
Upcoming Events

Church Picnic at Mesquite Park, April 18th

Church Retreat at Tulsa, OK, June 26-28

Weekly Schedule

Fri, Apr 10th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Apr 10th (Metro) Impact meeting @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Apr 11th (Metro) Blood Donation Drive @ Metro (9 AM - 1 PM)

Sat, Apr 11th (Metro) FTH @ Metro (6:30 PM)

Sun, April 12th (Metro) Youth Sunday @ Metro (10 AM)

FTH Quiz & Metro Kids Piggy Bank Project

Adult Quiz: Job 1 -10 & Kids Quiz: Acts 8 - 14

All Metro Kids, please bring in your piggy bank collection to FTH this Saturday.
The money you collected will be used to support Soundaraya & Maliha in India.

Prayer for the Nations: Democratic Republic of Congo (Africa)*

- The Democratic Republic of Congo, (formerly Zaire), is the size of Western Europe and rich in minerals, oil and fertile land.
- Since becoming independent from Belgium in 1960, the infamous dictatorship of General Mobutu (lasting 20 years) has resulted in large scale corruption, poverty and instability.
- More than a thousand people die every day in Congo, site of one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Millions still suffer from a lethal combination of disease and hunger caused by the war and ongoing conflict and displacement.
- It is one of the poorest and most dangerous countries in the world; where even the desperately needed aid agencies fear to tread.
- Christianity has spread from 1.4% of the population to 70% who would now call themselves Christians. Christians here are more committed to prayer and desperate to be close to God.
- The Pygmy people have always been despised and overlooked, but loads are becoming Christians!
- Pray for PEACE and Pray against violence so that aid agencies can reach the millions of starving Rwandan, Burundian and Congolese refugees.
- Pray for integrity and wisdom for Congolese leaders and government.
- Pray for strength for Christians, to demonstrate their faith of love and peace in a war-torn country. Pray for the growing Muslim population and large number of people of tribal beliefs.
- Pray that more churches can be established and build discipleship.
- More than 1.1 million people are infected with HIV. Pray for these people.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=105

