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“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Luke 19:10

Jack M. Skinner

He willingly went to the cross in my place:

I willingly go to the mission field in His place!



The cross is a place of crucifixion; a place of death to the flesh! All that were condemned to death on a cross went unwillingly except for one: Jesus Christ! Jesus gave Himself willingly and with a purpose of redeeming mankind one by one. Likewise the mission field is a place of crucifixion to the flesh and those who go willingly have a purpose of reaching souls one by one with the message of redemption. The cross is empty, the tomb is empty; the heart is where the call of God resides driving to the mission field. You will not find God on a cross or in an empty tomb; all you will find there is dead religion! *“And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words, And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.”* (Luke 24:3-9) Missions: they went and told about an empty cross and an empty tomb! Why stay around dead religion? *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”* (Galatians 2:20)

Not all who go to the mission field have crucified their flesh but instead may be using their position for fleshly purposes. Glamor, financial income, and talent shows are

just a few of the motivations driving them.

How sad when the flesh is profited and not crucified in the work of God. For God's work to be propagated in a society of sinful humans, crucifixion must first be experienced by the messenger and then preached. Without the cross (crucifixion) there is no death and therefore no resurrection from the dead. No change and no hope! No promise of eternal life. Puppet shows and talent shows only feed the flesh but when the Word of God is preached by a crucified servant; death to the flesh occurs and sinners are set free from their death sentence to hell and given new life (resurrection from the dead)! This is true missions; the same mission that brought Jesus to earth and to the cross! A mission the Jews were blinded to and rejected. A mission many established churches in our day are blinded to and reject.

When Sister Skinner and I went on our first mission trip to Brazil we rode bicycles because of our limited income and were content to do so. One day I had a visit from one of the major Pentecostal organizational presidents and some of his group leaders. He stated that they had traveled from another part of Brazil to see an American missionary who rode a bicycle. They could not believe it and had to come see for themselves. They invited us to come work with them because all the missionaries that were sent from the States by their denomination were required to live on a certain standard of living and it was far above the people making them ineffective. I am not trying to uplift myself by any means, I am trying to present to those who feel the call to the mission field that they must first visit their cross and willingly accept the experience of crucifixion of the flesh and then prove by their life and preaching that they are truly the servants of the living God. You will not find your calling at man's programs but will find it at your cross lingering alone awaiting those words: Matthew 12:18 *"Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles."* He willingly went to the cross in my place: I willingly go to the mission field in His place!

I worked with a missionary ministry which had a sign posted above their entrance door on the inside so as you left their office it could be seen. "The mission field starts here!" An appropriate place for this sign would be inside the door of our heart. The mission fields starts with us being consecrated to God (crucified) and then reaches out to those around us including all inside our own home and then to the regions beyond! Why stand ye here gazing when the world needs missionaries? Why seek ye the living among the dead? Why just stay stagnant when souls are slipping into hell? *"And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."* (Acts 1:10-11) He is coming back like He said and then what will we answer Him?

"And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish." (Luke 14:25-30)

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." (Matthew 16:24-27)

“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:34-38)

A true missionary (a crucified servant) does not accept glory for themselves but always directs any glory be given to God!

“And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!” (Mark 10:17-23)

“Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself,

or be cast away? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father’s, and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:22-26)

The Sound of the Hammer! The Word of God! Crucifixion! Missions!

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;” (Colossians 2:13-14)

“And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?” (Luke 10:25-29)

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:5-8)

Are we being obedient to the death on our cross? Are we putting to death the carnal desires and taking upon ourselves the spiritual man? Crucifixion is not pleasant but living death in hell is eternal for those who reject the Love of God and a life in Christ!

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**E-mail sent to Brother Skinner by Brother Joro,
Head Pastor of the churches in Madagascar - August, 7, 2017**

Brother Skinner,

We thank the Lord for the work at JESOSY MAMONJY M.A. DAOUD Churches is getting along well. Praise the Lord!

We make all effort to keep the Bible Doctrines taught by our spiritual parents Bro and Sis Daoud. We still preach true repentance and genuine conversion, separation from worldly sinful living. We rather practice holiness and continual life of prayer.

