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Christianity Headed?*

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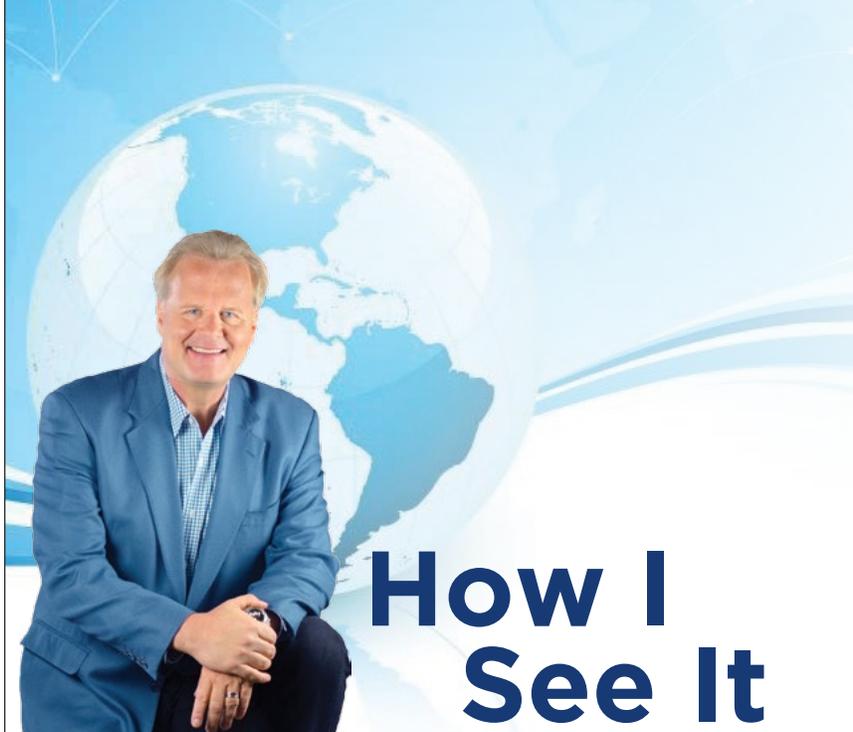
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## How I See It

**WELCOME** to another issue of *Impact!*

Time is of the essence, so before anything else, take a look at the notice on page 10. Taina and I look forward to host you at the **Grace & Healing Conference** in Toronto, September 29-30. These will be days of personal encouragement and blessing for you, and also a prophetic declaration that will have an effect for years to come. Be sure to reserve your seat at the Saturday night banquet.

The picture on the front page is from the World Impact Bible Institute graduation in Mwanza, Tanzania. I was moved to see how the Lord is working through the Bible Institute to transform the lives of students. The school in Tanzania is our most recent one. It has only been in operation for two years, while the campus in Kenya opened eight years ago, and the school in Indonesia is now in its 11th year. We also provide curriculum for a school in Ethiopia. I rejoice that so many of the graduates continue in gospel ministry, and they see hundreds, even thousands, come to the Lord.

### Campaigns Bring Huge Results

The last month has been busy. Pastor Nathan Thurber visited Myanmar and Ethiopia [see reports] and preparation for campaigns there are in full swing. Meanwhile Jakob Wendesten, our Gospel Festival coordinator, has just returned from Indonesia, where we are conducting two campaigns in September. The Gospel campaign in Mbeya, Tanzania became a historic breakthrough. Thank you to everyone who participated in prayer and giving!



Dean Morris

Also, the WIM staff worked with Pastor Anthony Greco from the Calgary Life Church, to organize a campaign in Tanzania. Pastor Greco started out in ministry with me in the 1980s. Today, he has a great church that touches many lives in southern Alberta.

**Social and Traditional Media**

Even with so much focus on social media, television still remains an important tool for the gospel. *You Are Loved* now

airs 30 times per week across Canada, in addition to being available on [peteryoungren.org](http://peteryoungren.org), and frequently on Facebook. Our telecast is now also available across Indonesia, in India and into the Middle East (see page 5).

**Take Action**

Sometimes I meet people, who tell me that they support our ministry, and of course I'm grateful. However, as we talk, I discover that there have been several years since they last gave an offering. I appreciate your prayer support, but let me be frank – we need your financial help! Don't just be a silent supporter, who appreciates the work, but show your support with your actions. I need to know that you stand with me for the gospel. The very best is to join the VIP family [see back cover].

“**Your teachings... revolutionized my life.**”

**Resource Material**  
 In a difficult time in my life, in 2002, I heard the Lord say; *Peter, if you are willing you can learn to know me much more.* I answered, *I am willing Lord.* That was the beginning of a journey to discover more of God's grace and love than I ever imagined. People tell me that the insights that God gave to me have also changed their lives. One man recently said; “Peter, I spend a couple of hours every night listening to your teachings and they have revolutionized my life. At first, I could hardly believe, but now I have entered into a whole new enjoyment of my Christian life.”

Take a look at some of the materials that are advertised in the magazine and also the insert. Expose yourself to teaching that can make your Christian life more powerful, more restful and ultimately more effective.

Finally, a special welcome to Dean Morris, who is joining our WIM team as an Associate Minister. You will hear more from him.

Thank you for your partnership!

*-Peter*



The WIM team also worked with Pastor Anthony Greco's campaign in Tanzania

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# LESS THAN 1% CHRISTIANS IN TAUNGGYI, BURMA



Nathan Thurber met Buddhist leaders in preparation for Peter Youngren Friendship Festival

Leaders in Taunggyi, Myanmar (Burma) recently received Nathan Thurber to discuss a Friendship Festival scheduled with Peter Youngren later this year. Taunggyi is a large city with less than 1% believers. There are only 15-30 churches most with 10-30 members. Buddhism is the largest religion, closely followed by Islam. Needless to say, the Gospel light is dim in this region, with many who have never heard the name of Jesus.

During his time in the city, Nathan visited a mosque and a Buddhist temple, meeting with Imams and Buddhist monks, to invite them to a Friendship Dinner that will be hosted by Peter Youngren. "They were very friendly and receptive", said Pastor Nathan, noting that one of the Imams gave him a 40 minute tour of a prominent mosque.

