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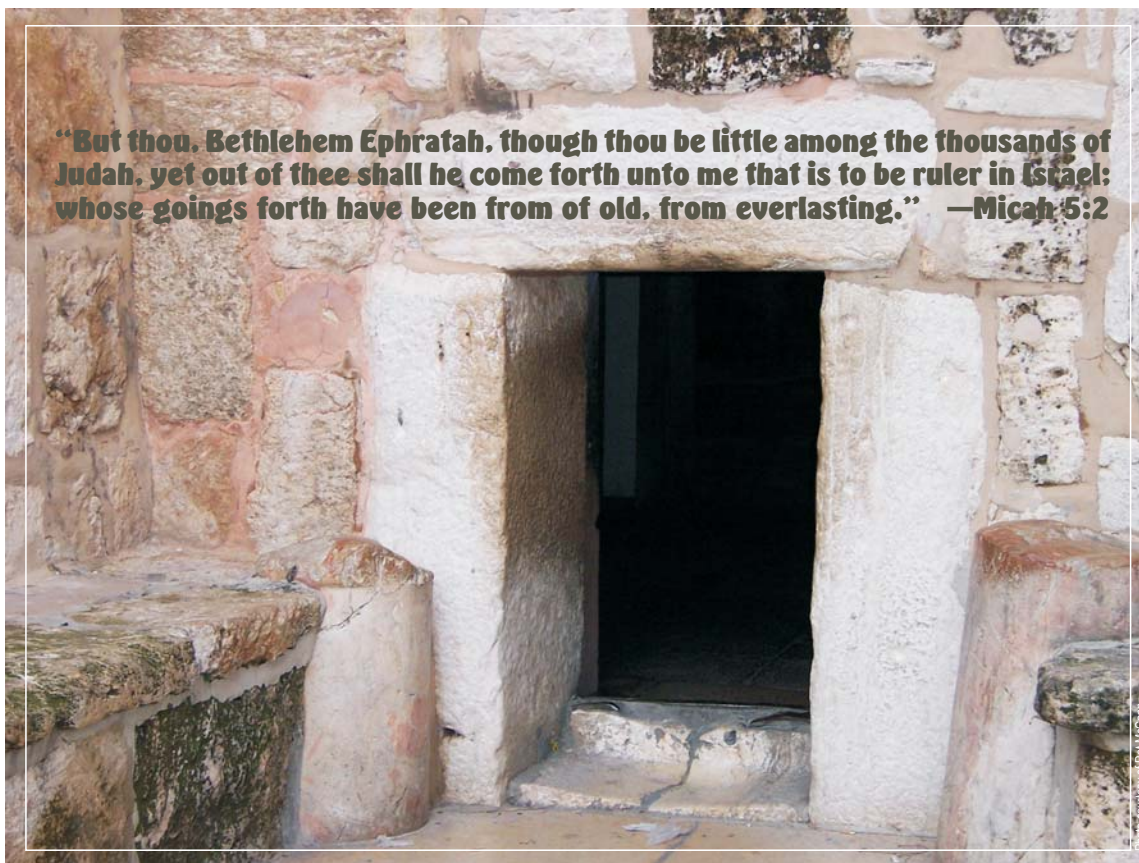
*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."*

1 Nephi 3:187

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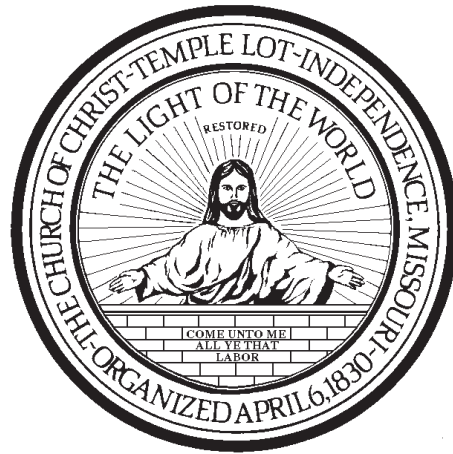
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"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." —Micah 5:2

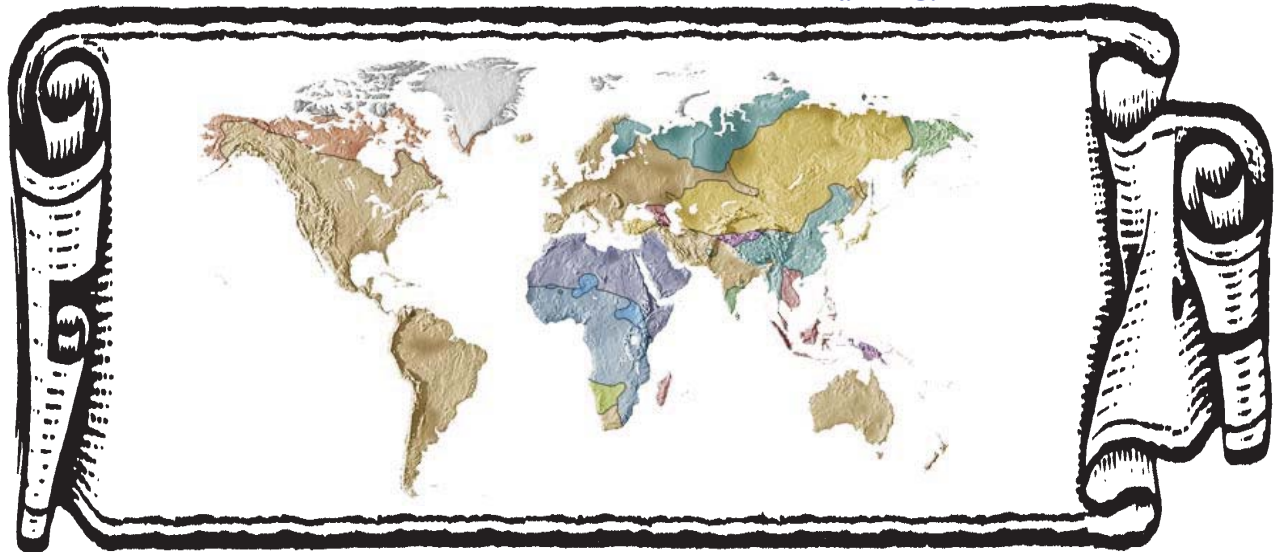
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Led by the Spirit



