

SHAKE THE WORLD FOR JESUS



**THE MINISTRY OF
EVANGELIST**

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A TIME FOR BOLD AND RADICAL EVANGELISM!

'Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel' (1 Corinthians 9:16).

From the day God's power touched my life, the Lord began to compel me to witness about the reality of Jesus Christ. My heart was set on fire to take the gospel to those who have never heard the true message of salvation.

What the world needs is bold and powerful preaching of the gospel under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The fire of evangelism needs to be kept constantly burning. I knew that Jesus had called me to be an evangelist and for this reason I have wanted to see the fullness of Christ in this particular ministry.

THE VOICE OF GOD

There was an occasion when God spoke to me very clearly. I was just coming to the end of a time of prayer and the joy of the Lord filled my heart. Looking out of the window I saw a man down the road checking over his truck. I casually said to God, "What are you going to do to save that man from going to Hell?" Suddenly and somewhat surprisingly, I heard God speak to me, clear as can be, straight into my heart. God responded to the question of the eternal destiny of that man's soul by saying: "I've already sent My Son. What are you going to do?"

Hearing the voice of my Heavenly Father made me realize afresh that God has already done all that is needed to provide the true way of salvation. Jesus Christ has already hung upon the cross and shed His holy blood, once and for all, to pay the full penalty for our sins. God has done His part, so now we must do ours because we have been entrusted with the message that can transform people's lives. God the Father has already sent His Son. Now we must go and shake the world in Jesus' name. What has God already told you to do for Him?

REACHING THE MASSES WITH THE GOSPEL

“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people the full message of this new life” (Acts 5:20).

I have two mottoes I use to sum up my missions and evangelism work:

- 1) Take up your cross to save the lost!**
- 2) Take the light of Christ to the places of spiritual darkness!**

As believers in Jesus, we have a responsibility to follow Christ’s example and pour out our lives for the sake of saving as many people as possible. My ambition is to reach the lost multitudes who otherwise may never be reached (Romans 15:18-21).

Okay, God has called me to be an evangelist so how am I walking in that calling and planning to fulfil it? There are two main areas that I am focusing on: 1) Gospel Crusades – by that I mean large open air meetings, and; 2) Gospel Literature – which includes printing and distributing books, testimony and discipleship booklets, and gospel tracts.

1) GOSPEL CRUSADES

Working as a missionary in Ghana is what first thrust me into holding crusades in towns and villages. I then had some experience in India and later learnt about the arrangement side while working as a crusade organizer with evangelist Bill Subritzky. Through my missions work I have been able to do more than a hundred open air gospel meetings. Most of them were on a small scale, yet my vision is to reach the masses.

An evangelistic outreach or healing crusade has three main stages: 1) Preparation and intercessory prayer; 2) The actual event, and; 3) The follow-up. Each of these three areas has huge potential for getting the whole church trained, equipped

and focused on evangelism. The best types of places for this form of outreach seem to be at the moment in Africa, Asia, South America and the Pacific, but you can get a breakthrough anywhere if the believers catch the vision, are properly trained and really focus on getting people saved.

A church was planted through a three day crusade I held in an African village. Another church was planted through a two day crusade. While I was in Uganda I had discussions with a large scale evangelist who has all the sound equipment for stadium size crusades. The hope is that we will be able to do huge gospel crusades together over the next few years.

2) GOSPEL LITERATURE

When I first went to India, God soon laid upon my heart the goal of reaching a million people with the gospel. My first reaction was to think that the best way I could do this is by printing a million testimony booklets. I had no money at the time, yet over the next 6 years I was able to distribute 500,000 testimony booklets, which is half way.

200,000 copies of Bill and Pat Subritzky's testimonies were printed. 80,000 of those were among an unreached people group that doesn't even have much of the Bible translated into their language.

Apart from the major printing of testimony booklets, hundreds of thousands of gospel tracts have been distributed (55,000 in Fiji alone, 12,000 in the Philippines, etc). 3000 copies of my book "Make Sure Of Your Salvation" were printed in Nepali language. 3000 copies of my discipleship booklet "Understand the Christian Faith" and 2000 copies of my smaller version of "The Awesome Magnificence Of Jesus Christ" were printed in Telugu language.

The basis of my own follow-up programme for new believers is in a booklet called, "Making Every Believer A Strong Believer." This contains the most important teaching that every new convert needs to quickly understand.

1500 copies of my end-times book were printed by a major Christian publisher in the USA. 3000 copies of my

autobiography are being printed there also. Please pray that this will lead to major open doors.

BOOKS

- 2007 – Make Sure Of Your Salvation
- 2009 – The Awesome Magnificence Of Jesus Christ
- 2010 – Walking In God's Power
 - The Church That Might Save The World
 - How The Devil Destroyed The Youth Group
 - Muslims Touched By The Love Of Jesus
- 2011 – What Should I Do For Jesus?
 - The End Of The World
- 2012 – The End of the World (USA version)
- 2014 – To Live or to Die

DVDS

- 2003-2007 Missions & Evangelism
- 2009 Revival Or Riot!
- 2010 The Christians Of Pakistan
- 2011 Miracles In Kenya
- 2012 Saving Souls
- 2013 Cornerstone Gospel Crusade
 - Fiji Indians

3000 copies of these missions DVDs have been distributed freely. These can be watched online. Visit my web site for more details:

