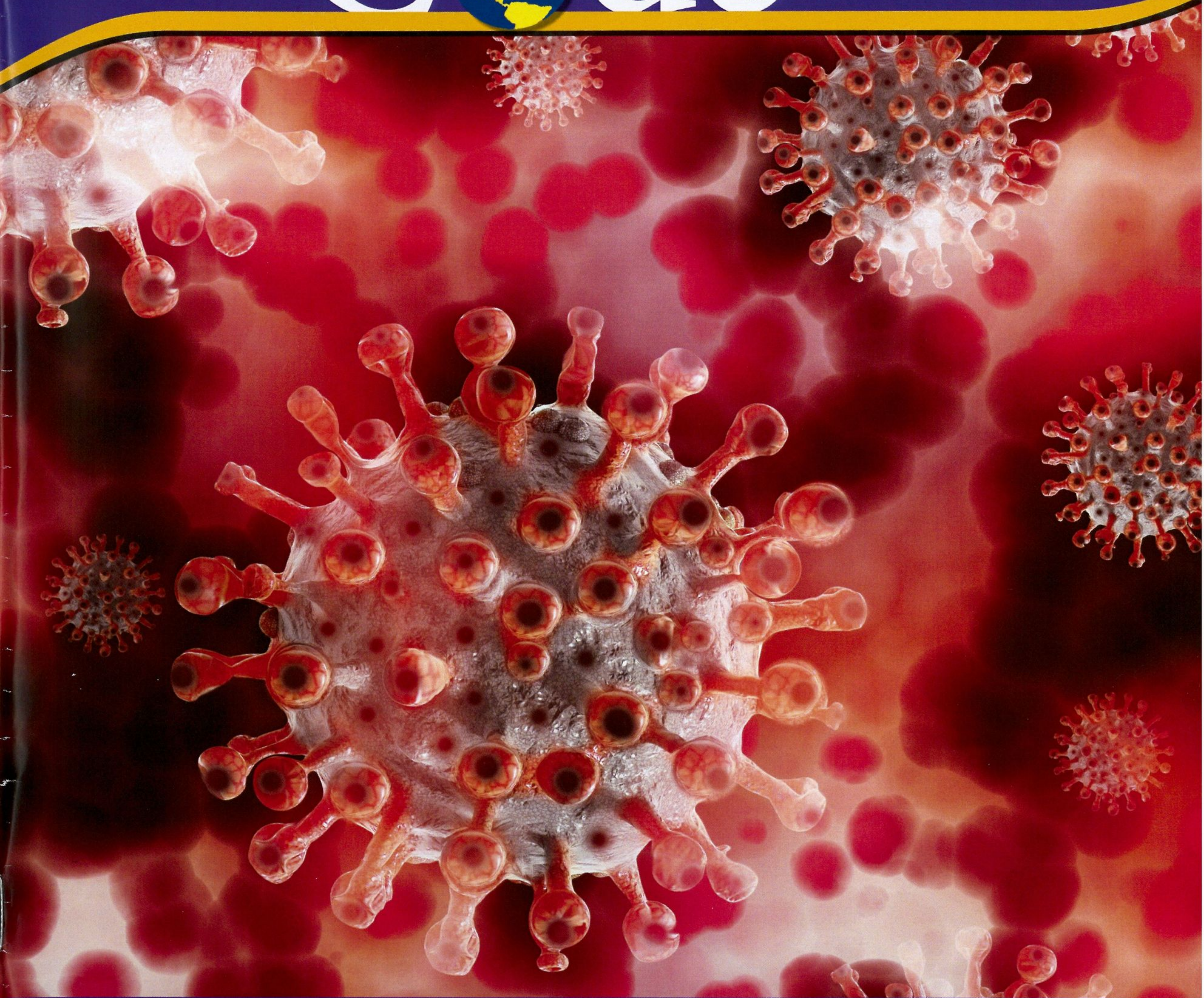
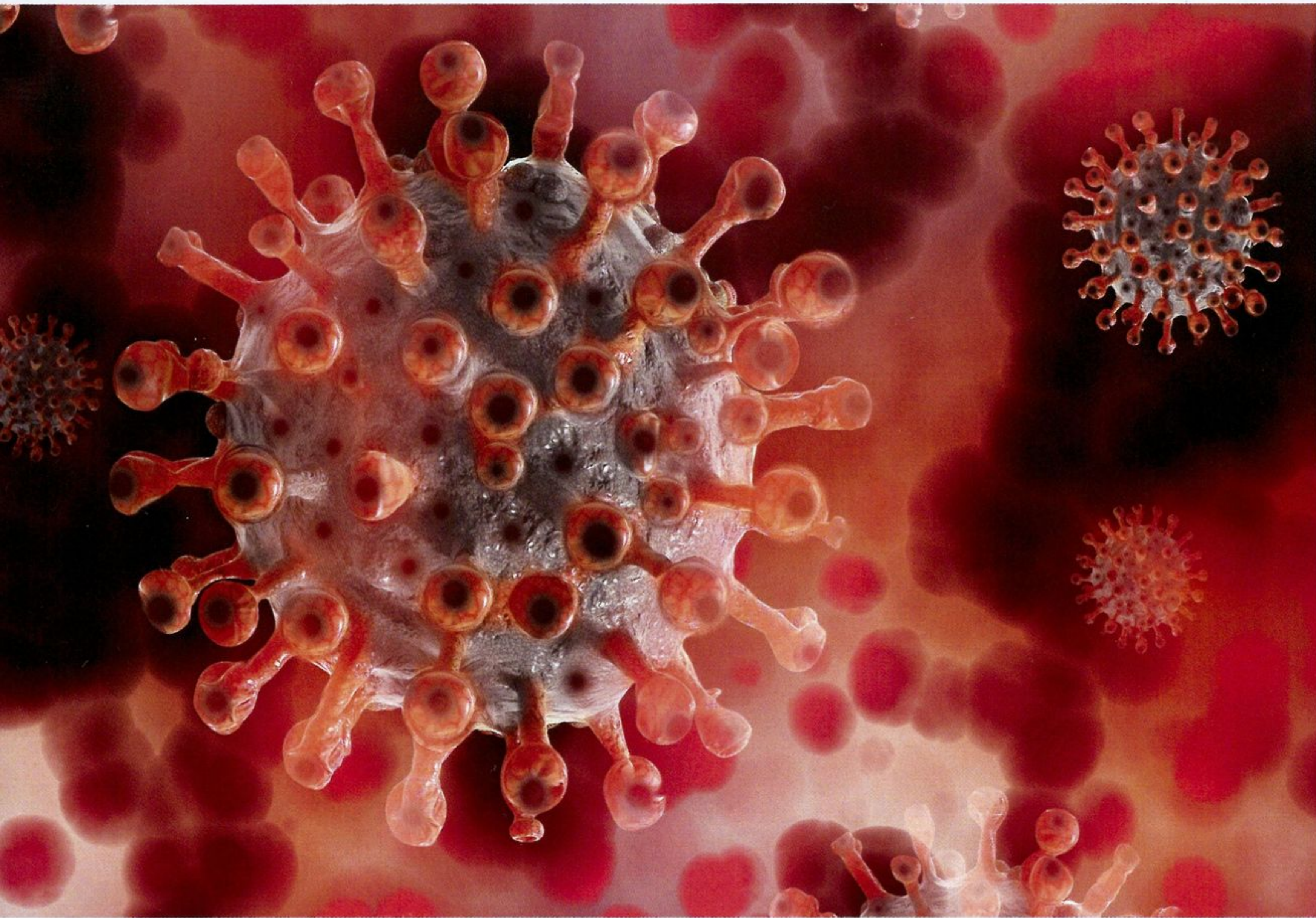


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Enduring To The End

Before His departure the disciples approached Jesus and asked Him to explain to them the signs of the end of the world:

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

“For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

“All these are the beginning of sorrows.

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”
Matthew 24:3-13.

We can say with certainty that we are indeed living in the the end of the world, all that Jesus spoke about in the preceeding versus have come to pass.

Here we place emphasis on “pestilences”. Our world is in chaos as a result of the pandemic. Hundreds of thousands have died as a result, the world economy is in turmoil as the nations of earth seek to pick up the pieces and rebuild their economies.

Many are afraid for the future because they are uncertain of what lies ahead.

As Present Truth believers we are not afraid because we know these things will happen. The signs are telling us that the kingdom is at the door and that we must be ready.

Are you ready? Do you have on the wedding garment, brother, sister? Are your sins washed away by the blood of Jesus. Do we have the seal of God in our foreheads?

Inspiration tells us that “we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecy is fast fulfilling” 5MR 5.

May the Lord help us all to be watchful and vigilant and “endure unto to the end.”

—Editors

The **Pandemic** **Time of Trouble** **Our changed world—forever**

Nearly 2000 years ago the prophet of Patmos wrote some words that seemed humanly impossible at the time those words were penned. In fact even great modern minds today puzzled as to how could such events be fulfilled. How could earth's scattered billions, speaking hundreds of different languages and dialects, and living over earth's remotest bounds, could be so precisely controlled as predicted by the Bible? How could these words be fulfilled?

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” Rev. 13:16-17

For the past year and a half, as we know, the pandemic has raged relentlessly worldwide. In response, the world's great leaders have been commanding small and great to be vaccinated or be jobless, not allowed to travel, not allowed to participate in many basic-to-life activities and even restricting religious activities. God-given freedoms have been and are rapidly being taken away in the name of protection from the disease. The grim specter of the Mark of the Beast is already casting its life-threatening, tyrannical shadow onto the world stage. Who can doubt that this is a rehearsal as it were, for that ominous

time— that time of trouble such as never was! Who can fail to hear the projected voice of this Goliath!

Welcome to the New World Order! Welcome to a world changed forever by this pandemic (or plandemic as some call it). Trouble, yes trouble is coming. Are we prepared? Are we ready?

“Follow the science,”

We hear these words echoed a lot today. This message ostensibly seems to be the guiding pillars for political and medical measures taken and enforced upon the great masses of earth's population —to “protect” us from the pandemic. But there is one problem. A BIG problem! In today's Lucifer-manipulated world, wherever there is truth, there is also a counterfeit. In plain language, there is counterfeit science today— just as the Bible predicted. (“Science, falsely so called” 1 Tim. 6:20). Evolution is a classic example. True science is in perfect harmony with God's Word. But whenever science is seasoned with politics and cooked on the fires of greed for the dollar, the resulting dish will be anything but true science. Is it not true that the only absolutely reliable thing we can trust today is “thus saith the Lord”?

As God's people, if we cannot now see these signs of the times, then lamentably, we may remain blind forever. Why? As we know, before the Mark of the beast reaches



its culmination, there are some definite events to take place in the closing work for the church, including the Purification. We shall presently visit these. But, let us talk briefly about the vaccines and what we can do to help ourselves in the face of this danger.

The standard definition of a vaccine according to Miriam Webster dictionary is as follows:

A preparation that is administered (as by injection) to stimulate the body's immune response against a specific infectious agent or disease: such as an antigenic preparation of a typically inactivated or attenuated (see ATTENUATED sense 2) pathogenic agent (such as a bacterium or virus) or one of its components or products (such as a protein or toxin).

Many vaccines are made from the virus itself, either weakened or killed, which will induce antibodies to bind and kill a live virus. Measles vaccines are just that, weakened (or attenuated) measles viruses.—Ann Finkbeiner et al.

Well since the new or current “vaccines” against the Coronavirus do not pass this test; do not prevent those who receive them from getting the disease/infection against which they purport to protect, the CDC (Center for Disease Control) has now changed the definition to accommodate the new mRNA vaccines. Here is the new definition if you can make sense out of it.

“A preparation of genetic material (such as a strand of synthesized messenger RNA) that is used by the cells of the body to produce an antigenic substance (such as a fragment of virus spike protein).”

“... Moderna's coronavirus vaccine ... works by injecting a small piece of mRNA from the coronavirus that codes for the virus' spike protein. ... mRNA vaccine spurs the body to produce the spike protein internally. That, in turn, triggers an immune response.”

— Susie Neilson et al.

“The revolutionary messenger RNA vaccines that are now available have been over a decade in development. ... Messenger RNA enters the cell cytoplasm and produces protein from the spike of the Covid-19 virus.”

— Thomas F. Cozza

“Viral vector vaccines, another recent type of vaccine, are similar to DNA and RNA vaccines, but the virus' genetic information is housed in an attenuated virus (unrelated to the disease-causing virus) that helps to promote host cell fusion and entry.”—Priya Kaur

“NOTE: Vaccines may contain adjuvants (such as aluminum hydroxide) ...”

Side Effects Of The Vaccines

It is widely acknowledged that these mRNA vaccines are experimental. The fastest vaccines ever produced in

the history of vaccines. Unfortunately there is not much transparency regarding them. Knowledgeable doctors are suppressed and afraid to speak out lest they lose their licenses. Many today do not know that the vaccines carry DNA components from aborted fetuses. This is a suppressed fact.

The vaccines also contain heavy metals. Two other components worth mentioning are polyethylene glycol and polysorbate 80. 70% of humans are allergic to the former and risk anaphylactic effects, while the latter is designed to penetrate the protective Blood-Brain Barrier and carry undesirable substances to the brain. Unfortunately there is NO COMPENSATION for anyone taking the vaccines and getting sick, getting heart inflammation, blood clots, getting paralyzed or killed. The vaccines will be considered blameless (safe and effective). They typically claim that your underlying comorbidities (health problems) caused the negative reactions or death.

A Relevant Slice Of The News Today

“The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has asked for an in-depth review of all data linked to heart inflammation disorders following inoculation with Moderna’s Covid jab, after several countries suspended or advised against its use.

“In a safety update published on Thursday, the EMA revealed that its Risk Assessment Committee is evaluating “further data on the risk of myocarditis and pericarditis following vaccination with Spikevax.” RT news 11/11/21.

(Such disclosures, though suppressed, will likely become more common as time unfolds).

The Association’s Position On The Vaccine

The Association promotes the Health message from the Bible, from Inspiration and TRUE Science— not science “falsely so called.” (1Tim. 6:20). As a religious duty the Association recommends its members shun the use of prescribed and other toxic conventional drugs in favor of naturopathic alternative procedures. We strictly believe in complying with God’s requirements to preserve the body in the very best condition of health by not introducing anything that will be injurious to the system.