By Elder Gordon McCann

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" Romans 8:14.

The above quote is a very simple and straightforward statement that has been played out in the lives of the children of men from the beginning. We know by the Word of God that without faith it is impossible to please God and that He rewards those who diligently seek him. This simple combination of "faith" and "hope" exercised by diligence in obeying the Word of God opens the door to all those who humbly seek Him where He reveals Himself and His will to them in a very direct way, by his Spirit.

Keeping true to his word,

"... Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is right, believing that ye shall receive, behold it shall be given unto you" 3 Nephi 8:51.

God has provided divine understanding and direction in the lives of His children

by providing answers to their questions. The following questions are given as an example of some of the commonly asked questions that have been asked and answered repeatedly:

- Is there a God?
- Does He have a plan?
- Does it include me?
- What must I do to be included?
- What school should I attend?
- Where should I live?
- What should I do to support myself?
- Who should I marry?

Those who have been recipients of these spiritual gifts gladly offer themselves as living testimonies that provide the evidence of the truthfulness of the manifestations of God's Spirit in their lives.

"And as many as are not stiff-necked, and have faith, have communion with the Holy Spirit, which maketh manifest unto the children of men, according to their faith" Jarom 1:9.

I can testify that I have been one of those recipients where the Spirit of God has manifested itself very openly and directly. I have been given spiritual dreams of warning, I have heard an audible voice, and have been given perfect understanding that have helped me to make changes in my life that brought me closer to my God and have guided me in the ministry that He has called me into. When I have sought divine direction through fasting and prayer the Holy Ghost has revealed God's will and direction by providing me the answers to my questions. God has given me answers to where I should live, what I should do for employment, who I should marry. He called me into His ministry, has revealed callings of others into the priesthood, has given me spiritual discernment while performing my responsi-

bilities within my ministry, and through administrations people have been healed. These manifestations of the Spirit of God have come in various ways and forms, which is a testimony of the truthfulness of the Word of God.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all" 1 Corinthians 12:4-6.

God's Spirit will reveal what the future holds for us individually, or as a people, or as a nation. Many times it is a voice of warning from our Creator that has a deep love and desire for His creation. Those who have experienced the workings of the Spirit of God either by dreams, or visions, or by an audible voice, or by perfect understanding have been given a clear understanding of the power of the Holy Ghost. This power of God always speaks the truth, which is a sure witness of Him and that it is truly a spiritual gift that comes only from God.

We have included in this issue of the Advocate some more recent spiritual manifestations that have come through ministry, wives, sons, and daughters. It must be noted that these manifestations represent a fraction of the body of Christ and the workings of the Holy Spirit and serves only as examples of God working with His people in these last days.

"And ye may know that he is, by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore I would exhort you, that ye deny not the power of God; for he worketh by power, according to the faith of the children of men, the same to-day and to-morrow, and for ever" Moroni 10:7.

MANIFESTATION

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By the late Apostle Don Housknecht

Verily, thus saith the Lord unto all people, especially to those of the household of faith:

Behold, the gates that hold back the floods are lifting; therefore, beware the tide at the breaking forth of the destroying waters, for, verily, they shall devastate all nations and bring down their pride, and there shall be no barrier nor hand to stay the tide for lo, I move in judgment and my word shall not fail.

As fires are kindled, beware of their flame, for surely they proclaim ruin and havoc, and the walls and your structures, built to defy, shall crumble, and the great and wise of the earth shall be appalled at the sight. Beware of the blast of the tempests which brew, for their strength shall increase, and the world will be astonished at the roaring and rushing wind and lo, there shall be woe in the wake thereof.

Beware of the nesting plague as it springs forth to spread its wings to bring the fresh and nourishing food to mildew, and none shall escape, neither shall high or low estate stand on land or sea. Great shall be the commotion, and panic will remain in its path, yea, even the treasures shall be as dust in the hands of they who hold them and poverty

displace the strongholds of wealth.

Instead of the fertile fields there shall be famine, and the labor of man's hand shall not yield in its season. Earthquakes shall increase and shall cause the towers and strongholds to reel to and fro ere they tumble to earth, and disaster upon and within bounds of earth shall only give inheritance of disorder and fear as nations war and contend, yea, even man against his neighbor shall wage war.

As the fury and the wrath is poured forth the hearts of the ungodly shall fill with woe and despair, but there shall be no restraining because of bonds or covenants they shall make to be spared from the vengeful slaughter which comes by reason of their pillage to get gain and a selfish end. Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord!