This will be historic because Taunggyi has never hosted a Gospel campaign before. Pastor Peter's "friendship approach", while preaching an uncompromising Gospel, makes these breakthroughs possible.



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# 'You Are Loved' Telecast Across Indonesia & India

TEN years ago, during a Gospel Campaign in Indonesia, Peter Youngren was invited to speak at a Christmas celebration of 8000 employees of one of Indonesia's largest media conglomerates. Now years later, that initial contact is bearing fruit, as WIM began broadcasting across Indonesia on June 1. At the same time, the Lord also opened the door for broadcast to begin across India on July 1.



Nagpur Friendship Festival

WIM's office in Medan, Indonesia will facilitate communication with viewers, and a new office has been opened in Nagpur, India to better serve the viewers across the Indian subcontinent. In 2012, a Gospel campaign was held in the city of Nagpur, in spite of intense opposition from groups that want to stop Christianity. Now that same city is where WIM's office is located.

Peter Youngren comments: "To launch in Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim

country, and India, where the majority are Hindus, is a strategic decision led by the Holy Spirit. Many Christian programs reach other Christians; we have a unique place, as we reach people of all religions. We have held more than 40 Gospel Festivals in India, but the last few years there has been an increased resistance. Still, through the medium of television, we are able to reach people in their homes."

Daniel Sugiarto, WIM representative in Indonesia, reports: "The viewers response has been extremely encouraging with many calling to

say how they were blessed by the teaching by Pastor Peter Youngren. Phone calls and messages are continuous during the shows and long after. We want to reach Indonesia with the message of God's love for all through Jesus. Christ will be made known in Indonesia."



Daniel Sugiarto

Aarthi Vijaykumar, of WIM, spoke of the exciting launch of the television ministry in India and the United Arab Emirates: "Masses in India have never heard about the Lord Jesus.



Aarthi Vijaykumar

Many religions promote God as a terror that needs to be appeased. From the 1st of July, we began to broadcast the Gospel of Christ and His love for the people, not only in India, but as well to the UAE. Our endeavor is to turn people's hearts to our loving Heavenly Father."

The television channel in India also reaches many other places, especially nations which have a large Indian population, such as the United Arab Emirates.

The programs aired internationally, partially carry the same content as the *You Are Loved* telecast, seen in Canada and the United States, but the programs are even more evangelistic, focused on seeing people come to salvation. Please pray for our coworkers in Indonesia and India, as they often work under difficult situations. - **Chloe Tonge**

# Where is Christianity Headed?

By Peter Youngren

*A myriad of voices are vying for our attention, so where will Christianity be 5, 10 or 20 years from now?*

**THERE** is a battle across the world, and it is a struggle for the hearts, minds and souls of people everywhere! Who are the influencers? At the very top, there is Social Media. Teenagers spend 9 hours per day, while baby boomers [those born between 1946 and 1964] spend 27 hours per week on social media, mostly on Facebook. Some say, 'people are busy, they don't have time for God', but maybe the opposite is true, maybe people have never had more discretionary time. On the streets, in parks, in church foyers, and even while driving, people check their phones. Social Media sets the trends in fashion, thought and political correctness. It identifies celebrities, what they wear, and by implication what you should wear, think and believe. Traditional media, the entertainment industry, religion, family and friends continue to influence, just less. One study suggested that parents spend 130 seconds per day of meaningful conversation with their teenage child. Bottom line, the world is in flux, up for grabs. Who will win the battle for people's hearts and minds?

Statistics in the United States tell us that tens of millions who, in 2000 attended a so-called born-again Evangelical church, are gone and they're not coming back - maybe 60 million or more. Christianity has its own myriad of voices. While some pursue more liturgical forms of worship, to others, the ideal is a pastor with a Coke in one hand and an iPad Bible in the other, a tight T-shirt that accentuates an often too large belly and skinny jeans. Frankly, when it comes to style, I want it all.

*Destiny* is a popular word. To some it means self-realization, while to others it is about making your life count for something greater. Some propagate an introspective type of Christianity, even as far as a monastic lifestyle, while others focus on making an impact for the gospel. It's 'I want to realize my dreams, I want personal fulfillment' versus 'I want to be a world changer.' Celebrity Christianity is huge and many are influenced by their favourite music artist or preacher, rather than thinking for themselves.

“There is a battle for the hearts, minds and souls of people everywhere!”

Today, like 2000 years ago, some trust in the gospel of God's grace while others want performance oriented religion with a list of don'ts and do's. Fear sells, especially when it comes to end time prophecy. After decades of wrong predictions about blood-moons, Y2K and the Lord's return, people still get caught up in fictitious interpretations, often with a self-serving, America-centric, slant. If you have been a Christian for a while, you may remember that King Carlos of Spain, Henry Kissinger and Gorbachev were but a few of yesteryear's candidates for the role of the Anti-Christ. Years ago, a guest lecturer at World Impact Bible Institute had convinced many of the students that the 1990 Bush – Gorbachev Summit was the beginning of the great tribulation. Someone may ask, "Peter, why even mention this?" Because when believers become sidetracked, their spiritual energy is drained. Often the very believers who potentially could make an impact for the gospel also have a penchant for sensationalism that pulls them off course.

Inside and outside the church we face a barrage of ideas about marriage, gender and religion. Earlier this year the government of Canada required that applicants for certain government grants must answer questions about abortion, gender theory and same-sex rights in order to apply. Amazingly the government gets away with this. Thought police in Canada? Who saw it coming? Who or what is next?

My purpose is not to analyze or address these topics but merely to show that there is an unprecedented battle for people's minds and hearts. Where is the gospel? Where are the gospel believers? I make two observations:

**Observation #1: In order to engage in a cause, one must believe that what we have to offer is of great value, something that others don't have.**

Annual Pride Parades, held in large and small cities, are organized by people who believe that they have something to contribute. When Muslims stand on street corners giving out pamphlets, a common sight in many European cities, it's because they believe they have something of value. The same goes for the gospel believers. If we think that the gospel is highly valuable, we will share it. If not, we won't.