While the Association does not promote nor does it recommend the vaccines, it does not presume to be anyone’s conscience on this matter, and encourage each

individual to seek the Lord’s guidance on this question.

All in all, we are reminded by Inspiration which states there is a time for food and there is a time for drugs, even though they have their consequences.

“Drugs have their own place, but do not expect them to do that which you yourself must do.” —{EW 21.1} Many are like Asa, the king. He was “diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians.” 2 Chron. 16:12. (See Prophets and Kings, p. 113.) —{EW 21.2}

“A Time For Drugs Rather Than For Food”

There are diseases which attack even the healthiest and best-cared for plants. For example, when a tree that is planted in the best of soils and is well cared for, becomes infested with insects or disease, then no matter what one does with the soil, he cannot thereby cause the pestilence to disappear: and if the tree is not sprayed with drugs that will exterminate the disease, the tree dies. In like manner, if one’s morals, diet, and hygiene, have been faultless and still are when he takes sick, and if his ailment is not hereditary, then no matter what more he does with his diet, he will realize no healing virtues from it. Drugs are his best remedy if prayer fails. EW 21.3

What can you do to recover from or protect against the COVID-19? What can we do against the Omicron virus or the next variants that are very likely to arise in the future?

Three effective protections against the vaccines recommended by Dr. Ardis, MD (www.thedrardisshow.com—for more info).

The FDA has a list of 110 side effect health issues that result from the vaccines, many of them fatal. You must do these three SIMPLE protective measures for the rest of your life for ongoing protection against these life threatening components in the vaccines. There are components in these vaccines that suppress your innate immune system (because the body recognizes and fights them as foreign invaders—just as with human organ transplants) and the result is that many of your old diseases can reappear. To help avoid this, take the following:

1. Vitamin C —10,000 mg daily start off with 5,000mg and work towards 10,000 as long as there are no loose stools. In China they use 35,000mg of Vitamin C, to cure Covid in 3 days in the hospitals.
2. Magnesium 500 mg daily

3. Selenium 200 micrograms (mcg) daily.

For Present Truth believers

To help prevent the COVID-19 pay attention to the counsels given to us through Inspiration.

1. Follow God's health reform very strictly including—eating 80% alkaline foods and only 20% acid-forming foods. Also plenty raw foods.

2. Practice the 8 laws of health that we know well but often neglect.

3. Use large quantities of vitamin C rich foods. Lemons/ limes, and other citrus fruits, also broccoli and plenty green vegetables. In cases of illness even 5 to 10 times the regular dosages of store-bought vitamin C can be very effective against almost any disease including the Coronavirus.

4. Vitamin D3 is also very therapeutic. But do not neglect the full range of other needed vitamins while highlighting the mentioned two.

5. Garlic is especially powerful against a wide range of pathogenic bacteria and viruses. Use freely.

6. Immune-boosting herbs like goldenseal, echinacea, aloe vera, neem, eucalyptus and many others should be employed to advantage.

7. Homemade green and vegetable juices are powerful to boost health and overcome disease

8. Utilize very good hygienic habits, like constantly washing your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizers, cover your mouths when sneezing and coughing and take all reasonable commonsense steps to keep yourself disease free.

9. Now having done your part, done your best, you can unpresumptuously trust in the Lord to take care of you and thus have no undue fear. No, we have no need to panic when we do our part and trust God. Even if you then get exposed to the virus, you will likely have little or no symptoms and quickly overcome the illness with your superior immune system.

10. Please be a source of encouragement to others, pointing them by precept and example to the great Physician who once walked the dusty streets of Palestine “healing all manner of disease.” His power is still the same today!

What to do if you have trouble breathing

Try the Eucalyptus/Peppermint Steam therapy

Put a quart of water in a pot and heat it to boiling point. Now take it off the fire, place the pot on a secure

stand or table and put two to three drops of Eucalyptus and/or Peppermint oil in the pot of hot water. Now take a large towel and drape it over your head to form a tent as it were over the pot of water. Be careful not to burn yourself. Now close your eyes and breathe the oil-rich vapor arising from the pot for 15-30 minutes. This will really open the respiratory passages and help even more effectively than the ventilators used in the hospitals from which many never recover. This can be done several times daily.

The Spiritual Lessons—Back to the Bible

Now we have seen that world leaders in every country (imitating the two-horn beast) have been exploiting the pandemic to take greater control of the nations, disingenuously protecting us from disease and death. Our ONLY safety, therefore, is to seriously get back to the Bible and the Lord—back to Inspiration and back to following “the Lamb whithersoever He goeth”. Prepare to soon stand on Mt Zion with the Lamb.

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:28

But what is going to usher us into the kingdom? Trouble, trouble, trouble.

Isa. 3:1 – “For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.” 1TG5 16.4

The time is at hand when the sinners in Jerusalem and in Judah – the General Conference men and the church as a whole, will not have a drop to drink or a bite to eat. Who are among them? 1TG5 16.5

Verses 2-4 – “The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, the captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. [Having taken away the men that have been exalting themselves, and thus having freed His people, the Lord puts children and babes, so to speak, humble ones to rule over His people.] And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.” 1TG5 16.6

The signs of the times are to be recognized by the conditions revealed in 1TG5 16.7

Verse 5 – “And the people shall be oppressed, everyone by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the an-

cient, and the base against the honourable.” 1TG5 16.4

No one can doubt that if the General Conference will not have a bite to eat, this trouble must be before Ezekiel 9.

Isa. 8:21, 22—“And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.” 13SC3,4 11.6

“As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. . GC 608.2

“What a solemn time we have come to, Brothers, Sisters. Do you realize that if you do not now make an effort to put your name in the book, it may be forever too late? And is it not better to have your name there even if the trouble were a hundred years in the future? Now is the time to act. Now is the day of salvation brought to you. Today Inspiration pleads; if you hear His voice harden not your hearts. Only those who heed the revealed Word of God will find deliverance and peace, —none others will.” 2TG7 10.6

Revelation 18:1-4 KJV

[1] “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. [2] And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. [3] For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants

of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. [4] And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Revelation 14:1-4 KJV

[1] “And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. [2] And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: [3] And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. [4] These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.”

As we read these scripture prophecies and the signs of the times, do we not see that trouble is already at the door and that NOW is the time to PREPARE, now is the day of our salvation? Let's prepare now for the trouble that is before us.

We need to prepare individually and collectively as a people. Why?

“God is leading a people out from the world upon the exalted platform of eternal truth, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. He will discipline and fit up His people. They will not be at variance, one believing one thing and another having faith and views entirely opposite, each moving independently of the body. Through the diversity of the gifts and governments that He has placed in the church, they will all come to the unity of the faith. If one man takes his views of Bible truth without regard to the opinion of his brethren, and justifies his course, alleging that he has a right to his own peculiar views, and then presses them upon others, how can he be fulfilling the prayer of Christ? And if another and still another arises, each asserting his right to believe and talk what he pleases without reference to the faith of the body, where will be that harmony which existed between Christ and His Father, and which Christ prayed might exist among His brethren?”. TM 29.2

Let us strive to copy the unity of the Godhead— to be

one with the Father and the Son.

Let us put away excessive independence. Though saved as individuals, God is leading a PEOPLE a disciplined, United people. Paul's example:

"Notwithstanding the fact that Paul was personally taught by God, he had no strained ideas of individual responsibility. While looking to God for direct guidance, he was ever ready to recognize the authority vested in the body of believers united in church fellowship. He felt the need of counsel, and when matters of importance arose, he was glad to lay these before the church and to unite with his brethren in seeking God for wisdom to make right decisions. Even "the spirits of the prophets," he declared, "are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." 1 Corinthians 14:32, 33. With Peter, he taught that all united in church capacity should be "subject one to another." 1 Peter 5:5." – {AA 200.2}

The attack on Davidia is to foil our preparation, annul our efforts, and waste time with extremism and excessive independence. We need unity in spirit and action but individual preparation— a harmonious balance. Let us exalt and fear God alone and He will shield and save us.

Isa. 8:13— "Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread." 13SC3,4 8.3

"God alone is to be revered; God alone is to be feared and dreaded. If there were no possibility for fear at the fulfillment of this chapter, there would be no need for this reassurance and instruction. It is indicative of the fact that God's People will see themselves absolutely helpless, and they will appear helpless to all others. Then they will receive deliverance from God, and all will behold it. 13SC3,4 8.4

"If God's people are approaching the time when they must either confederate or sacrifice their lives, they must be developing that faith which will cause them to believe that "in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." Rev. 9:6. 13SC3,4 8.5

Remember, that of all the things in this world and our possessions, our Characters are the only thing we can take to the kingdom. A guileless, holy character without any idols!

Casting away the idols

Verses 20, 21 – "In that day a man shall cast his idols

of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth." 1TG29 12.2

Those who do not now cast their idols to the moles and to the bats, as it were, will have to do so later, but it will then be too late to profit them. 1TG29 12.3

Can you determine your idol in this list from Inspiration?

Practical Revival and Reformation— Or do we just like the theory of the message—high-flown arguments?

"Inquire every day, Am I sound to the core, or am I false-hearted? Entreat the Lord to save you from all deception on this point. Eternal interests are involved. While so many are panting after honor, and greedy of gain, do you, my beloved brethren, be eagerly seeking the assurance of the love of God, and crying, Who will show me how to make my calling and election sure?" — "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 5, p. 97. 2SC11 3.5

"Determine to know the worst of your case. Ascertain if you have an inheritance on high. Deal truly with your own soul." — "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 1, p. 163."

"With fasting and earnest prayer, with deep heart-searching, stern self-examination, lay bare the soul; let no act escape your critical examination. Then, with self dead, and your life hid with Christ in God, offer your humble petitions..." 2SC11 3.6

"Oh, how important it is that faithfulness in little things characterize our lives, that true integrity mark all our course of action, and that we ever bear in mind that angels of God are taking cognizance of every act!" — "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 2, p. 158. 2SC11 3.7

"Brother, Sister, how is it with your soul? Pause here and examine yourself as to whether or not you have religiously put into practice all that you have heard the Rod speak through "The Symbolic Code" and the other publications of Present Truth. What is your answer? Can you rejoice in that you have forever parted with the health destroying flesh pots, cheeses, pickles, candies, and the rich pastries? And that you are no longer one who defies nature in the abuse of his stomach by eating between meals, bolting his food, overeating, mixing fruits and vegetables, and ignoring wrong combinations? 2SC11 3.8

"Are you still insulting God by asking His blessing on



Again, the Scriptures draw a parallel between the Lord and the husband (Hos. 1, 2), and between the church and the wife:

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.” Eph. 5:22-24.

Clearly, this divine injunction charges the wife to respect her husband as she would the Lord, the husband being the family's temporal Saviour, as the Lord is the church's eternal Saviour. (“Christ...loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.” Eph. 5:25, 26.). When she disregards this divine injunction, she insults God.

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church.” Eph. 5:25.

Thus just as binding and sacred is the husband's responsibility to his wife. He is to regard his wife as Christ does His church. Whenever he does less than this, he violates the law of the Lord.

Thus, while the church is duty-bound to respect and obey her Lord, the wife is to respect and obey her

husband; and the husband is duty-bound to love and care for his wife as the Lord loves and cares for His church. From this, it follows that the house of the Lord is likened to the house of the husband. Accordingly, in the same way as the Lord controls the affairs of His house, the church, so the husband is to control the affairs of his home, the family. And since the church's own welfare depends upon its cooperation with the will of the Lord, likewise the family's welfare depends upon its cooperation with the will of the father. Doubly clear, therefore, is the fact that just as Christ holds the "headship" over the church, so the father holds the headship over the home. And just as the converted church rejoices in pleasing her head, Christ, so likewise the converted wife rejoices in pleasing her head, her husband. In this happy state, both the man and the woman realize that they are, after all, each other's second self.

“But I would have you know,” declares Paul, “that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered, dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman,

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By Victor Houteff

neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God." 1 Cor. 11:3 through 5, 11, 12.

This beautiful home-relationship is often undermined and wrecked by financial mismanagement or by erroneous education, or by both, because the divine pattern is not followed. The Lord supports His wife, the church, but she herself handles the medium of exchange, the money, to pay for the things she purchases; accordingly therefore, though the husband supports the home, the wife is to handle the money and pay for the things needed to run the home. And if the husband is receiving only a subsistence income, then even more especially should he give his pay check to the wife, so that she may budget it to cover the home's necessities up to the next pay day. With the wife handling the money, great advantages will thus accrue, for, it is she alone who uses and therefore alone knows the things which are needed in the home. Thus knowing her daily financial limitations, she will know precisely what she can and what she cannot buy to run the home.

Naturally, then, she will diligently see that only the most necessary wants of the home are first cared for, thereby preventing any over-buying of one thing on her part, or any underbuying of another thing by her husband, or vice versa--this latter condition inevitably resulting if he holds the purse strings and doles out to her to do the buying. Handled as it should be, the purse will not go flat, and the home will suffer no shortages, no contentions, and no break-ups.

If, however, the family's earnings are more than just a living, then he and the wife may together more broadly budget their earnings, first caring for necessary current expenses, then banking or investing the rest.

Thus to understand that the husband is not merely the money bag, but is the king of the home, the "Houseband," and that the wife is not a nonentity merely to cook the meals, wash the dishes and clothes, scrub the floor, and care for and rear the children, but is the queen of the home, the helpmeet is to have a true appreciation of the wholesomeness of divinely inspired marriage.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships, she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest

them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Prov. 31: 10 through 30.

So while the queenly wife looks after the family's internal problems, the kingly husband looks after the family's external problems.

Furthermore, as the Lord Himself is the "Principal" of His church as a school, and His "wife" (the church, but especially the ministry--those who bring forth converts, children, in the faith), the teacher of their children in the Spirit, so the husband is the principal of his home as a school, and his wife the teacher of their children in the flesh.

"To gain a proper understanding of the marriage relation," says the Spirit of Prophecy, "is the work of a lifetime. Those who marry enter a school from which they are never in this life to be graduated.