But know this, oh my people, that judgment shall begin at your very door and a cleansing shall begin at your borders. Therefore, that ye may not fear the scourge, rid yourselves of selfishness and love your God and your neighbor, and as sure as I have proven my word unto you and the faithful before you, so do I promise to send forth mine angels to camp about those who give sign of being worthy saints, and they shall guard you, for in this example of life are ye mine. Thus have I spoken and my Spirit beareth witness.

Repeat then this warning to

the nations, that the day is fast approaching and is near to the end when the day of preparation has ended and the Lord your Redeemer shall present himself gloriously to the faithful. Wait therefore upon thy Lord, but wait not in idleness as you have hitherto done.

Verily thou has sought me, but hast my former commandments been obeyed? Nay, but thou hast been idle from faithful labor and hast rather been contentious with thy brother, and some have bequeathed my people with strange doctrines and burdened their hearts beyond the endurance of many and thus are they scattered.

Broken covenants lay strewn in the path wherein ye have walked, so thus have my lips been stayed from speaking unto you until ye remember your former covenants to keep them and my former commandments to obey.

Thus has my mercy been extended unto you my people in giving this last warning. Remember then this admonition, that ye may escape my wrath and the bringing of vengeance upon the heedless, greedy and blind.

Only by your sincere fasts and prayers joined by righteous obedience shall ye inherit the security found in my Zion. Amen.

ARTICLE

Dreams and Visions REVEALED BY GOD

By Elder Felipe Uluac Pech

I would like to speak with you about what God has done with his people today as well as in ancient times. We can see in the Bible how God spoke with His people, declaring to them what would be their fate if they did not obey the commandments which He gave them.

We remember how God spoke to Noah commanding that He would prepare an ark to the salvation of his family from the great flood that would cover the land. God also revealed to the prophets all things that would come to pass in the future.

Today we can testify that our God is the same yesterday, today and forever, because we can see and hear testimonies of our brothers and youth of the Church of Christ. God reveals to us in dreams and visions that which will occur in the future and in our present day.

We read in the book of Joel 2:28 where God speaks to us saying:

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour



► FELIPE ULUAC AND HIS WIFE OTELIA, DAUGHTER LEYDI AND SON CARLOS.

out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

Today we see that God fulfilled his promise in the lives of the elders as well as the youth. One of them is my daughter Leydi. God revealed to her in dreams that which will come to pass in the end of time.

Also my son Carlos, in the midst of his afflictions, received a dream from God. He saw someone lifting him from his wheelchair. It was a personage, dressed in white, who told him that if he trusted in Him always, everything was possible.

We see that God loves his children and confirms His word to them in dreams. The only

purpose is that the people of His church believe in Him that they may be strengthened in His love.

And speaking of those brothers strong in the faith, we can remember that God fulfills his word when He said, "*And your old men shall dream dreams*" Acts 2:17. We speak of a beloved brother of the church, brother Plácido Koyoc Yam. God revealed to him in dreams my calling to be an Elder in the Church. Also he has had many visions while at church and in his house.

We see that God reveals to humble people His purposes in dreams and visions. I think that those people chosen by God to receive dreams and visions are blessed. They have the privilege of seeing an angel or feel-

ing the Spirit of God.

In the Book of Mormon as well we see also that men consecrated of God had dreams and saw visions and gave thanks to God for His revelations to the people.

Today we belong to the true Church, the church restored by God to lead his people to salvation.

In conclusion, I want to invite each and every one of you to pray greatly that God would prepare us for salvation, petitioning Him in humility that you also would receive dreams and visions from God. As an Elder in the Church of Christ, I feel so happy to be part of this great family of God.

MANIFESTATION

"I Will Always Be With You..."

Hello. My name is Carlos Uluac Pech and I am a member of the Church of Christ in Uayalcéh, Yucatan, Mexico. I am thankful to the members of the Church who have prayed for me all these years. Throughout these years I have suffered many health problems, but God has always been with me in my times of tribulation. He has always helped me to overcome and I am very thankful to my God because I know that He is with me. He has shown me this in a dream.

A year ago I had a dream in which someone was pushing me down the street in my wheelchair.

I knew that it was not my father, but it was someone who I knew and this person gave me much confidence. We arrived at a place where there were many stairs and I told him that even with my father's help, it was very difficult to go down the stairs with my wheelchair. There were some men there and we asked for their help but they didn't want to help us. The man that was with me told me not to worry, and before I realized it we had descended the stairs.

Later, as we continued toward the church, we arrived at a place where there were more stairs, but we were able to go up the stairs

quickly. The man again told me not to worry and explained that he would always be with me to help me. He said, "Even if it seems to you that you are only with your father, I will always be with you both." At that moment I awoke.

I am very thankful to God that he has given me this dream because it gives me more confidence in Him.

*Carlos Uluac Pech
22 years of age
Uayalceh, Yucatán, México*

MANIFESTATION

"Today is a Great Day"

Hello. My name is Leydi. I'm a member of the Uayalceh congregation and I am 18 years old. I praise God greatly that he gave me the gift of a Christian family. For me it is a great blessing that I will never be able to thank Him for enough. Today I want to share with all of you a dream that God gave me.

One day I dreamed that I was in my house having dinner with my parents and my brothers. We were talking about all the things that are happening in the world when we heard an explosion. We went outside to see what had happened. I saw that all the people around us were also astounded as they did not know what had happened either.

Then there were more explosions, and out of them came lava, so much that the earth began to heat and our feet were burning. I saw in my dream that we went back inside the house. At that moment a huge truck with tires like great metal treads arrived.

