic to be able to attend the AFCMITC graduations. There are 38 AFCMITCs in Africa and 13 of them are in Kenya. DOM graduated 16 students, Kibos Prison graduated 43, and Kisumu Prison graduated 107 (8 were from the women’s prison.)



Students shared about what AFCMITC meant to them. One lady said, “Although we have nothing to give you in return, we are so thankful for this schooling.” Over 60 prisoners accepted Jesus! Glory to God!

DOM has a school with 360 students, 40 of them are special needs children. Many of the children are orphans and do not have the funds to pay for schooling. If you would like to sponsor a child, please go to www.afcminternational.org and click on the link.

DOM also has a Vocational Training Center as well as a hospital, birthing center, and counseling center.

We need to remember that this is what AFCM is about. It’s not about what am I getting, but what I can give. I was reading Sparkling Gems today by Rick Renner and it struck a chord with me about meeting the needs of other believers.



He writes, “It is very easy for us to get caught up in our own projects and plans that we forget about the needy people in the world who need our help. This is precisely why Paul encouraged us to be constantly “distributing to the necessity of saints...” (Romans 12:13). Especially at this time of the year when people are in a spirit of giving, I think it is important to look for ways to bless people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Every day we should pray and ask the Lord how He wants to use us to make a difference in someone else’s life.”

Rick also gives questions to consider, which help get us thinking less about ourselves and more on what the Father would have us to do:

1. How long has it been since you gave a serious, significant gift during the holiday season to meet the needs of believers who are less fortunate in other parts of the world?
2. Do you know of believer’s living right in your own community who are struggling and could use extra financial surprise to make their holiday more pleasant?
3. If you are having a financial challenge yourself, why don’t you figure out the size of the harvest you need to receive and then sow a seed to match that kind of harvest?

On my trip my heart was to make myself available to do whatever was needed of me. I am determined to continue to make myself available whenever I see a need. What if we all did that? We could change the world!

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