

# The Almond Branch of CMI

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Where is the lead article by Rich? On his laptop that has a broken screen! Between that and all the vacations and the need to get information on upcoming events to you, we decided to make a "skinny" version of the newsletter for the summer! —Becky Davis

## Efrocine Auerbach will be here in September

Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss hearing "a prophetic voice from Samuel's Mountain in Israel" when Efrocine Auerbach visits Big Rock September 7-10, 2005.

Efrocine will be teaching and sharing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at 7PM; Thursday and Friday from 10AM-Noon and 1:30-3:30PM, and on Saturday from 10AM-Noon and at the 6:30 Evening Service. Plan on joining her as well at a Fellowship Meal at 5:30PM on Saturday. (Please bring a dish to pass.)

Efrocine and her husband, Israel, have visited before with prophetic words and information on the events in Israel. You can visit their web site at [www.tabernacle-of-zion.org](http://www.tabernacle-of-zion.org).

## Present Applications of the Jewish Feasts A One-day Retreat August 20

Seven Feasts are celebrated in the Old Testament and they have application to us today in our walk with the Lord. Join us on Saturday, August 20 from 9am until 8:30pm for a teaching on how these feasts describe our spiritual life. Rich will cover the Feast of Passover (covered by the Blood), Unleavened Bread (leaving the things of the world), First Fruits (promised land), Pentecost (the filling of the Holy Spirit), Day of Atonement (repentance), Feast of Trumpets (warfare), and the Feast of Tabernacles (God dwelling with us.) Come for the day or join us when you can. Bring a sack lunch; dinner will be provided. The retreat includes a worship service in the evening.

## A Marriage Seminar—September 24/25

*He said that she said that he had some problems.  
She said that he said that she had some too!  
Here's what we say to do.  
Come to CMI  
Try our marriage seminar and  
Renew your relationship with your spouse.*

Just bring yourselves, your spouse, and a desire to make your marriage thrive and become more alive in 2005!

This marriage seminar will be lead by Vic and Pamela Legner and run on Saturday from 9:30am until 8:30pm. On Sunday, you can join the service from 9-11am; the seminar will resume from 11am to 4pm on Sunday. (Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday as well as lunch on Sunday.)

## Give Thanks to the Lord for:

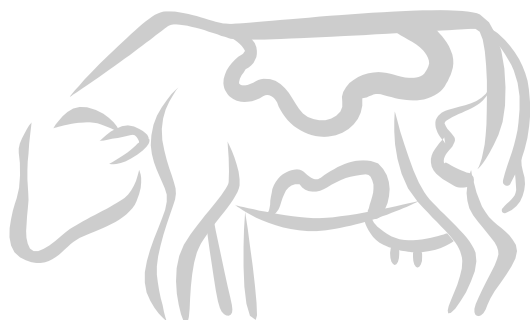
- † The Lord's Presence and ministry to participants in our retreats and meetings, at Big Rock and in the homes
- † The new people He is bringing to us, as well as the faithful "long-timers"
- † Those He has sent to help in various ways
- † The prayer and financial support He provides through His people
- † The revelation and insight He continues to give, to share with others.

## A Report from the Monday afternoon book study

.Our Monday afternoon Bible study of "The Holiest of All" by Andrew Murray, is a huge blessing in my every week. We are so thankful for Cyrus Ministries and we are experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit in an every deeper level. Taking the time to be still and see Jesus, the Holy Spirit is ever faithful to reveal and heal and teach us to hear His voice. Praise our God!

One week as I was going for a walk, a dear neighbor "happened" to be outdoors. As I stopped to greet him, I soon realized that he needed to pour out his heart to me and reveal the severe problems that he was going through. This totally surprised me! I left him with a hug and a promise to pray for him. But I sensed a heavy burden in my spirit that I could not shake off. The next afternoon at the Monday CMI group, Rich asked us to quiet ourselves and "see Jesus". The Holy Spirit clearly showed me that I had taken this neighbor's burden in my spirit and encouraged me to release it all to Jesus. As I did this, peace and joy filled my heart. My faith soared as I experienced giving all of my own family problems and concerns to Jesus as well! I was aware of how Jesus is not only the redeemer of all our sins, but also the redeemer of all our past failures and regrets, also! He redeems them all as they are released to him by faith and trust. It pleases Him that we can enjoy His freedom with ever-loving and thankful hearts for our beautiful Savior. All glory and praise to God!

Chris Freise



### E-mail from Africa

Praise the Lord,  
It was so good to hear from you on phone. Our cow calved a male calf, so we are blessed to be a part of those who have milk for our kids. We really thank you for what you have done for us. Peter I Sanya's cow calved a second female calf, too and they are milking. Rose Amatsimbi's cow calved a second female cow and they are also milking.