Inside the truck were two sisters with their grandsons and six well dressed young men. They came down out of the truck and one of them drew near. He had a book which he opened, and he said, "Felipe, come with us. We have come for you; today is a great day." He

also called to my mother, to my dear grandmother, and to me and to my brother, Carlos. I saw that Carlos was seated in his wheelchair, but he left it and walked toward the truck and climbed in.

The young man closed the book and did not call to my younger brother, nor to my grandfather. My father approached him to ask about the others, but the young man said that they could not come with us. He said, "No. I am sorry Felipe, but their names are not written in the book." My brother and grandfather were pleading with my father to take them with us because they did not want to die, but the doors of the truck were closed and we began to leave.

The truck stopped at the house of another sister. Again the young man with the book got out of the truck and called to the sister, to one of her daughters, and to her grandchildren. They got in the truck. Again the door of the truck shut as the other daughters were calling and lamenting, saying to their mother, "Why didn't we pay attention to what you said?"

As the truck began to leave, I saw that the town was being destroyed. One of the young men said to us, "Do not be sad. You have overcome. Be happy, for this is a great day. As for the

others, they knew but did not want to pay attention. For this, their names are not in the book."

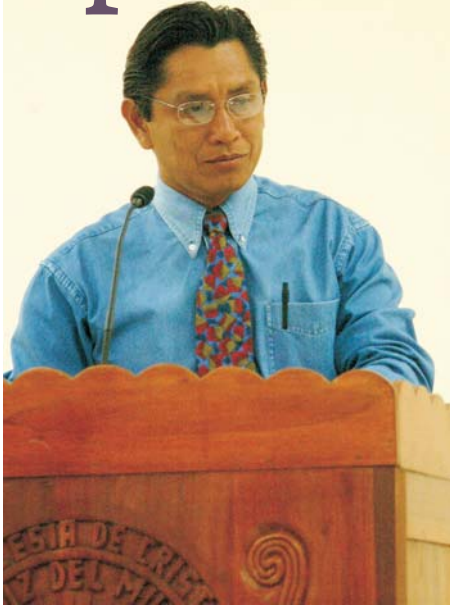
I saw that we arrived in a large area where there were many trucks just like the one we were traveling in. As we got down out of the truck I saw many brothers that I knew and many whom I did not know. I saw in my dream that brother Placido Matu came and asked my father if everyone was able to come. My father said, "No." Brother Placido told my father that it was the same as with us, that not all of them could come. I saw one brother climb up on a great rock. With joy he said, "Brothers, we have won the prize." And I awoke.

I know that God has given me this dream that I may testify to every person that God knows that His return is near. I invite you to prepare your lives in the presence of God that your names would be in the book of life. God bless you all.

Leidy Uluac Pech
18 years of age
Uayalceh, Yucatán, México

MANIFESTATION

Spiritual Experience



It was a beautiful evening, like so many that I have enjoyed in the house of the Lord. As I listened attentively

to the songs of praise that were being sung, I felt an incomparable peace.

The time for the sermon arrived and I immediately stood behind the pulpit to read the Holy Scriptures. After a few moments I felt the presence of someone behind me, as if someone greater than I am was protecting me. It seemed so real to me that I was not able to move. It was inexplicable. I felt the marvelous presence of God!

In that moment, I perceived that I could speak with more authority and that my thoughts flowed in a wondrous manner. It was marvelous! God had sent his angel to accompany

me that night, to direct me in that which I had to say to God's people.

I will never forget that sublime experience, nor can I explain it with words. It made me more humble toward God, that even though I am just a common man, God is with me. It is an amazing thing about God, that He makes himself present in our lives through the power of his Spirit *in just the moment we need him most.*

The greatest thing is the unity that we have with our Heavenly Father, that even though we are unworthy creatures, He remembers us.

*Placido K. Matu
Yobaín, Yucatán, México*

MANIFESTATION

The City

When I was living in a small village in Yucatan, Mexico, one night I had a beautiful dream that I will never forget. It made an indelible impression on my life.

I dreamed that as I arrived at the entrance of a small town, I saw an elderly man who greeted me and welcomed me to that place. He said, "Come with me and I will show you this city."

I immediately followed him and to my surprise I saw the

most beautiful city that my eyes had ever seen! The streets were of gold and the buildings of glass; everything was perfect. It was something I cannot explain. I had never seen a more beautiful city than this! After walking some of the streets, the old man stopped before me and told me, "This is the city for those who receive eternal life." I immediately awoke.

I have never forgotten this marvelous dream. It is the reason that I believe in God and salvation. It is worth mentioning that during the time that I had this dream I was just beginning to believe in God. I knew little of the scriptures, but I

could understand God's great love in my life.

Today I enjoy a life that I never could have imagined. I live in Cancun, Mexico, I am a member of the Church of Christ, I have a marvelous family and I am enjoying the fourth generation of this beautiful family that God has granted to me.

*Antoliano Canché
80 years of age
Cancún, Quintana Roo, México.*

MANIFESTATION

Dreams and Visions

GIVEN TO THE SAINTS IN YUCATAN



By Apostle Don McIndoo

Apostle Leon Yates

During the ministry of Apostle Leon Yates in Yucatan there were times when his arrest and expulsion from the country seemed imminent. Some enemy of the Church of Christ had filed charges against the church as being connected with the KKK, and specific charges against Brother Yates as doing things detrimental to the well-being of Mexico. At times his freedom was guaranteed only by Divine intervention. An example of one such instance occurred when he and Elder

Don McIndoo were driving to the town of Chunhuhú in the territory of Quintana Roo to attend a church service that night. On the next morning they had to leave this town early because they had an appointment for a morning service in Peto, a town back in Yucatan. To return to Yucatan they had to pass through an Immigration checkpoint, the same checkpoint where authorities had threatened his arrest previously.