"In your life-union, your affections are to be tributary to each other's happiness....But while you are to blend as one, neither of you is to lose his or her individuality in the other. God is the owner....Of Him you are to ask: ...How may I best fulfil the purpose of my creation?... Your love for that which is human is to be secondary to your love for God...Is the greatest outflow of your love toward Him who died for you? If it is, your love for each other will be after Heaven's order. 8SC112 16.10

"Neither husband nor wife is to make a plea for rulership....Both are to cultivate the spirit of kindness, being determined never to grieve or injure the other. 8SC112 16.11

Do not try to compel each other to do as you wish. You cannot do this, and retain each other's love. Manifestations of self-will destroy the peace and happiness of the home. Let not your married life be one of contention. If you do, you will both be unhappy. Be kind in speech and gentle in action, giving up your own wishes. Watch well your words; for they have a powerful influence for good or for ill. Allow no sharpness to come into your voices. Bring into your united life the fragrance of Christlikeness.

"Before a man enters a union as close as the marriage relation, he should learn how to control himself and how to deal with others....

"My brother, be kind, patient, forbearing. Remember that your wife accepted you as her husband, not that you might rule over her, but that you might be her helper.

"One victory it is positively essential for you both to gain,--the victory over the stubborn will: In this strug-

gle you can conquer only by the aid of Christ. You may struggle hard and long to subdue self, but you will fail unless you receive strength from on high. By the grace of Christ you can gain the victory over self and selfishness. As you live His life, showing self sacrifice at every step, constantly revealing a stronger sympathy for those in need of help, you will gain victory after victory. Day by day you will learn better how to conquer self and how to strengthen your weak points of character. The Lord Jesus will be your light, your strength, your crown of rejoicing, because you yield your will to His will....By His help you can utterly destroy the root of selfishness...Forbearance and unselfishness mark the words and actions of those who are born again, to live the new life in Christ."—Testimonies, Vol. 7, pp. 45 through 50.

The great reformatory movement must begin in presenting to fathers and mothers and children the principles of the law of God....Show that obedience to God's Word is our only safeguard against the evils that are sweeping the world to destruction. Parents...by their example and teaching, the eternal destiny of their households will in most cases be decided.

"If parents could be led to trace the results of their action,...many would break the spell of tradition and custom....

"Press home upon the consciences of parents, the conviction of their solemn duties, so long neglected. This will break up the spirit of Pharisaism and resistance to the truth as nothing else can. Religion in the home is our great hope, and makes the prospect bright for the conversion of the whole family to the truth of God."—Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 119.

Only in such a Christian home is Christ's Kingdom exemplified. And in thus reflecting the Kingdom here, all such homes will, when banded together collectively, make up the Kingdom hereafter. How important, then, that the mother and the father cooperate to the full in conducting the home altogether in Christ's way in order to insure its existence both now and forevermore!

Failure on the part of either, to carry out these principles, will wreck the home and scatter the family not only for the present but also for eternity, whereas careful practice of them will safeguard the family's prosperity and happiness in this world, and insure its eternal continuance in the world to come. □

Taken from 8SC 11&12 pp. 15.9-17.9

Working *in* Concert



By Ellen G. White

While it is true that the Lord guides individuals, it is also true that He is leading out a people, not a few separate individuals here and there, one believing his thing, another that. Angels of God are doing the work committed to their trust. The third angel is leading out and purifying a people, and they should move with him unitedly.

Those who were in our work at the beginning are passing away. Only a few of the pioneers of the cause now remain among us. Many of the heavy burdens formerly borne by men of long experience are now falling upon younger men.

This transfer of responsibilities to laborers whose experience is more or less limited is attended with some dangers against which we need to guard. The world is filled with strife for the supremacy. The spirit of pulling away from our fellow laborers, the spirit of disorganization, is in the very air we breathe. By some, all efforts to establish order are regarded as dangerous—as a restriction of personal liberty, and hence to be feared as popery. They declare that they will not take any man's say-so; that they are amenable to no man. I have been instructed that it is Satan's special effort to lead men to feel that God is pleased to have them choose their own course, independent of the counsel of their brethren.

Herein lies a grave danger to the prosperity of our

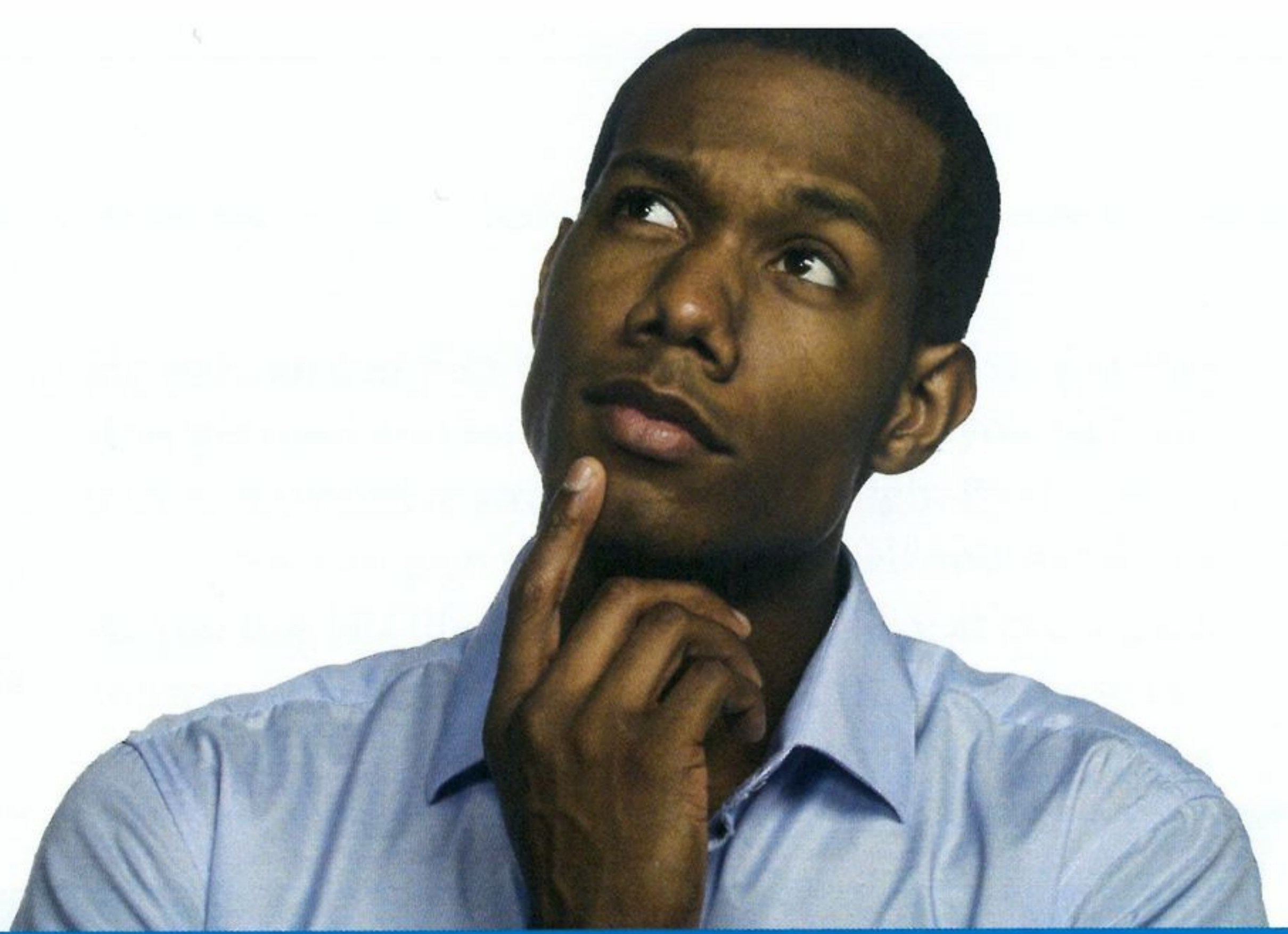
work. We must move discreetly, sensibly, in harmony with the judgment of God-fearing counselors; for in this course alone lies our safety and strength. Otherwise God cannot work with us and by us and for us.

Oh, how Satan would rejoice if he could succeed in his efforts to get in among this people and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential and will be the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings and to refute claims not endorsed by the Word of God! We want to hold the lines evenly, that there shall be no breaking down of the system of organization and order that has been built up by wise, careful labor. License must not be given to disorderly elements that desire to control the work at this time.

Some have advanced the thought that as we near the close of time, every child of God will act independently of any religious organization. But I have been instructed by the Lord that in this work there is no such thing as every man's being independent. The stars of heaven are all under law, each influencing the other to do the will of God, yielding their common obedience to the law that controls their action. And in order that the Lord's work may advance healthfully and solidly, His people must draw together.

The spasmodic, fitful movements of some who claim to be Christians is well represented by the work of strong

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Conscience

Good Conscience, Bad Conscience, Weak Conscience and Freedom of Conscience
—Educating the conscience

Good Conscience, Bad Conscience, Weak Conscience, Seared Conscience - do we understand what these are all about? Can we explain or define them in the light of the scriptures?

Can consciences be greatly hardened? What would be the cause of a hardened conscience? On the other hand, can someone have a sincere, but misguided or weak conscience? Does Satan strive to manipulate or harden man's conscience? All these and other questions we want to answer from the infallible Word of God, through his servants the prophets.

QUESTIONS TO BE ELUCIDATED

What is a good conscience?

What is a bad conscience?

How can we know if we have a good or bad conscience, one that is right or wrong?

Can a person sincerely, honestly believe something that is not true?

How can we know for sure (without subjective opinions) when conscience is being violated?

Can a sincere, honest person misinterpret the Bible and Inspiration?

Can the Word of God be wrested to our own hurt?

What is an uneducated conscience?

What is freedom of conscience? Is it freedom to say and do anything we want, regardless?

How can I have a good conscience, one that is "purged" — "void of offense toward God and man"?

In addressing these vital questions, first let us look at a few scriptures that throw light upon our subject.

"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 1 Tim 1:5

"Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 1 Timothy 1:19

"Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" 1 Tim 4:2

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Heb. 10:22

"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. Acts 24:16

"Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) Rom 2:15

"But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ." 1 Cor 8:12

"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." 2 Cor 4:2

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Heb. 9:14

“Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.” Heb 13: 18

Question 1—What is a good conscience?

Let’s take our cue from this scripture

“Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.” Heb 13: 18

Notice here a good conscience is inseparably linked with honesty “in all things”. That is a very good start. A good conscience makes one honest with himself (including self-appraisal), honest with others, honest even with his enemies. (Did not Christ say to love even our enemies?). For example, when someone opposes me on an important subject or point, a good conscience would prevent me from misrepresentation (or taking unfair advantage) of their words, acts or motives in the slightest way. Would it not?

A good conscience would make me interpret their words, their acts or motives in the most positive or Christian way possible. Would it not? So, a good conscience is complete honesty in all things and in full harmony with God’s word and Bible principles. A good conscience leads us day by day to embody the mind and spirit of Christ. Daily we study His Word and cultivate His meekness, his lowliness. 1 Corinthians 13, the great explanation of true love, is cultivated and manifested in us. We resemble Jesus more and more as the days go by in unselfish service to God and man. In fact, only with Christ’s help can we develop a good conscience — “void of offense toward God and man” as the scriptures say.

“But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.” 2 Cor 4:2

Question 2— What is a bad conscience?

Obviously, it is the opposite of a good conscience. It is a dishonest one. If we are willing to be dishonest in anything—even in apparently smallest matters; if we do not speedily repent, and be honest, we will definitely have a bad conscience that will become progressively worse. In fact a bad conscience, in time, will get so hardened that the possessor of it will be able to do terrible deeds of sin and not feel bad about it. A bad conscience is one that is not in harmony with one or more Bible principles. It is contrary to the spirit or character of Christ. A bad conscience turns men into hypocrites and

they are self-deceived and deceive others. Classic Bible examples are Baalam, Judas Iscariot, along with Ananias and Saphira, his wife. Indulging a bad conscience will make us less and less like our Savior and more and more selfish and sinful like Satan, while deceiving ourselves that we are alright. May God preserve us from indulging a bad conscience!

Question 3—What is a seared conscience?

“Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.” 1 Tim 4:2.

A seared conscience is one that has become just about completely hardened through disobedience to God’s Word in one aspect or another. It is the fruit of progressively indulging a bad conscience. We have the classic example of King Pharaoh in the time of Moses. Judas also walked this fatal slippery slope.

Ironically, there is one “good” thing about a very bad or seared conscience. It DOES NOT bother its owner. The accusing voice of conscience is no longer heard. In contrast, a good or sensitive conscience disturbs its owner until they correct any misstep or sin. A seared conscience leads to death.

Question 4— Can I know if I have a good or bad conscience?

Yes you can! How? By the Word of God. Not by your feelings! If your words, actions, and motives are in harmony with the Word of God and its principles, if your conscience bothers you when you do something wrong and it makes you quickly repent and correct it, you have a good, Bible-guided conscience. Feelings are often easily affected by the enemy and thus are changeable and therefore NOT reliable. Did not the Bible say that the human heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). We frequently self-deceive through our own sinful hearts. We cannot truly know ourselves without God’s help.

A bad conscience may not bother you in any way (depending on how hardened it has become), even when you violate the Bible or Christian principles. ONLY the word of God can unerringly help you determine a good or bad conscience. The Holy Spirit, through the WORD of God, is the infallible guide.

Question 5 —What is a “weak”conscience?

“But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.” 1 Cor 8:12

A weak conscience is one that is not yet well-informed in the word of God. It is a Biblically uneducated conscience. One of its typical manifestation is to bother you over things or principles that are not condemned in the word of God. Satan not only hardens the conscience of the disobedient, but he tries to harass the conscience of the faithful who do not know well the principles of the Bible. A weak conscience may forbid its owner from doing things that are permitted in the Bible but the person might think something is wrong because of limited Bible knowledge or understanding. A growing, prayerful relationship with the Lord and diligent study of His word will help a weak conscience become healthy and strong in the Lord.