The Lord gives us marvelous programs in each church:

- One hour of early prayer meeting every day
- Midweek services on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the main church and on Wednesday and Friday at the surrounding churches
- Fasting and prayer once a week
- All night prayer meeting from time to time
- Sunday school for children
- Meeting for young boys and for young girls.
- Training for Preachers

Churches are opened on Sundays, morning and evening as well. On Saturdays, believers are exhorted to work for the Lord. We greatly thank the Lord for evangelism is still free in our country. We have street meetings. We preach in the open air, we share testimonies and distribute gospel tracts to win souls.

We feel the Lord is with us for there are always people that get saved and also healed.

Last Pentecost on June 4th, 145 newly converts were baptized at the main church in Ambohipo. On July 9th, 11 were baptized in the sea in the northern region of Diego. On July 18th, 9 were also baptized by immersion in Anjiajia, western region. God's willing, there shall soon be baptismal services in Morondava, south west, and in Foulpointe, east coast.

Apart from that, we praise the Lord and we heartily thank the IBA Responsible and Partners because of their help and support for the church construction is continuing far and near all over the island. The Board will tell the details in their report.

I would only like to mention that there are also brethren who love the Lord and give their property to build a church thereon. The believers of Ankadinandriana, at about 70 km from Antananarivo the capital, had made themselves bricks and had raised the walls. The roof was provided by IBA through the Board. Praise the Lord! The dedication of that church was held on Sunday 30th July. Thank God it was attended by the Mayor and many local guests. It was a good occasion for us to preach and to give testimonies. Hallelujah!

Once a month, every first Sunday, we call a Solemn Assembly for all surrounding churches at our main church in Ambohipo. Yesterday, the Lord gave us a marvelous nonstop meeting from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Again the Lord presence was there to save, heal and bless.

Let me share with you this testimony of a dear sister that was convinced by the preaching she heard at JESOSY MAMONJY church. We have got to get rid of all ungodly stuff we keep at home. One day, her little son was sick. She prayed but the boy could not be healed. Then she examined her life and found out the mark 666 on her son's bicycle. The Holy Spirit reminded her of the preaching. Then she broke the bicycle and lo, her son was instantly healed. Such is the result of simple obedience of the Word of God. Hallelujah!

After that, she read Bro Daoud's article on the uselessness of Television. It touched her heart because she was already a believer but still had a TV set at home. Yesterday, at the closing of the service, she brought the TV to the altar and broke it with tears in front of the congregation that glorified the Lord.

Our next Solemn Assembly will take place on September 3rd God's willing. We plan to have another baptismal service by the help of the Lord!

To finish, we cannot thank enough our American Brothers and Sisters Partners of IBA that helped to provide us with Malagasy Bibles. These proved a great blessing to our believers and our Nation. The spiritual lives of our believers are progress-

ing well because they can read the Bible everyday. The Bibles are also sharp tools to evangelize our fellow citizens. We really appreciate your love, prayers and support. We love you too and all we can do is to pray without ceasing for you. May the Lord bless you abundantly Dear Brothers and Sisters!

In His Service

Brother Joro

E-mail sent to Brother Skinner by the Church Board in Madagascar - August, 18, 2017

Dear Brother SKINNER

And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, the man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen. (Ruth: 2:20).

Above all things we give thanks to the Almighty God for His unfailing guidance in everything towards His children in Jesus Christ our Lord. We'll never be thankful enough to you Dear Brother SKINNER for you are as His servant Boaz unto us.

We thank you too Dear Brother that we received on the first week of August the \$##### Fund Help that you wired. The Almighty God bless you richly. He will pay you back for your Great Love for us and for the Love of His Work.

We are making great effort to improve our way of working in order to move forward the Gospel ministry. Mainly on these major things as you already know: Church constructions, church restorations purchasing of lands, vehicle maintenances, Bibles and Literature sale, Prison and Hospital Ministry.

- **Major Achievements**

Construction and Renewing of Churches.

Thanks to the Assistance of I B A, the number of the new church buildings in Madagascar is greatly increased. Some renewing of church buildings was also done .