Elder McIndoo was driving as they entered Quintana Roo and Brother Yates was sitting in the passenger seat. Suddenly Brother Yates sat upright with a startled look on his face; he had just experienced an open vision. In this vision he was shown the very checkpoint they had recently passed and would have to check through again on the morrow. In the heavens above the checkpoint on the highway, he saw printed the word, DANGER, in large letters. No stranger to experiences with the Holy Spirit, Brother Yates knew the Lord had warned him of impending danger at this checkpoint. After the services in Chunhuhú that evening, the two began a long journey which would allow them to enter Yucatan by another, lesser used route. They traveled until

after midnight, caught a few hours sleep and were on the road again before daybreak. They had to travel many miles on an unknown, unpaved *sac be* (white limestone road) to reach their destination. Fifteen minutes before Sunday School was to begin in Peto they arrived at the home where services were to be held, very tired but safe and thanking the Lord.

Sister Ausencia Chab

The following is a testimony given by a young woman named Ausencia Chab immediately after her confirmation as a member of the Church of Christ in the spring of 2008. She tells of a vision that was given to her during the confirmation service.

“Dear brothers and sisters of the great family of Christ. I would like to share with you my testimony about a vision that God revealed to me. After I was baptized by one of the apostles we entered again into the church for the laying on of hands. Before the prayer of confirmation was finished a multitude of angels appeared standing around me in a circle and I saw in the center of them what was like a fire. The angels held a hymnal in their hands

and sang the song, *Great Joy is in my Heart Today*. When I lifted my eyes to the heavens I saw a beam of light coming down from heaven and its radiance fell upon the angels. They ascended in the beam of light into the heavens. Then one of the heavenly beings descended once again and drew near to me. He touched my hands and told me, *'Now wherever you shall go I will be with you.'*"

Apostle Plácido Koyoc Uam

Several years ago Brother Plácido had a very meaningful dream. In this dream he was walking on a trail in the forest. Suddenly the trail opened up onto a large field where several men were harvesting. In the middle of this large field were two flagpoles, one flying the Mexican flag and the other an American flag.

Directly in front of Plácido was a young man dressed in white clothing sitting on a rock while reading a book. Seeing Brother Plácido emerge from the forest he stood up and approached him. Extending the book, the young man said, *"Here, read this."* Plácido read the passage, which he recognized as a writing of the Prophet Isaiah, but the book in the hand of the young man was the Book of Mormon. He read the words indicated by the young man.

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people: to it shall the Gentiles seek:

and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

Then the young man said to Plácido, *"This work is now beginning among your people."* Later, when Plácido awoke he searched a long while before discovering this passage in 2 Nephi 9:125-127. How vitally important and relevant to us is this ancient prophecy of Isaiah, found also in the Book of Mormon. This beautiful prophecy concerning God's plan for Israel is beginning to be fulfilled.

Don McIndoo

In the late 1970's I had an unforgettable experience that came to me as an answer to prayer. I had previously passed through several experiences that caused some consternation in my mind about the subject of the "rapture." At that time I had given little, if any, thought to this subject, nor had I heard any of our ministry teaching about it.

One night, following one of these experiences, I earnestly asked the Lord to show me the

truth concerning this Pentecostal doctrine. In the early hours of the morning I awoke to see a dim light in the hallway leading to our bedroom. As I watched, it grew stronger and stronger. Then a personage, dressed in a long white garment, entered through the bedroom door, came and stood at the foot of my bed. In his hands he held a large open Bible in front of his body. Turning to a particular reference, he addressed me, *"Read this."* Then he quickly turned to another reference and repeated this instruction.

After having me read seven or eight such passages, he closed the Bible, turned and walked out the door. The light in the hallway became dimmer and dimmer as I lay there with tears streaming from my eyes onto my pillow, for I felt I had been in the presence of divinity. The following day as I went to work, it seemed I was walking on air throughout the day.

On the day after this marvelous experience I could not tell you any of the Scriptures that had been presented to me. Yet in my mind there was no doubt the doctrine of a pre-millennial rapture had been a fabrication of man. The experience inspired a careful study of both the Holy Scriptures and the source of this doctrine, both of which have been very beneficial in increasing my understanding of this subject.

MANIFESTATION

The Sixth Angel

Excerpt from *The Revelation of Jesus Christ to the Apostle John: A Commentary*, pp 69, 70, 71, published January 29, 2007

By Apostle Don McIndoo

Tuesday morning found Apostle Jay Moser and myself in our hotel room in Danli, Honduras. We were beginning the day with prayer when a knock came at our door. It was Brother Tommy Gill, and he told us we needed to go down to the lobby and watch the TV. As we did so, those terrible scenes of the devastation of September 11th were indelibly imprinted upon my mind. I cried bitter tears as I contemplated the possible withdrawal of one of God's great promises to America: "And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles: and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles. And I will fortify this land against all other nations;" (II Nephi 7:18, 19).

