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## God Desires to Bless America – Amidst the Storms – And He Is

by Rich Fick

God Bless America. I am still praying this for our land. I believe with all my heart that this is His desire for America – to bless it. Under the law, God blesses us based on what we do. Under the Gospel, God blesses us because He so chooses. He blesses by loving. He blesses by disciplining us. He blesses by showing us our sin and offering us His life so we can love His will, receive it, and want to see it done. Under the Gospel, God shows us that our true enemies are not people, not even people who disagree with us or who seek to harm us. God shows us that our true enemies are the evil spiritual powers that rule over people, families, lands and nations. These evil powers coerce, deceive, entice, energize and hold captive people, lands and nations so that people think that doing the will of Satan is good. These powers deceive so the people think that there is no enjoyment of serving a loving God. These powers deceive so that people think Christians hate them and God only wants them to suffer. These powers deceive so that people think that there is no freedom from immoral life styles or addictive behaviors. These powers deceive so that people think that the power of Satan to hold people in sin is greater than the power of God to free them by imparting the life, character and power of His Spirit into them. Unfortunately some in the Christian community think this way also.

BUT GOD knows His own power and love. He knows He can overcome the plans of Satan and his deceptions. He knows He can train and empower his people so they will call for the destruction of the kingdoms where evil spirits rule. He knows He can and that He will establish His reign and use His people to bring His kingdom rule forth. God told Jesus to teach us to pray, “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” God is using the events of the recent storms to show us His love and His desire to establish His ways in our own lives and spirit and in the heavens where Satan has set up his temporary rule. He is using the events of recent days to bring about His plan to increase His reign in the hearts of His people, and to bring down the strongholds of Satan in the earth. God is blessing America by showing us our deep need of Him and His character.

It is interesting that one of the so called foundations of our government is the complete separation of church and state. Only Islamic nations can use the principles of their religion in the every day matters of government. God is breaking down this ungodly belief and stronghold. The recent events have brought about Christian churches and Christian ministries working together with the National, State, and local governments. Leaders of governmental agencies at all levels are welcoming the Christian community to come along side them in dealing with the enormous task of helping the refugees of the recent storms. God is blessing America.

The excess partying and the “no holds barred” levels of sexual immorality so much a part of the “Mardi Gras” atmosphere of New Orleans has been tempered by the absence of most of its people. Yes, the day after the storm some of the remaining citizens had parade celebrating immorality, but there were only few in attendance. Remember, God has a desire for us to have parades and to celebrate. He commanded His people to celebrate the Feasts by coming to Jerusalem three times a year for that purpose. His feasts centered on His plan to bring the Israelites out of their bondage to Egypt (Passover), into experiencing the fullness of His Spirit (Pentecost), and then coming together to worship, war and experience the removal of evil so they could be united with His and His nature.

### Give Thanks to the Lord for:

- † The deep work of the Lord in our “Feasts of the Lord” seminar and retreat in August
- † New networking connections made during that time and in Africa
- † All the Holy Spirit did in our midst during Efrogine’s visit in September
- † The many blessings of the Marriage Seminar by Vic & Pam Legner
- † New insights the Holy Spirit continues to give into His Word and its applications
- † Some fresh ideas for bringing glory to God and helping His people to more fully express His life in and through them
- † Powerful prayer vigils the past several months
- † Thanks for Rich & Hubert’s trip to Africa and for the intercessors that supported the trip

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(Tabernacles) Pray that God's people will come back to New Orleans with a greater zeal to personally experience and celebrate the things of God, and show the others in New Orleans of the joy of living for Him. God is blessing America.

The Bible says that when immorality reaches certain levels that the land will vomit out its inhabitants. Certainly many in southern cities have been forced to leave their homes. Certainly gambling and immorality are present in many of the communities struck by the storms. Yet, there is also much gross immorality in many other cities. Only by God's grace are not all cities destroyed in times of judgment. The fact that many have had to leave their homes has shown the nation the deplorable conditions that many had to live in before the storms hit. Some who have left have said their lives are better in the new places provided for them. The resources of the government, businesses and the faith based community have come forth.