- **Purchasing of Lands.**

Purchasing of Land having a surface area of 400km located at Ambositra was done.

For the case of Fianarantsoa, in spite of the administrative delays, the progress of the procedure in order to buy the Land is on the right track.

- **Vehicles and other equipments.**

Again thanks to the I B A's assistance, Pastors and Preachers are equipped with means of transportations to quicken the preaching of the Gospel: Cars, motor-bikes, bicycles were allocated to them.

Other equipment were bought, as P. A. Systems for street meeting.

- **Newly built Churches** (Photos are attached)

Mostly financing is from I B A, but whenever the Church could offer a land or provide bricks or woods they did it.

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- **Marotampona.**

Located at 80km from Antananarivo, toward the province of Majunga (West). Marotampona is a very remote village which is used as a stopover for those who travel to important localities. The existence of the Jesosy Mamonjy M. A. Daoud Church is a blessing for this village even though some other churches are already present. It is due to the Holy Doctrine which is taught to the believers. When the first Service was started and the Word preached, many were giving themselves to Jesus! People are also amazed by short period of time the beautiful church is done. Glory to God! (Please take a look at the photos).

- **Sahadingana.**

This village is located at 230 km from Antananarivo, in the Province of Tamatave. This is an important church by its number of believers and their zeal to the Lord. They have been waiting for years to have a church built, yet they remain faithful. They did receive with joy the New Church, Brother Joro and the Board members. Praise the Lord! (Please take a look at the Photos).

- **Ambatofotsy.**

This locality is just 21km from Antananarivo, by the way to Antsirabe but very populated. A Beautiful church with growing numbers of believers.

- **Ankadinandriana.**

About 60km from Antananarivo, South-West. A church nicely situated with a promising future.

- **Fanehivola** (300km from Antananarivo)

The Church is located in the Province of Tamatave. Due to the hot weather, this church building is just built as a shed with concrete pillars, concrete slab and metal roofs. The believers are thankful to God and for all that are used by God to help them, even Brother Skinner.

- **Tarazaza**

The locality of Tsarazaza is located at approximately 60km from Antananarivo (Southern part).The believers has made

an effort to provide land and bricks and woods, while the cements, metal roofs and iron bars which are of great expense are from I. B. A.

Moreover we let you know Dear Brother Skinner that the Church in Madagascar is learning lessons from their Brother in Dallas that is: Prison Ministry and Hospital too. Please, would you take a look at these testimonies in the attached file. We are doing as Jesus told us to do, although it is but a beginning. In Luke 10: 37: "Go, and do thou likewise". Please take a look at these testimonies of the work done in prison and Hospital..

We greatly appreciate your valuable help Dear Brother SKINNER; of course, we rely on God to make all these plans possible. We still need your help and your advises, while we promise to do the best of ourselves. God bless you Brother SKINNER. We keep on praying for you Brother Skinner and all the I B A Staff that works with you and all of yours and for America.

With Real Love and Prayer
The Grateful Board

Part II: BRIEF TESTIMONIES FROM PRISON MINISTRY IN MADAGASCAR

Region: Central East of Madagascar

Mr. X..was accused of killing somebody. Although he has a relative that begged him to come to Jesus before, he denied it. Once imprisoned and having heard of the Gospel again, he surrendered his life to Christ and was saved. The Lord did a miracle and now he is set free and is serving the Lord in our church faithfully. Praise the Lord!

Mr. Y was accused of raping a minor. When he heard the Gospel he decided to follow Jesus, And now that he is released he attend the service regularly the service in our church;

Mr. Z...was accused of looting tombs to get skeletons, of swindling, of making counterfeit moneys and so many other vile things. A man that has a very bad reputation over the entire region, during the

prayer meeting in prison, a song entitled: "He, the Savior wants reconciliation with you" touched his heart. Then he fasted and prayed for 15 days in prison, so that the Lord did marvelous things in his life. He has now a brand new life and he is serving the Lord. Glory to God!

Two prisoners had never stepped in church in their lives. Having heard of the Gospel they repented with lots of tears and gave themselves to the Lord Jesus. They started in cell number 26 regular prayer meetings. God did a miracle so that all the prisoners in cell 26 were set free. Praise the Lord!

