

# The Almond Branch of CMI

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## Our Holy and Eternal God

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**For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isaiah 57:15 (NKJ)**

God is eternal. He lives in eternity. He sees things from His eternal perspective. He has a plan for His creation formulated in eternity, before He ever made the world. He is holy. His plan and His ways and His nature are far above those of men and angels and any created being. He sees the end from the beginning. At the beginning of time, when He made the world, He saw the end of things. He knew we would sin, but He also knew His plan of redemption. He is holy. He is eternal. He will reward of every good act and punish every evil act.

Jesus lived a completely good life, but He was punished for our bad behavior. In Christ we can receive the blessings of His good actions. In Christ our evil acts have been punished. We need not, like the men outside of Christ or like the devil and his angels, fear the judgments and wrath of God. Because God's judgments are not always brought forth immediately, the world does not understand or seek them. BUT because God is eternal, these rewards and punishments will come about. They will come to us as we receive His eternal ways and walk in His holiness. He is holy. He is eternal.

God invites us to live in His holiness. He provides us with the ability to partake of His holy nature through the work of His Son Jesus Christ. He is holy.

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## Two messages from late February...

Pastor Solomon Kepkey, from South Africa, was at Big Rock on February 22, 2005. His powerful word, centered on the working of the Holy Spirit, included a strong declaration of the need for us to come into God's presence. Solomon said "A tree out of soil will die. Man out of God dies. In Jesus we live. Coming into God's presence is vital so that our roots go deep into Him, into the stream of living water." Solomon then expanded on God's plan, through the Holy Spirit in us, to enable us through divine empowerment.

On February 24, 2005, Chuck Pierce spoke at a church in the Western Suburbs. His message was that 2005 will be a year of change and supernatural grace and he spoke of "8 Waves of Change". The word ended with a message to "Get Ready!" This powerful evening concluded with Chuck stating "God is coming back to complete and to do something more extraordinary to those who have received from the Lord in the past. He is coming full circle into people's lives to bring them into the next phase. The fullness is coming. Get ready to go beyond, and move forward and walk in victory as you are breaking into the next phase of building."

Solomon's word is the "**Become Alive**" and Chuck Pierce's word is the "**Thrive**"!

The Lord is continuing to speak "Become Alive and Thrive in 2005"! As we continue to go deep in the Lord, He will release supernatural grace to do something more extraordinary than we could think or imagine! Halleluiah!

Lyn Rowley

## Give Thanks to the Lord for:

- The board members God has blessed us with
- The Lord's faithful provision
- The new things the Lord is revealing about Himself and His Word
- The facility the Lord has provided for CMI rent-free for four years
- God's desire to further establish and expand the ministry
- People helped and encouraged through the ministry
- The Presence of the Lord at the services at Big Rock
- New children's materials being developed for the Website

*I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness,  
And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.*

*Psalms 7:17 NKJV*

## Our Holy and Eternal God (continued from Page 1)

The Bible says that He chose us, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blame before Him in love in Christ (Ephesians 1:4). He is working all things in our lives for His eternal purpose.

The passage from Isaiah, quoted above, says that God dwells in the high and holy place with us to revive our hearts. We need to see things from God's perspective. We can be weighed down with fear, guilt, shame, worries, and the like. God invites us to live above our circumstances, to see things from His perspective, and to draw life and wisdom and strength from Him. He is holy. ***He does not say to live apart from our circumstances, to pretend that things are OK when we are experiencing difficulties.*** Rather He says to cast our cares on Him, to live in Him, and to see things from His heavenly and eternal perspective. He says that we should let Him live in us so that He can speak to us and impart His life, wisdom and power into our very being as we live on this earth. God is holy.

God lives in every moment with an eternal perspective. He is the Eternal I AM. He brings His eternal desires and nature into every moment. He is not living in the past, regretting our past mistakes. He is not living in the future, hoping that things will change. Rather He lives in the very moment with His eternal perspective. He knows things will change, because He has an eternal plan. He changes things by bringing His eternal plan into the very moment we live in. He is holy.