There are many heart warming stories of how the Christian community has come together in providing for the refugees that have come into their communities. Many can provide for the physical needs of those in need, some can understand and help their emotional and psychological needs, but only the Christian community can minister to the deep seeded spiritual needs of the refugees. The Christian community can bring freedom from the oppressions and addictions that keep people in sinful and other self destructive lifestyles. We can bring the life of God into the hearts of those in need and He can bring them into their created plan and destiny for their lives. As Christians give of themselves, their time and their treasures those in need will see the love of God. As Christians pray for and minister the reality of the Spiritual Presence of Christ to these people, lives can be changed forever.

There are several excellent Christian ministries in New Orleans that have had such a vision for those in need in New Orleans – prior to the storms. Pray that these ministries will be strengthened for the increased task that lies ahead as they return to New Orleans. Pray that the Christian community will continue to reach out to the temporary refugees after they return and support the ministries in New Orleans and other cities in the days ahead. God is blessing America.

The Bible says that immorality will greatly increase in these days. The Bible says that great spiritual darkness will cover the earth. The Bible also says that the light of Christ will be arising up in His people during the same time. This is happening. Centers of continuous prayer and worship are being established throughout the world. Centers of Spiritual restoration and training are being established in cities throughout our land. Christian homes are becoming filled with the love and increased presence of God and people in the neighborhood are sensing this. God is providing places of light amidst the darkness. He is increasing His presence in His people, in their homes, their communities and even in the places where they work. We, like many others, are called to do this, to provide a place of rest, healing, and training. We are doing this locally. Our son Dan has a similar vision for Bolivia where he is living. We are networking with ministries in Israel and other nations. I will be leaving shortly for a trip to South Africa and Nigeria. God is moving around the world, sending us into the world, and bringing like minded spiritual leaders to America to share what He has given them with us.

**GOD IS BLESSING AMERICA****Please join us in prayer for:**

- † Fulfillment of all God's purposes for the networking being established
- † Provision for facilities for a worship/retreat/training center
- † Wisdom from the Lord in all our decisions
- † God's timing and guidance in the gathering of international people for sharing and/or training
- † Intensifying of intercessory prayer for CMI
- † The Holy spirit's mighty anointing at all local ministry

**The Company of Prophets**

Inspired by teachings on Samuel's Mountain and the Company of Prophets, Kay wrote the following words (try singing them to the tune of "Days of Elijah"):

This is the season of Samuel,  
Of training God's people to hear  
The voice of the Lord in their spirit  
And then to speak forth His word loud and clear.  
And these are the times of fulfillment-  
Of Yahweh performing His Word,  
His glory revealed in the lives of His children,  
Who carry within them their Lord.

## Reflections on Efrocine Auerbach's Visit to Big Rock *by Lyn Rowley*

*"Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3*

These familiar words of Jesus are often quoted but sometimes difficult to carry out. Recently at Big Rock, we had the opportunity to "become like little children" using some simple watercolor paints, under the guidance of our guest speaker, Efrocine Auerbach. In this simple exercise, each person was given a set of watercolor paints, a white sheet of paper and these instructions... 'wait for the Holy Spirit to lead you.' We were reminded that there was no right or wrong thing to paint, that you didn't need to be a great artist, that talent was not a requirement and that we were not to "compare" with those around us. So, after prayer and with incredible music of Israel playing in the background, we all put brushes to paper. This is far harder than it sounds! For me personally, it helped to reflect on all of the times I have done this exact same exercise with a group of children. Rather than being apprehensive and tentative about the project, the biggest problem you face with children is getting the kids to WAIT for instructions! They eagerly hold the brush and excitedly experiment with color after color. And children always are anxious to share with you exactly what their final painting represents. For the adults, participating in this activity was like opening a door for the Holy Spirit. Paints flowed onto paper, and then we sat quietly and asked the Lord to bring revelation from our "masterpieces". Around the room, unique paintings brought words of healing, confirmation, strength and joy as the Lord spoke through them. We were all richly blessed.

### **COLORS**

During the watercolor painting time, Efrocine shared that each color often represents spiritual principles. Blue represents the Kingdom of God. Yellow represents the glory. Red represents the shed blood of Jesus. Pink represents the love of God. Green represents new life. Orange represents wisdom and knowledge of the Father. Purple represents the majesty and reign of the King. White represents the purity and holiness of God.

My "masterpiece" painting, was a canopy of yellow under a strip of blue, flowing down the page and rising lines of shades of green, sprouting upwards. In the center, a large spot of red "bled" into the blue strip and lines of shimmering purple rained down the page, touching the green upwards lines. In the far corner a bold sun-like area of orange kept watch over the entire painting. Part of the revelation I received from this exercise was.....