On 6th of July 2017 at the end of the preaching approximately 30 lifted up their hands and were decided to follow Jesus; Hallelujah!

BRIEF TESTIMONIES FROM PRISON MINISTRY IN MADAGASCAR

Region : (North Province).

A man condemned to hard labor for life, saved.

Mr. X was sentenced to hard labor for life because of a criminal act. In prison, he was sick and discouraged and became paralyzed and lost his hearing. His only hope was his idols which he wore as necklaces. His fellow prisoners call for preachers to pray for him. The following week he had a great thirst of God and His Word, and then four of his fellow prisoners carried him to the prisoner's prayer meeting. He was invited to come to Jesus and to abandon his idols. He accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and gave willingly his idols to be burnt. He began to stand up by himself, and come to the service by walking and leaning along the wall; he recovered his hearing and got stronger. Everybody is witness of his new life in Christ and his salvation. While he was waiting for Presidential pardon, one night he was sick to death, he called for his fellow prisoners to pray with him. But God has called him to His Glory. Glory to God!

Sixteen prisoners that attended diligently morning devotion were released.

Jesus is visiting the prison since the Word of God is preached. The prison-

ers were determined to meet together every morning for devotion and each one of them had his turn to lead the service and to preach the Word of God. The subject of their prayer is to be set free. Sixteen of them attended diligently the morning devotion. When they appeared before the court, all of them 16 were set free while all the rest were kept in prison, nevertheless these remaining prisoners realizing their negligence attended regularly the services in prison. Praise the Lord!

Young men healed in Jesus Name received Salvation.

W..., X..., Y..., Z are young men saved by Jesus while in prison. As their lives were changed completely they were appointed by the responsible of the prison as chiefs of cells. Z..., one of the four, was a bag snatcher before; caught by the Police he wound up in jail. He had eye disease that caused troubles for his sight. After the prayer for the sick, his eyes are healed completely. While W, X, Y were affected by nerve disease that caused the body to be washed out. After the prayer for the sick they recovered their strength. Praise the Lord!

The daily morning devotion in prison is still carried on, so is the Evangelization each Friday. The number of prisoners being saved is rising. Praise the Lord!

Prison Ministry Region : Tuléar

Days of visit: Every Friday Morning.

We are preaching the Good News of Salvation to the prisoners and the staff therein. Life was changed, people are delivered from tobacco and so many other things. We are not the only church that preaches in prisons. So every day there is a different church preaching. But we notice that during our Service, people feel the Presence of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!. A man after receiving Jesus as his personal Savior and have a new life in Christ was set free from the prison.

These prisoners have the thirst of the Word, so we gave a Bible to responsible, so that anybody who wants to read it may have it and after give it back to the responsible. Glory to God!

BRIEF TESTIMONIES FROM HOSPITAL MINISTRY IN ANTANANARIVO.

Target: Preach the Gospel of Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ to the sick, their relatives or friends that assist them and to the hospital staff.

Tools: Bible, Tracts

Evangelist: 2 Sisters

Testimonies: An unconscious man at an intensive care unit was invited to repeat a prayer, first miracle he could speak and repeat the prayer. Days after he was healed and straighten his life; He was so thankful to God and to the sister who prayed for him. Praise the Lord!

A young man was suffering of pain due to the drainage of liquid surrounding his heart. Three or Four bottles were already filled of liquid out of his chest, yet it was still flowing; The Good News of Salvation was preach to him, then he came to repentance. By Faith according to the Word we told him to lay his hand on his heart while

we prayed for him. Few days after, we came back to visit him, he looked healthy. Glory to God!

We preached to a group of sick people in the hospital by emphasizing on the healing power of the stripes of Jesus. A lady was screaming and screaming. The doctor came and took her into the emergency surgery unit. A lady came to show her gratitude to us. She said: "This woman was about to undergo a medical surgery to remove the dead fetus in her womb but thanks to your Prayer, it came out without surgery!" To God be the Glory!





Luke 7:22 "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."