Closely associated with a weak conscience are the following two questions:

Can a sincere, honest person misinterpret the Bible or Inspiration?

Can the Word of God be wrested to our own hurt?

Yes, even the wisest humans can err. Only God and heaven are infallible. Self-confidence and lack of enough prayer can lead us to misunderstand the scriptures with serious results to ourselves and those whom we teach. Even the apostles often misunderstood the words of Jesus. This danger of wresting the scriptures is expressed by the apostle Peter and by Inspiration:

“As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.” 2 Peter 3:16.

Notice that not only the unlearned wrest the scriptures, but the “unstable”. The only way to escape this danger is to walk in great and prayerful humility before the Lord and put away all self-confidence. Otherwise, evil angels will blind and harden our hearts and consciences. Here is how Inspiration affirms it.

“We should exert all the powers of the mind in the study of the Scriptures, and should task the understanding to comprehend, as far as mortals can, the deep things of God; yet we must not forget that the docility and submission of a child is the true spirit of the learner. Scriptural difficulties can never be mastered by the same methods that are employed in grappling with philosophical problems. We should not engage in the study of the Bible with that self-reliance with which so many enter the domains of science, but with a prayerful dependence upon God, and a sincere desire to learn His will. We

must come with a humble and teachable spirit to obtain knowledge from the great I AM. Otherwise, evil angels will so blind our minds and harden our hearts that we shall not be impressed by the truth. . GC88

Self-confidence and lack of humility open the door for Satan to deceive us.

Questions— 7, 8, 9

What is freedom of conscience? How does it relate to the Bible? Are God-given freedoms absolute, or are they bound by the word of God?

Freedom of conscience is freedom to study, believe, obey, and share the word of God and our convictions on it. It is our individual right and privilege to do this. God has given us the right and privilege to do many things such as: (1) the right or freedom to eat and drink (2) to get married, have sexual relations and bear children, (3) to work, (4) to buy and sell (5) own property, and many other blessings.

Now the BIG Question

Are these God-given rights and freedoms absolute? Can we do whatever we want with these freedoms and privileges, or are we to exercise them in harmony with the commandments of God? Does my freedom to eat mean I can eat whatever and whenever I like, regardless? Is my freedom to have sexual relations boundless according to my ideas or convictions? Does freedom of speech give me the right to say anything I want regardless of time, place, manner, or forum? Does God hold me responsible for obedience in the use of ALL His gifts?— Am I accountable in the judgment for all his commandments? Does not Jesus say that even by our words we shall be justified or condemned?

“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” Matthew 12:37

The answer to these questions should be obvious to every reasonable person. God never intended for SELF to be made an idol. All His creatures are under law and obedience to their Creator even as they enjoy God’s blessings of light and liberty. Even the sinless angels of heaven are under law. Perpetual obedience is the secret of their perpetual happiness and life.

“Satan well knows that success can only attend order and harmonious action. He well knows that everything connected with heaven is in perfect order, that subjection and perfect discipline mark the movements of the angelic host. It is his studied effort to lead professed

Christians just as far from heaven's arrangement as he can; therefore he deceives even the professed people of God and makes them believe that order and discipline are enemies to spirituality, that the only safety for them is to let each pursue his own course, All the efforts made to establish order are considered dangerous, a restriction of rightful liberty, and hence are feared as popery. These devoted souls consider it a virtue to boast of their freedom to think and act independently. They will not take any man's say-so. They are amenable to no man. I was shown that it is Satan's special work to lead men to feel that it is God's order for them to strike out for themselves and choose their own course independent of their brethren. . TM 29.1

From Inspiration here we see that “perfect order, that subjection and perfect discipline mark the movements of the angelic host”. What does the word “subjection” mean? Does it not mean under law and discipline? And that word “discipline”, is it not disagreeable to our carnal and rebellious nature? Don't we want to do what we want to do, according to our feelings and personal ideas and who is to limit our freedom by requiring obedience? Are we not to live by “every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,” or is SELF to have absolute freedom, according to its own ideas?

“God made man upright; He gave him noble traits of character, with no bias toward evil. He endowed him with high intellectual powers, and presented before him the strongest possible inducements to be true to his allegiance. Obedience, perfect and perpetual, was the condition of eternal happiness. On this condition he was to have access to the tree of life.” PP 49.2

There is danger, however, in asserting our individual freedom. We can wrest or misapply the word of God to our own hurt, and the hurt of others. One can make a false comparison using a Bible example but which does not truly match our current situation. For example in the Book of Acts, the apostles were forbidden to speak in the name of Jesus— though they were all speaking the same things (1 Cor. 1:10). In Testimonies to Ministers p. 69, Inspiration expounds clearly on this. Now here is the false comparison. Today in efforts to evade subjection to order and discipline, some cite this case. But here is the big difference. The Apostles were NOT told to wait for a particular forum; not told to wait for the Passover or one of the feasts and then make their presentations. In contrast, we today are given the freedom to prepare and speak at the proper Session forum. There is no compari-

son between us and those Apostles who were NEVER to speak of Christ. So in order not to be guilty of using the word of God “deceitfully” a practice condemned in the Bible, we cannot make false comparisons in the name of freedom of conscience. At least, not if we really care about having a good conscience before God. Remember, beloved candidates for the kingdom: God cannot be mocked or deceived.

Finally, beloved brethren, our questions are now clearly answered from the word of God. In the exercise of all our God-given freedoms and right of conscience, we are still to follow “every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”. We must also respect every Bible principle as spoken through His prophets. Like the angels of glory “subjection and perfect discipline” is for our own happiness and eternal life. Do we not now see from Inspiration how the enemy tries to make us feel that organized efforts to maintain order and harmonious action, that we may all “speak the same thing” is a restriction of our conscience? Shall we not say to the enemy, “Get thee behind me Satan?”

Let's cultivate a GOOD CONSCIENCE beloved brethren. Let us daily become more like our Savior. Let us prepare for the Kingdom and to eat of the Tree of life”. The conditions are clearly specified. Are they not? Shall we not avoid Adam's mistake of disobedience?

“Obedience, perfect and perpetual, was the condition of eternal happiness. On this condition he was to have access to the tree of life.” PP 49.2

“He, though, who is persuaded, and who walks in the light, [having a GOOD CONSCIENCE] will experience joy inexpressible: He will receive the “mark” (Ezek. 9:4), the “seal” (Rev. 7:2, 3), of God's approval. His sins will be blotted out. His name will be ineffaceably written in the Lamb's book of life. He will witness Michael's standing up and delivering him from the “time of trouble such as never was.” Dan. 12:1. He will return midst the ransomed of the Lord, and come to Zion with “songs and everlasting joy upon” his head. He “shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” Isa. 35:10. He will inherit the earth – saved eternally! 5TR 118.2

A GOOD CONSCIENCE— FREE in obedience to ALL God's commandments— what a wonderful blessing! Lord, please help us cultivate and maintain this precious, heavenly gift. □

By Errol Stanford

The **Modern**

— *That nobody wants*

There is an awful plague today that has grown to frightful proportions and is affecting and destroying millions, yet ironically, almost nobody wants to talk about it. It is too embarrassing because it has to do with sex. And although people do not get sick and die in a few days, like with the Covid-19 pandemic, yet it is no less serious and destructive in its nature. What is it? It is internet pornography that is EVERYWHERE today and especially harmful to our youth and even married men.

Now although you personally likely do not have any such problem, please share this article with all our friends and young people— yes even the “innocent” ones who you believe would not be affected. You may be helping them overcome secret sins and make it victorious to the kingdom of God.

While it cannot be overemphasized that human sexuality in marriage is a clean and beautiful GIFT from GOD, it must not be overlooked that the great adversary is determined to PERVERT with terrible success, every good and perfect gift given to man. Remember Jesus says “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and

that they might have it more abundantly.” So we must resist the temptation to be prudish and pass on short, but life-saving knowledge to others. In fact, formal or informal discussions tastefully done on the subject, may be extremely beneficial to many. God bless you as you help humanity and our children.

What does the BIBLE SAY? What does Inspiration say?

Self Abuse/Lust/pornography— a modern day plague worse than the pandemic

1 Corinthians 6:9

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought

Plague

ts to talk about

with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1 Corinthians 6:15-16

"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. [16] What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh."

Galatians 6:8

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

1 Corinthians 6:18

"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

The Problems of Self-abuse—

Some who make a high profession do not understand the sin of self-abuse and its sure results. "Long-estab-

lished habit has blinded their understanding. They do not realize the exceeding sinfulness of this degrading sin. 8T 347.

Youth and children of both sexes engage in moral pollution and practice this disgusting, soul-and-body-destroying vice. Many professed Christians are so benumbed by the same practice that their moral sensibilities cannot be aroused to understand that it is sin, and that if continued its sure results will be utter shipwreck of body and mind. Man, the noblest being upon the earth, formed in the image of God, transforms himself into a beast! He makes himself gross and corrupt. Every Christian will have to learn to restrain his passions and be controlled by principle. Unless he does this, he is unworthy of the Christian name. *Ibid.*

Moral pollution has done more than every other evil to cause the race to degenerate. It is practiced to an alarming extent and brings on disease of almost every description. Even very small children, infants, being born with natural irritability of the sexual organs, find momentary relief in handling them, which only increases the irritation and leads to a repetition of the act, until a habit is established which increases with their

growth.10T 391.

“Lustful Propensities Are Inherited—Parents do not generally suspect that their children understand anything about this vice. In very many cases the parents are the real sinners. They have abused their marriage privileges and by indulgence have strengthened their animal passions. And as these have strengthened, the moral and intellectual faculties have become weak. The spiritual has been overborne by the brutish. Children are born with the animal propensities largely developed, the parents’ own stamp of character having been given to them.... Children born to these parents will almost invariably take naturally to the disgusting habits of secret vice.... The sins of the parents will be visited upon their children, because the parents have given them the stamp of their own lustful propensities.11Ibid.

“A Bewitching Slavery—I have felt deeply as I have seen the powerful influence of animal passions in controlling men and women of no ordinary intelligence and ability. They would be capable of engaging in a good work, of exerting a powerful influence, were they not enslaved by base passions. My confidence in humanity has been terribly shaken.

I have been shown that persons of apparently good deportment, not taking unwarrantable liberties with the other sex, were guilty of practicing secret vice nearly every day of their lives. They have not refrained from this terrible sin even while most solemn meetings have been in session. They have listened to the most solemn, impressive discourses upon the judgment, which seemed to bring them before the tribunal of God, causing them to fear and quake; yet hardly an hour would elapse before they would be engaged in their favorite, bewitching sin, polluting their own bodies. They were such slaves to this awful crime that they seemed devoid of power to control their passions. We have labored for some earnestly, we have entreated, we have wept and prayed over them; yet we have known that right amid all our earnest effort and distress, the force of sinful habit has obtained the mastery, and these sins have been committed. 2T 468, 469, CG 441.1- 442.3

Dangers and destructiveness of pornography — summarized facts.

Viewing Porn:

Gradually becomes an addiction that gets progressively worse

Desensitizes viewers to God’s clean gift of sexuality

in marriage. It perverts the mind and teaches many degrading sexual acts.

Causes women to be seen as sex objects instead of whole persons to be loved and cherished as God commands us. Eph 5:25, Col 3:19

Leads compulsively to self-abuse or masturbation which is condemned in God’s word and in Inspiration. It’s selfish and destructive.

Masturbation/self-abuse is destructive to both spiritual, mental and physical health regardless of what many secular doctors say.

Only a woman’s vagina was designed by God to handle semen. Semen has a very complex chemistry with the capacity to shut down the immune system when it is placed in the mouth, anus or any other part of the body except the vagina. The female body or any other human body would naturally kill the sperms as foreign invaders if semen did not have the ability to block receiver’s immune system. Brief. In the vagina semen is safe, but in any other body part it undermines health.

Porn viewing is not only addictive but often leads to sexual dysfunction and including even impotence. It creates serious marital problems and even break-ups. While its direct victims are mostly men, when the men get messed up, it affects and potentially destroys even whole families.

Viewing porn leads to fornication/adultery — it starts virtually/vicariously (in your brain) and later often leads to fornication, adultery and sexual promiscuity.

Pornography, like drug addiction, causes permanent, destructive changes to the brain and nervous system. Porn and masturbation undermine health and shorten life.

Viewing porn leads to demonic infestation. See the Bible text 1 Cor. 6:18.

The spirit of pornography helps deepen the addiction and causes destructive personality changes and gets progressively worse. See 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.

Helpful Books to read that can be obtained at amazon.com:

Your brain and porn — Gary Wilson

Victory on the Battlefield. — Vaughn Allen

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How to stop watching porn — Charles Sledge

How to stop watching porn — Jonno Dingley

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but untrained horses. When one pulls forward, another pulls back; and at the voice of their master, one plunges ahead, and the other stands immovable. If men will not move in concert in the great and grand work for this time, there will be confusion. It is not a good sign when men refuse to unite with their brethren and prefer to act alone. Instead of isolating themselves, let them draw in harmony with their fellow laborers. Unless they do this, their activity will work at the wrong time and in the wrong way. They will often work counter to that which God would have done, and thus their labor is worse than wasted.

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart." Let us each wait on the Lord, and He will teach us how to labor. He will reveal to us the work that we are best adapted to perform. This will not lead men to start out in an independent spirit, to promulgate new theories. In this time when Satan is seeking to make void the law of God through the exaltation of false science, we need to guard most carefully against everything that would tend to lessen our faith and scatter our forces. As laborers together with God, we should be in harmony with the truth, and with our brethren. There should be counsel and cooperation.

"Even in the midst of the great deceptions of the last days, when delusive miracles will be performed in the sight of men in behalf of satanic theories, it is our privilege to hide ourselves in Christ Jesus. It is possible for us to seek and to obtain salvation. And in this time of unusual peril, we must learn to stand alone, our faith fixed, not on the word of man, but on the sure promises of God.

"Among all God's workers there should be a spirit of unity and harmony. The Lord has especially blessed some with an experience that has fitted them to be wise counselors. In our several callings there is to be a mutual dependence on one another for assistance. Of this, Peter says:

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

Let us cherish a spirit of confidence in the wisdom of our brethren. We must be willing to take advice and caution from our fellow laborers. Connected with the service of God, we must individually realize that we are

parts of a great whole. We must seek wisdom from God, learning what it means to have a waiting, watching spirit, and to go to our Saviour when tired and depressed.