In shock I watched a man free-falling after he had leaped from one of the devastated towers. He seemed to fall forever, and as I closed my eyes to remove the image from my sight, I heard a

voice speak to my mind, as clearly as if it had been audible: "Revelation Sixteen, Verse Twelve." That is all I heard, but I could sit there no longer without going to our room to read this passage:

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

As I sit at my desk writing this late in the year 2003, it is difficult to predict what events will take place in the future. We presently find the United States, with but a few allies, still struggling against terrorists in Afghanistan while engaged in a deadly war with Iraq, the nation presently identified with the River Euphrates. Their objective is to break and remove the power of her despotic ruler which, as yet, has not been accomplished. After six months the intensity of the guerrilla warfare and terrorism is steadily increas-

ing. Only God knows how such a war will affect our Muslim allies, who are even now coming under the gun of terrorism. And no one can estimate how these events will affect the ever-growing "radical" Islamic movement. Even now, every American, Christian and Jew is a target for extremists among radical Muslims.

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Jungle Gathering

Excerpt from *Kenya, According to God's Plan*, by Apostle Brian McIndoo, as printed in the *Zion's Advocate*, August 2000, Volume 77, Number 8, pages 114, 115 & 116



By Apostle Brian McIndoo

In the fall of 1998, while I was still employed with the City of Phoenix Police Department, I sat at my desk one morning doing paperwork when I had an unexpected experience. In my mind I had a perfect understanding of a great work in Africa of which I was involved. I distinctly could see a large number of people coming from every direction out of a tropical jungle to a gathering place. These people came with great enthusiasm to hear the gospel

taught to them by the Church of Christ. After a few moments the experience ceased, but a vivid recollection of the event remained. I pondered the scene for some time, then tried to dismiss the experience, knowing full well we had no plans or contacts in Africa. I reasoned within myself that I must have been thinking about the work in Honduras, Honduras being a tropical area where people seem to be eager to hear the gospel preached.

The memory of this event never seemed to fade from my mind. I would occasionally mention to my wife how I would be going to Africa some day, which was usually met by a response that questioned my sanity. During the following months the Lord unmistakably revealed it was time for me to retire, and since it was not a financially sound concept I would have to put my trust in Him.

In the town of Kisii, located in Kenya, lives a young mother named Margaret Moraa Osaka. Margaret had been praying and searching for a church which taught the gospel according to Christ's doctrines and not man's. As close as I can estimate, in the fall of 1998, Margaret also had an

experience, which I will relate.

During the night the Lord spoke to her and directed her to go to her father's home where she would find a particular book in his library. She was to contact the church on the inside cover. Margaret recognized the book from seeing it in her youth....

When Margaret opened the book she found on the inside cover that it had been published by the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), in Independence, Missouri. Margaret spoke to her father about the experience, and he encouraged her to do as the Lord had directed and contact this church....

On May 7th, 2000, Brother Smith Brickhouse and I attended the first service in Kisii, Kenya. We met with Margaret, her husband Samwell, her father Osaka and mother Nina, in the village of Kababe. We walked out across a field cleared out of a tropical jungle to a congregation of about a hundred people, who came from their villages located in all directions around Kababe. I marveled, as I now looked upon the very image I had experienced in my mind since the fall of 1998.

MANIFESTATION



By Apostle Placido Koyoc Yam

On December 28, 1988, Apostle (who was an Evangelist at the time) Placido Koyoc Yam awoke early in the morning. While praying over the day's activities, a vision appeared before him. He first saw his family, then all his brothers and sisters in his congregation that represented to him the church at large. He was overcome with the impression that there was a great need within the church. With this awareness the vision faded and, as he pondered the significance of what he had seen, there came to his mind, one by one, a list of needs for which he thought we should be praying. He listed them together with a few scriptures that came to his mind:

- Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into the vineyard.

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"...Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:35-38).

- Pray for the responsibilities and the well being of the pastors and ministry.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:18-20).

- Pray for the responsibility of parents to God and to their children.

"...But ye will teach them to walk in the ways of truth and soberness; ye will teach them to love one another, and to serve one another;" (Mosiah 2:25-27).

- Pray for the duties of our youth toward God and their parents.

"O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God; yea, and cry unto God for all thy support..." (Alma 17:68-70).

- Pray for our little ones, their duties toward God and their parents.

"Pray in your families unto the Father, always in my name, that your wives and your children may be blessed" (3 Nephi 8:52).

- Pray concerning the physical and spiritual sicknesses within the church

and for those outside the church.

"...And the church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls: and they did meet together oft to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus;" (Moroni 6:5-6).

- Pray for the work of God in all the world that others will be converted to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Nevertheless the children of God were commanded that they should gather themselves together oft, and join in fasting and mighty prayer, in behalf of the welfare of the souls of those who knew not God" (Alma 4:6).

- Pray for the endurance of faith and Christian unity in service to our God.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

"Nevertheless, they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God" (Helaman 2:31).

"Yea, humble yourselves, and continue in prayer unto him..." (Alma 16:219-225).

MANIFESTATION

PREPARE

By Elder Merlin Eddy

This is a dream that I had one night. I am not sure of the exact date but it was late June or early July. The dream was not long before the Tri-State Reunion on 7 July 2006.

The scene in my dream was a vast expanse of clear ice. The ice was smooth and had no snow cover. Crossing this expanse of ice was a line of people. I could not determine who any of these people were but I could see that there were men and women, both young and old. Those that I saw were slowly walking in a single straight line, as if there was a path across the ice. All of the people on the path were carrying or pulling luggage. There were groups in this line of people that seemed to be family members and friends, as I could hear some talking and laughing. I could not see the beginning of the line of people or any edge of the expanse of ice as it was beyond my sight. The destination of this line of people was a large rock island that I could see in the distance. On this rock island was built a structure that looked like a castle made of stone.