The passage from Isaiah says it takes a contrite and humble spirit to live with God in His high and holy place. God often lets us experience difficulties so He can free us of our human desire to live for ourselves, trusting in our own abilities. God knows that there is evil in the world that would like to destroy us--or at the very least keep us from living in the reality of being in God's presence and having His life in us. Jesus said, "Do not fear; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) He, as a human being, lived a life in communion with the will and purposes of His Father. He focused on the heavenly presence of His Father. He drew strength from the power of the Spirit of God, Who lived within Him. He had a humble spirit. Now He can bring us into His life so we too can live humbly before God. God is holy. Jesus is holy. We are called to be holy. We *can* be holy in Christ. That is our eternal destiny.

David understood these things. He would sit in God's tabernacle, focusing on Him, worshipping Him, listening to Him, receiving instruction from Him, and seeing things from God's perspective. He wrote:

*"One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle he shall hide me; he shall set me high upon a rock.*

*And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD." (Psalm 27:4-6 NKJ)*

We can do what God wants us to do as we become what God wants us to become. As we sit before Him like David and fix our eyes on Him, we will be lifted up above our circumstances and receive God's plan and purpose and wisdom to deal with every event in life. We will know that God is holy and dwells in eternity. His holy and eternal life will then be our focus and will become a part of our life. We will be holy and eternal with His holy and eternal life.

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## The Seven Pillars of CMI

1. Healing/Restoration
2. Feed/Shepherd/Feed
3. Coming Out of Babylon
4. Living in Mt Zion - Prophetic Worship
5. The Planting of the Heavens
6. The Center of Operations
7. For All Nations



### Hallelujah!

(Give a Hallelujah shout!!)

*Do we have your email address for prayer requests and web site updates?*

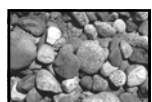
## CMI Kids ROCK! Coming soon to the CMI web site.... ROCK! Pebbles, Stones, and Blocks

Who is not amazed when they see a very young child, sit down at a computer and with no problem at all, perform complex moves to play a game. And I know that I could always count on my son (even when he was only 7 or 8 years old) to be able to tell me what buttons to push and what screen to access when I encountered a problem on the computer. Without a doubt, most children these days are very "computer able". The Lord has prompted CMI to use the web site as another way to get material into the hands of parents and children to train and equip these young soldiers of the Lord.

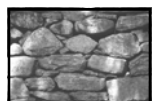
Each unit of material is presented at three levels.



**"Pebbles"** provides parents of preschool age children with resources and ideas on a specific theme.



**"Stones"** is designed to be used by children 6-10 years old. (Some parental help may be needed for early readers.) There are activities, ideas and thoughts that will stretch the child into new ways of thinking about God.



**"Blocks"** units will give pre-teen and teenage youth, ideas, encouragement and information that will help them stand and walk in their world.

The Lord is so good! When the vision for ROCK! came forth, it did not include anything like this new venture. But, our God is a BIG God and He is not contained by our small ideas. As we have been coming up into the heavens, through worship and praise, the Lord has been speaking and expanding our vision for reaching out with His message. Please pray for this material and the web site. ***Surely this is a season of expansion and growth for CMI, and there are many new things on the horizon, as we "Become Alive and Thrive in 2005"!***

Lyn Rowley

## Share the Call

The Lord is shaking and moving the earth once more as He promised in Haggai "For thus says LORD of hosts: "Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;" Haggai 2:6 (NKJV) We believe God is calling and preparing His people for these times. The Lord is also calling Cyrus Ministries International!! We see the recent events as a message from God that He wants CMI to continue forward and to share the vision He has given Rich.

CMI is bringing the body of Christ together for a special time of praise, worship and to seek God's kingdom for each of us individually, and for CMI. Luke 12 tells us that if we first seek the kingdom of God that we will not have to be anxious or worry about provision because the Father already knows our need and will provide for us. That's what we are doing.

CMI has arranged four special services to praise and worship God and to seek His kingdom not only for CMI, but for you. Please come join us at one or all of the times listed below to seek God's will and blessings. Tuesday, April 12 and Friday, April 22 at 7 PM meetings will be at the Big Rock Ministry Center. Monday, April 11 at 1 PM will be in St. Charles and Monday, April 18 at 7 PM will be in Algonquin. Call for directions to the meetings at (815) 286-3637.

We cordially invite you all to attend at least one meeting.

The Board of CMI

### The Almond Branch of CMI

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the current activities of Cyrus Ministries International and to keep the fire burning in your heart for the work of the Lord and that which CMI has been called to do.