It is a mistake to withdraw from those who do not agree with our ideas. This will not inspire our brethren with confidence in our judgment. It is our duty to counsel with our brethren, and to heed their advice. We are to seek their counsel, and when they give it, we are not to cast it away, as if they were our enemies. Unless we humble our hearts before God, we shall not know His will.

Let us be determined to be in unity with our brethren. This duty God has placed upon us. We shall make their hearts glad by following their counsel, and make ourselves strong through the influence that this will give us. Moreover, if we feel that we do not need the counsel of our brethren, we close the door of our usefulness as counselors to them.

The angels of God are in our world, and satanic agencies are here also. I am permitted to see the inclination of certain ones to follow their own strong traits of character. If they refuse to yoke up with others who have had a long experience in the work, they will become blinded by self-confidence, not discerning between the false and the true. It is not safe that such ones should stand in the position of leaders, to follow their own judgment and plans.

Our ministers and leaders need to realize the necessity of counseling with their brethren who have been long in the work, and who have gained deep experience in the ways of the Lord. The disposition of some to shut themselves up to themselves, and to feel competent to plan and execute according to their own judgment and preferences, brings them into strait places. Such an independent way of working is not right, and should not be followed. The ministers and teachers in our conferences are to work unitedly with their brethren of experience, asking them for their counsel, and paying heed to their advice. □

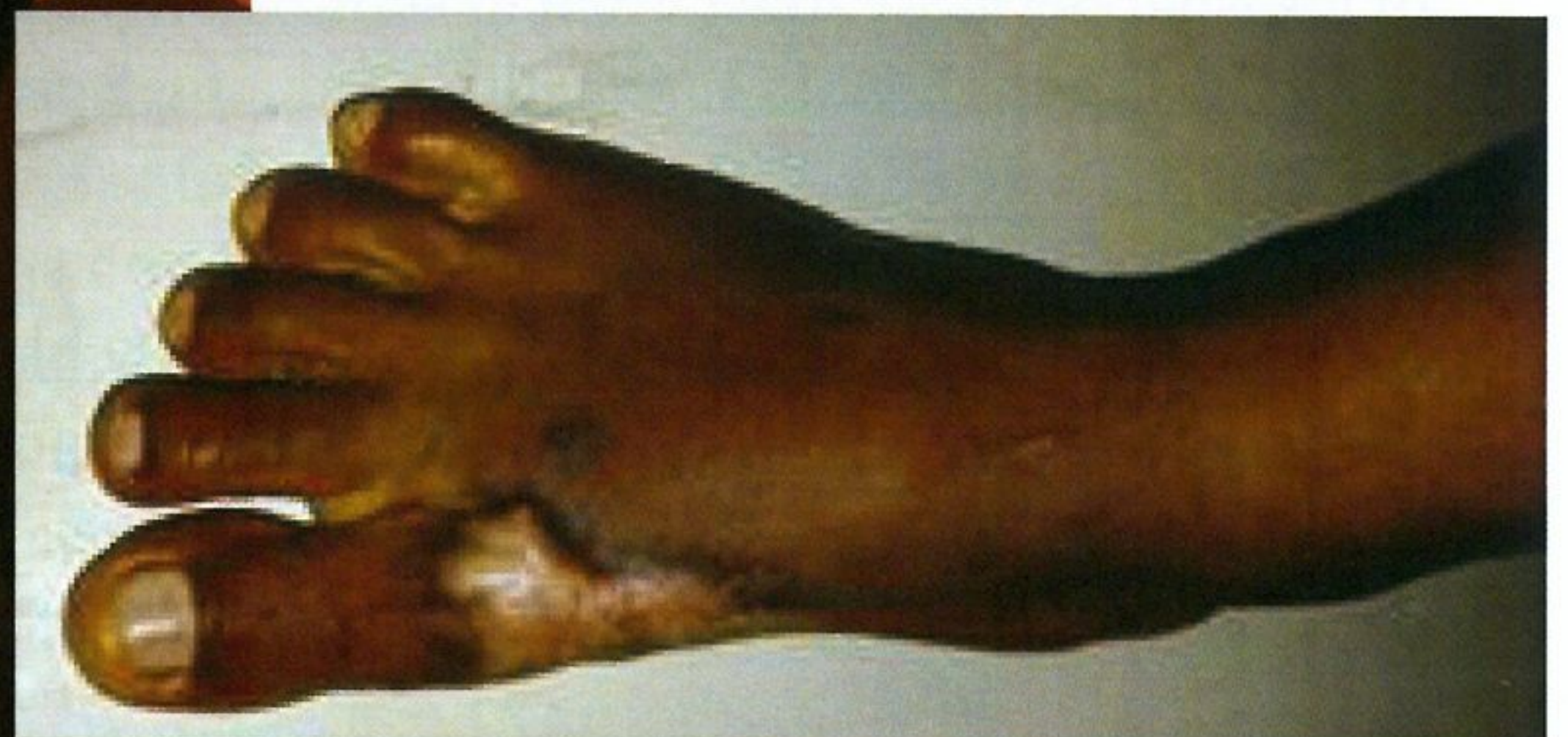
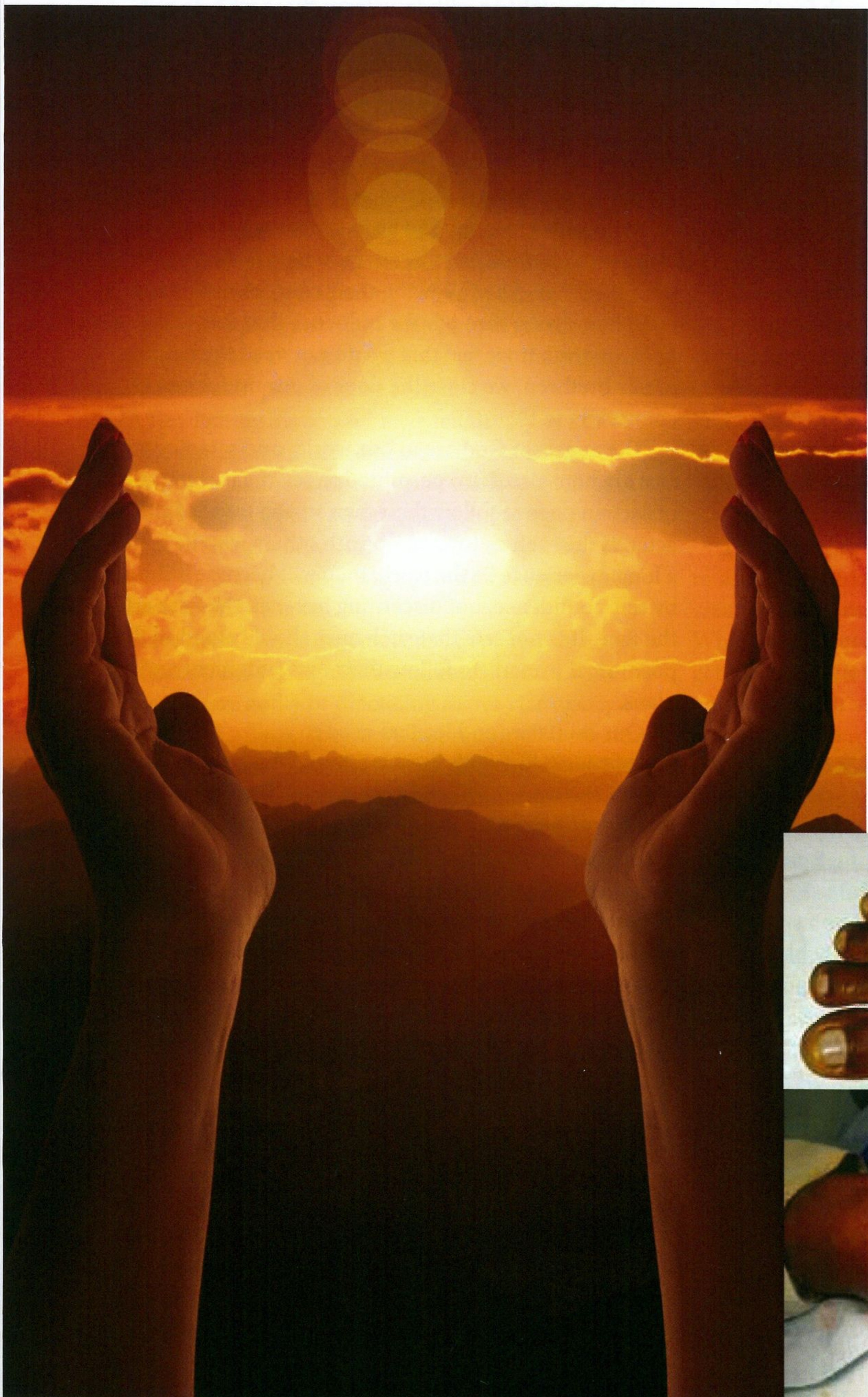
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My Name is SINAROA KAUH, I am from the beautiful Island Country called Vanuatu within the South Pacific Ocean. Close to Australia.

My story started one beautiful Monday on the 15th of February, 2021. There is no man around the house to do a man's work, so the ladies around look to me to fulfil this role.

It so happen that one of my sisters asked me to construct a small table for her, and as usual, I got my electrical grinder, but changed the grinding blade with the timber cutting blade used for the cutting of timbers. Since we do not have the town's main electricity within reach, I turned on the generator and connected the electric grinder directly into the Generator and left the tool on the timber.

Before we do get to this next part, I wish to highlight for those of us who have never used a Grinder tool, that to get it operating one has to

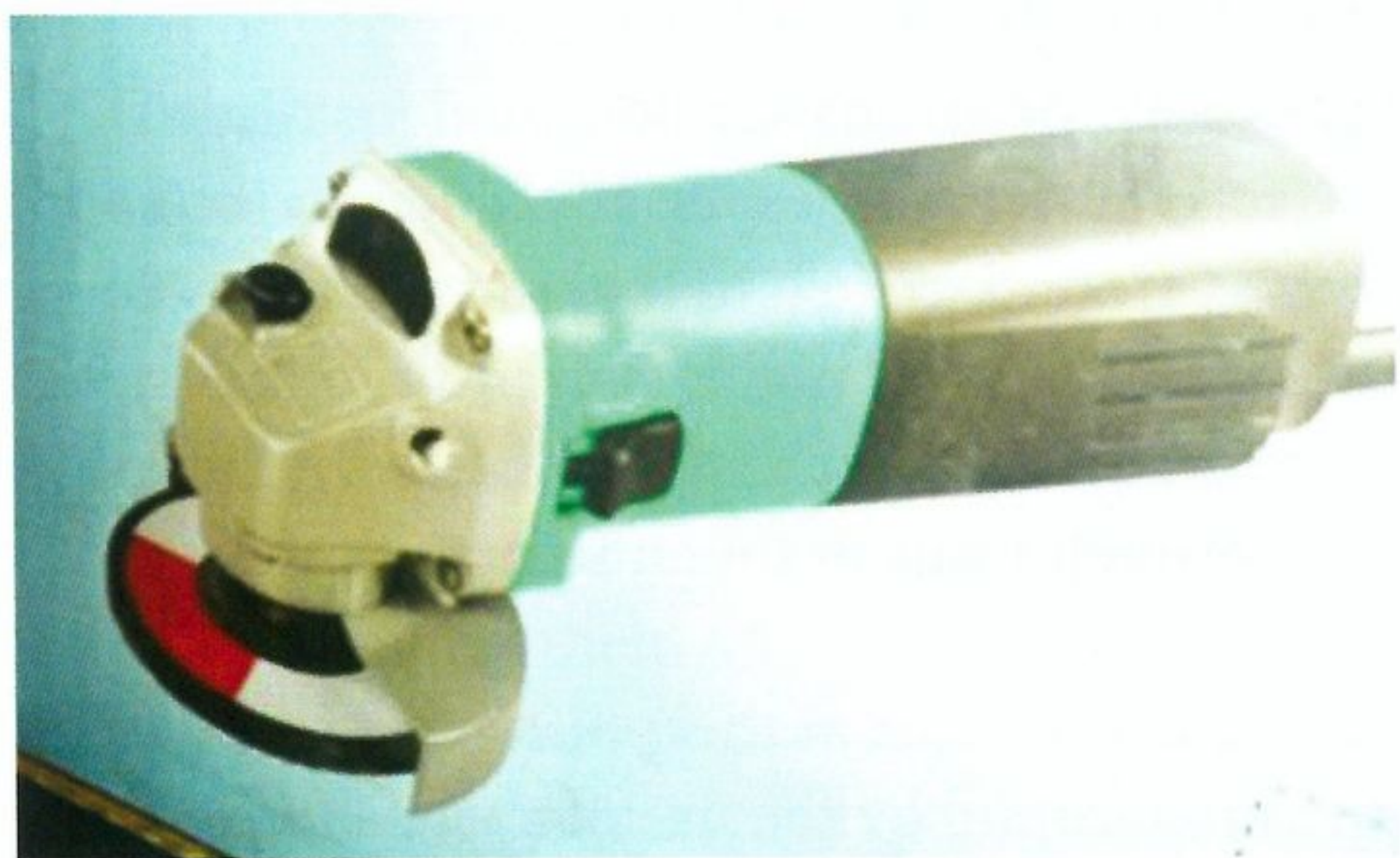


The proposed amputation incision that the doctor made

The **Miraculous** **Power** *of my* **God**

press the black switch down and keep the finger pressure on it to keep it running but stops as soon as the finger is removed from the switch. But to keep the tool operating without having to keep the finger pressure, one has to press the switch down and then push it forward to be locked so that when the finger is removed the tool keeps on operating. Now this is not my first time using this tool for I have used it so often that I was even very familiar and comfortable in handling the tool, even with the change of the Blades.