To make it personal, why do I do what I do? Why Gospel campaigns? Why Gospel TV? Why do we engage with Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists? Why do I try to inspire Christians to share the gospel and give finances? **ANSWER:** Because my deep conviction is that once people discover God's love in Jesus Christ, they will lead more wholesome, peaceful and productive lives, that Christ's gospel, not only improves lives, but transforms and ultimately leads to a better society.

Communism may be the most deplorable philosophy of all time, but still at its height, around 1975, it dominated more than 50% of the world. Hundreds of millions believed in communism, and tens of millions died for it. Karl Marx finished the *Communist Manifesto*, which was a guide for the Communist movement, with the words: 'You have a world to win.' Think what we may – they did have a clear cut goal. Bible readers will quickly remember the final words of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which could also be summarized: 'You have a world to win.'

Why is it that many Christians don't see themselves having something of great value to contribute to the others? I note two reasons.

First, some have bought the lie; 'I don't want to push my faith on others'. Note the

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negatively loaded word “push”, as in drug pusher? We don’t refer to real estate agents as ‘real estate pushers’, or insurance salesmen as ‘insurance pushers.’ Here is the deal, we have the most beautiful news ever, that God in Christ has reconciled the world to himself. Our message brings peace to troubled hearts, that God does not have an axe to grind with anyone, that God is committed to love, and that he has proven this through Jesus Christ. We don’t “push” our faith, but like Simon Peter, we say, ‘*what I have I give you*’.

In contrast, there is an unattractive, all too common teaching, which perpetuates the myth that Christianity is for losers, suckers – people looking for a crutch. In this misrepresentation we are inundated with the idea of how “needy” we are, and we hear phrases like, ‘God wants to meet all of our needs’, and ‘we are a needy people.’ While this sounds spiritual it is not the Gospel, which says that God already has met our needs through Jesus Christ. The gospel is not about pining and begging for God’s presence, hoping for a handout. On the contrary, we are joint heirs with Christ, we have the answer; Christ is in us. This beggarly type of Christianity reduces our motivation to evangelize. Who wants to share a miserable, beggarly religion? If we see the gospel as it truly is, a victorious message for all, then we have something very precious to impart. Imagine believers 2000 years ago in Jerusalem telling everybody how needy they were. No, they were persuaded that they had something valuable to offer, and they were right.

**Is Christianity a club or a cause?** A club exists to cater to its membership; golf clubs cater to golfers and curling clubs to curlers. If the church is a club then church workers must focus on keeping the members happy. While I realize that the church is much more than a cause, it is a cause! We have an assignment from God to enlighten darkened minds about who God is, and who we humans are, because God loves us. We have a world to win.

**Observation #2: Every believer has a decisive role to play in the struggles for the hearts and minds and souls of people.**

In Acts chapter 13 the Holy Spirit commissioned the entire church to send Paul and Barnabas into missionary ministry. Gospel ministry must never be outsourced – it is for every believer. If we see ourselves as powerless bystanders we are deceived. Gideon saw himself insignificant and unworthy, but God had a different view and told him, ‘Go in your might’. I think God is similarly tired today to hear Christians describe themselves as inconsequential, powerless, needing more, instead of seeing what they already have in Christ.

A well-known Bible story speaks to today’s situation. There was a desperate famine in Samaria, some ate ‘donkey heads’ and ‘dove droppings’, while others resorted to cannibalism. The situation turned around when four hopeless lepers, who were facing death, marched against the enemy army, because they said; ‘*Why are we sitting here until we die?*’, [2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 7:3].

**Do nothing and die slowly.** If Abraham had stayed in his birth city of Ur he would have missed God’s purposes. If David had stayed on the farm, or hid in the cave, he would’ve forfeited his destiny. If Simon Peter had not stepped out of the boat, or had not stepped up on the day of Pentecost, if the believers in the Book of Acts had refused to leave Jerusalem, and if Paul had ignored the vision of the man from Macedonia, these may have become a footnote of history. Christianity is a way forward! We are the people of ‘the way!’

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**Step out or miss out!** The four staggering lepers were unlikely history makers. They had no idea that God would multiply the sounds of their feet, causing the enemy to think that there was an attack from an overwhelming force. Had the lepers not stepped out they would have missed out on God's miracle provision, and the same goes for us.

**Step out in spite of failures.** Everyone will fail, some learn from their failures and others don't. Ponder this: *The fact that you've been knocked down is of limited interest, the length of time before you get up again is what's important.* Learn from failure! Ask yourself: What have I learned? Were my goals disconnected from God's purpose? Were my plans out of sync with the peace of God in my heart? The four lepers and the whole city of Samaria had failed. The Bible is full of stories about failures; Samson failed terribly, before he saw his greatest victory. Simon Peter sank, but he didn't drown; he walked on the water.

**Step out in spite of negative voices.** The story about the famine in Samaria begins by recounting a negative voice, a military officer, who claimed that if God would pour bread from heaven, the famine could not be averted. Naysayers and impossibility thinkers will always be with us. The only way to escape criticism is to do nothing, say nothing and be nothing. The apostle Paul saw the glass half full, not half empty, when he wrote; *'a great and effective door has opened to me and there are many adversaries'*. Notice that 'many adversaries' did not stop Paul from pursuing the great and effective door.

