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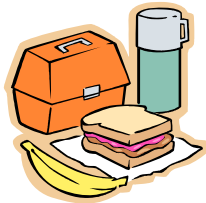
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**"SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE,
YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED"**

(John 8:36).

OCTOBER 2007



BROWN BAG LUNCH INFORMATION

at Immanuel CRC in Hudsonville, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.

November 21, 2007
January 16, 2008
March 19, 2008
May 21, 2008

**WHY FORGIVENESS IS SO IMPORTANT
FEELINGS OR TRUTH, AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM
THE OCCULT IN OUR HOMES, SCHOOLS, AND CHURCHES
BURNOUT**



FINANCIAL UPDATE

SFM has been greatly blessed by being used by God to help spread the message of freedom from bondage worldwide, but not without cost. Our finances are down to \$380. If each person who receives this newsletter would give \$20 our expenses would be paid for the rest of the year. If you have the gift of giving, please consider how you can help continue the work of SFM by giving a generous gift at this time, as God enables you.

THE JOYS AND SORROWS OF MINISTRY

The prophet Isaiah foretold what Jesus would experience when he arrived on planet earth. **"A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."** As the Director of Set Free Ministries, I too have seen many sorrows and my heart has been broken over what I have witnessed in my travels around the world.

List of Sorrows

- Over 1 million homeless men, women and children lying in the streets of Calcutta, India. One Billion people are held captive by the lies of the Hindu religion that claim the "gods" are angry with them and they must pay with a lifetime of poverty for the sins of their past life.
- Young children of Calcutta, knee deep in a garbage dump, looking for breakfast...as pigs and a cow search for the same, just a few yards away for the same.
- Orphan children of Africa who have lost both parents to aids and have no one to care for them, no jobs, and no schooling for lack of fees. They have no hope and no future.
- African witch doctors who prey on the weak and vulnerable. They demand that every child from their village be brought to them shortly after birth for a satanic ceremony and ritual cuttings on the child's body. The children live a life of fear.
- Hundreds of men, women and young people calling SFM from all over the USA looking for real answers from God. Many are held captive by sinful choices, frantically searching for God's love and truth.
- Abandoned children of Dominican Republic, living in abandoned cars, looking for someone to love and care.

Such experiences could cause deep depression if we had no answers with no hope. We do have the answer for the world today! His name is Jesus. "The reason the Son of man appeared was to destroy the devils work" (I John 3:8). Hear the words of Jesus in John 16:33:

"In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

List of Joys

- 100's of prisoners in India have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord in 2007 through the humble efforts of SFM/India volunteers. Most all have signed up for weekly discipleship ministry conducted by SFM/India Volunteers.
- Crossroads Ministries in Grand Rapids, Michigan has agreed to partner with SFM in providing discipleship courses for these prisoners. We rejoice!
- Over 400 youth from Kampala, Africa claimed Jesus Christ as Lord in the summer of 2007! All renounced Satan's claim to them through ritual cuttings as babies. They have all been set free in Christ through the humble efforts of SFM/East Africa ministry partners.

- 450 orphan children in Rakai, Africa now have a hope and a future. SFM has partnered with Orphan Justice Mission (OJM) and Glory of Christ Church in Africa to care for the widows and orphans in their distress. Rival has come!
- Last month a 72 year old African witch doctor accepted Jesus Christ as Lord. He grieves over his two sons he sacrificed to Satan, as well his wife who died because of such practices.
- Many marriages are being restored and young children spared the agony of divorce as many faithful SFM volunteers minister to them with truth and love.
- Pastors and missionaries from around the world are being equipped and trained for war by SFM volunteers. These faithful men and women are then helping 1000's of others find their freedom in Christ.

Written by Dean Vander Mey
SFM USA Executive Director

BE OF GOOD CHEER, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD. (Jesus Christ)

MASKS



Masks. What are they? Webster says a mask is a covering for the face, or part of the face, to conceal or disguise the identity, a protective covering for the face or head to conceal or disguise the identity. Why the mask? At Set Free Ministries we see many masks worn by broken, hurting people who wish to hide the real person behind the mask. When we meet someone we usually greet them and ask "How are you?" and the stock answer is "Just fine, thank you". Rarely is this the truth. The following lines were written by a man who wore masks until he found freedom in the love and safe haven of Christ.