But this time it was very different, the tool was laying there and somehow without me knowing it, my hand accidentally touched the switch, and as explained, when I removed my finger the tool should immediately cease to operate, but not so this time. It seemed like a supernatural power magically pushed the switch down and push it up and locked it in place. The tool with the saw/timber blade on kept flying around and jumping up and down. I was shocked and spellbound not knowing what to do. With the electric hand tool flying around, only God knew where it was going to land next. I suddenly could feel the wind of the cutting saw blade right on my face and was thinking to myself that this will be my last



The grinding machine with the blade

day on earth. The only thought that ran through my mind was who will be taking care of my lovely daughter? Then suddenly I could feel the wind of the cutting blade on my stomach and the only thought that I had at that time was I am going to be dead with my guts splattered all over the place.

The blade was, as it were, destined to cut off my neck or face or even my stomach but, I certainly believe whole heartedly that there was this other supernatural force Divinely executed in preventing all these from actually happening. FLB 328

I watched as the tool flew off and landed on my feet, and then I saw as if it had cut off all my toes. I was not able to do anything at all about it since I thought I was already dead with my stomach opened and so there was no point in saving my foot. I thought that all my toes were gone and I stood there not knowing what to do. Then, as if coming back to my senses I reached out to touch my stomach and realized that it was still there and intact. I also realized that all my toes were still there and there was no body parts missing or hanging, but only a large wound with the bones exposed even though no blood yet from the open wound. I then tried to move my leg then I noticed that all the toes were still there, the electrical tool fell to the ground and was cutting deep into the soil as though some kind of special force was keeping it there. At that point, I stretched out my hand and switched off the generator.

I sat down, looking at my wound and decided that I needed to get to the hospital and have the wound treated, so I took my shower and then got ready for the trip to the hospital.

I did not want to get my mother, who was a nurse, panicked, so I calmly told her that I had cut myself and

that she needed to take care of my daughter while I get to the hospital. I took the plastic gloves that she had brought home and tied it around my leg to prevent excess bleeding, and then took a bottle of water and waited in vain for a Taxi. I then headed for the airport to find a Taxi as I could not get one immediately where I lived.

Though the airport seems close to us, the access road to get to it is approximately one kilometer. With this kind of injury, consisting of broken bones, one needs to travel by a stretcher or an ambulance, or a Taxi or bus, or truck to get to the Hospital so that one could avoid further complications, but, unfortunately, I did not have that kind of luxury. The only option available is to get a Taxi or Bus service at the Airport. With this kind of open wound, one would properly faint before one can even walk. But with God and a Bottle of water in my hand I could feel No pain and with God's strength I walked all the way to the airport accompanied by a neighbor, without any assistance at all from anyone. God was my present help when I needed help most, and I walked there normally, and even waited there quite a long while just for an available taxi or cab or a bus.

We finally managed to get a Taxi and while we were on our way to the Hospital he received a call and said he was sorry that he could not take us all the way to the Hospital because he needed to attend an urgent meeting which was waiting just for him to start. He dropped us at his place of meeting and instead of us paying for the Taxi, the driver felt so bad for not taking us directly to the emergency section at the hospital, and offered us our taxi fare to get there instead.

The incident took place at about 1:00 PM, but we arrived at the Hospital at about 3PM, with this injury and broken bones yet with God's help we managed to cover all that walking normally and all those hours taken just to get to the hospital without pain or even faint from loss of blood or from any other complications. It was not until the evening or night that the intense and severely painful results actually started.

At the emergency room, the wound or injury was only cleaned with iodine and the attending medical officer looked at the pieces of the broken bones and told us that I needed to get to the theatre so that the wound could be cleaned up properly, in order to remove every piece of bone or dirt from the wound. There was no treatment provided that day. They only requested that I not eat or drink anything so that I can go to the theatre the next day.

The next day, I was taken to the theatre to have the wound cleaned up and fixed. I was sedated so that I was asleep the whole time while the doctors were working. The surgery doctor came also and when he saw the wound he contacted my Brother, Vega, who is also a doctor in Port Vila. He informed him that the only option was to amputate part of my foot because, not only was the bone broken, but the veins that were connected to the toe were also cut and the toe, he said, is actually already dead and can no longer move. The doctor told me that since my big toe is already dead and therefore useless, the only option left was to amputate, so that it will reduce the pain, and also reduce the possibility of getting an infection. He said if the amputation was not done, the chances will be greater of having continuous amputation of my foot until the whole foot is amputated. He assured me that I would be able to get back to normal life and work within Six (6) months after surgery. My brother, who is not a surgeon doctor, sent me the photo of the proposed amputation and since Dr. Basil is the only surgeon doctor in Santo, he urged me to trust his professional decision as it is the only option that is available to the doctor at that time.

After the doctor explained the situation to me, he then told me that he needed a response or decision on my part by morning the next day since they have only cleaned the wound with iodine and just bandaged it up for amputation. At this point, I was greatly troubled. My brother who is also a doctor whose professional opinion I could seek had sided with his colleague, Doctor Basil the surgeon doctor. The sisters at the camp also visited us at the hospital and I wished they could help make the decision for me, but the burden rested upon me only to make the final decision by the next morning.

Though we were inclined to accept the doctor's professional decision, especially in his field of expertise, yet the brethren and I believed that God made us whole and that we should not discard any of these essential parts of the body that He has graciously blessed us with. So we all prayed earnestly for an answer because I just didn't know what decision to make, especially since no immediate family was around to help in making such decision. Before we went to sleep that night, sister Annie Sailas, who was accompanying me at the hospital, prayed then we slept, even though I was in much frequent extreme pains that night.

Please do remember that at this point of time, I was only able to move around by the use of a wheel chair or

by Sis. Annie's assistance. However, it was very early in the morning, as the day began to dawn, I felt no more pain and actually felt that I could walk. So I got up and tried to press my injured foot upon the floor and then tried to stamp it on the floor. I could feel no pain. I then got the urge to stand up and so I did. I also got the urge to actually walk even though the doctor plainly told me that without the amputation I would not be able to walk. I started to walk normally without pain and was so excited I went over and woke Sis. Annie just to tell her about it. She being the only one who assisted me in getting around wanted to see it for herself too. We walked to the entrance of the Building and walked back to my room. The Nurses there were very surprised to see me being able to walk around normally, without any assistance at all. They asked me if I am really walking normally without pain? I said yes, I am actually walking and that tomorrow I will be going back home. It suddenly hit me that this is God's great sign that I will be able to walk normally again without the amputation. This gave me the confidence and courage to be able to disagree with the doctor and tell him with confidence that I had decided to keep my foot. I guess the doctor was a little bit shocked with my decision. He responded that since you have decided against amputation, you will no longer be able to stay here at the hospital. You will have to leave after your dressing but you can come only for dressings or any other difficulties that may arise that you cannot possibly handle.

With the help and advice of the brethren at Mountain Dale, we managed to be able to stop the infection through natural remedies. The natural remedies fast-tracked the healing progress of the bone and wound so that within three (3) months period, I was up and running and doing normal works of life and duties and responsibilities. To me this is the greatest miraculous power that I have ever experienced in my life. I will never cease to praise His Holy Name for so much that He has done for me.

Though we may all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God, and often times we tend to think that we may have done something wrong to receive such severe trials in life, yet, to me, I just thank the Lord for everything that He Has brought into my life. How else can we Trust our God in resolving our problems if we did not encounter them and have Him resolve them and be able to save us out of them all, so that only His Holy Name can be glorified. This experience has helped me

to Trust in my Great God more than ever before, and to know that He can truly get us out of any situation or problems. We may see them as great mountains that cannot be moved but our God is Mightier and can remove these huge mountains for His children.

I thank The Lord for bringing this so great a trial into my life. This experience has not only led me to Trust entirely in my God, but has also shown me that my God can do anything for His children that may seem impossible for the professionals. God has also brought so much Blessing into my life. He has been able to make so great changes in me to transform my character to be able to fit the character that is required for admission into His Kingdom.

So in the end, what may seem by human eye a very dangerous and deadly accident or trial, has been to me a great source of Blessing in my life! The only thing I can ever say is May All Glory and Honor, and Praise and Thanksgiving be returned unto our God Who alone deserves it. May His Holy Name be Praised Forever!

To conclude I wish to Firstly thank the Lord God our Father in Heaven. Though I am just another insignificant person in this great planet, yet God Has shown me His Great Love and Miraculous Power. Against all odds, He made the Bones to grow again, the muscles, the veins, and the tissues to reconnect again. I don't know how, but I can still move my big toe, though the doctor said that it would be impossible to do so. This has helped me in my spiritual life to Trust my God more and has enabled me to build a stronger and closer relationship with Him. I thank Sis. Blandine and others at Mountain Dale for providing such helpful remedies and instructions during my time of greatest need. I thank the Vanuatu Brethren, especially Sis. Lienne and Sis. Annie for their timeless sacrifices in ensuring that the remedies were prepared and provided at that very time needed. I also wish to extend my Thanks to all around the World Field during the week of prayer who honored my request to pray for healing of the wound. I thank my Zoom friends and fellow youth for your sincere prayers. My thanks to everyone who supported me physically and financially. I wish to assure you that our Great God is so Loving and caring, and He has certainly answered all our prayers. All I can ever say is "TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY FOR THE THINGS HE HATH DONE."□

By Sinaroa Kauh

Blood Circulation and Raw food



You no doubt already know proper circulation is another key to maintaining your optimal health. When blood and oxygen continuously flow throughout our bodies, every organ can function as best as possible. Good blood circulation also helps us heal wounds faster, keeps our minds sharp, our hearts healthy, and even helps our complexions have a healthy natural flush. Circulation and how well it performs may also affect our immune systems, as specific blood cells, carried by the bloodstream, help us fight infection.

During cold and flu season, especially during COVID-19, it's essential to ensure your circulation is doing its best. Of course, certain conditions, chronic illnesses, and diseases can make maintaining proper circulation more complicated. Those who suffer from peripheral artery disease, obesity, anemia, untreated blood clots, uncontrolled diabetes, high blood pressure, Raynaud's disease, and smoking or tobacco use can all cause people to suffer from poor circulation.

Luckily, there are ways to boost your system along with medications that may help improve blood circulation! Along with exercise, did you know there are raw foods for assisting blood circulation you can add to your daily diet?

Cayenne Pepper and Capsaicin

For example, cayenne peppers, jalapeno peppers, poblano peppers, serrano peppers, tobacco peppers, Thai peppers, and habanero peppers are all peppers with capsaicin, each at different levels of SHU. SHU stands for Scoville Heat Units that measure their hotness or how spicy they taste depending on how much capsaicin content the food holds.

NOTE: The Association does not recommend hot pepper; however, cayenne pepper used in moderation is known to be excellent for health, especially in regard to circulation.

Capsaicin is not in every pepper, however. Bell

peppers, for example, do not have any, while all peppers that are considered chili peppers do. While capsaicin is responsible for making a pepper or food taste hot and spicy, it may improve blood circulation and reduce the risk of death due to cardiovascular disease and cancer. Research presented to the American Heart Association conference in 2020 states that consuming chili peppers may reduce all-cause mortality.

Previous studies also show eating chili peppers has an anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, anticancer, and blood-glucose regulating effect, all due to capsaicin. Capsaicin promotes blood flow to tissues due to its blood-pressure-lowering effect. It can stimulate the release of nitric oxide and other vasodilators (medications or natural compounds that can open (dilate) blood vessels.)

Beets

Many athletes swear by beet juice, beet supplements, or beet powders to help improve performance, and for good reasons. Nitrates, present in roughly 80% of vegetables, are much higher within beets. Our bodies convert nitrates into nitric oxide, which relaxes blood vessels and increases blood flow to muscle tissue. Beet juice supplements can improve the oxygen flow in muscle tissues, stimulate better blood flow, and increase nitric oxide levels, boosting our body's performance.

Turmeric

Increased blood circulation is just one of turmeric's many health benefits. In Ayurvedic and traditional Chinese medicine, turmeric has opened blood vessels and improved circulation since ancient times. Research suggests the curcumin compound, found in turmeric, helps increase nitric oxide production, reduces oxidative stress, and decreases inflammations. A study in 2017 showed that in 39 people taking 2,000 mg of curcumin daily for 12 weeks led to a 37% increase in forearm



blood flow and a 36% increase in upper arm blood flow.²

Meanwhile, a study published in September 2021 concluded that turmeric root extract and supplementation improved the pre-frontal cortex (a part of the brain located at the front of the frontal lobe, responsible for complex behaviors) and increased blood volume in older males and females.³

Leafy Greens

You knew it was coming, didn't you? Leafy greens are one of the powerhouse superfoods packed full of beneficial health-boosting nutrients for our entire bodies. For just a tiny example, Spinach and collard greens are high in nitrates which, as you've learned, is converted into nitric oxide that becomes a potent vasodilator.

Nitrate Rich Leafy Greens also include:

- Lettuce
- Arugula (or Rocket)
- Chinese cabbage
- Parsley
- Mustard greens
- Kale
- Swiss chard

Citrus Fruits

Oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruit are stuffed full of antioxidants and flavonoids. Hesperidin, a flavonoid found in citrus fruits, offers antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties discovered to modulate leukocyte gene expression, showing a nutri-genomic effect (how food can affect a person's genes and how a person's genes affect the way the body responds to food.)⁴

Hesperidin can boost recovery and improve oxidative and inflammatory status. Additionally, preclinical studies have demonstrated that there may be neuroprotective (protecting nerve cells against damage, degeneration, or impairment of function) potential to citrus flavonoids

and may also influence blood-brain barrier function and integrity—possibly offering a neurological benefit on top of blood circulation benefits.⁵

Of course, eating these raw foods to improve blood circulation is just one of many steps you should consider doing to help increase blood flow. To make sure your body can benefit the most from these powerful nutrients and foods, here are some things to help circulation.

Get Moving.

Get moving. Walking, running, whatever you like to do that gets your body moving. Exercise encourages healthy blood flow.

Make sure you drink enough water!

If you suffer from varicose vein disease or sit for extended periods, elevate your legs for 20 minutes a day. Sitting or standing in place for a long time can cause the blood to pool, which leads to swelling, cramping, pain, restlessness, itching, and fatigue. Try and elevate your feet to improve circulation to relieve these symptoms.