**Step out - your destiny is waiting.** The four lepers come to the deserted military camp, only to find abundance of food and clothing. They ate, until they couldn't eat anymore, and then it hit them that they must tell the city about what they had discovered: ***"We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent."*** That's a message for us; we must not remain silent, we have fabulous good news about a love that never fails and about Jesus Christ who has revealed that love. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Many voices seek to dull our motivation to share the gospel. Just one very small example. From time to time you hear a quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi – father of the Franciscan Order: "Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary". The idea is that it is more virtuous to proclaim the gospel by a exemplary life than with voice. Just one problem; St. Francis of Assisi never said that. In fact historians record that Francis was quite a preacher, giving sermons in up to five villages in one day. Someone added the famous quote a couple hundred years after Francis' death. Ultimately, Francis of Assisi or not we take the words of Jesus to go into all the world and preach the gospel. My thought is; preach with words and demonstrate with your life that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Where is Christianity headed? It depends on every believer; all of us have a decisive role to play. We have a stark warning from history. For 1200 years, the country known as Turkey was a bastion for the gospel, but today Christianity is almost extinct. One recent report stated that within a generation Christianity may be wiped out in Nigeria, a country that many have viewed as a hotbed for Christian revival. Countries are up for grabs. What will happen to your nation? Take courage because: *time and opportunity happen to all,* (Ecclesiastes 9:11). This is our time! The battle for the hearts and souls and minds of people is happening now. Step up for the Gospel and take your place! Become involved by sharing, sending and going with the Good News! 🌿

“ We have a world to win. ”

“ Just one problem; St. Francis of Assisi never said that... Francis was quite a preacher. ”

# Grace to the World

## HEALING CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 29 & Sunday, September 30, 2018

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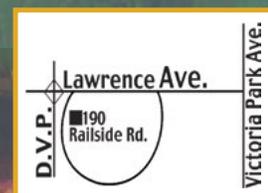
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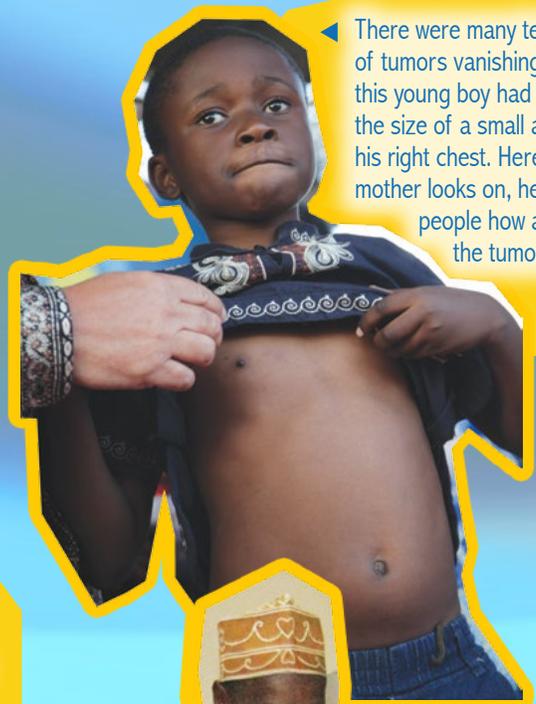
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The large field was flooded by people who eagerly wanted the gospel. Even hours before the meetings started people gathered waiting to see what the Lord would do. Still etched in my mind is the amazement of those faces, as they witnessed the miracles of Christ. The atmosphere was so charged with the love of God. Thousands left the festival each evening to share the excitement of what was spoken and witnessed to their neighbors in the city and in the surrounding villages. No wonder, the Festival grew to unprecedented attendance.

I will never forget the words from the local committee of pastors: "This festival is historic, never have we seen such reception of the gospel, where Muslims and governmental leaders participate in the way they've done".



◀ Sharom Ramadhani, a young Muslim man, healed after having been injured in an accident. When Muslim friends receive miracles from Christ it makes a deep impression on people.



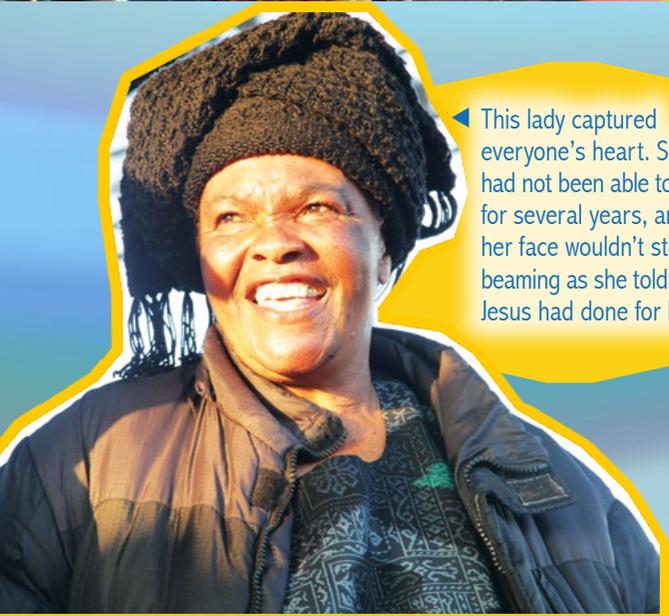
◀ There were many testimonies of tumors vanishing. One was this young boy had a tumor the size of a small apple on his right chest. Here, while his mother looks on, he shows the people how all trace of the tumor is gone.

▼ Already when Pastor Peter arrived at the airport he was swarmed by reporters who wanted to know what his message was. He explained, about God's love in Jesus Christ for all.





40,000 follow up booklets had been printed. Already by the third night they were all gone.



▶ This lady captured everyone's heart. She had not been able to walk for several years, and her face wouldn't stop beaming as she told what Jesus had done for her.

▶ Many experienced healing from paralysis. Some had been carried by friends or family, others had been brought by car. They gave testimony that Jesus Christ is the same today as 2000 years ago.



▶ A moment of levity together with the head of the Islamic Federation of Mbeya (left) and the Mbeya Commissioner (right). Photo taken during the Friendship Dinner.



▶ Muslim clerics listen intently as Peter talked about his purpose in coming to Mbeya, and illustrating it with the story of John the Baptist referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.



### *Pastor Fabian*

I have learnt how to proclaim the finished work of Jesus Christ. Previously I was so much focus on the devil, but this seminar and the Gospel Festival has set me free to put my focus on Jesus Christ.



### *Pastor Henry*

The teachings of Pastor Peter Youngren made a deep impression on us pastors, and our knowledge in Jesus Christ has increased. We believe that our country and our region will be changed by the gospel. I have received new boldness. This is what we need to reach the world!



### *Pastor Lesapo*

The seminar has changed our ministries and our heart attitudes. Many of us have been preaching from the Old Covenant, without revealing Christ, but from now we are totally changed. We thank God for Peter Youngren, who has taught us deeply in the revelation of Christ.