Suddenly, and without warning, a fierce wind blew across the line of people. The people were being blown off the path as there was no traction on the ice. A few in the line were prepared and as the wind started they let go of the luggage they had and laid face down on the ice. Those that were prepared cried out to the others to let go of their luggage and lay flat on the ice so the wind would not sweep them away. Some lay on the ice but would not let go of their luggage and, as the wind caught the luggage, they continued to be blown off the path. Others were trying to crouch and walk into the wind but they were blown faster off of the path. I could hear screaming and crying for those who would not listen to those who were prepared and those who obeyed them, because they continued being swept off by the fierce and steady wind.

Those who were prepared for the wind had two picks, one in each hand, which they plunged into the ice and could hold themselves in place. Some held on to those with the picks and they were not swept away. I could see some that were close

enough to the island that they could hold on to the rocky outcroppings and hold fast against the wind. But all of those that would not obey the cries of those who were prepared, and the cries of the obedient, were swept off until they were out of my sight. They would not let go of their luggage and lay down on the ice. There was much sorrow for the friends and family members that were swept off by the fierce and steady wind that suddenly swept across the path. This is where the dream ended.

I do not have a personal witness that this dream is from God but, as I testified at the Tri-State Reunion, it may be a warning for us to prepare for an event that will greatly test our faith. How willing are we to give up our possessions and positions if called upon to do so, that we will not be swept off the path?

Editor's Note: By Conference action this dream was accepted as being from God.

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WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS

By Priest Bill Malone

I would like to tell about a dream I had in December, 1983. In this dream I dreamt that:

I awoke to an awful feeling of evil all about me. At first I was very casual about praying for the evil spirit to go away. The evil spirit became stronger, even to the point that my entire body was being shaken violently. I began praying diligently for the evil power to go away, but still it remained and became even stronger until I feared for my spiritual life. It was not until I rebuked this evil power to leave me in the name of Jesus Christ that it finally left me, but it did not flee far. I knew that the evil spirit was watching me and waiting for me to weaken and rely on my own power, but he could not enter into the house or building I was in.

I dreamed that I got up and started my daily activities and I noticed my brother was laying beside me on the bed. He had not been wakened by the incident. I thought it was strange for him to remain sleeping even when the entire bed had been shaken violently. Then I noticed that I did not recognize him as my own brother but as a brother. I could not see his face and I believe this is indicative of a brother in the Church of

Christ, still sleeping.

As I continued in my daily chores and activities in the house I was made aware that I was safe while I was in the house as long as I continued to call on the Lord for strength to keep the adversary outside.

The building I was in had windows all around it and I could see out in almost every direction into the vast darkness outside. The darkness outside was absolute, with nothing visible. I knew that Satan himself was outside—watching every move I made. Several times I looked up and saw his eyes—just the red glow of those evil, beady eyes watching me. I have never known such fear and terror in my entire life as when I saw those eyes watching, for just a moment, and then he would back away, disappear into the darkness, only to reappear somewhere else when I was not expecting it.

The next thing I remember...I was at church. I don't remember how I got there; I just knew I was safe. I knew Satan had no power within the church and I had no fear at all. I have never felt so secure and safe and happy in all my life as I did while being in the church with all the rest of my brothers and sisters in the gospel.

The words that were impressed upon our brother Apostle Don Housknecht were also

impressed on me. Before my eyes was a message, the words were burning before me, and in my very soul. Never has anything been impressed upon me with such spiritual power. The words were... "WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS." The saints all around me were rejoicing and praising the Lord, serenely and humbly with an all-powerful love for all.

I awoke. My pillow was wet from sweat—and from tears of joy that had flooded me during the last part of my dream. I laid there in bed wide-awake, thinking about the things that had happened in the dream. "Was this a spiritual dream?" I prayed to God for an answer—I listened for Him when I finished praying—silence. I didn't hear His reply.

I looked at the digital LED on my clock radio. It was 3:27 A.M. I went back to sleep after thinking and praying a little longer. A couple of days went by and I continued to pray about the dream. I had to know if this was a spiritual dream from God and what its purpose was. I rehearsed the dream in my mind. I felt the exact same fear and terror and evil as in the original dream. I went on and felt the same joys and happiness and security and love of the, and from the, Master. I saw the same words, "WE SHALL BE VICTORIOUS." I saw the same

brother sleeping. I even had the same wet pillow. I prayed again that I would know if this was from God. Again I looked the clock...3:27 A.M. The spirit of God flooded my soul and tears of joy flooded my face—my heart was burning and felt like it was going to explode.

I remembered looking at the clock the night the dream (was given?) right after I had prayed for an answer from God about the dream. I felt that I had received my answer but still the number 327 stayed in my mind as if it were significant of something else. I thought and prayed about it for several days. Then I remembered the song, *The Fight is On*, that had been given to me in the dream. I thought maybe this was the number of a song that was significant to this dream. I looked and read #327 in the green hymnal and it didn't have any special meaning to me. I looked up #327 in our red hymnal and started reading the words to "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." It wasn't until the last verse that the words seemed to jump off the page at me—"What have I to dread? What have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?" I knew without a doubt that was the intended meaning.