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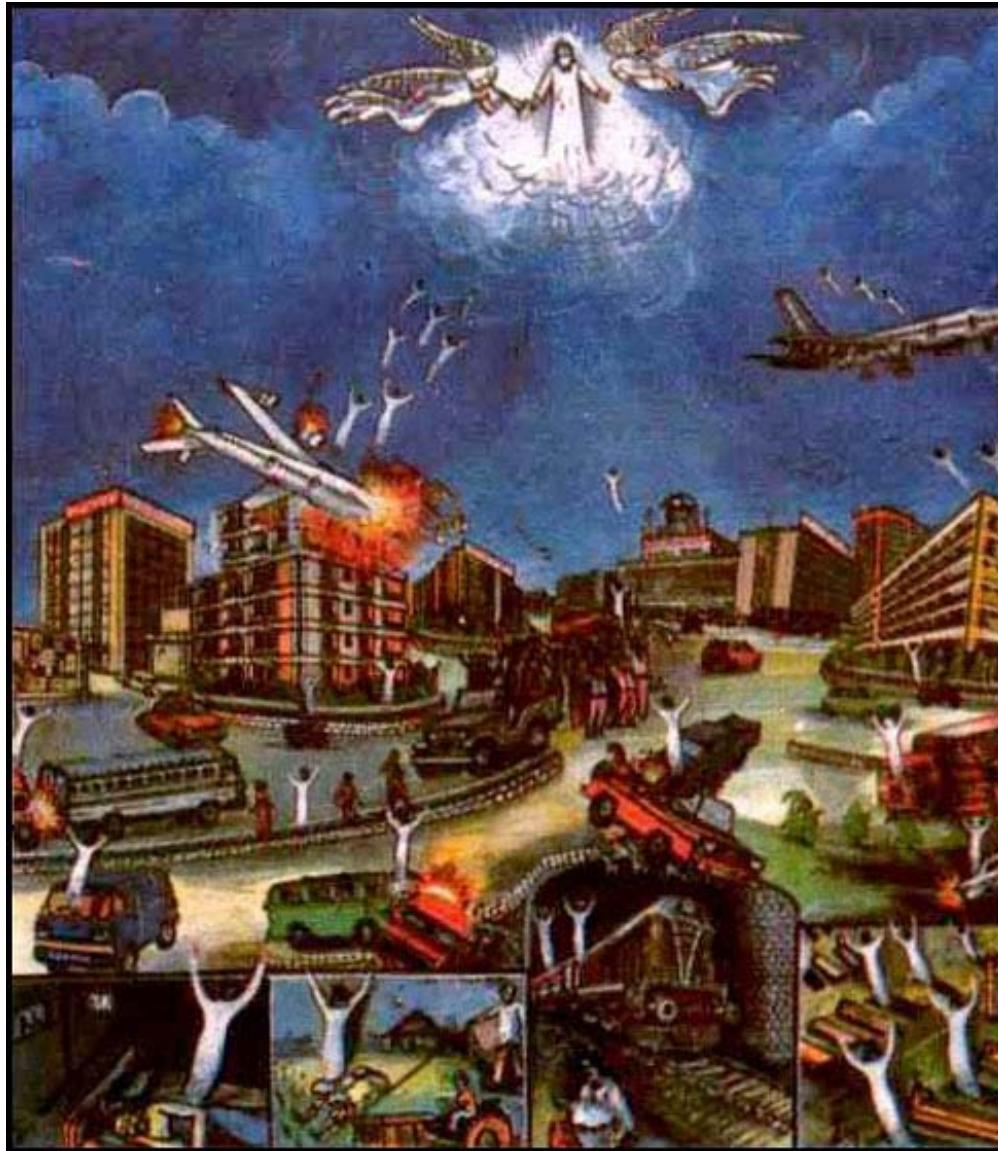
*Celebrating the Presence of God
Demonstrating the Love of God
Communicating the Word of God
Educating the People of God*

April 5, 2009

In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel. Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey. (Ps 76:1,4)

Welcome

WHAT IS YOUR ETERNAL DESTINY?



*"Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left."
(Matthew 24: 40-41)*

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I remember seeing this picture on a bookmark in my Mom's bible when I was probably 5 years old. I studied every part of this image as she explained the different scenarios and about His truth. As years went by, I began to question my purpose in life. There has to be more to life than just going to school, making good grades, or going to work. I decided to pick up Rick Warren's best seller, *The Purpose Driven Life*.

As I read and flipped each page, I was thrilled to know that in a few days life would really make sense. One morning as I woke up from my sleep, I lay there still knowing that I just experienced something unexplainable, yet, so real. In a dream, I saw Jesus carrying the cross along with Simon. There were a few soldiers whipping and hitting him as He walked on. Suddenly, He collapsed and there was no movement. I wanted to run over and help Him but there was a barrier that blocked me. Feeling so helpless, I began to cry and sing this chorus as I watched Him lying there.

*"Crucified, laid behind a stone
He lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
He took the fall and thought of me
Above All "*

He began to move and tried to get back up. The more I sang, the stronger He became. Before He completely rose to His feet, He looked into my eyes. In what was probably a few fleeting seconds, His inescapable gaze into my soul felt like an eternity. Not a word was uttered, yet He pierced my heart with a question.

"Are You Ready?"

I wish I could truly explain or paint the Jesus I saw. Earthly words fail to grasp His true beauty and divinity. All I know is life made sense that morning. From that day on, I knew my purpose was to bring glory to my Father through everything I do on earth.

Whether we are ready or not, Jesus is coming. When He does, where will you be?

-Shirley Abraham

*Image from: <http://www.his-amazing-love.org/images/rapture.jpg>