Written by John Klingenberg

My Thousand Masks

Please hear what I'm not saying. Don't be fooled by me! Don't be fooled by the face I wear. For I wear a mask. I wear a thousand masks; masks that I'm afraid to take off. And none of them are me. Pretending is an art that is second nature to me. But don't be fooled. For God's sake, don't be fooled.

I give you the impression that I'm secure, that all is sunny and unruffled with me within as well as without. That Confidence is my name and Coolness is my game; that the water is calm and I'm in command and that I need no one. But don't believe me. Please! My surface may seem smooth, but my surface is my mask! My ever concealing mask. Beneath dwells the real me, in confusion, in fear, in aloneness. But I hide this. I don't want anyone to know it. I panic at the thought of my weakness and fear being exposed. That's why I frantically create a mask to hide behind--a nonchalant sophisticated façade to help me pretend--to shield me from the glance that knows.

But such a glance is precisely my salvation, my only salvation and I know it. That is, if it's followed by acceptance, if it's followed by love. It's the only thing that can liberate me from myself; from my own self-built prison walls; from those barriers I so painstakingly erect. It's the only thing that will assure me of what I can't assure myself. That I am worth something! But I don't tell you this, I don't dare. I'm afraid

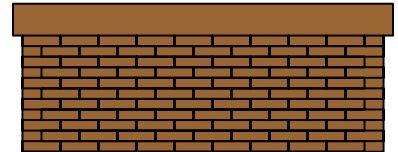
your glance will not be followed by acceptance and love. I'm afraid you'll think less of me; that you'll laugh, and your laugh will kill me. I'm afraid that deep down I'm nothing, that I'm just no good, and that you'll see this and reject me. So I play the game; my superficial game with a facade of assurance without and a trembling child within.

And so begins the parade of masks and my life becomes a front. I idly chatter to you in the suave tones of surface talk. I'm telling you everything that's really nothing and nothing of what's everything, of what's crying within me. So, when I'm through my routine, do not be fooled by what I'm saying. Please listen carefully to what I'm not saying. What I need to say for survival I need to say, but what I can't say.

I dislike hiding! Honestly! I dislike that superficial game I play--that superficial, phony game. But you've got to help me. You've got to hold out your hand, even when that's the last thing I seem to want, to need. Only you can wipe away from my eyes that blank stare of the breathing dead. Only you can call me into aliveness.

Each time you are kind and gentle, each time you try to understand because you really care my heart begins to grow wings, very small wings, but wings. With your creativity and sympathy and power of understanding, you can breathe life into me. I want you to know that. I want you to know how important you are to me. Now, you can be a creator of the person who is me if you choose to-- please choose to. You alone can break down the wall behind which I tremble. You alone can remove my mask. You alone can release me from my shadow world of panic and uncertainty, from my lonely prison.

So, do not pass me by. Please do not pass me by. It will not be easy for you! A long conviction of worthlessness builds very strong walls. The nearer you approach me, the blinder I may strike back. I fight against the things I cry out for, but I'm told that love is stronger than walls and in this is my hope. Please try to beat down those walls with firm hands, but with gentle hands, for a child is very sensitive. Who am I, you may wonder? I'm a fleshly child out of control. But I'm also a child surrendering my life to Jesus. My dear brothers and sisters, I tell you the truth.



"For I long to visit you so I can share a spiritual blessing with you that will help you grow strong in the Lord. I'm eager to encourage you in your faith, but also I want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, both of us will be a blessing to the other" (Romans 1:11-12).

Author Anonymous



A MODEL FOR MARRIAGE

A central theme runs throughout Scripture that compares the institution of marriage with God's relationship with His people. Like a colorful thread woven through the Old and New Testaments, the most intimate of human relationships is used to portray God's desire for intimacy with us.

The Old Testament uses marriage as an analogy of God's relationship to the nation of Israel. Isaiah 54:5 says, "For your Maker is your husband..."; and Hosea 2:16 says, "In that day," declares the Lord, "you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master' " (Also see Isaiah 62:5; Jeremiah 3:14; 31:32.).

In the New Testament, marriage becomes a sign of the union of Christ and His Church. Jesus refers to Himself as the "bridegroom" (Matthew 9:15) who will later return for his "bride" (Revelation 22:17). At the end of the age will be "the wedding of the Lamb" where the "bride has made herself ready" (Revelation 19:7). What a day that will be!