### *Pastor Vincent*

God has touched me greatly through the Gospel Revolution Seminar. These powerful revelations have a practical meaning that will help me to work with the Holy Spirit to see Tanzania changed. We thank God for His servant Peter Youngren, for his teachings and his prayers.

Mother and daughter ▶ share a testimony together. The mother had been unable to walk for 15 years and was brought to the meeting by her daughter and no wonder they were rejoicing after God healed the mother.



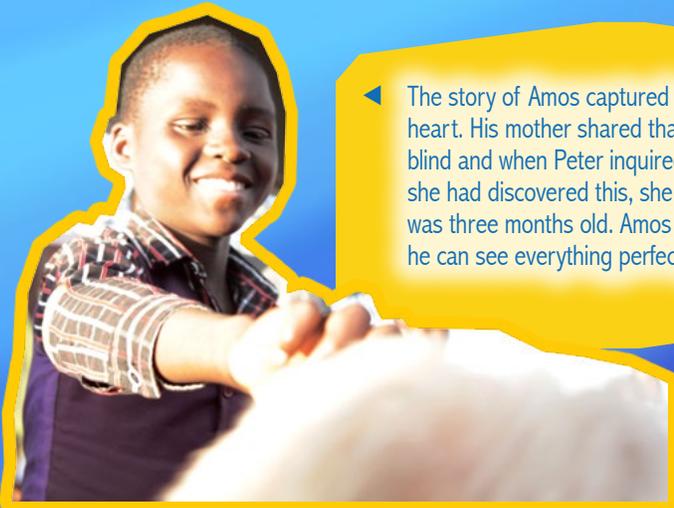
◀ Another one of many whose deaf ear opened.



▼ No longer blind.



◀ The story of Amos captured everyone's heart. His mother shared that he was born blind and when Peter inquired exactly when she had discovered this, she said: when he was three months old. Amos is now 11 and he can see everything perfectly.





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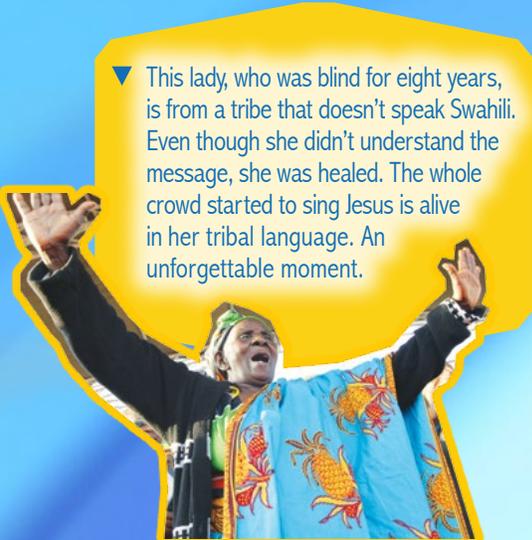
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◀ Luango had been unable to walk and was overwhelmed with emotion after Jesus healed him. ▼



◀ A moment of triumph. This lady, who had been blind, was able to see and follow the movements of my hand.



▼ This lady, who was blind for eight years, is from a tribe that doesn't speak Swahili. Even though she didn't understand the message, she was healed. The whole crowd started to sing Jesus is alive in her tribal language. An unforgettable moment.



▼ 650 pastors were trained at the Gospel Revolution Seminar.

# Carrie John

## A Journey of Recovery

By Chloe Tonge



**THE** last thing Carrie John expected was to become an invalid, dependent on others for everything. Working full-time as a probation manager and personal trainer, as well as being a mother of two, Carrie's life had never been more active. One morning in October 2010, everything suddenly changed. Her children were shocked to find their mother unconscious on her bed. Carrie had been struck down by a debilitating disease. Rushed to the hospital, she was diagnosed with Cavernous Malfunction and brain bleed, prompting emergency surgery.

The procedure was successful and Carrie was back on her feet within a few weeks. However, months later, the searing pain in her head returned with a vengeance. Walking proved to be difficult as any pressure caused extreme pain. It wasn't long before Carrie found herself bedridden. Super-sensitive to light and sound, she had to lie in a dark room with ear plugs – her only solace in the midst of torment.

Weeks turned into months and with the doctors unable to provide answers or treatment, Carrie turned to God. *"To begin with, I was very angry, I felt abandoned, rejected – not knowing why God didn't take the pain away",* narrated Carrie. Frustration and hopelessness developed into a desire to know God more and Carrie reached out to Jesus, *"I got to know Jesus, as a friend, not just an entity far away. He would come to me in the midst of the pain and comfort me. He told me that I was not going to die",* she said.

After several months, Carrie was able to move around with a walker, still wearing earplugs blocking all sound. In January 2013, Carrie's mother, brought her to Toronto International Celebration Church to attend a Healing Service with Pastor Peter Youngren. At this point, Carrie was desperate and yet full of expectation. *"Just like when Peter and John looked at the man at the beautiful gate and they saw faith in him, you could have seen faith in me"* said Carrie with tears in her eyes

as she recalled that day. She had to sit outside the auditorium due to the noise but that did not hinder her faith. *"When Pastor Peter said 'someone is being healed of chronic pain' in my heart, I said 'that's me!'"* Defying the voice of doubt, Carrie stood up and walked into the auditorium. *"I continued walking all the way to the front and realized I felt no pain. I was overwhelmed when I took my ear plugs out during the noise and worship! Jesus healed me instantly!"*

From that moment, strength returned to Carrie's limbs and she had complete relief from the excruciating pain which had defined her existence for years. She is now back to work as a full-time personal trainer as well as being a minister of the Gospel, having attended World Impact Bible Institute. Pondering on how God works, Carrie said, *"I look back and I see that God had a plan. I believe the trials caused me to draw close to Him. God knows the end from the beginning and He knew on that day that I took ill that I would be healed."*

On the need to wait on God in the midst of trials, Carrie said, *“I learned that I needed to take my burdens and give them to Christ. None of us like waiting, but it is between the asking and the answer that we grow, because we have to hold on to Him. Weakness is a powerful thing, especially when a person like me has been defined by strength. Once my strength was gone, I discovered that in reality, God is my strength.”*

Carrie’s husband Emile spoke of his wife’s healing, *“I am so thankful to God that Carrie is alive and well. Carrie was always a strong woman but she has a different sense of conviction now.”*

*“When I invited my daughter to TICC, I was like Hannah in the Bible. I had witnessed God’s grace before and I knew He could do it again for my daughter”,* said Patricia Wilks, Carrie’s mother.

