



Dynamis World Ministries a.k.a. Christopher Alam Ministries International

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# The Gospel Advances in Asia!

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus Name!

I am writing from Singapore, en route to our two crusades in Zambia this month. I have just been at our base of operations in Asia and will begin by reporting on the progress of our work there.

Our most recent group of Church-planters is in the field, sent out in teams of two. They have planted 14 new churches in unreached areas all over the region. This brings the total number of churches planted so far by our ministry to 118.

Our pastors and teams are operating under very difficult circumstances, but I am happy to report that through the blood of Jesus they are overcomers. Our churches are thriving and growing in spite of persecution; people are receiving Jesus and God is confirming His Word with signs, wonders, and miracles.

The next session of our Training Center for Church Planters and Pioneers is scheduled to start in

early May. Please do pray for us, and also consider sponsoring part or even all of the 2008 school. For the 6 month session our expenses are approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000, depending on the number of students attending. This not only covers the operational expenses and the salary for 4 staff members, but also provides room and board for each student so they can focus on their training.

Our Africa team is in Zambia getting ready for our next two crusades. We were supposed to be in Zimbabwe at this time, but with elections this month, we felt it was best to be out of the country while the political process takes place.

We have 10 Africa crusades planned for this year, mostly in Zimbabwe, and we are believing God for a great harvest of souls for His kingdom. I,

therefore, ask you to join your faith with us and consider sponsoring whole or half of a crusade this year. We are pressing forward with the Gospel!

Let us, therefore, believe God for great things! It is harvest time!

Thank you for your love and your support!

In Christ,

Christopher and Britta Alam



Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

# Contend for Pentecostal Power!

## Part 2 - The best place to be is in a place of dissatisfaction!

The best place for a Christian to be is in a place of dissatisfaction. This is because God always meets us when we are hungry, thirsty, needy, and desiring for more.

*“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.”* Philippians 3:10-11

The Apostle Paul had seen mighty miracles, raised up the dead, been to the third heaven, planted many churches, and had written half of the New Testament. He had also suffered much rejection, betrayal, pain, and persecution.

He did not allow his successes to make him feel that he had “arrived”, neither did he allow the difficulties and discouragement that he went through to make him bitter. Through it all, he kept his eyes upon Jesus.

Paul kept his heart at a place of insatiable hunger for the presence, the power, and the glory of God. He longed for Jesus to the point that he stated that he was even willing to suffer and die like his master, if that was the price he had to pay in order to be like Him!

If we read about the great accomplishments of Paul, we can see why it would be easy for him to be puffed up in pride and be pleased with himself. But he wasn't. He stayed at a place of hunger and thirst for Jesus.

It is not spiritual hunger or longing for its own sake that brings the presence or power of God, but it is spiritual hunger and longing for Jesus that brings Pentecostal power.

There is a great desire for spiritual manifestations in our day, and spiritually hungry people have been ready and willing to jump on the very first bandwagon that comes their way with the promise of a spiritual experience.

As a result, in the last few years we have seen several waves of “renewals” that have come through the church. These have included renewals of laughter, shaking, animal noises, “gold dandruff” in people's hair and “teeth being filled with gold fillings”.

All this is fascinating, but unfortunately, there has been little solid or lasting fruit from this. The reason is that people are eagerly looking for manifestations, but are

not hungering for the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. They do get certain manifestations, but the focus and the excitement are upon and about the manifestations themselves and not primarily on the person of Jesus Christ.

The emphasis is on “encounters with the spirit” rather than meeting the Lord Jesus Christ face-to-face. This is the fundamental problem with all these “moves”. So, once the “wave” has passed, people are left as empty as they were before it all started.

Beloved, there is no such thing as a “Christ-less Pentecost”. There is no Holy Ghost power without a burning hunger for the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pentecost always follows Calvary. Jesus said about the Holy Spirit in John 16:14, “He shall glorify me”.

In other words, the Holy Spirit came to glorify Jesus, not Himself, the gifts, or the wonderful experiences He brings. Just Jesus! Jesus! Jesus! Manifestations should point not to themselves or to the experience of them, but to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*“He is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell.”* Colossians 1:17-19

God's divine order is this: JESUS FIRST – everything else follows. We are talking about “contending for Pentecostal power”; but really, before seeking the power we should be seeking Him, because He is the one from whom flows the power that we seek!