Since our marriages are representative of Christ's relationship to the church, Christ Himself becomes the model for how we are to relate to one another. Two of the primary passages in the New Testament that deal with the marriage relationship hold this model up for us to follow. For example, Ephesians 5:1 and 2 begins the chapter with "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Then in verses 22 through 33 instructions are given to wives and husbands as to how they are to relate to each other based on Christ's relationship to the church. Verse 32 states, "This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and his church." Love and self-sacrifice are to be at the foundation of our marriage relationships.

The other primary marriage passage is I Peter 3:1-7. The last few verses of Chapter 2, however, serve as a backdrop for the apostle's teaching on marriage. These verses speak of Christ's suffering with a humble and submissive attitude. "When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats" (vs. 23). "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps" (vs. 21). With that example in mind, I Peter 3 admonishes, "Wives, in the same way be submissive..." (vs. 1); and, "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives..." (vs. 7). The gentle and humble spirit of the Lord Jesus is to be the model we use in our relationships as husbands and wives.

Our purpose at Set Free Ministries is to point couples to that model. For as Christ becomes the model that governs our marriage relationships, our marriages become more representative of Christ's love for us. May it always be so!

Written by Annie Dykstra

SFM INDIA

Greetings in the name of Jesus who calls us to set the bondages free from Satanic power. I'm sending some news for us and please keep praying for the ministries.

1. Jail ministries. As you know that there are two prisons here in Aizawl and keep going and doing preaching and counseling. By the grace of God, 70 prisoners accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior during this period. At the same time, a Discipleship Class is also growing about 100 inmates. They really enjoyed the teachings of the Bible. It is a fact that they are equipping week by week in terms of their behavior.
2. One ex-prisoner who was born again through our humble service became an Evangelist, traveling and preaching the Word of God. A number of ex-prisoners joined us to do counseling at these two jails. At the same time, when they are released they are very faithful in their respective local churches. As you know that at the time of their release we

used to send letters to their respective churches. Then the churches also keenly took this request in order to take care of these ex-prisoners. Please join us to give thanks to our God.

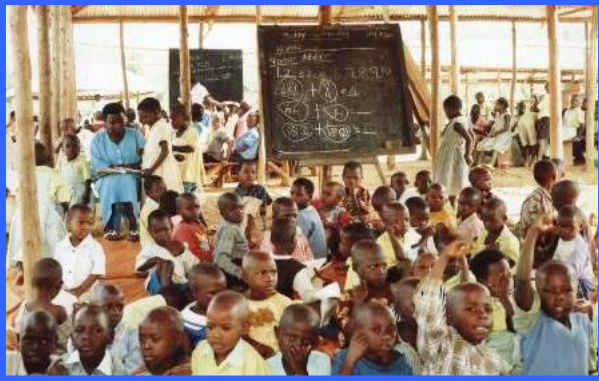
3. Dr. Biaksiama had been in Welsh, UK at the celebration of the Welsh Revival since many years ago. This celebration was organized by the NATIONS, by the grace of God he has a chance to preach two times. At the same time, he was invited to preach in one church in the southern part of India and the Lord blessed him so much.
4. By His grace and love I also received a call to preach in three churches. A topic in one church was Christian Family. At the same time one big church also invited me to preach and the topic was Mission based on the book of St. Matthew 28:16-20. The Lord blessed me so much.
5. The Adviser, SFM India, Mr. Ropianga, just completed a course of Advancing Leadership Training in Hawaii, USA during 17th Aug to September, 2007. He is so blessed by the Word of God and he is the one who really committed for the SFM India from the government officials.
6. Recently, the para churches formed a new name called All Mizoram Mission and Evangelism Network, covering the whole state of Mizoram. They elected me to work as Secretary. At the same time, they newly formed another society called Mizoram Prayer Mount Committee and the members requested me to become Chairman. Since these two posts are volunteer service, I personally accepted it.
7. Sport Competition was organized at District Jail and Bible Quiz Program was organized at Central Jail respectively. All the inmates enjoyed the program very much.
8. Distribution of the Bibles is carefully done depending on their needs. At the same time, some Christian books have been purchased and distributed among the inmates.
9. Prayer Walk is going to be organized on 29 & 30 Oct, 2007 in Allahabad, UP by the National Prayer Initiatives. SFM India also invited to get involved into the program. Actually, this is just like Spiritual Warfare. A huge number of Hindus gathered together in Allahabad and took a bath in one particular place called SANGAM for the forgiveness of their sins. As matter of fact, we are going to counter the power of the devil one and also we will pray to God so that the Hindus may know the true knowledge of God and the power of the blood of Jesus. Tomorrow, fasting and prayer will be arranged. At the same time, please keep praying on the days Prayer Walk Allahabad and Aizawl, that the SFM is going to organize in Aizawl on the same days.
10. We are very much excited to let you know the real Good News that 63 inmates have been saved by God Himself. Praise the Lord! Today, five team members of SFM had been in District Jail. In the morning time I spoke about "awaken from sleep" (Romans 13:11-14). Their hearts seemed quite open to receive the Gospel of Salvation. In the afternoon session I preached the topic called "Marriage Feast Is Ready" taken from Matthew 22:14 & Luke 19:1-10 Jesus and Zaccheus. The whole preaching was so blessed by the Holy Spirit. At the end of the preaching most of the inmates were moved by the Spirit of the God and make invitation. Then, they raised their hands and they accepted Jesus. The Lord is so good to us. At the same time the Outreach Program outside the city will be started on the nights of October 15, 16, 18, and 19, 2007. Please keep praying for us.