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MISSIONS TRIPS

- 1996-1997 Fiji (7 weeks)
- 1999-2000 Ghana (3 ½ months)
- 2001 Ghana (10 months)
 - Burkina Faso (3 weeks)
 - Mali (3 days)

2002	Myanmar (4 weeks) Thailand (3 weeks) Philippines (10 weeks)
2003	Fiji (3 months)
2003-2004	India (4 ½ months) Nepal (6 weeks)
2004-2005	Nepal (5 months) India (5 ½ months)
2005-2006	Nepal (5 months) India (5 ½ months)
2006	Fiji (3 months)
2007	Nepal (5 months) Fiji (4 months)
2008	Fiji (4 months) Fiji (2 weeks) Fiji (2 months)
2008-2009	Nepal (2 months) Pakistan (2 weeks)
2009	Fiji (4 months)
2009-2010	Pakistan (3 months)
2010	Nigeria (1 month) Kenya (2 months)
2011-2012	Kenya (3 months) Uganda (3 months)
2012-2013	USA (3 months)
2013	Fiji (4 months)
2014	Fiji (3 months)

NEW ZEALAND EVANGELISM

1991	Timaru
1992	Wellington
1992-1993	Tauranga
1993-1994	Kaikohe
1995	Opononi Katikati
1996	Kawerau
2008	Auckland
2011	Hamilton

PARTNER WITH THIS MINISTRY

This is an evangelism literature crusade ministry, aimed at taking the light of Christ to the places of spiritual darkness. It is for getting the message of salvation out there to the people who are being hindered by the strongholds of the devil, especially to those ensnared by Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, witchcraft, false cults and atheism. God has invested the salvation of many souls in this ministry.

I firmly believe that what I have gone through in life is for the sake of raising up missions and evangelism, and for reaping the harvest among the lost. The salvation of precious people is at stake and millions of souls will not be saved unless we pursue the vision and the passion of Jesus Christ for saving the world. I can't sit back while millions of lost souls are falling into the fires of Hell. The cry of lost souls rings in my ears.

I am very thankful for those who have helped me in the past, the many who have prayed for me personally and have contributed financially. I cannot repay you but your treasures are in Heaven. My hope over the next few years is that this ministry may become more established and effective in the work of the Lord. Here are some ways you can help:

1) Pray For Missionaries And Evangelists – The apostle Paul was always asking in his letters for the churches to continually pray for his ministry (Ephesians 6:18-20; Colossians 4:2-4; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2). As you are disciplined in prayer for missions, you will feel the heart of God towards the world, you will get closer to the Lord and you will prepare the way for what God wants to do in the future.

My own personal prayer requests at the moment would be: 1) Pray that God will anoint my book publications; 2) Pray for God's anointing upon my proposed large scale gospel crusades (10,000 + people); 3) Pray that Jesus will reveal Himself to me in a greater way and stretch forth His hand to confirm the preaching of His word with signs and wonders (Acts 4:30-31).

2) Give Towards Missions – To increase your passion for missions, you should invest money into it. Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). When you faithfully sow money into missions, you are aligning your heart with the will of God. Giving towards missions is a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice that is pleasing to God (Philippians 4:15-19).

At the moment I am hoping to raise funds for the following projects: \$5,000 – Book printing. \$10,000 – Massive gospel crusade. Giving towards missions and evangelism is one way that you can save multitudes of people.

If you would like to contribute any amount, whether big or small, you can do so. Donations from any country can be made on my website via PayPal. Here are my New Zealand bank details:

Beneficiary Customer Name – MATTHEW NEEDHAM
Beneficiary Customer Account Number – 06-0493-0264222-25
Beneficiary Bank – ANZ National Bank Ltd
SWIFT Code – ANZBNZ22

3) Prepare Yourself To Go On A Missions Trip – A burden for overseas missions should inspire you to first step out in local evangelism. Jesus said that His disciples would first be His witnesses in Jerusalem (Luke 24:47-48), before they were to move out into all of Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Begin your training where you are. Practice sharing your testimony. If possible get involved with children’s work through your local church.

Maybe you need some solid training in evangelism or maybe you simply need to write out your testimony, make some photocopies and give it to a few people. That is how you can get started. If you want to be prepared for missions then prepare your message and share it with someone.

4) Take Action Now! – A lot of people have more talk than action when it comes to missions and evangelism. Multitudes of people are called, but not many are chosen. Often that’s because they don’t step out in faith. The call of missions is for immediate action. You can pray, give and share with others

what God has done in your life. What are you going to do from today to become a more effective servant of the Lord? Catch the fire of Christ for the salvation of lost souls. I hope that some of the fire in my heart has caught onto you.

At one church I preached from the words of the apostle Paul, 'Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel' (1 Corinthians 9:16). I called for those who wanted to go out in evangelism and a large group came forward. The pastor then told them if they were not serious they had to go back and sit down. About twenty of those who had come forward that day were sent to live in another village for a week and they won many souls to the Lord. That is the way to go.

This booklet shows something of what I have been doing and plan to do. I hope that you have been inspired in your own walk with the Lord to reach out for greater things and to look at greater ways that you can have more impact in the future. Multitudes of people must go to the mission field in Jesus' name, which means that many more must stand with them to support them as they go.

"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true" (John 4:35-37).

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'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers' (1 John 3:16).

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