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### Upcoming Events

PYCD Sports Event (June 19): Men's Basketball, Women's Volleyball & Badminton

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### Weekly Schedule

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| Wed, May 26th (Rowlett)      | Ladies Prayer @ Sis Saji's res (7 PM)          |
| Thurs, May 27th (Lewisville) | Area Prayer @ Joseph & Lillykutty's res (7 PM) |
| Fri, May 28th (Mesquite)     | Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10:30 AM)          |
| Fri, May 28th (Metro)        | Impact & Adults Bible Study @ Metro (7 PM)     |
| Sat, May 29th (Metro)        | PYCD Praise & Prayer Meeting (6:30 PM)         |

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### Prayer for the Nations: Ecuador (Latin America)\*

- Ecuador is lies on the Pacific on the west of Latin America. It also includes the tiny Galapagos Islands, which are home to 6,000 people, thousands of sea turtles and one church (with two members!).
- Oil is big business in Ecuador. The discovery of oil has meant more money for a few people, but the poor have become poorer and the destruction to the Amazon rainforest has been massive.
- 40% of the people in Ecuador are Quichua (native Amerindians). In the 1960s only 120 of the Quichua were Christians, but since then thousands have turned to Jesus. In some areas nearly 50% of the Quichua are bible-believing Christians. This kind of growth is a modern day miracle!
- Pray for the government to have a chance to really change things for the better in Ecuador. Pray for peace and for an honest government to make Ecuador a fairer country for both rich and poor.
- Pray that the church would be able to reach out to the children and young people in Ecuador.
- Pray for the Christians in the small jungle tribes of Ecuador. Pray that they would be able to protect their land from being exploited by big oil companies looking to make money.
- Most of the people in Ecuador live near the big cities of Quito and Guayaquil. Over a million people live in horrendous conditions in the city slums built on polluted marshes. Unfortunately very few Christians have a vision to work with these people. Pray that people would be called and equipped to go to the slums and live with the people there to show them how much God loves them.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=7](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=7)

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

May 23, 2010

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand..." (Ps 96:6,7)

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# Welcome

## “ The Call of Mt Carmel”

“Then Elijah said to the people, “Come near to me.” And the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down (1 Kings 18: 30)

Welcome to the house of the Lord. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to the house of the Lord for fellowship and rejoicing as we celebrate together the risen Christ in our midst.

The first book of Kings introduces us to the prophet Elijah in chapter 17 as a man from Tishbe in Gilead. We see him announcing his arrival with a stern pronouncement of judgment on the land because of its apostasy and evil in rejecting the Lord. The book of James 5:17 reminds us that Elijah was a man after our own passions and he prayed and there was no rain upon the land for 3 and half years. So, then it becomes evident that this man of God prayed to the Lord to send a divine punishment so that the people would repent and turn back to God.

The prayer of Elijah was then a call from God to the people. We understand from the topography of Palestine that the land depended on rain for the sustenance of its agrarian society. No wonder we are reminded that from the time of Moses and even during the time of Solomon the people understood drought as a direct result of God’s divine punishment. Whenever God’s people rejected him, God used some methods to remind them of their apostasy and turn them back to him in repentance. So during this time God chose Elijah as an instrument to remind the people of their sin and call them back to worship and service to the God who controls the powers of nature. In the call of Elijah we can see three different aspects.

1. It was a call to repentance. God wanted his people to repent. Elijah challenges them to consider their ways when he dared them, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? It is time that they realize their mistake of rejecting God and choosing Baal. Yahweh their covenant God cannot be compared to a man made image of Baal or Asherah. God will not allow his glory be exchanged with replicas made to appear like him. The one who created the people is also the one who controls the nature and he is the one who created everything else. So, in returning to God they can expect his turning to them in grace and send rain needed for their land.

2. It was a call to renewal. In calling the people to come near to him Elijah was entreating them to come back for a covenant renewal. It reminded them of the day that day when they made the covenant with God under Moses at Mt Sinai. It was an act similar to the one that they made under Joshua at Shechem. It was thus a call to renewal to come back to the covenant responsibility of obeying the Lord no matter what the circumstances are. During this time of severe draught too they can trust that their covenant God can indeed pardon them and bless them with rain needed for the nation.

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# Sermon Notes

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3. It was a call to restoration. The call of Elijah was a call to restore the worship of the Lord in the land. The torn down altar at Mt Carmel was representative of the torn down altar in the whole of the land. From the king’s palace to the citizens people had neglected worship and obedience unto Lord. They had abandoned the service unto the Lord and neglected offering their prescribed sacrifices to Him. Each one had now entered the rat race to please the queen and began sacrificing unto pagan idols. The torn altar was representative of the family altar that was torn down in all of the land. Elijah was thus calling the people to restore their love and worship to the Lord.

Even today the call of Mt Carmel is relevant and appropriate for a generation that has lost their love and service for the Lord and Master of their life. We have been called to repentance, renewal and restoration so that land may experience the rain that is due. In each of our lives God is calling us to repentance, renewal and restoration of our values and priorities. It is indeed a call to worship. It is a call to fellowship. The spirit of Elijah is beckoning us to come back to the Lord.

In Christ Alone

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