Carrie concluded with a poignant word of advice to others passing through difficulties, *“Sometimes we don’t see the storms of life pass as quickly as we want, but that doesn’t mean God*



*is not working. Sometimes we need to get to the end of ourselves, before we are truly ready to trust and lean on Him. My life has been given back to me, and I am experiencing a depth of living that I have never known before.”* 🍁



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## 60 CHURCHES BURNED – NOW TIME FOR GOSPEL FESTIVALS



Nathan Thurber with local church leaders - Peter Youngren’s Gospel Festival is a few months from now

Nathan Thurber recently travelled to Jimma and Ziway, Ethiopia to prepare for Friendship Festivals to be conducted by Pastor Peter Youngren. He was received by religious and political leaders, including several Muslim leaders of those cities.

Jimma has a large Muslim population and has a history riddled with conflict. In 2006 and again in 2011, churches were burned with many converting to Islam. Since these traumatic events, there has been a sense of fear among Christians, and they are eager for Peter Youngren to come. Ziway, in central Ethiopia is predominantly orthodox, with a fast growing Muslim population.

*“I was received warmly by local church leaders and have made substantial progress towards planning the upcoming festivals. A point for prayer is for the government to grant permission for the stadium as the strong Muslim presence has prevented Christians from holding large scale events for many years”,* said Pastor Nathan.

Pastor Peter commented, *“These campaigns happen because the partners care and give. We are co-workers with the Lord”.*



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**ARE** you looking for a church that believes in people because of what God can do through anyone? For more than 2,000 adults and children the Celebration Church in Toronto is that place. Regardless of age or background, you will be welcomed with open arms. The church was founded in 2000 by Peter Youngren, who continues to be deeply involved, while Pastor Nathan Thurber leads the daily work and shares in the preaching and teaching.

To better serve the community and families, this summer the church completed a renovation of its main auditorium and children's department, including a video wall and new audio systems by the same company that also provided audio visual technology for the Air Canada Centre and Roy Thompson Hall.

In a world where some question the need for local churches, Nathan Thurber commented: "Yes, we are complete in Christ, we do not require a go between for our fellowship with God, we have direct and unfettered access by grace, but today, like 2000 years ago, believers need a strong local church." When probed to explain further, Nathan continued:

*First, God has appointed leaders to help us stay focused on the completed work of the cross, in the face of many distractions. Second, every believer needs community – a place to belong. Third, God gave all believers a purpose to share the Gospel. Paul wrote, "I am obligated*

*both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel...". (Romans 1:14-15). The local church is uniquely equipped to be witnesses locally and globally, and it is a place where new believers can find a spiritual home.*

Many church members will tell you that the "secret sauce" of Celebration Church is found in its love for others, whether those in the church or people who have not yet come to faith. The Mission Statement says;

*"Our purpose is to use every opportunity, in every possible place, with every possible method, to reach every possible person, with the Good News of Jesus Christ".*

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# World Impact Bible Institute to relaunch as a Seminary



Aarthi Vijaykumar caught up with Peter Youngren before he travelled to Europe and Indonesia to ask about what's next.

## What is your focus for the next few years?

**Peter:** I'm concerned where Christianity is heading, especially concerning the gospel, or should I say - the lack of gospel awareness inside and outside the Church. My focus now and beyond is to train a generation of gospel carriers.

Our international World Impact Bible Institute (WIBI) campuses in Indonesia, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya inspire me. I see fire for the Gospel in the hearts of the students. Plans are underway to relaunch WIBI as World Impact Gospel Seminary in September, 2019. We are in contact with the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, and expect to be able to grant a Bachelor degree in Christian Ministry, and then we will also apply for Masters and Doctoral degrees. Our focus will be Theology, Creative Arts, Leadership, Christian Business and World Missions, and we will have teachers with outstanding education credentials and spiritual impact.

**"We are now applying for recognition as a Seminary with degree-granting status."**

will accelerate with Gospel Campaigns, television and media. In short, we are all about "Gospel Advancement", Jesus' words to preach the Gospel to every creature is before me.

## So no plans of retirement?

**Peter:** Retirement looks appealing, but only for a few moments.

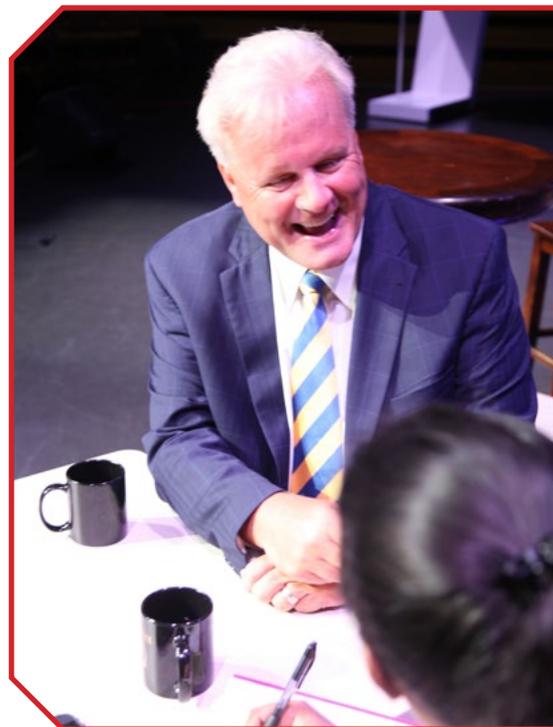
Taina claims that I would not last a week in retirement. No, I will keep working for many years to come, the Lord willing. A year ago I mentioned that I have asked God for 30 more years of effective gospel ministry, so I think I have at least 29 years left. Those who at one time mentored me have passed away and I find myself now in a situation where people from all over the world consider me their mentor. I'm ready for this next phase.