*Definition of Missions - Sacrifice
"Crucifixion"*

All you who read this Digest and have contributed towards its printing, the sending of Bibles into prisons, printing and distribution of Gospel tracts, and our mission work in Madagascar have sacrificed to do so.

The money sent into this ministry could have been held back and used on personal items. You have chosen to invest in the only commodity which will never perish: a human soul! Yes, life here on this terrestrial planet will cease one day but the souls of every human will face an eternity of bliss or one of remorse! Abraham in Luke 16 declared to the rich man in hell: "...., Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, ... and thou art tormented."

For 61 years, Saints of God have been supporting this work of sending out *Miracles & Missions Digest* free to thousands of addresses in all fifty States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. There has been a tremendous amount of sacrifice from "you" our readers to make this possible. YOU have made this possible! Yes, the workers here design, print, and mail out but they are all paid by you, our contributors. My name may appear in all issues and Thank You Letters but yours are inscribe where moth and rust will not corrupt. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:34-40)

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Along with the Digest we send free KJV Bibles to any prisoner who personally requests one and is allowed by their prison facility to receive it. There have been over 11,000 Bibles sent and the current postage cost is \$4.10 each. Along with the Bible, our Digest is mailed out bimonthly (every two months) to approximately 6,000 prisoners imprisoned in over 30 states. Who pays for this? You do!

Our Mission in Madagascar totals some 300 churches. They are expanding into prisons as you have read and hospitals, on street corners and into the regions beyond. The message of forgiveness of sin and a life in Christ is not only preached by these Malagasy believers but practiced in their daily life. As you have read: you, our readers, furnish material to build, transportation means, and needed finance to keep this mission work alive and progressing as time ticks away and hell enlarges herself.

Brother Skinner's definition of Missions - Sacrifice! Crucifixion! Sacrifice not only here in Dallas, Texas but all across America as individuals give to share hope and help to those who are in desperate need. Some pick up cans to support this work, some give of their abundance, some of their penny worth, but all sacrifice for Him who gave all on Calvary and shared the Love of God to we who were and are unworthy.

This is not a plea for money; this is not asking any to give: this is to Thank You who have sacrificed and do not see and feel what I experience each day as I open the prisoner requests, hear the reports from Madagascar, open the contribution envelope with two quarters taped inside, and on and on the list could go because someone felt compelled to sacrifice.

Thank you Brothers and Sisters and may our God grant you the desires of your heart and give you the peace only He can give!

The Imminent Return of The Lord Jesus Christ

Joro RAZAFIMPIANARANA

Revelation 3:11 *“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”* Revelation 22:7 *“Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.”* Revelation 22:12 *“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”*

I would like to bring you, dear Reader, this message concerning our Lord’s coming back. If Jesus Himself repeated thrice the above same statement in His final addresses to the Church, it is to show us its paramount importance and to tell us kindly how we should get ready.

First of all, we are told to behold. That means we have got to open wide our eyes and see, we have got to hearken and seriously consider. Passages of the Gospel speak about outstanding signs worthy to be paid attention. They are called the distress of nations: Matthew 24:7-9 *“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.”* Luke 21:25-26 *“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”*

The Bible also warns us of the increase of iniquity and propagation of false doctrines emanating directly from seducing spirits: Matthew 24:12 *“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall*

wax cold.” Luke 17:26-30 *“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”* II Timothy 3:1-5 *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”* I Timothy 4:1-3 *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.”* Dear Friend, don’t you see these things are transpiring right before our very eyes nowadays!

Now, let us consider for what purpose the Lord Jesus Christ will come back. There are three main reasons.

