
Upcoming Events

Special Convention sponsored by Church of God churches in Dallas
Speaker: Rev P.I. Abraham (Kanam Achen)
August 21 - 22 (Friday & Saturday) at 7 PM
Highland Oaks Church of Christ, 10805 Kingsley Rd, Dallas 75238

Weekly Schedule

Sat Aug 1 (Garland) City Wide Prayer Meeting (6:45 PM)
Dallas Pentecostal Church
418 Cashmere Dr, Garland, TX 75041

Words of Wisdom

A missionary explained to a gathering how he came to enter the mission field. He said: "In coming home one night, across the vast prairie, I saw my little boy John hurrying to meet me. The grass was high on the prairie, and suddenly he dropped out of sight. I thought he was playing and was simply hiding from me, but he did not appear as I expected he would. Then the thought flashed across my mind, There's an old well there, and he has fallen in. I hurried up to him reached down into the well, and lifted him out. As he looked up in my face, what do you think he said? 'O Papa, why didn't you hurry?' These words never left me. They kept ringing in my ears until God put a new and deeper meaning into them and bade me think of others who were lost, of souls without God and without hope in this world. The message came to me as a message from the Heavenly Father: 'Go and work in My name'; and then from that vast through a pitiful, despairing, pleading cry rolled into my soul as I accepted God's call: 'Oh, why don't you hurry?'"

William Moses Tidwell, "Pointed Illustrations."

Prayer for the Nations: Libya (Africa)*

- Libya lies between Algeria and Egypt on the Mediterranean coast of north Africa.
- Throughout the '70s and '80s Libya and its infamous leader, Colonel Quaddafi, were linked to international terrorism that led to political isolation from the west. Some restrictions were lifted in 1999 when Libya handed over two men suspected of the bombing of an aeroplane over Lockerbie in 1988.
- Libya was completely transformed by the discovery of oil in 1959, and much of the wealth has been used to fund the spread of Islam abroad. Islam is the chosen religion of the state and it is illegal for Christians to share the gospel.
- Open evangelism is totally impossible and there is a powerful network of secret police looking out for anyone who breaks the law. Pray for more openness to the gospel, despite all these challenges.
- Three different radio stations broadcast Christian programmes to Libya. Pray that they can have an impact in this closed country.
- At the most there is no Bible in Libyan Arabic – pray that the right people can begin to work on a translation.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=108

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*Celebrating the Presence of God
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Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation. (Ps 85:6,7)

Welcome

Interview With God*

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

“So you would like to interview me?” God asked

“If you have the time” I said.

God smiled

“My time is eternity”

“What questions do you have in mind for me?”

“What surprises you most about humankind?...”

God answered...

“That they get bored with childhood.

They rush to grow up and then
long to be children again.”

“That they lose their health to make money
and then lose their money to restore their health.”

“That by thinking anxiously about the future,
they forget the present,
such that they live in neither
the present nor the future.”

That they live as if they will never die,
and die as if they had never lived.”

God’s hand took mine
and we were silent for awhile

And then I asked...

“As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons
you want your children to learn?”

God replied with a smile

“To learn they cannot make anyone love them.
What they can do is let themselves be loved.”

“To learn that it is not good
to compare themselves to others.”

“To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most,
but is one who needs the least.”

“To learn that it only takes a few seconds
to open profound wounds in persons we love,
and it takes many years to heal them.”

“To learn to forgive by
practicing forgiveness.”

“To learn that there are persons who love them dearly,
but simply do not know how to express or show
their feelings.”

“To learn that two people
can look at the same thing
and see it differently.”

“To learn that it is not always enough that they
be forgiven by others. But that they must
forgive themselves.”

“And to learn that I am here always.”

Sermon Notes