This newsletter will be published bi-monthly and be available by mail, e-mail, or as a download from the web site. To let us know how, or if you would like to receive the newsletter, simply write us at the Cyrus Ministries International mailing address on the opposite page, or email us at [almondbranchcyrus@comcast.net](mailto:almondbranchcyrus@comcast.net). Let us know if you would prefer future copies sent by e-mail!

Whatever your preference, we would love to hear from you

Becky Davis & Lyn Rowley

***Want a first-hand experience? Come to a meeting!***

## A Note from Kay

The Mannatech (see "Testimony from Kay," Vol. I, Issue I of The Almond Branch of CMI) conference we recently attended was both informative and exciting! We learned more of the science on which the products are based, and we saw and heard many people whose health was restored as they gave their bodies the glyconutrients, phytonutrients and phytosterols they had lacked.

God has marvelously designed our bodies to heal themselves from a vast array of ailments—but we have to give them the raw materials with which to do it! Glyconutrients enable all the cells of our body to communicate with each other and therefore to continue to function properly. Our complete nutritional supply used to be available in our food, but because our soil is seriously depleted, because most of our fruits and vegetables are picked before they can ripen and develop the nutrients they were intended to give us, and because many nutrients are processed out of much of what we eat, most of us are getting only two of the eight necessary glyconutrients in our diets. Our bodies' ability to make the other six sugars from the two we give them is seriously compromised by the toxins we eat, drink, breathe, and touch. Less than optimal health results.

Besides learning more about the products themselves, we also heard more about the wonderful things that are happening in the lives of children as the Mannatech products are supplied to individuals and orphanages in many countries around the world through MannaRelief. The Ugandan Ambassador to the U.S. and a pastor from South Africa shared specifically in that regard.

We are excited to be able to include this aspect of wholeness along with the emotional, spiritual and supernatural physical healing we've been involved with for years. It's thrilling to see God bringing His people into the fullness of life He intends for us to live in—and that includes health of body, soul, and spirit.

If you'd like more information, please call us at 815-286-3637.

## International Ministries



**Rich and Kay will be taking a short-term mission trip to Bolivia in May. World Indigenous Missions (WIM) is taking intercessors to Sucre for a time of intense prayer walking over the city and its people. Rich and Kay's son, Dan is a missionary with WIM in Sucre, Bolivia.**

**BECOME ALIVE  
AND THRIVE  
IN 2005**

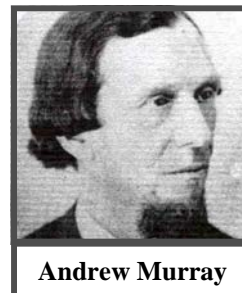
### Please Pray for:

- Our regular gatherings-- (see calendar)
- The Almond Branch of CMI--that it would minister to those who receive it
- The new things God is doing with CMI--i.e. bringing us into a new place, etc.
- An enthusiastic response to the mailings the board is sending out
- Good turnouts and response for the SHARING THE CALL services to be held in April
- Rich's involvement in Pastors' prayer groups in several area communities
- The ability to help many through the Mannatech products
- Our involvement with intercessory groups in Chicago, the Fox Valley, & DeKalb
- The development of materials for training people to bring the power of God into all spheres of society-- medicine, government, etc.
- Blessings upon Lyn's development of children's material for the Web
- The Lord's wisdom, timing, and provision for overseas travel
- The Lord's blessing on continued Website development and maintenance

*Contact us about how you can be a part of Cows for Kenya!*

## The Secret to Holiness—A Study

On Tuesday at 6 PM, a few of us gather at Big Rock before the evening meeting to read and study together “The Believer’s Secret of Holiness” by Andrew Murray. Studying Andrew Murray with Rich is like starting a long journey with the destination in mind (that being a feeding of the spirit) but having no specific itinerary or schedule. We read what we can (usually two paragraphs) and discuss and pray. We started in February and who knows when we will finish. Here are a few of the notes I have made in the margins of my book:



- We often look at holiness as the absence of sin rather than the presence of beauty and perfection.
- We are called “saints”, or “holy ones” the original language of the Bible.
- I am a holy one. He is the Holy One.
- “The revelation of the Holy One of old was a very slow and gradual one [in the Old Testament], so now let us, step by step, patiently follow the path of the shining light through the Word.” — page 20. So, I am taking baby steps on the path of holiness!
- “Perhaps the more you meditate and study, the less you can grasp this infinite holiness. Perhaps the more you at moments grasp it, the more you despair of a holiness so divine.” — page 22. How true this is!!
- Look at Him! Let Him make me holy! The simplicity of it all!
- Your command (Be holy as I am Holy!) is “determined and uncompromising (in its) purpose to have us holy.”