## What is the most unique aspect of your work?

**Peter:** There are only a few people, very few, who conduct Gospel Campaigns as we do. However, I don't know anyone in the world who systematically meets with religious and political leaders, who are Buddhists, Hindus or Muslims, like we do, in order to present Jesus Christ. One example is in this magazine, with pictures from my recent meeting with Muslim leaders in Tanzania.

## A Seminary or a "University" is a major step, what are the practical consequences?

**Peter:** We are not there yet, but yes,



we will pursue University status, as a Seminary with degree-granting status. Watch for more information later this fall. This project demands time, commitment and relying on God. We also want to expand the existing international campuses in Asia and Africa, and possibly add two more campuses. We must urgently engage in a building program to provide proper facilities, libraries, fellowship halls, etc. for students here in Toronto.

### Is full-time ministry important?

**Peter:** Every Christian is a full time minister, so I hesitate to use that expression because it divides between laity and professionals. Having said that, we will train those called to vocational ministry. Keep in mind that many graduates from World Impact Bible Institute already serve as Pastors and in other leadership functions. Vocational ministry is crucial, and the training will equip students for effective work.

### What skills are needed to engage in gospel ministry?

**Peter:** Gospel ministry is simply telling others what Christ has done for you, no special training is needed. Each believer has the right and responsibility to share Christ, and the Holy Spirit will be our helper. The quicker you confess to someone that Jesus is your Lord, the better, and it brings joy to your heart.

### So what about training for vocational ministry?

**Peter:** We have a holistic world-view; Jesus Christ is more than our personal savior, Christ influences our whole life and our society. Higher Christian education has a long-term view of building greater lives and ultimately a better society. Those in vocational ministry should be well versed in Christian Theology, History and in understanding the world around us. World Impact Gospel Seminary will also include a Research department regarding the progress of the Gospel in various cultures, also in Canada and the United States.

### After 40 years in ministry, what has been your greatest joy?

**Peter:** The greatest reward is to meet someone, or hear a testimony of a person whose life was transformed by Jesus Christ. This happens often. Just the other day, a stranger walked up to me and said, "I received Christ when you preached years ago."

### What about your greatest disappointment?

**Peter:** Not having been more effective in communicating

the urgency of sharing the Gospel. I try to communicate that all humans have equal value and an equal right to hear and receive the Gospel, and this is the responsibility of every believer. We must never think that the Gospel should be outsourced to certain preachers.

That's why I dislike when people say that Peter Youngren has a 'special anointing'; I believe we are all anointed. I wish I had been able to garner greater urgency for the cause of the Gospel.



**"Our partners who give, pray and make this possible have as big of a share in this as I do, maybe bigger."**

### What motivates you?

**Peter:** God has put love and concern for others in me. Christ's love compels me. That's reality to me. I don't feel a pressure to share the gospel, but instead it is an inner conviction that I have something of great value to pass on.

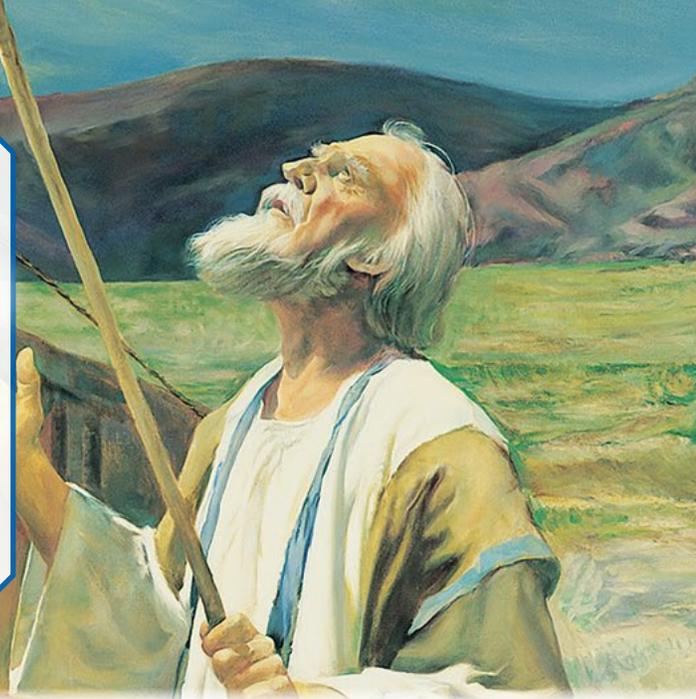
### You often speak of the partners of World Impact Ministries. Can you comment?

**Peter:** A partner is much more than a supporter who gives financially. Partners are believers, who have the same commitment as I do. They may be in a different line of work, but what they do is no less important. The fact that I often get to see tens of thousands of people receive Christ in one moment is a privilege, but I feel that our partners who give, pray and make this possible have as big of a share in this as I do, maybe bigger.

### What do you and Taina enjoy when you have time off?

**Peter:** Every day there is work that needs to be done, and we are equally committed. We try to take time for simple things like sitting in our backyard, enjoying the sunshine and breeze, or taking our dog for a walk. These times are punctuated with interesting conversations and exchange of ideas. We sometimes go out for a meal. I think one of the keys in life is to enjoy the moment you are in, even when you are very busy, and Taina and I do that. 🌸

# You Bless ABRAHAM'S SEED When You Give to the Gospel!



**TO** be blessed is to be empowered with God's favor. God said to Abraham, *I will bless those who bless you*, but what does it mean to bless Abraham and his seed? Take a look at these absolutes from Scripture:

**#1: Those who bless Abraham's seed are BLESSED.** The key question is: *Who is Abraham's seed?* The Bible gives an unequivocal answer: *Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed, which is Christ,"* Gal 3:16.

**#2: Abraham's Seed is Jesus Christ.** Where does that leave us? Can we – the believers – also be called Abraham's seed? A few verses later, we find the answer: *If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise,* Gal 3:29.

**#3: Because we are IN CHRIST, we are Abraham's seed by extension.** There is no regard for gender, ethnicity, education or background. When you are in Christ you are connected – Abraham's blessing is yours.