Firstly, Jesus will come back to take to Him His elects, the saved ones, His true and faithful followers. John 14:2-3 *“In my*

Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." I Thessalonians 4:16-17 *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."*

Secondly, Jesus will come back to judge the whole world. Jude 14-15 *"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."* Matthew 25:31-32 *"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:"*

Thirdly, Jesus will return to put an end to sins and rebellions and to usher eternal righteousness. Time and again, Sister Daoud told in her preaching that God is determined to put an end to sin. Daniel 9:24 *"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."* Revelation 21:5 *"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."*

Furthermore, let us now have a look at what will happen when Jesus comes back:

- Every person will see Him
- All nations shall weep

Revelation 1:7 *"Behold, he cometh with*

clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Matthew 24:30 *"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."*

Allow me to pause a bit here and share with you the following testimony. It was on March 25th 1967 that Brother and Sister Daoud were expelled from Madagascar because of severe persecutions. I remember fully well the whole Church was weeping for we were deprived of our spiritual parents that loved us and we loved so dearly. I was then 12 years old and I also wept bitterly. I prayed the Lord: "Lord, You saved dad and mom, you saved grandpa and grandma. But now who will preach to us children Your Word to bring us to salvation too?" And I wept and I wept ... Those were tears of sorrow. Then year after year, we prayed and prayed for the return of Brother and Sister Daoud to Madagascar. Times passed by. Grandpa and grandma passed away. Dad that had brought us to church passed away too. Nearly 25 years later, on November 11th 1991, in a miraculous way, the Lord brought back the Daouds to our church in Madagascar. Our eyes were filled with tears. Finally the Lord answered our prayers. Finally we met our Dear spiritual parents. Oh! What tears of joy!

Almost the same shall exactly happen when Jesus comes. Every nation shall be in tears: Africans, Europeans, Asians, Americans, Australians shall weep. Every individual without any exception. True believers, faithful believers shall weep for joy, tears of joy and happiness forever. We were despised and persecuted; finally the Lord will take us to be with Him forever. But on the other hand, others shall weep for sorrow, tears of sorrow and complete regret for they shall be damned eternally. Luke 17:34-37 *"I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken,*

and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together." Matthew 24:28 "For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together." Please think of it. I urge you to make a firm decision to believe and follow the Lord here and now while you are still alive. Revelation 22:10-11 "And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

Now allow me to tell you, dear Reader, the wise advises of the Word of God on what to do. Here are three points: Revelation 22:7 "Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book." Number one, pay attention to the Scriptures and decide to obey them. If the Word tells you to repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, repent of forsake your sins. If the Word tells you to avoid every appearance of evil and follow after holiness, be holy in thoughts, in behavior, in attire and in actions. Come personally to the living Lord Jesus, call upon His Name and you shall be saved. Number two, Revelation 3:11 "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." This means if you were once given the true doctrine, cleave to it. Do not deviate neither to the right nor to the left. In the days of the Israelite Kings, David was God's reference. Many Kings after him did not follow his path but rather imitated the manners of heathen nations. They lost their souls. Some began well while faithful priests or elders counseled them. But after the death of those priests and elders, they deviated and finished sadly. They too lost their souls. Very few such as Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, and Josiah cleaved to the path of David their father, and God honored them. In all generations after Christ, Jesus Himself and His first Church are our reference. Please do not follow after the world neither the practices thereof. Read the Bible and oftener the New Testament and obey. In every JESOSY MAMONJY

Church in Madagascar, we have right before us on the wall the Scripture "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22. Number three and last but not least, we have got to work for the Lord. Revelation 22:12 "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

What do these works consist of? - Watch and pray always - Use your talent for the Lord - Testify wherever you go - Preach the Word in season or out of season - Distribute Gospel tracts or Gospel literature - Visit, kindly speak of the Lord, and pray for prisoners, sick folks, widows and orphans. Do remember that in serving the Lord, the word "RETIREMENT" does not exist. Even if you can no longer move, pray and intercede for lost souls. Luke 19:13 "And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come" I Timothy 4:13-16 "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." A wise servant of God once wrote: "Only one life, twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last"

As a conclusion, I kindly invite you to take heed to the following Scriptures: Luke 21:34-36 "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." I Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." AMEN!

Taking a Stand in Love and Holiness

by Estelle Walker

I was young but now I am old and never have I seen a time like this when wicked men were so exalted here in our beautiful America, Psalms 12:8 the wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted. They have come out of their closets and are walking on every side of our country, and like the devil are seeking how many they can corrupt with their wicked life styles, they speak evil of everything that is good and honors God, as they are working to make America a godless country, their most successful tool, the TV, is getting their message across to our youth, while Mom and Dad are using it for their baby sitter and sad to say many profess to be Christians and think the cartoons are harmless, but they are full of witch craft and lies, so what do we do as we take a stand for holiness in these evil times?

