

I Experience Revival – Bro Lawrence

It's bubbling, bubbling, bubbling in my soul. My goal was to preach to others and teach them about God. I was worried when my progress wasn't as expected, so I began praying.

“God, oh Lord, I need a revival.”

I searched from the internet until I came across the website of “The Churches of God in UK”. There, a brother mentioned he was encouraged by the Lord to teach people to become closer to God. That is exactly what I needed! I prayed, “Oh God, help me connect with this man who has shared this truth.”

After writing to The Churches of God in UK, I was contacted by brothers. They came here, with the message for which I was waiting and praying.

Now, I am truly happy because I have started rising higher. My daily life used to be a touch-and-go experience with the Lord. That has now completely changed. Every day, I wake up, spend time with my Lord, get connected to Him, walk with Him always.

The way I study the Bible has changed. Before, reading the Bible was just like reading a story. I would read as many chapters as possible to get the whole story and then forget about it. Now, I go to the Bible to hear from my Lord. I listen to Him as I read and commit to doing whatever He tells me.



The Lord has also helped me live with my brethren with love. He moves in me to express love to my brothers, and He moves them to express love to me. My worshiping to the Lord has completely transformed, especially during the Lord's Supper. I feel the Lord close to me, giving Him thanks and glorifying His name for saving and dying for me.

My revival continues and the revival in Kenya is spreading. May you be revived and have a part in this glorious Biblical Church Revival Movement.

PLANS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Festival Week

We are excited for the Festival Week from August 20 to 23 in Mt. Kenya area. We expect to meet hundreds of Christians and friends from different counties. May God bless us in our trainings for gospel workers, Christian revival meetings, children meetings and outreach for the lost. Please register if you are interested in the training and bring your family and friends to the gospel meetings.

2. Prayer for Revival

We humbly request Christians to take the initiative to set up prayer groups in their congregations for the revival in Kenya. You can send us pictures of your prayer group or text us to encourage one another.



3. Bible College

We are designing a diploma training course to equip gospel workers to build Churches after God's heart in Africa. This course covers the spiritual growth of God's servants, the understanding and applications of God's word and the ministry skills in outreaching the world, shepherding and building God's Family. It will commence in early 2025 and registration will start in October 2024. Just contact us for further information.

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REVIVAL UPDATE

In the last few weeks God revived us and many souls. From the training in Embu, the Lord's Supper in Kiugu and Mufu, the pursuit meetings in Machakos and Kianjai, the coworkers fellowship in Nkubu to the revival camp in Migori, we cannot forget the presence of the Lord and His blessings in the meetings. We experienced the closeness of God in worship and witnessed spirits uplifted and freed by the word of God. We give thanks to God for this spreading revival in Kenya. Let's hear the testimonies of brothers and sisters.



Migori training camp

Gains from the camp



“I was blessed in this Migori Revival Camp. Brothers and sisters came from far away to teach us how to be a member in God's Family. I learned the way of singing to worship Him. And I found that worship is drawing closer to God. I was very happy and blessed in this camp. In the camp I received my baptism, which became a very important event for me.” **Katrin, Migori**

WORDS OF THE EDITOR

Praise the Lord. With gratitude, we present this newsletter to highlight His revival and grace in Kenya. We pray that this publication will:

1. spread the revival,
2. promote the Biblical truth, and

3. engage many in the Biblical Church Revival Movement.

In this edition, you'll find our latest news, upcoming events, and insights into how the truth liberates us in our spiritual growth, lives, and ministry.

“I worshipped God and enjoyed the fellowship with brothers and sisters in Migori Revival Camp. I have never experienced such fellowship before. In the past, we didn't greet each other as warmly as we do now. We've learned to greet each other sincerely. During the Lord's Supper, we sang the song “Rejoice, He's Risen” and we could hear each other's prayers. This brings me great joy.



My eyes have been opened. I have been taught how to pray, to look up and talk to my Father in Heaven. I worship and declare that God is unchanging. I have learned to worship in spirit and in truth. Even though I was saved when I was very young, and now I am 73 years old, I feel like I have only truly been saved for one year because of these. I will continue worshipping and following this truth.”

Sister Joyce, Embu



The Lord desires us. He longs to receive us to be with Him in heaven. However, He has left us in this world to accomplish an important purpose: obviously to co-work with Him to build the church. How precious it is that He wants us to work with Him in this greatest mission and the most glorious work of all.

The Lord Sent Us Before His Ascension

(Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:8)

Before His ascension, the Lord commanded us to go to all nations, bear witness for Him, and build a church after His own heart. The Lord placed much emphasis on this task, and we should be of one heart with Him. We should be excited and fervent about completing this most meaningful mission.