**#4: To BLESS CHRIST [Abraham's Seed] is a key to OUR BLESSING.** Abraham, who lived 4000 years ago, saw only a glimpse of the Gospel that was to come. Because

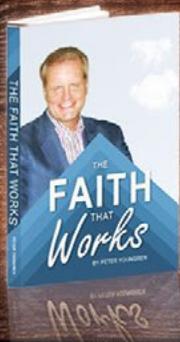
of what Christ has done, we see clearly. We know that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham.

What does it mean today to bless Abraham's seed – Jesus Christ? Let Jesus answer. *"No one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life,* Mark 10:29-30

There we have it: the blessing is connected to giving for Jesus' sake and Gospel's.

**#5: When we bless Christ and His Gospel - we bless Abraham's seed.** Jesus used the expression "hundredfold." In the local Middle Eastern setting this didn't necessarily mean a mathematical 100X; *the hundredfold return meant a maximum yield, the most possible in any given situation.*

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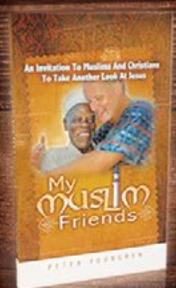


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## ONE TO ONE WITH ARCHBISHOP WINNIE OWITI

During her visit to Toronto, Chloe Tonge caught up with **Winnie Owiti**, longtime friend of Peter Youngren and World Impact Ministries. She is the Archbishop of **Voice Of Salvation and Healing Ministries** in Kenya, founded by her late husband and renowned minister, Silas Owiti. Winnie currently oversees 1200 churches.

### How did your friendship with Peter Youngren and World Impact Ministries start?

The work of Peter Youngren across the nation of Kenya has been historic, and we have seen up close the long lasting fruit of his ministry. In 1986, Peter Youngren organized a Gospel Festival in Kisumu, Kenya and appointed my husband as chairman because he had met Silas previously though TL Osborn. After the event, we invited Peter to visit our home, and we have been dear friends ever since.

### What have been your keys to success?

I would say prayer, training of ministers and a relationship with Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not about intellectualism or experience, but the Holy Spirit at work in us. My husband was a man of prayer and faith. Above all, he loved the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He would tell me, "Winnie, even if I don't have money, if I have the anointing, I have everything."

### What is your advice for women in leadership?

God calls and gives people leadership.

Authority comes from God. He is not a God of double standards.

Sin is sin, whether it is a woman or a man. The same blood that saves a man saves a woman also. If God has called a woman into leadership, she must know that it is not by personal power or might.

God who calls us is able to equip us to match the office that He has given us. Women should not shy away from leadership but depend totally on God to help them be the leader He has called them to be.

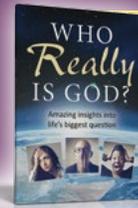
### What do you see for the future of Kenya?

I look at Kenya as a vibrant nation, the pearl of Africa. Out of Kenya, ministers will rise up. While many Kenyans are Christians, I pray that we will not become stuck in religion, but Christ-like, that the power of Christ will be seen in us.

I pray that the country will grow in Christ and that our leaders will have integrity. My dream is for a Kenya without corruption or political games. I also pray there will be peace among all tribes that make up our nation. ✨

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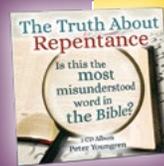
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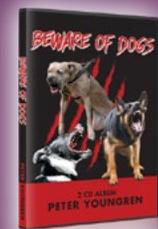
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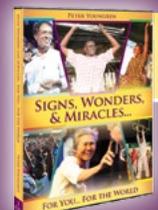
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# Last Word With Taina



## Are You Excited About... Righteousness?

**ONE** of the basic truths of the Christian life was blurred to me when I started my journey with Jesus decades ago. And yet, that basic truth is one of the fundamentals, and we need to discover it personally in order to experience it fully. I am talking about **righteousness**.

If we miss the reality of Christ's righteousness in us we don't really enjoy the new life benefits, but instead we struggle with issues that have already been dealt with by the death and resurrection of Christ. I am talking about negative feelings of shame, condemnation, low self-esteem, rejection, to mention a few – and we don't need to struggle with these.

Look at Romans 5:15 – 21 ... *But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.*

"The free gift" means "the grace of God." There is absolutely nothing that we can present to God as a merit in order to

receive His grace. A gift **must** be free – if it costs even a cent, it's no longer a gift.

*And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came after many offenses resulted in justification.*

Adam, as a paragon of humankind, brought condemnation through his trespass, but the free gift of God (His grace) **brought justification through Christ for all who believe.** Believe in what? In Jesus Christ!

*For if by the one man's offense death reigned... much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

Instead of inheriting death through Adam we inherited "the gift of righteousness" through Christ. We reign in life through Him when we receive "abundance of grace". And we received abundance of grace when we received Jesus Christ. It is as simple as that!

*Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Law of Moses came to increase the awareness of the trespass by defining sin. And where sin increased, **God's grace surpassed it and increased all the more!** Yes, sin did reign, bringing us to death, but grace reigns through righteousness of Christ, causing us to enjoy the God kind of life.

My friend, we are not beggars, seeking for God's grace. The depth of that revelation opens up a whole new world to us. We are free to live, to love, and to reach higher goals in life because we understand that God is not holding back anything, due to any unworthiness in us but everything that we receive from God is by grace. Righteousness is by grace. That's something to be excited about! ✨

## Notice to Partners!

Effective this year, we no longer mail out monthly thank you notes, to those who give an offering for World Impact Ministries. Instead, you will receive a **Quarterly Gospel Investment Report**, which outlines in detail what the Lord has done through the giving of the partners each three month period.

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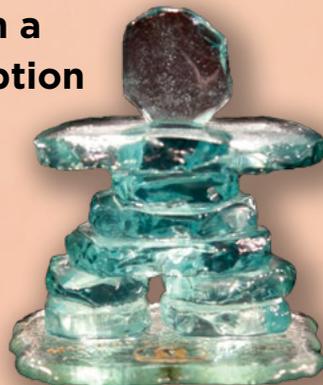
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