The Kingdom of God + the glory of God = new life (blue + yellow = green)

Blood of Jesus + the Kingdom of God = the majesty and the reign of Jesus (red + blue = purple)

Blood of Jesus + the glory of God = the wisdom and knowledge of the Father (red + yellow = orange)

Blood of Jesus + the purity and holiness of God = the Love of God (red + white = pink)

Suddenly my page of random looking brush strokes told an incredible story! Each of the colors representing something of the Lord, blending together and creating something new. I was in awe of the power of the Holy Spirit in such a simple activity! Through a simple set of paints, there is revelation into the depths of God's kingdom. What a blessing this experience was! I encourage you to invest in some crayons, paints or chalk and spend some time *becoming like little children*. God will bless you!

## Celebrating and Worshipping God through the Arts

Join us on Saturday, November 19 from 2pm until 5 pm for a special time. Experience God's love through story, art, music, dramatic reading, banners and dance. Presented by PromiseGarden.com and Cyrus Ministries International. Following this event will be a Fellowship Meal (bring a dish to share) at 5pm and a Worship Service at 6pm. Come for all or part of the day's events.



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

## Reflections on a Week-long Study of the Seven Levitical Feasts

I am from the Dallas, TX area and I visited CMI back in August of 2005. It was the most spiritually filled week of my life. Jesus was moving from the beginning of the trip to the end of my stay with Rich & Kay, Ken Butcher and Hubert Nsiah. Jesus immediately knit our souls together and He moved through us mightily. What I witnessed Jesus doing that week convinces me that God has great plans for CMI.

I witnessed people from all over the world coming by and visiting CMI, saying that God brought them there for a reason. I heard testimony after testimony of what Jesus was doing all around the world and it was exactly what He was doing at CMI. The Lord moved in my spirit like He never has before. The anointing that is on CMI is great and is from Jesus. The people that I met there welcomed me with open arms and with the love of Jesus. They made me feel like one of the family, like I have known them forever, and I came to respect and love them.

I saw healings, prophecy, God's people worshipping Him and the Word of God being taught. I believe that God's plan for Cyrus Ministries International is to enlarge its tent and make it a ministry for the world: to minister, to teach the church about God's Word, Spirit and Love, and to let the world know that we are in the last days and we need to prepare ourselves for our Groom, Lord and Savior to come.



Ken, Rich, Mike and Hubert

These are serious times that we live in and we need to start taking our Christianity seriously, so we can be that light that leads people to Jesus Christ. Cyrus Ministries International is doing that very thing and I am proud to have a small part with what God is doing with CMI.

God bless you and Keep you

The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord

Michael Weber

## Africa Trip Report

Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord. These words continue to echo in my spirit as I write this brief report. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Hubert Nsiah and I left for South Africa. We were to participate in a week-long conference at God's Revival Fellowship on the theme, "Speak for us, O God." I was to be the principal speaker. This church is under Alex Okere, who has asked Cyrus Ministries International to provide spiritual oversight for his ministry. The special occasion was the anniversary celebration of this church which Kay and I had commissioned over a year ago.

We shared on God speaking through the Jewish Feasts. The feast of trumpets was being celebrated in Israel at this time. We blew the shofar, under the word "Blow the trumpet in Zion." (Joel 2:1) The Lord moved and spoke to His people. Great shouts of hallelujah went up as the shofar was blown. The church even purchased its own trumpet so they could continue the theme when we left. Many were healed and delivered. In one service over 30 people gave testimony to being healed. We had a special anointing service in which the pastors, elders and other leaders were anointed and commissioned. Bishop Williams from Nigeria is working with the church in providing oversight for the leaders in their various roles. It was a great pleasure to work with him and to get to network with his ministry.

We then went to Owerri, Nigeria where we participated in a similar conference, with the same theme as our foundation--"Speak for me O Lord." Once again the Lord spoke through His presence, his word, and His miracle-working power. The church was filled each night and God's revelatory spirit brought fresh things each night.

During the day we visited with various bishops who are leaders of groups of churches. God gave us prophetic words for them and graced us with His healing power so we were able to demonstrate our apostolic authority in their homes and various gatherings. We have been asked to consider doing a week-long "Jesus Cares" program next August by the leaders of a group of about 150 churches.