Quit smoking or using tobacco products. Smoking and tobacco use is a risk factor for many chronic diseases like cancer and negatively impacts circulation.

Learn ways in which you can reduce and manage your stress. Many studies and research have proven that high-stress levels can significantly impact your blood pressure. There's no shame in learning how to take care of yourself and lowering stress levels.

There are many natural, wholesome ways to help improve your blood circulation with raw foods that stimulate blood flow. The nitrates, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and other compounds in the foods above could have a massively positive impact on your circulation health. In addition to improved blood flow, you lead a healthier, happier lifestyle by staying active, maintaining a healthy weight, and eating a pure, raw food diet. □

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Field Reports

In spite of the pandemic the work of the Rod continues to grow around the word. Brethren from a few countries share what they are doing to spread the message in their country.

Guyana, South America

The Geography of Guyana comprises the physical characteristics of the country in Northern South America and part of Caribbean South America, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean, between Suriname and Venezuela, with a land area of approximately 214,969 square km.

The Adventist Church in Guyana has a membership of over 64,000. We worship in 209 congregations which are distributed in 27 pastoral districts scattered across the 310 administrative regions of the country.

Even though one might think to his or her self that a 64,000 membership isn't much in comparison to their local church population, the truth is that very little work has been done in Guyana to share the ROD message. To complete such a task would require much human and financial resources, time and dedication.

After a week of prayer and agonizing with the LORD for souls the small but vibrant and evangelistic-focused group established here in Guyana, launched out on a five-weeks hunting campaign.

On 3rd October 2021, we began our undertaking. We did not intend to miss one soul, so we knocked on every single door. At first many people mistook us for Jehovah's witnesses but upon learning that we are Seventh Day Adventists expressed their delight and gratitude.

As usual the affluent and wealthy were a bit difficult to engage while the poor and humble were warm, hospitable, and willing to study with us. Some even asked us

for bible studies before we could suggest it. It was truly painful to hear many of the brethren we met express that they felt neglected by the SDA ministry because they have not had a call or visit from any of the church leaders in a long time.

We sang for the elderly and prayed for the afflicted. At times when we found someone who wasn't a Seventh day Adventist but seemed interested in the gospel, we left a copy of the steps to Christ. All the hunters conveyed their satisfaction in the work that we achieved, even when it was not favorable.

After the five weeks campaign was over, we accumulated the names and contact numbers and began making appointments for Bible studies. I must say, the responses were quite favourable. Truly the harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few. Because some of us have other engagements and employment, we facilitate as many as four Bible Studies on Sundays from the morning right into the night and Bibles studies three days a week in the afternoons, after working hours.

Even though our work is largely centered in the city at the moment, we are planning to extend the work to outlying areas and shake Guyana with the power of the ROD. Kindly remember to keep this army in prayer that we will accomplish this huge task before us. Truly we seem like grasshoppers in the sight of the giants, but we are confident that "if the LORD delight in us, then HE will bring us into this land, and give it us..." Numbers 14:7

Tanzania

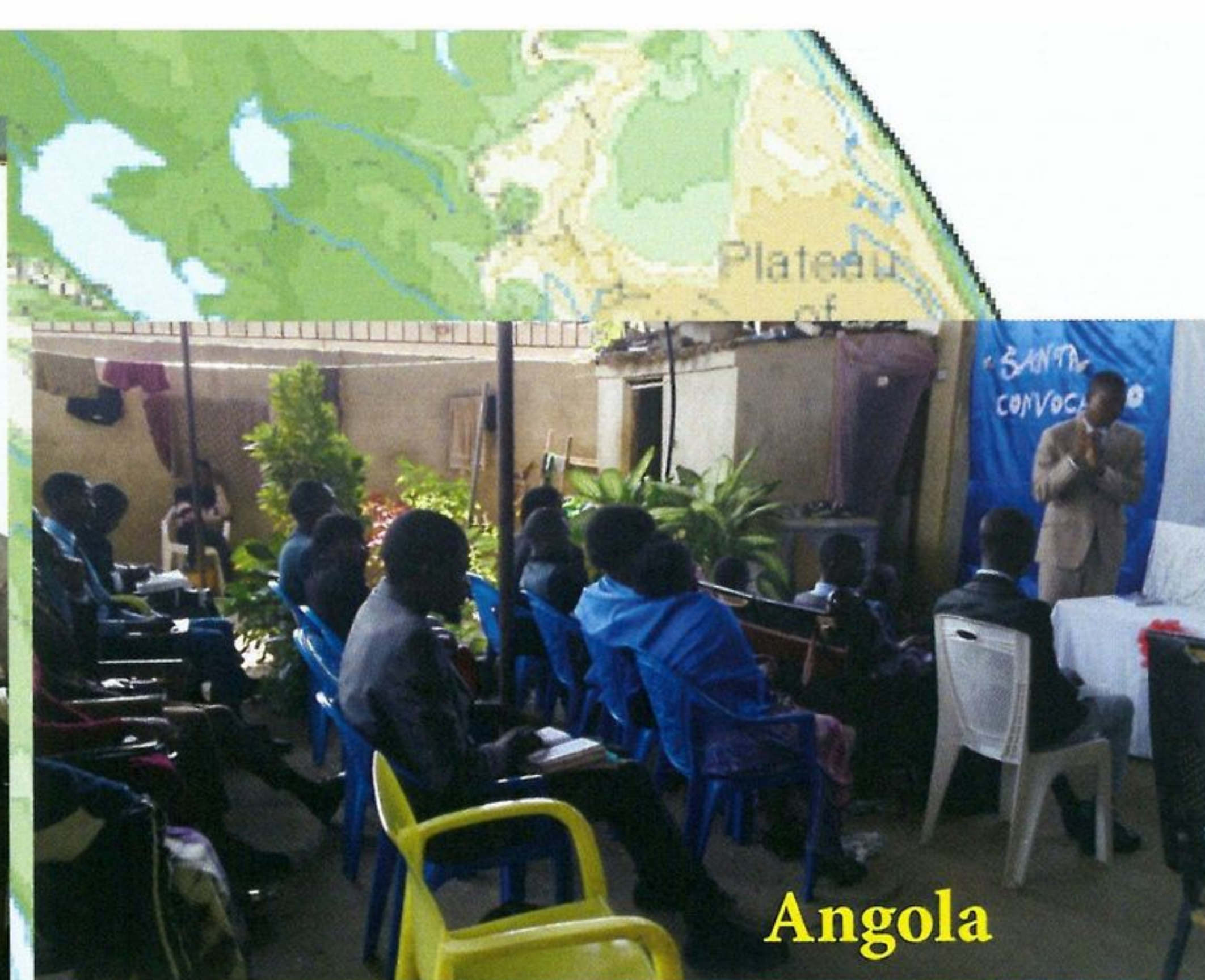
God's work began to enter Tanzania, through Sister Frida and Sister Maggie. These two sisters received this message in South Africa and then decided to return to



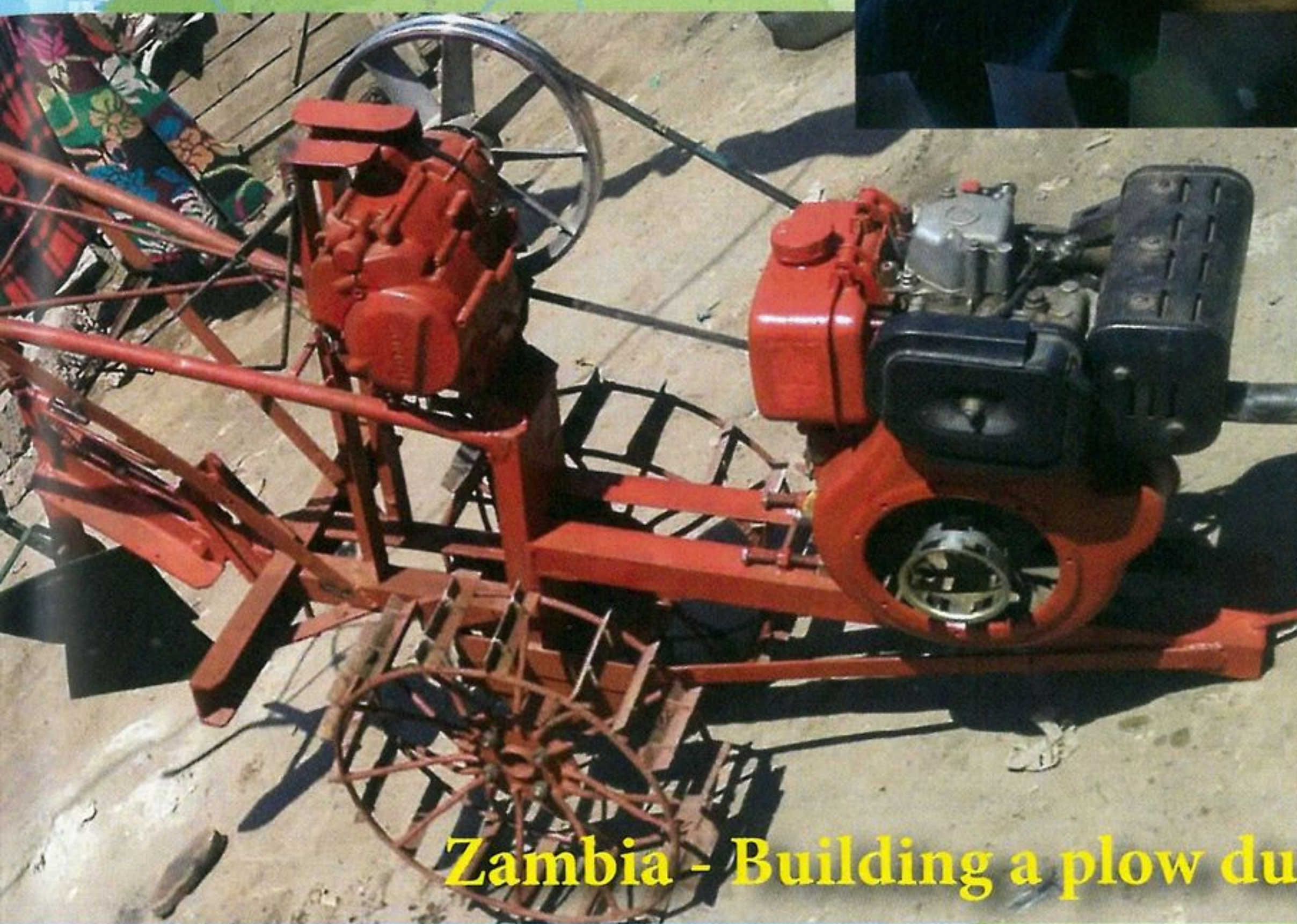
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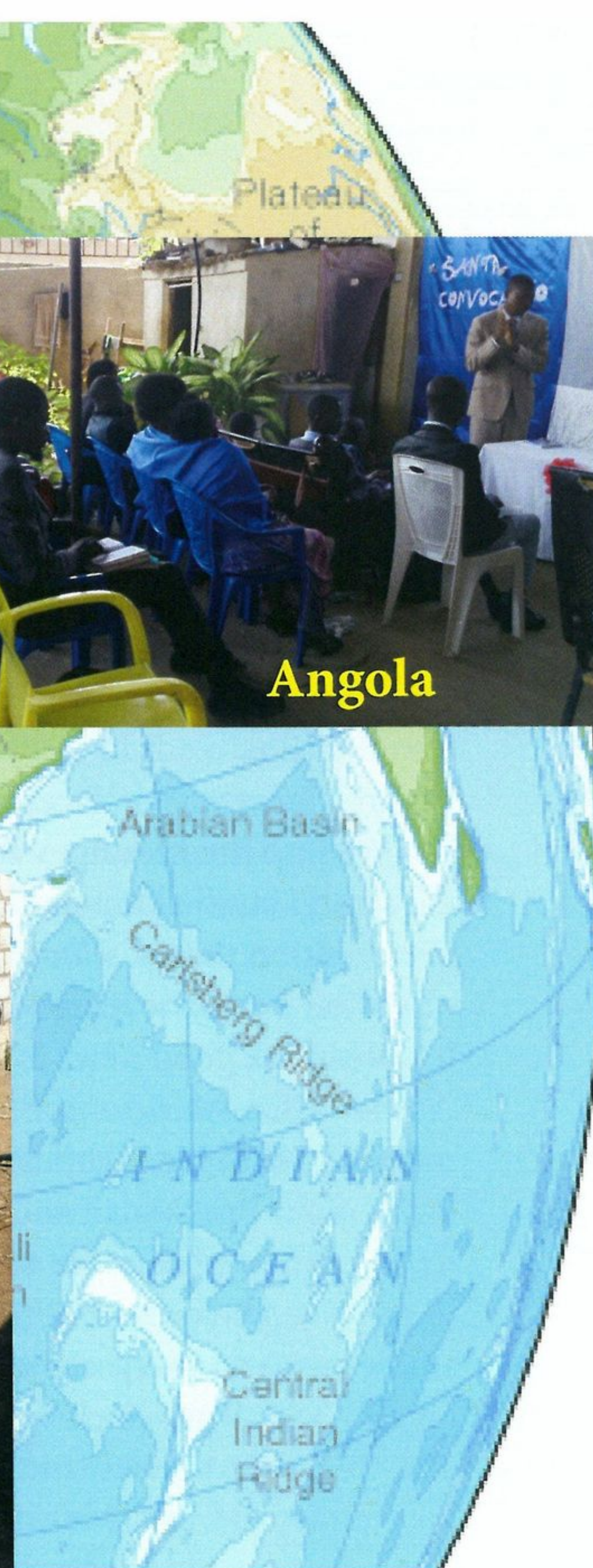
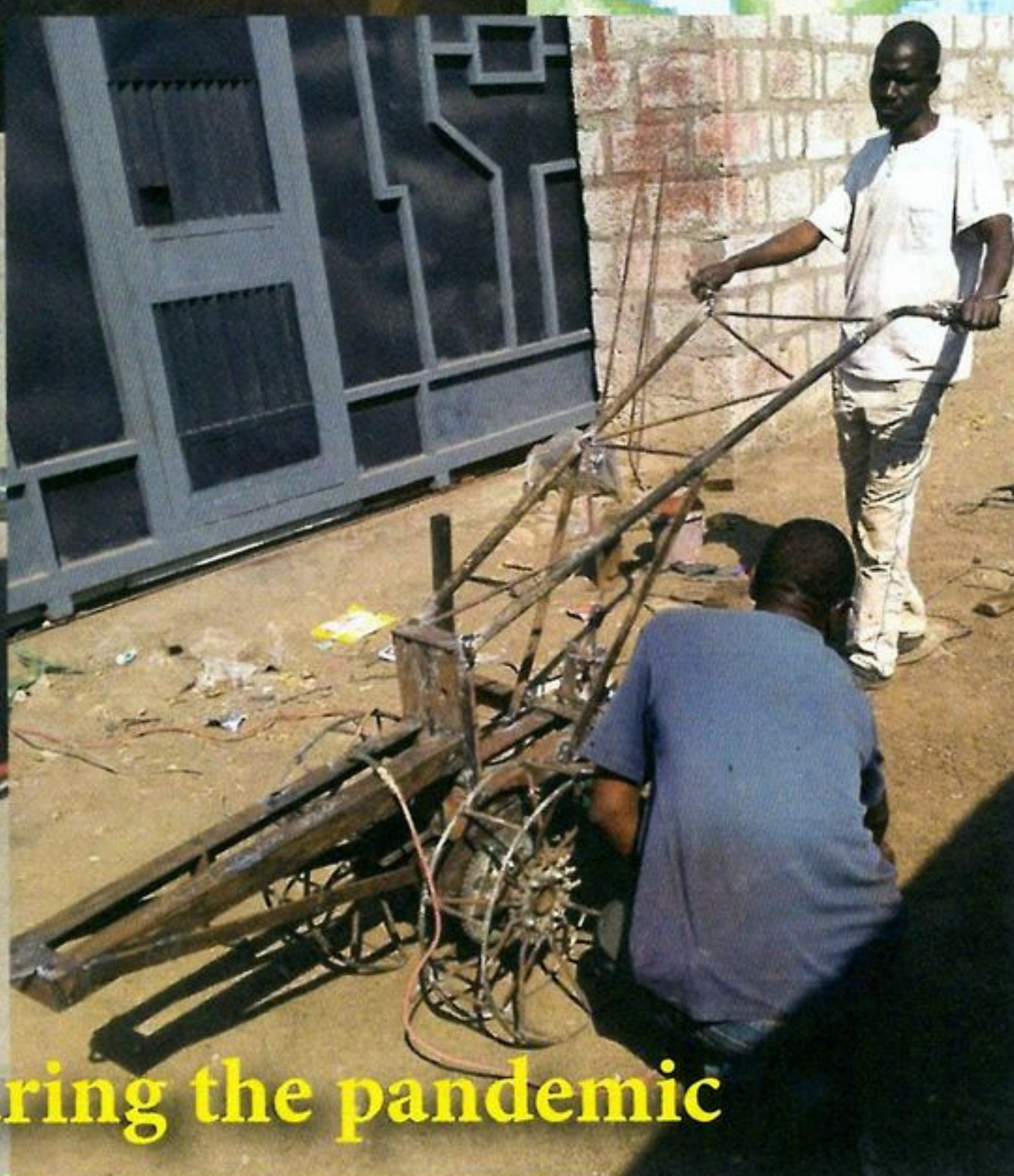
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their country of Tanzania in 2020. They had a burden of sharing the good news of the cleansing of the church of God as described in Ezekiel 9 with their brethren there. It was not easy, but we believed in the power of God and because we prayed over this matter we were not afraid. We tried to tell others when we were in Njombe but the locals did not understand us, they stood for church principles rather than the Bible and the spirit of prophecy; however, we did not give up. Sister Frida was in some SDA WhatsApp groups, there she met people who loved prophecy. After talking to them for some time, we finally had opportunities to start teaching the message in Dar es Salaam, Magomeni and Morogoro. To our great surprise, people responded very well, so much so, that we even wondered where we were all this time. About a week later we got a call from a mother named Martha saying that she had heard news from Brother Israeli (who we were studying with at Magomeni church), that we were teaching prophecy, we said yes and she said to me I love prophecy very much though I don't know all of them. We then agreed to go see her. Though we had some difficulties getting there, the Lord provided a way for us.