We thank God for the blessings that come through you and others.

As you mentioned, the other pastors and leaders are looking forward for the day they will get one to help their families too.

We as a family are trying to put up a house for ourselves and possibly share with some missionaries who may visit us sometimes. Please pray with us to finish this project this year and when you come next you may bless the house. We are trusting God for the provision to finish it within this year.

May God bless you as you pray for us and the work we are doing here.

In Christ Jesus,  
Joash and the Christians in Kenya.

### Please join us in prayer for:

- † Many more to catch the vision and come to participate with us
- † Revelation of the property He has planned for the CMI retreat center
- † Ability to acquire th property and make it usable for ministry
- † Provision of equipment to facilitate the ministry & distribution of teachings, etc.
- † Increasing prayer support
- † Financial provision for all the needs of the ministry

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

## “Become Alive and Thrive in 2005” – (an update)

Perhaps you may remember the “Peanuts” cartoon character “Pigpen”. In the familiar Charlie Brown comic strip, this little boy was just a cloud of dust that went wherever he walked. Right now in the Chicago area, our physical world is a little like that Pigpen image. It is DRY AND DIRTY AND DUSTY! Many are crying out for rain. The farmers are lamenting lost crops. The news headlines warn of rising food prices due to flooding in some parts of the US and drought in other areas.

**But our God reigns!** Last month Rich and Kay showed a video at a Big Rock meeting, called “Let the Heavens Resound”. This amazing documentary follows the dramatic, powerful move of the Lord in the country of Fiji that began in 2002. Lands, trees and rivers that were polluted and did not bear fruits or crops or sustain fish were instantly restored after the people of Fiji “humbled themselves, sought the face of God, and turned from their wicked ways” (paraphrase of 2Chronicles 7:14). THEN the Lord heard their prayer and healed their land.

During the first half of 2005 many of the Cyrus meetings at Big Rock have centered around the theme “The New Covenant”. Rich’s teachings have brought a deeper understanding of the life that is available to us in the new covenant. We have, indeed, been focused on “Becoming Alive” through the power of Jesus. As we move into the second half of 2005, the Lord is bringing further revelation of His promise to not only sustain us, but to provide us with an overflowing abundance – the “Thrive” word. God’s plan is to bring restoration and healing, not only to people, but to the land. As we are changed in His presence through worship, prayer and teachings, then we can go out into the world and begin to affect our surroundings. We are filled with the living water of the Holy Spirit, renewed as we look at the face of Jesus, and restored as we join the angels worshipping around the throne. Then, we can walk into the dry and dusty places and allow that life-giving water of the Holy Spirit to just flow out of us to refresh and heal those we meet in our businesses, homes, neighborhoods and towns. Praise the Lord!

We invite you to come to Big Rock and dive into the river of living water, to soak it up and then to take it with you as you go forth. Let us know if you are interested in seeing “Let the Heavens Resound”. You will be blessed. “Become Alive and Thrive in 2005”

Lyn Rowley

**BECOME ALIVE  
AND THRIVE  
IN 2005**

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

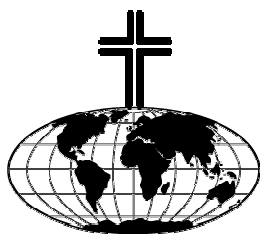
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OR call us for a copy!



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

## *Upcoming Events*

- ▶ **July 30**—Worship Service @ 6:30pm
- ▶ **August 13**—Healing Service @ 3pm; Fellowship Meal (bring a dish to share) @ 5:30pm and Worship Service @ 6:30pm
- ▶ **August 20**—A One-day retreat: Present Application of the Jewish Feasts from 9am until 8:30pm; bring a sack lunch; dinner will be provided.
- ▶ **August 26/27**—24 Hours of Prayer from 7pm Friday until 7pm on Saturday
- ▶ **September 7**—Efrocine Auerbach @ 7pm
- ▶ **September 8 and 9**—Efrocine Auerbach from 10am-Noon, 1:30-3:30pm and 7pm
- ▶ **September 10**—Efricine auerbach from 10am-Noon; Fellowship Meal @ 5:30pm (bring a dish to share), Service @ 7pm
- ▶ **September 16/17**—24 Hours of Prayer from 7pmn Friday until 7pm Saturday
- ▶ **September 24/25**—Marriage Seminar, 9:30am to 8pm on Saturday; service 9-11am Sunday; seminar 11am-4pm on Sunday
- ▶ Regular meetings Tuesdays @ 7pm, Thursdays @ 7pm and Saturdays @ 10am.; Prayer Tuesday @ 11am