We are being asked to bring some of the bishops here to the US for a leaders' conference. This might take place in May of next year. We are being asked to assist in developing training for ministers, here in the US and

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

## Billowing Silk Bridal Canopy by Becky Davis

When Efrocine Auerbach was at Big Rock, we had a Saturday evening "Celebration Worship Service" Israeli-style. Efrocine talked about the Bride of Christ and the Wedding. Efrocine talked about some of the Jewish wedding customs – like that of a canopy over the Bride. She brought out beautifully painted silk cloths many yards long and had us wave these cloths over the seated worshippers. The silk cloth billowed and formed a canopy over our heads that blessed each one of us with the sense of a covering by the Holy Spirit.



I have spent some time thinking about the properties of silk and why it was able to give us the feeling of a canopy without the usually physical supports. I learned that the silk fiber is in the shape of a triangle and that the three sides of the fiber are what creates the "sheen" we see in silk. Certainly this is a reminder of the Trinity, even to the point of **The Light** being reflected off all three parts of the Trinity!



The most amazing property of silk to me is its ability to "billow" – to capture the wind and hold it – to breathe at the same time it provides a barrier. Watching the silk billow, with the beautiful colors and pattern of dye, was like sitting under a rainbow. Very little effort was required to keep the silk afloat on the wind in the room. I was reminded of the verses, "*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.*" (John 3:8) And, "*Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*" (Acts 2:2-3) The wind is often used to describe the Holy Spirit. We talk of the 'effects' of the wind being the evidence of wind. We see the trees move in the wind but we don't see

the wind itself. This is how I see the billowing silk bridal canopy – evidence of the manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We felt that we had a covering of the Holy Spirit over us because our spirits felt the presence of God and our minds saw the "wind" of the Holy Spirit in the billows of silk. As we sat in worship under the canopy of billowing silk, we were reminded of the Wedding Feast to come and the desire of our God to commune with us now, here in this place.

Please join us at the once-a-month Celebration Worship Services at Big Rock. (Next service: November 19 @ 6PM) Watch for the pictures to be made available on the web site in the near future – in this case, black and white doesn't do justice to the color images!

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in Nigeria. We are being asked to begin a formal training school here in the US for students from Africa. We are being asked to go into other parts of Nigeria next year and work with other pastors and churches in Abba State and in Lagos.

God is speaking that we are in the days of experiencing His increasing judgments of evil and His blessings on righteousness.. His power over evil and His power to free, equip, anoint and send forth His people is coming forth. It is a time of bringing His people into new places of glory and honor, preparing for the difficult days that are coming. He will allow our enemies to seek to destroy us so that He can show forth His power in us over them (Joshua 11:20, Ps. 102:16). We are not seeking to build a large ministry, but we are being asked to impart to and receive from a network of leaders the things God has given for His people.

This trip was truly a life-changing experience for Hubert and me and will have a great effect on the activities of Cyrus Ministries International. The accomplishments and events of this trip were only made possible because of the intercessory base of prayer warriors who covered us with prayer. We thank God for all of you and for all He has revealed to us in these days in Africa.

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He Unites  
Heaven and  
Earth in Christ.*

### *Upcoming Events*

- ▶ **Retreat**—Nov. 12 from 9:30AM until 8:30PM. Bring a sack lunch; dinner provided. Worship Service at end of Retreat.
- ▶ **Prayer Vigil**—Nov. 18 @7PM until Nov. 19 @7AM
- ▶ **Worshipping and Celebrating God through the Arts**—Sat., Nov. 19 from 2PM until 5PM
- ▶ **Christmas Celebration**—Sat., Dec. 17; Fellowship Meal @5PM (bring a dish to share); Celebration Worship @6PM
- ▶ **Fellowship Meals** (bring a dish to pass)—Sat., Nov. 19 & Dec. 17 @5PM
- ▶ **Celebration Worship**—Sat., Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 @6PM
- ▶ **New Year's Eve Celebration**—Sat., Dec. 31 @8PM

### *Regular Meetings (Note: NO meetings between Dec. 24 & 31)*

- ▶ **Holiest of All** study @Big Rock Mondays @1PM
- ▶ **Path to Holiness** study @Big Rock Tuesdays @6PM
- ▶ **Living in the New Covenant** @Big Rock Tuesdays @7PM
- ▶ **Worship/Prayer** @Big Rock Thursdays @7PM
- ▶ **Growing in the Five-fold** @Big Rock Saturdays from 10AM until Noon