When we finally met Martha, she was very happy, however her husband and brother-in-law were very worried that we were reformers(SDA Reform Church).

After some time, Brother Leonard Kochwa came along with Brother Hezron Abwao, from Kenya. Indeed we were so blessed for the time of their visit. Finally Mother Martha, Sister Rebecca, and Sister Lily believed the "Message along with the Messenger" TM 475.3 . In Tanzania we have language challenges, but we believe in an invincible God that can and will help us. God bless His work in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

Magreth and Frida.

Dominica

I was on Facebook, Looking for what I didn't put. One Day I saw Brother Oliver on Facebook and I said to myself yes! I have found the one! This was until I asked him some information about himself and when he told me his age I was shocked so I decided to just be his friend. I was also in this group from Africa called the Judgment for the Living and Elijah's message and Present truth for Seventh-day Adventist. One day I

contacted Bro. Oliver and told him about the group. I told him what they were saying and that I did not agree with them. He proceeded to ask them some questions concerning Jesus coming. Anyway, we continued to be friends on Facebook, and then after a year of friendship, one day he told me about another group and then he added me to the group. I was very happy and that is where I met Bro. Mario, Bro. Jim, and Bro. Terry. I already had Bro. Terry's name as my facebook friend, also Bro. Jim.

Bro. Terry was on facetime and they introduced me further into the Message . Brother Jim also sent me some clips and I studied the materials; but, what that caught my attention the most in the studies was the "stone" of Daniel 2 and the Kingdom. That is when I started to spread the good news to my brethren and sisters. Any way Bro. Mario and Bro. Terry continued to teach me until I told them about the brethren and sisters. So every night Bro. Mario and Bro. Terry would study with us, until they felt that we were ready. So they decided to come in person to Dominica. While here, they had studies with us every night. The little group was getting bigger! We all got so close to Bro Mario and Bro. Terry. They blessed us greatly until Bro. Mario had to leave for his country of birth. I cried that day because of the love that was shown to me by the brothers, I also cried for Brother Terry. These men have turn my life around for the better and my faith has been further grounded in Jesus.

Zambia

Zambia Branch had a Five (5) days Gospel Workers Seminar which started on 21 - 25 October, 2021. The theme for the seminar was " Every Davidian a Missionary". We had 13 teachers from different studying groups who attended the meeting. We were blessed with presentation that were presented by Bro Brighton; Bro Dubeka; Bro Collins; Bro Caswell, and Bro Nevers. We had a good time, knowing that as teachers we sharpen each other.

With the work growing far and near, it is now a challenge to work as an Association without our own transportation. It is our prayer that the Association can have a motor vehicle for Missionary and administration work. We are calling upon everyone to help us pray so that we are able to acquire the necessary transport.

During the COVID-19 situation, it was a challenge to go out and do the Fishing and Hunting Campaign. The

idea of making something to ease the lives of the people came to me and I thought it best to make a Walking Tractor.

Angola

The work started in Luanda - Angola, in 2020, with Brother Hamilton, and some support from Brother Oliver in NY, and from the Johannesburg Group.

I started with one and the group grew to about eight people. We started meeting every Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, (on Sundays it's another group). After a few months, some fell away, now the meeting is on Saturdays and Sundays. However, when it moved to Saturday afternoons, the group grew to about 14-16 people, sometimes it could be much more. Currently the group is about 18-20 people.

Thus far, I have presented almost all basic studies.

Most controversial points were:

The Harvest (on Rev. 14:14-19),

The Antitypical Elijah

Challenges:

There is no Portuguese Bible version that is as accurate as the King James Version in English, not even the "Bíblia King James Fiel", from Brazil.

The Spirit of Prophecy books, are very few in Portuguese. (TM 475.3, not properly translated to Portuguese). The Shepherds Rod books are not in Portuguese as yet.

The main group (Saturday group) are all from independent ministries, who left the church. They believed that we should leave the church because of the apostasy in the church. Since the Shepherd's Rod does not teach that we should leave the church, many brethren ran away, but others went back to church and almost every Saturday afternoon, we have studies, although they are still being influenced by those who left.

The brethren are living very far from where I live. It takes me approximately 2.5 to 3 hours to get there, using public transportation.

May the Lord bless His work!

Bro. Hamilton

Nigeria

Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus. We thank God for the privilege of being workers with him.

The work in Nigeria began after Bro Oliver met some persons on Facebook who were showing great interest



and begun sharing it in their church. Their church has a small congregation not more than twenty members. One advantage is that these four brethren are occupying the very big position in the church like, elder, treasurer Sabbath school superintendent, and women ministry. They're the main pillars of the church so to speak.

At one time after I had made a presentation concerning "Church collections on Sabbath",

in the message.

Plans were made and on the 12th of Jan/2020, with God's help, I took the flight to Nigeria and arrived safely in Lagos.

I was warmly welcomed by one of the brothers, -Joseph at the airport, then we begun the long journey from Lagos-to Okada, Eda estate where they stay.

The journey was full of challenges. There was no direct vehicle to the place, so we had to keep changing vehicles from one destination to another, spending a lot of money

Actually the transport system in Nigeria is poorly managed. There's a lot of lawlessness on the road, careless driving, everyone maneuvering to get to his destination, corrupt police taking bribes openly, even forcing drivers to give them bribes, threatening to beat them if they don't dish out, and worn out vehicles operating even in towns.

Oh surely even though Kenya, my own country is corrupt, but Nigeria is even worse.

But finally we arrived at Okada at around 11 :00 Pm.

Inspite of all these challenges, God has a people in this nation who have not bowed down to Baal and thus why the message is taking root here.

Two days later the studies begun and at every point, the brethren rejoiced in the wonderful revelation that God had revealed to them through the Rod's message.

Several studies were covered including health, tactics and methods on message presentation, tithing, and doctrinal disputes (explaining the Bashan, Wavesheaf and Waco errors).

The doctrinal issue was necessary because they told me that they've have been meeting people from such groups on Facebook.

Otherwise they have fully embraced the message

one of the brethren made the same presentation in the church on another Sabbath.

Part of the church members were against it, but some accepted. But the brethren made their stand clear that they will not collect any money on Sabbath.

The opposers took the report to the Pastor who visited the church the following Sabbath, and warned the church members not to listen to the studies again.

Due to this warning, most of the church members were scared to come in contact with us, but we continued giving out studies every Sabbath plus we also collected their contacts for studies on Whatsup.

On different occasions, I and one of the brethren (Joseph), visited two churches in the neighbouring district

In one of the churches, we were warmly welcomed by one sister whom Bro. Joseph knew.

Later after the sermon, we had a long discussion with her concerning the prophecies of Dan. 2, 7 & 8.

We shared literature and CDs with her, and she also took some to distribute to other church members, though it was to be done wisely because the church elder was somehow suspicious of our presence when he called us in private to know who we were and why we visited them.

Otherwise I give thanks to the Lord that the mission in Nigeria was successful and now we have some brethren who have fully believed the message and are now supporting it.

With the direction of our ministerial director Bro Terry, we formed an interim board to oversee the work here. □

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the table upon which stands the enslaving and injurious pepper shaker, mustard can, spice boxes, and vinegar pitcher? And do you still have to confess shameful addiction to liquor, tobacco, coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate, or soda fountain drinks?" 2SC11 3.9

"Brethren, have you ridded your person of the vain and useless stick pin, the racy tie; the fallen or rolled down socks; the pretentious silk shirt? Sisters, are you heeding or ignoring the Apostles's instruction as to the wearing of a head-covering during prayer and at religious services? Have you lifted the necks, lengthened the sleeves, and dropped the skirts of your dresses? Have you discarded your tinkling ornaments, veils, chains, bracelets, display of watches, mufflers, bonnets, headbands, rings, changeable suits of apparel, crimping pins, high heeled shoes, sheer silk stockings, finger nail polish, rouge, lip stick, mascara, perfume, etc.? which begets the grotesque appearance of a sedate clown rather than the natural beauty of a peacock!" 2SC11 3.10

"Fathers, are you still at the same old ways—either paying no attention to, or injudiciously ruling, your children? Are you faithfully performing the duties of a husband and father and head of the family? Are you still confirmed in the innumerable other abominable Laodicean practices?" 2SC11 3.11

"Mothers, are you still indulging the whims, humors, and self-willed demands of your children; failing to curb and discipline their tastes, habits, actions, words, and thoughts; faithlessly neglecting to correct their

misdemeanors and wrong doings; and in their presence excusing and defending them to others; then losing your temper, and landing on them with shouting, slapping, and jerking them about when you finally do make a belated effort to right matters?" 2SC11 3.5

Conclusion

Pandemic, Trouble or whatever comes, let us keep our names in the Book.

"What a solemn time we have come to, Brothers, Sisters. Do we realize that if we do not now make an effort to put our names in the Book, it may be forever too late? And is it not better to have our names there even if the trouble were a hundred years in the future? Now is the time to act. Now is the day of salvation! Today Inspiration pleads; if you hear His voice harden not your hearts. Only those who heed the revealed Word of God will find deliverance and peace, —none others will. 2TG7 10.6

"Oh, there is a great work to be done for the people of God, ere they are prepared for translation to heaven! The heat of the furnace upon some must be severe to reveal the dross. Self will have to be crucified. When each believer is to the very extent of his knowledge, obeying the Lord, and yet seeking to give no just occasion to his fellow men to oppress him, he should not fear the results, even though it be imprisonment and death.... — {OHC 323.3} □

—Editors

Session Notice

Please be informed that should conditions allow, Session this year is scheduled for July 30, 2022 through August 13, 2022.

It is our intention to have an In-Person session; however, because of the various travel restrictions, it is possible that we may have to conduct the session both virtually as well as physically. Nevertheless, we wanted to inform anyone planning to attend the session

from overseas, should you need an Invitation Letter, please inform the office early so that the necessary documents can be prepared and sent out in a timely manner.

Also, please bear in mind that the US Government has issued a mandate requiring all non-nationals travelling to the United States to show proof of vaccination.