The Gospel is the Best Message from Heaven (1 Cor. 15:3-5)

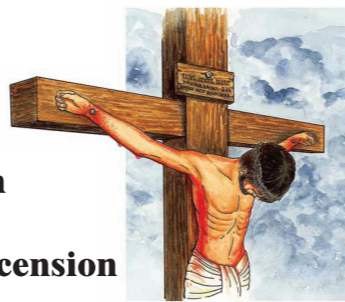
To all mankind, there is nothing more important than to hear the gospel. A person can lack knowledge in many areas, but he must know God. Bringing someone to the Lord is the greatest gift that you could ever give him. It is an eternal and life-changing blessing. No human relationship or material possession can match the value of this gift. For without the Lord, a person has no meaning in life. This would be the greatest and most tragic loss. The only thing an unbeliever can do is to sin and harm others, and his eternal destination is hell.



We must face the gospel truth as it has serious implications for a person's life and where he would be in eternity. We cannot evade our responsibility to preach the gospel, step aside selfishly and let unbelievers be separated from God forever and enter into eternal destruction. Apathy is not an option. Let us not deny God's calling or our conscience.

A true Christian must help people believe in the Lord. This is the proper action when you consider the following:

- **The reality of sin, judgement, hell and eternity**
- **God's passionate love**
- **The Lord's crucifixion and resurrection**
- **The Lord's commission**
- **The glorious gospel**
- **The purpose of the descension of the Holy Spirit**



God has prepared the heart of many to be saved. Take a good look at the fields — they are ripe for harvest! Many people are waiting to listen to the gospel. They need messengers to preach the gospel to them. In addition to the work of the Holy Spirit, they are not far from salvation.

Let us concentrate our time and effort on preaching to people who are ready to accept the Lord. Don't spend too much time on those who are presently reluctant or skeptical but wait for the right time to preach to them later.

Repay the Debt of the Gospel (Rom. 1:14-15)

Paul the Apostle considered the gospel so valuable and important that he felt like a debtor if he did not preach it to unbelievers. Our church today must be one that can help millions to believe in the Lord.

Preaching the Gospel is the First and Most Essential Step in Finishing the Church

Unless we keep preaching the gospel, there is no hope to build the church or complete it in this age. The first and most important step in fulfilling the Lord's commission is to spread the gospel. Jesus emphasized this important point repeatedly before He ascended to heaven. We must emphasize the ministry of raising and equipping disciples, but there must be great progress in spreading the gospel as well. If disciples had never preached the gospel, the church would never have existed.

A church that seldom preaches the gospel is cold and unsympathetic, and fails to accomplish its purpose. It is unprofitable, full of shame, misery, and self-deceit. We must preach the gospel to the end of the world.

Preach the Gospel Actively, Wisely and Patiently (Matt. 4:19; Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:3)

We have to follow the Lord in order to become "fishers of men". It is necessary for us to draw close to Him, be of one heart with Him, and be full of His presence. We must let His teachings and guidance lead us so that we can follow the Lord's initiative, wisdom and perseverance when reaching out to people.

Having received the Lord's commission to preach, we should equip ourselves so that we will become wiser and be able to bring people before Christ via different ways.

There are certain similarities between fishing and saving souls. First, a person who wants to be successful in either pursuit must prepare himself adequately. Fishing requires certain knowledge. A fisherman must know the behaviour of the fish, be able to select the appropriate bait and fishhook, and use proper techniques. Similarly, a Christian must understand his gospel target in order to save him. You should be familiar with his daily life, his beliefs, and what hinders him from coming to the Lord. The Christian should also be well versed in how to preach the gospel and share his testimony. **"... he who wins souls is wise" (Prov 11:30).**

You need to take the initiative and be willing to act. Take notice of the type of people that brothers and sisters are with and the situations around them. To preach the gospel and build the church, we must open a way even when there seems none, and build a bridge if there isn't any. Just as a fish would not hop onto the fisherman's boat by itself, an unbeliever would probably not come to a gospel meeting by himself to seek for God. You have to be the one to reach out to people. The Lord told us to **"go into all the world" (Mark 16:15)**, not sit back and wait for the world to come to you. It is true that gospel meeting is also one way of gaining souls, but we must also reach out to people, strengthen relationships with others and invite them to come. Jesus is the Son of Man who **"has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10)**. He initiated contacts with unbelievers, and we have to do the same: be active and reach out!

Fishing requires patience. Some people give up in frustration when they are unable to bring their gospel targets to Christ after a period of time. It is difficult to reap a harvest without patience. We should not lose heart in doing good, loving and saving people, for we shall reap in due time if we do not lose heart.

Let us follow the Lord closely throughout our lives. Let us draw near to Him, walk with Him and deny ourselves. In doing so, we shall experience His love even more intensely, and have greater wisdom and power from above. We shall then be fishers of men.

Daniel Yu

(an excerpt from Wisdom to Win Souls, abridged)