I thought about the things relating to the dream quite a lot the next several days and prayed that I might have a full understanding of all the events of the dream.

On the next Sunday morning I was listening to the announcements and when they

were given it was impressed upon my mind to ask the scheduled speaker if I could take his place the following Sunday morning. He agreed.

One of the things I felt led to speak about was our effort to do the things Christ said in His closing statement as recorded in the four gospels:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" Matthew 28:19 & 20.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" Mark 16:15-16.

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" Luke 24:27.

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that

I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep" John 21:15-17.

Christ must have felt they were very important if they were His final statements to His disciples while He was here teaching them.

I believe and am persuaded that the efforts of our missionary endeavors will begin to be more fruitful and rewarding of the promise that God has given us—"WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS."

God is an unchanging God. What He did for Gideon He will do for us. Gideon's odds were 106 to 1. What do you suppose the odds are of the Church of Christ vs. the unbelievers? Certainly a far greater task than even Gideon faced (Judges 7:1-8).

Our blessing will be directly proportionate to our desires and our efforts. If you want the work of the Lord to prosper and want to be a part of it—pray for it—earnestly and fervently—and then work for it—with diligence and then... "WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS!"

A CALL TO LEADERSHIP

By Apostle Don McIndoo

In a discussion of those qualities essential to the life of a Christian leader, an important one is perhaps best exemplified by the words of 1 Samuel 17:48: When Goliath "...arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine." Imagine, a youth with but a staff and a sling, running to do battle with a well-armed giant who had terrified the armies of Israel. The Philistines lost a champion and a battle that day, while Israel gained a warrior king who would make them a great nation.

Long before David's day the Lord had spoken to Moses and, later, to Joshua. These were the leaders of Israel who would establish God's people in the land of their inheritance. They would meet terrible opposition and both needed the same, necessary encouragement: "Be strong and of a good courage..." (Deuteronomy 31:6 and Joshua 1:6).

Today we face a different kind of enemy. Our adversary is much stronger and more dangerous than Goliath or the Canaanites of the Promised Land. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour;" (1 Peter 5:8). Satan has an array of warriors doing his bidding - the great and abominable church, followers of the false prophet, and a worldly culture which is deceiving the masses. This spiritual warfare demands a courage all its own. God's message comes

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down to us from the pen of Isaiah:

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish" (Isaiah 41:10, 11).

The type of courage we need reminds me of the challenge of King David to his son, Solomon: "Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, ... and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord" (1 Chronicles 28:10, 20).

We, like Solomon, have been called to a great work. The Lord has called you out of the world and has chosen you to help build up His kingdom, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to gather the lost sheep of Israel once again to the lands of their inheritance. If you would be a leader in this great work, keep these words of David in the forefront of your mind: "Be strong, and of good courage, and do it..."

Just as in the days of the apostles when the work went out to the Gentile world, there will be a lot of opposition, ridicule and, perhaps, persecution. We shall need the courage of the great leaders of that day, men like Peter and John.

"And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done" (Acts 4:18-21).

In the first week of 2006 a young New York City fireman, just 28 years of age, passed away. In the terrible hours after the collapse of the twin towers, some four years earlier, he had remained on the site, working through the days in an effort to save any survivors. Now, his damaged lungs would function no more. And he was not alone. Many labored day after day, including Mayor Giuliani, showing the world, and showing the enemy the courage that has made us a great nation.

This is what we Christian leaders must do as well: Stand firmly in the face of danger, adversity or opposition. Let us follow the example of those early Lamanite Christians: "...the church was broken up in all the land, save it were among a few of the Lamanites, who were converted unto the true faith; And they would not depart from it, for they were firm, and steadfast, and immovable, willing with all diligence to keep the commandments of the Lord" (3 Nephi 3:15, 16).

OBITUARY

Bertha Mildred Scott Biringer

Bertha Mildred Scott was the first of four children born to Arthel and Viola Dodson Scott on October 28, 1918, in Lamont, Oklahoma. She had a lifelong passion for violin, vocal music, painting and the Gospel of Christ.

After many years of education, Bertha graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, a Bachelor of Science in Commercial Education and a minor in psychology. She obtained her first masters in psychology while working at Phillips University.

Bertha was later employed as Educational Director for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) While working for Lexington Theological Seminary, Bertha received her second master's degree in Religious Education. Then she was ordained to the ministry in the First Christian

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Church, Palestine, Texas.

In Texas, she started exchanging letters with Stanley Biringer. A year later, they married on October 21, 1955. She quit her job and moved to Phoenix where Stan was employed with American Airlines. They had three children: Darla, Melvin, and Debra, and later six grandchildren: Joshua, Elizabeth, Jessica, Andrew, Christopher, and Nathan.

In the 1960's, Stan and Bertie became unhappy with the church they attended. Thus began a spiritual journey to find the church that resembled the one Christ had set up in the beginning. They fasted and prayed, asking for the Lord's guidance. The family was led to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot).

After studying and marvelous experiences about the Book of Mormon, they were baptized in the Restored Gospel of Christ.

The dementia she had been diagnosed with set in rapidly after Stan's death in 1994. The next 14 years were spent peacefully filled with family, music and her loving church family, who often helped with her care.

She went to her eternal joy on May 28, 2008, surrounded by her adoring family who played her favorite hymns on the violin and ushered her out gently, singing in beautiful harmony, "It Is Well With My Soul." She ran a good race, and she obtained the prize she so faithfully sought. Let us rejoice!

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