Humbly, Zuala

GLORY OF CHRIST SCHOOL Rakai

Greetings in Christ's Name,



I do honor your faithful efforts of mobilizing the power of humanity in every sector of community for defending the orphan child of Rakai. On Monday, September 17, 2007, we received a team of officials from Rakai District Education Department, these were school inspectors on duty. They were very particular on the appearance of the classroom structures, teaching staff, school registration, school library among others. Consequently we were asked to present a defensive document at the district headquarters on September 21, 2007.

In our presentation, we indicated all our activities at Glory of Christ School and the community as well. Concluding, they asked us to apply for a one year license from the ministry of education as soon as possible on condition that we have renovated the existing class structures and provide measures to improve the quality of the teaching materials staff inclusive in a short period. In order to apply for this annual license, we must have a good inspection report from the county school inspector.



I am humbly placing in this inevitable sudden request into your consideration. This is emerging to be the alarming need at GOS today. Kindly I do appeal to you to mobilize some funds out there so that we renovate the structures and buy desks for children as of now many are sitting on ground in order to qualify for this license.



Let's not give room to the opposition, because it seems the devil may use the authorities to frustrate our efforts....**that is not possible, let's take a positive action and have a legal permission of operation.** I am sending you some pictures showing the current situation of GOS classroom structures.

Written by Pastor
Joseph Mugumya

SFM/EAST AFRICA

Kampala

SEPTEMBER 2007 has been a month of encouraging churches. I received two invitations from the over twenty pastors who attended our July 2007 Leader's Conference. I only visited two churches according to the ability I had. In the first church the attendance was 123 members. During that time (3 days), 10 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Three sick people were delivered instantly. Some two were oppressed by the Devil. So many testimonies from other believers on the last day were so encouraging about how the Lord has given freedom and peace because of the word they received. Glory be to God. The second church's attendance was 200 members almost. Forty seven people got delivered from the powers of darkness. Fifteen people were instantly healed, some from depression, heart attack and others from spiritual blindness. I saw the mighty hand of the Lord touching people and setting them free. On the third day, a witchdoctor came to church to be prayed for after serving the Devil for over 40 years and he



Rev. Kabambi with Ssebulime John

got nothing except being oppressed and suffering under the powers of darkness. His wife died because of breaking the law of the Devil. He also lost his two sons. He gave them as sacrifices to Satan. He had got really tired with life. On the third day he came to give his life to Jesus. His name is SSEBULIME JOHN. He is 72 years old. On the left is his picture and behind me is the shrine before we burnt it.

Some 12 people came to SFM EA office for counseling. They had different problems and sicknesses. God manifested Himself in their lives and they got their freedom.

The work of God under SFM is appreciated and received with joy. I will be visiting other churches in the near future, according to the timetable which will be set because there are so many other pastors who want me to reach their churches this year. I again give thanks to God for SFM USA for this great vision He gave all its members. The response here is positive and there is a spiritual awakening and awareness on how to deal with demons. The topic of all these two seminars was TO UNMASK THE DEVIL.



Rev. Emmanuel Kabambi
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