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### Upcoming Events

Metro Vacation Bible School: August 10 - 14 (Tues - Sat), 5:30 - 8 PM daily

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### Weekly Schedule

Mon Aug 2nd (Garland)	Ladies Mtg @ Sis Gracy's res (7 PM)
Fri, Aug 6th (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, Aug 6th (Metro)	Bible Study of Revelation & Daniel (7:30 PM)
Sat, Aug 7th (Dallas)	City Wide Meeting @ IPC Tabernacle 9121 Ferguson Rd., Dallas, TX (6:30 PM)

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### Prayer for the Nations: Netherland Antilles & Nicaragua (Latin America)\*

#### Netherland Antilles

- The Netherland Antilles are two Caribbean island groups; two islands are off the coast of Venezuela and two smaller islands are 800km away in the Leeward islands.
- The islands have their own governments but are part of the Kingdom of Netherlands.
- The Papiamento Bible was published in 1997. Pray that these words would really impact people's lives and that God would speak into their hearts.

#### Nicaragua

- Nicaragua lies at the heart of Central America
- After more than 40 years of dictatorship, the Sandista Marxist revolution in 1978 led to 11 years of civil war - during which the country's economy collapsed. The Sandistas lost elections unexpectedly in 1990, but they remain the opposition party.
- The government is still struggling to get Nicaragua back on track and get rid of its huge national debt.
- Nearly half the population live on less than \$1 US each day.
- The number of evangelical Christians in Nicaragua has doubled in the last 40 years!
- Hurricane Mitch hit Nicaragua hard in 1998 - killing 9,000 and destroying roads and houses. It will take 15 years or more to repair the estimated \$15 billion damage caused.
- Many people in church are suffering and in need; thousands had lost their homes in the hurricane and 70% are jobless.
- A fifth of the population are committed Christians, active in their faith. Pray that in God's wisdom and power they can change Nicaragua and oppose corruption.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=188,189](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=188,189)



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Communicating the Word of God  
Educating the People of God*

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"O The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God." (Ps 98:2,3)

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# Welcome

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# Sermon Notes

“Those who wait on the Lord shall find new strength” (Is 40: 31)

Praise the Lord. Welcome into the house of the Lord as we seek his face together. This is the day that the Lord has made. So let us enter into his courts with thanksgiving and his presence with singing.

The Prophet Isaiah reminds us that those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. Normally we tend to disdain those who wait. We like people who are pro active and try to do things and achieve something. Even though we may not admit but waiters are considered by us as losers. We like dynamic people who with their abilities and talents make things happen.

The Bible portrays a different picture of those who are waiting. It tells that those who wait on the Lord shall have a renewal. So here waiting is to be seen as dependence. Those who tend to chose dependency on God shall have the true progress. The prophet uses four verbs to describe this progress.

First blessing of waiting is renewal. Those who have waited and rested can alone tell the difference between being totally busy and being relaxed. Those who have waited in the presence of God shall have a fresh burst of energy. Are you tired of running? It may be time that you relax and take a break and cultivate the habit of waiting in the presence of God.

The second blessing of those who wait upon the Lord is that they will fly high. The promise is two-fold. Not only will they fly but they shall fly too high. They are not like the ones who thought that they could fly high with their efforts and were suddenly brought low. But these have waited and renewed their strength and surely possess the required ability to fly to greater heights that the Lord has destined them to.

The third blessing of those who wait is that they shall run. The added blessing of this waiting is that they shall never be weary. Many who run on their efforts may soon fizzle and fade away into oblivion. But those who wait on the Lord shall run without tiring because the Lord shall grant them continual empowerment.

The fourth blessing for those who wait on the Lord is that, they shall walk and not faint. They walk by faith and not by sight and hence they have the assurance of things hoped for and the evidence of the things not seen. This gives momentum to their gait and they keep walking without having to waste time in fainting and fading. On the contrary those who think that they can accomplish things at their own will soon get wearied and get distracted on the way. They lose perspective of their life and end up defeated.

So friends chose what is the best way of doing things. Do you want to trust in your own abilities or do you want to wait and trust in the Lord? Look that there is greater blessing in waiting for the Lord.

In Christ Alone,

Pastor Satish Kumar