John the Baptist testified in Luke 3:16, *“He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.”*

Note that it is Jesus who baptizes us, Jesus who sends down Holy Ghost and Fire, Jesus who anoints us. This is an office that He has kept for Himself, to send down Pentecostal power upon us when we seek Him!

In the Old Testament, we see that every time the Fire of the Lord fell upon an altar, it always fell upon a blood-soaked altar. The Fire never fell upon a dry altar. It is because when the Lord sees the Blood He sends His Glory. That is why in our lives, in our witness, and our ministries we must truly put Jesus first. We must make



much of, glorify, talk about, and lift up the Cross and the Blood of our Lord Jesus.

That is what brings down Pentecostal Fire!

Paul kept himself in that place of dissatisfaction. No matter how much of Jesus he experienced, it was never enough; he always longed for more. That became the desire and driving force in his life.

David the Psalmist cried out in Psalm 63:1-8,

*“O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee...”*

The longing for God and for His presence burned in his soul, so much that he even felt it physically. He wanted to see the power and the glory of the Lord, therefore his soul followed hard after Him.

That is the kind of heart that the Spirit of God is drawn to. I remember many years ago, I was at a place of desperation seeking God. My heart ached so much for Jesus that it was almost painful. I went to a conference in Oslo, Norway where Reinhard Bonnke was speaking at a session for ministers. My heart was stirred to the very depths. After he was finished, I sat in my chair and wept in God’s presence as the others left the room chatting.

Finally, Reinhard and I were the only ones left in the

room. He looked at me and said, “Christopher, come here.” I got up and walked to him, still weeping. He looked into my eyes, and I saw tears begin to form in his eyes. He tapped his chest and then on my chest and said, “Deep calls unto the deep,” and hugged me.

He began to whisper, “Jesus” and began to softly pray in other tongues. Suddenly, the Glory of God came and overwhelmed me, washing over me in wave after mighty wave. I went weak-kneed and could not stand; it was indescribable, one of the defining moments of my life that I will never forget. God touched me and took me to yet another level. Reinhard would probably not even remember that moment, but for me it was amazing, life-changing.

There is a reason why that I am telling this story. I have heard people complain that they went to Reinhard’s meetings and come back with no impartation. This is because of the shallowness of their expectations. They went to “feel” or “experience” something instead of going there hungry for Jesus, to see Him, for Him to touch their hearts to the depths.

“Deep calleth unto deep,” that is what it is all about my beloved! We have to shed the shallow, superficial approach that we have towards Christianity, towards walking with God and experience the depths of Jesus Christ. We have to walk away from “experience and feeling” oriented Christianity and come face to face with Jesus Himself.

For me personally, the greatest struggle in life is not about what to preach, or to have faith, or to believe God for finances. Believe me when I say that the very things that God gives us as blessings can turn into a curse if they quench our thirst for Him because we have so much that we don’t need Him any more!

The greatest battle in my life is to see the blessings of God in my life and in our ministry, and still stay in the place where I always need Jesus. Where I can not live without him, and I am hungry for Him, His Presence, and His power. That is the greatest battle of all, to stay desperate and hungry and to need Him at all times. To stay at the place of dissatisfaction!

Beloved, if we seek His Face, we shall see His Hand. We shall see His Power! Let us therefore press on, ask Him to increase our hunger and thirst for Him until it becomes unbearable.

*God will answer with Fire!*

**To be continued next month:**

*Contend For Pentecostal Power*

Part 3 – Where do we go from here?



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## *Christopher's* Itinerary

**March 27-30, 2008**

*Maranatha Church*  
Amsterdam,  
The NETHERLANDS  
*Rev. Stanley Hofwijk*

**April 6, 2008**

*New Hope Assembly of God*  
Taylor, MI, USA  
*Pastor Phil Nissley*

**April 13, 2008**

*River of Life Church*  
Doylestown, PA, USA  
*Pastor Craig Lauterbach*

**April 20, 2008**

*Trinity Assembly of God Church*  
West Chester, PA, USA  
*Pastor Dan Clark*

**April 27-May 4, 2008**

ASIA

**May 6-11, 2008**

*Crusade & School of Ministry*  
ZIMBABWE

**May 14-18, 2008**

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