Well our Lord says when the enemy comes in like a flood he would raise up a standard against Him, and how will He do this, well it will have to be through us holiness children of God as we band together in love with a zeal for God and His holiness, that is being attacked by Satan, you know the old saying united we stand, divided we fall, how true this is when we are divided we are not attacking Satan, but one another and our Lord has no standard to rise up against Satan, so what we need to do is raise our standard of holiness in love to one to another like a mighty army where Satan can't find a place in us to get in and cause division, children this is true holiness and we as God's children are set fourth as an example of God's holiness and as we bring forth the fruits of holiness we sanctify Him in the eyes of this wicked world and this is what our Lord has set us apart for, and the devil can't fake true holiness that brings forth the fruits of peace, joy and love full of mercy, gentle, and easy to be intreated, or to deal with. I'll tell you when we perfect true holiness the devil can't find no place in us, like our Lord who said Satan had no place in him, for he gave no place to him. Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in

the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him, Our Lord Jesus, now think about this, in every thing we do or say, can we honestly say with thanksgiving, I'm saying and doing this in the name of the Lord Jesus and in God the Father. Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; I think now as we follow these instructions as holy people of God there would be more harmony and peaceful living among God's people. Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: did you notice in this scripture that peace goes right along with holiness? For holiness is godliness and the fruit there of are as James says in 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, or to deal with full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God, Colossians 4:14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Now this is pretty straight if we ever expect to see our Lord, and while we are living in such evil times as we await our Lord's return, let us as God's people raise up a standard of holiness in our love and unity with one another against Satan and the tide of filth that has been ushered in by wicked men, so that we might raise up the standard of holiness our Lord can use against Satan, so we as holiness people must be wise to the wiles of Satan which is his deceitful ways, holiness is God's standard for his people and the devil wants the best God has, and we who hold up the standard of holiness are the only light to this sin darkened world Satan wants to put out our light and is looking for a place he can get in, so let us not give him a place through disobedience to God's word, but let us go on to perfect holiness in the fear of God. We are to near home to slack up now in our holiness standard as this lost world is look-

ing to us to shine the light of holiness for all of good comfort, be of one mind, live in to see. Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is peace; and the God of love and peace shall our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. 2 Corinthians 13:11 Christ and love of God and the communion Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of the Holy Ghost be with you, amen.

Sister Estelle Walker sent me the above article along with the following letter and a contribution on April 5, 2016 and sent contributions each month until October 3, 2016. This October check I still retain, as I received word shortly after receiving it that her family was involved in an auto accident and she passed away a few days later.

Dear Brother Skinner - I wanted to let you know I received your prayer and fasting letter and have been praying and fasting some along with you and our other Brothers and Sisters and the good work you are doing for our Lord. I hope you can read this. I tried to write you before now but my writing was so poor and I was afraid you might not be able to read it. I wanted to let you know that I received your prayer and fasting letter but I've been through some trying times since the first of this new year 2016. Please let me explain. I am a 87 year old widow woman and was struck with about 4 strokes which left me with unsteady hands and eyes that doesn't see as good as they did before these strokes. Right now I'm praying and trusting I won't have no more strokes. I hope you can read this. The Lord has so wonderfully blest that I can still walk. It looked like I wasn't going to be able to walk but the Lord heard our prayers and restored my right leg and foot and now I can walk, praise His name. I am trusting my eye sight will get better also my writing will improve. Please pray for my healing. I have some things I want to do for my Lord before I leave here and I need my eye sight and steady hands. I have been a Christian most of my life. I am so thankful my husband and I received the Lord while we were still young and had over 55 years of marriage before he passed away. When we joined the ***** church it was a holiness church back then. I still believe in perfection holiness. Thanks so much for remembering me when you sent out the prayer and fasting notice.