Come join us on this journey. It is never too late to join us. If a book is measured by the amount of phrases and sentences that are underlined or highlighted, then Andrew Murray’s book are at the top of the list, right after the Bible!

*Becky Davis*

## A Testimony from the Rockford Home Group

I wish you would have been here when Kay and Rich and Hubert came and blessed this house. Hubert said that this house would be like Bethel in the story of Jacob's ladder - a place where people can easily hear God.

Indeed! Typically what has happened to people is they come into my home (which by the way is strikingly beautiful with the gardens and pool and previous owner's decorating expertise) and often the Holy Spirit will have me pray an anointed prayer for them. It's one of those kinds of prayers where your heart is intense with emotion, and you know it's not coming from your own spirit, but from the Holy Spirit. Usually both the person I am praying for and myself end in tears that cannot be helped.

Then relational building begins with that person. Soon enough Kay and Rich or Evelyn or some other teammate comes along and the salvation prayer is said. It has been a great honor to convert the swimming pool to a baptismal and there have been great times of rejoicing as so far two have been baptized and two are awaiting baptism when the pool is opened for this year. A marriage will be taking place between two people the Lord has saved recently as they right their live-in arrangement and come into righteousness. Two other people are being prayed for as we write, for their souls burn into my heart.

There have been attacks - people who say that Ken and I are not worthy to operate a ministry due to our sins. Indeed, so true again. Yet in spite of our sins and iniquities, God established Bethel for His purposes. Praise God that His purposes are not dependant on our behavior! His Grace has been sufficient for us!

Please pray as it has long been God's purpose that we are to develop a relationship with a local pagan/wiccan leader for his salvation. Please pray that the Church in Rockford will forfeit all denominational boundaries and work together to gain victory and drive out the pagan/wiccan foothold that Satan has formed here. Also the foothold of homosexuality is prevalent and needs deliverance.

In the meantime, when one enters our home, there is a sign that says "Welcome to Bethel" handmade for us by a Christian Brother. That sign will stand regardless of Satan's wishes until God Himself is ready for it to come down. Praise God for all He is and may ALL the glory be to Him!



Love you,  
Pam Waldyn

*If you have a testimony from a CMI meeting, we'd like to hear from you!*

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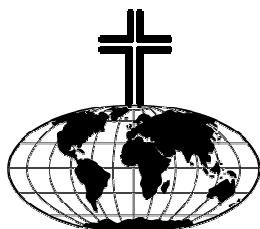
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at Big Rock,  
OR call us for a copy!



***Serving God as  
He Unites  
Heaven and  
Earth in Christ.***

## ***Upcoming Events***

- **Share the Call:** Come hear the vision God has for CMI and you!
  - ⇒ Monday, April 11 @ 1 PM in St. Charles
  - Tuesday, April 12 @ 7 PM at Big Rock Ministry Center
  - Monday, April 18 @ 7 PM in Algonquin
  - Friday, April 22 @ 7 PM at big Rock Ministry Center
- **Healing Services:** A time for healing and soaking in His Presence
  - ⇒ Saturday, April 9 & May 14 3-5 PM at Big Rock Ministry Center
- **Fellowship Meals:** Share a dish and share the love
  - ⇒ Saturday, April 9 & May 14 5:30-6:30 PM at Big Rock Ministry Center
- **Worship Services:** Join us in worship and praise to the Living God!
  - ⇒ Saturday, April 9 & 23 and May 14 & 21 @ 6:30 PM at Big Rock Ministry Center
- **Group Meetings:** Prayer, worship, ministry, teaching at the Big Rock Ministry Center
  - ⇒ Tuesdays @ 7 PM “The Warring Bride”
  - ⇒ Thursdays @ 7 PM “God’s Purposes in Your Life”
  - ⇒ Saturdays @ 10 AM “Our Righteous God”