In Christ, *Sis Estelle Walker* (October 3, 2016)

I must confess I feel guilty accepting donations from people like Sister Estelle Walker. People that this world is not worthy of and from individuals who sacrifice to contribute to this ministry. We have many who support this work and deprive themselves of not pleasures but deprive themselves of the very necessities of life so prisoners here in the USA and sinners in Madagascar can have the Word of God and are given a chance to repent and be saved. These have made themselves servants and not lords over the work of missions. They sacrifice themselves so that others may hear (see) and they await their reward in Heaven! The Book of Romans states: Romans 10:14 "*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*"

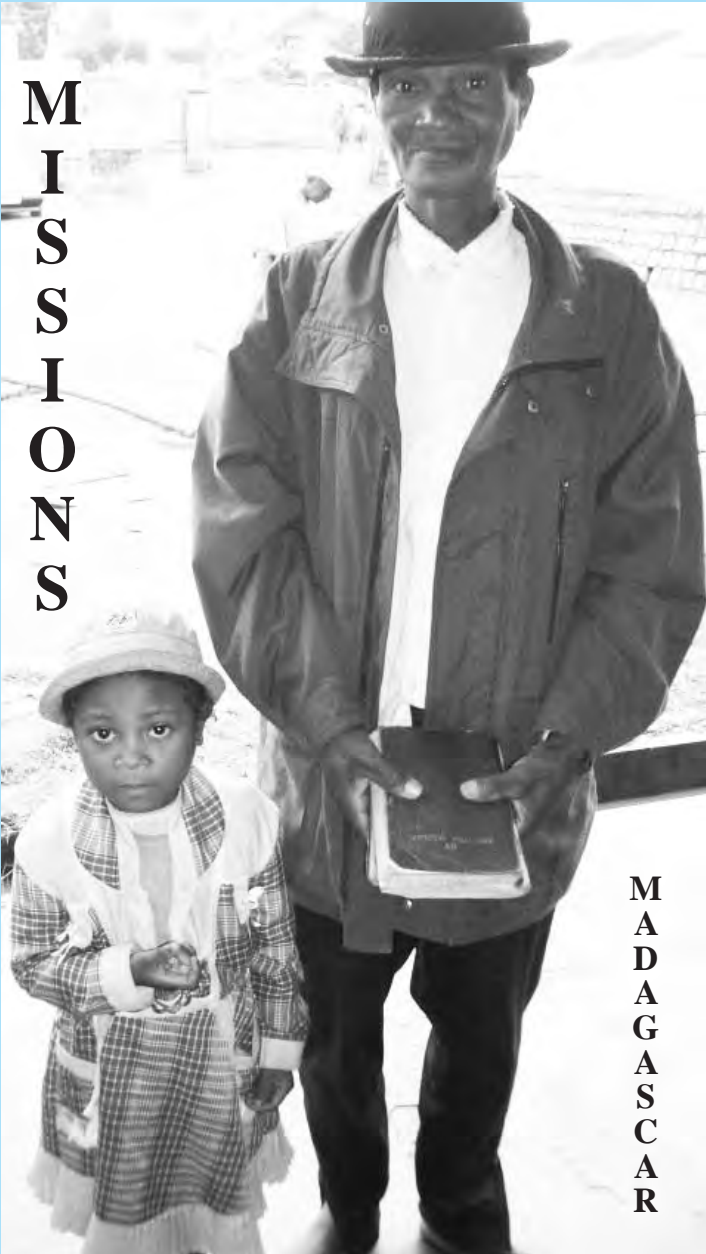
We must take up our cross and labor even though as Sister Estelle stated "the wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted. They have come out of their closets and are walking on every side of our country, and like the devil are seeking how many they can corrupt with their wicked life styles, they speak evil of everything that is good and honors God, as they are working to make America a godless country" If you, my friend, are stealing glory for yourself and not sacrificing yourself for others then you are not God's missionary but serve and are building the kingdom of the god of this world. How many a missionary has fallen to these deceptive offers of self esteem and sold out. "*Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.*" Matthew 25:45 "Examine yourselves," (2 Corinthians 13:5)

He willingly went to the cross in my place:

I willingly go to the mission field in His place!

Brother Jack M. Skinner

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