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From Bishop Harry Westcott & Rev Jeffrey Evans

## TO SEEK AND TO SAVE

*“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”* Luke 19:10

I am constantly challenged to not lose sight of the purpose of Christ’s encounter with humanity. Scriptures like the one quoted above seem to clearly and implicitly portray the mission of Jesus. Yet for those of us who follow, we get blindsided, more often than not by the mechanisms of a religious lifestyle and the attached accessories, resulting in a religion that is predominantly about us and far from Christ’s mission.

It’s all too easy to get trapped into a church mentality, where our lives tend to revolve around what happens within the 4 walls of a church, resulting in a narrowing introspective viewpoint. This is the scenario we see in the preceding verses of Luke 19. The religious of the day had a preconceived understanding about what could and couldn’t be done. The religious leaders of the day were particularly put out by Jesus and his willingness to associate himself with the less than acceptable among the community. For Jesus to sit with a sinner, as a guest in his house, left complaining judgmental rumblings on the lips of the religious community. Yet that encounter with Zacchaeus caused a transformation in his life and family. It took a radical approach by Jesus, it went against the grain of religious expectations, yet it resulted in Salvation!

Jesus didn’t allow himself to get bogged down in the politics and the judgmental pressures of the religious. He didn’t sink himself into the task of arguing His case. He simply went about making a difference to all He encountered on his redemptive journey. He didn’t stay within the confines of the synagogue or church, He went out into the community touching people where they were. His message was never one of judgement or rejection because of the way people lived. His message was one of freedom, life, faith, mercy, grace, forgiveness, wholeness, love and acceptance. The religious community on the other hand built distinct and definitive walls that rejected, repressed, condemned and ultimately allowed the religious to not even see those that so desperately needed the touch of God in their lives.

When we become so self absorbed in what we are doing that we no longer see the needs of others, that is tragic. It happens so easily and it is one of the greatest obstacles that we have to overcome if we are going to reach out and sit with sinners, seeing their lives transformed by the power of God, manifest through the presence of the Holy Spirit. If we become consumed with trying to get our Christianity right rather than accepting the gift of Christ and His righteousness, we will quickly lose sight of the mission of Christ and take our hand off the plough of taking the gift of His Salvation to those who so desperately need a Jesus touch.

Dear friends won’t you look around you today? Look at your family your friends, your neighbours and your community and stop seeing the sin and the problems and start seeing the opportunities. Start to see a Zacchaeus that can be transformed. Remember the “...Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost...”

Jeffrey

May you see with new eyes and be compelled by Christ’s heart that none should perish - in Jesus Name.

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## A Month of Awesome Ministry and Travel

Never in our 47 years of ministry have we experienced a month of amazement, wonder, and the sheer joy of meeting the most enjoyable saints and sharing in their lives and ministry as we have over the period **18th April through 17th May**. It all began at **Scotts Creek**, Morgan SA at the SA Camp Meeting hosted by Rev Graham & Julie Amber on the Mighty Murray River. The Lord was wonderfully present to heal, lift & bless. Two days later we (Doreen, Graham & Julie Amber & myself) were on a plane for 24 hours before landing in **New York** to minister in Indian churches hosted by **Rev Dr Itty Abraham**. What a blessed eye opener for us as there are 48 Indian Churches in New York. Then we flew to **Buffalo** for the gathering of Bishops of the "**International Communion of Charismatic Churches**" worldwide. How enriching it was for us to be so warmly welcomed and included in this amazing oversight of more than 6 million believers. Then two days at **Niagara Falls** to behold a wonder of this world. Finally to **Texas** for the best days of all with our precious family **Larry, Jennifer, Hope, Lily and Joel Sturm**. Jesus always leaves the best wine till last, thankyou Jesus!



**Marie Furler**, (from Adelaide) is now the picture of divine health. She has revealed her miracle healing after a successful second liver transplant when the first failed, and she was given less than 24 hours to live. **What a testimony! Yes, Marie's life is a miracle!**



Pastor Jeff Evans preached his heart out at "Cherith Brook", Scotts Creek, Morgan, SA and everyone was challenged and convicted by the Holy Spirit to change the way we live.



**The ICC's "College of Bishops" who met in Buffalo New York 1 - 3 May are;** L/R Bp. Tommy Reid, Bp. Paul Lanier, Bp EL Warren, Bp. James Swilley, Presiding Bp. David Huskins, Bp Margaret Idahosa, Bp Harry Westcott and Bp Levy Knox. (Absent: Bp Herro Blair, Bp Silas Owiti, Bp Pedro Torres, Bp.Jesus Perez). These Bishops shepherd more than six million Christians around the world. Please pray for them, especially our own Bp Harry Westcott.



Harry and Graham Amber at the front door of the New York Pentecostal Church in Flushing, New York with the Pastor, Dr Itty Abraham.

Dr Itty visited "Mamre Farm" during April while he was on his first Ministry trip to Australia. It was Such a joy to have this wonderful servant of the Lord in our Midst.



The Australians that attended the "International Communion of Charismatic Churches" Conference in Buffalo NY. L/R Harry & Doreen, Glenn & Leah O'Rourke with baby Aaron and Graham & Julie Amber. (Absent is Rev Jacqui Davis).



Portion of New York's "**Ground Zero**" where over 3000 people perished on 9/11/01. It is being developed into a fitting memorial. Harry said, "it is impossible to stand in this place without being emotionally moved".

In His Grip

+ Harry

### MINISTRY DATES AND EVENTS:

- **Mamre Ladies Weekend: 30 May - 1 June:** See page 4 of this Newsletter for details.
- **"Mamre Men's Camp": 25 - 27 July.**

Our special guest speaker this year is **Pastor Bill Nott** who is the Founding Pastor of "Liberty Family Church" at Camden Park in Adelaide. Ps Bill and Heather Nott are great friends of this ministry and Heather's family have been close friends of the Westcott's for over 35 years. Bill Nott is a most gifted communicator particularly with men having been prepared in the University of the Holy Spirit before becoming a Christian. In those days Bill was a "gun shearer" having regularly shorn more than 300 in a day. Today he is a most gracious shepherd of God's flock helping them to live practically and honourably before God.

Theme for Men's Camp is; "**Becoming Men of Honour**". Registration is free. Accommodation is limited to first come first served. So please let us know you will be attending, Camp commences with Dinner Friday evening the 25th July at 6.00 PM and concludes after "Mamre Fellowship's" Church Service at 10.00 AM and lunch on Sunday 27th July. Call our Office 02 6865 3377 or 6865 3264 or email [vmi@gobushmail.com.au](mailto:vmi@gobushmail.com.au)



- **"Old Fashioned Revival Camp Meeting": 27th September - 2nd October "Mamre Farm".** Please lock this date into your diary now. **Rev. Dan & Sue Armstrong & Pastor Tom Messer** from Yuma, Arizona will be among our guests at this year's Camp. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

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## MAMRE LADIES WEEKEND

**30 May - 1 June**

Due to urgent surgery Hazel Frankland is unable to attend the Ladies Weekend as announced in previous Newsletters. Instead our special guest will be **Mrs. Margaret Reeson** from Canberra. Margaret Reeson, is a well known and loved Christian Leader throughout NSW especially having been for many years a missionary in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea and a writer who has authored many books. Margaret rose to national prominence when she was elected Moderator of the NSW Uniting Church from 2000/2002 and is now in great demand to share her faith in Christ as she relates to people from many different settings within the Kingdom of God. Margaret is married to the Rev. Ron Reeson.



**Margaret Reeson**

Doreen Westcott and Rebecca Evans are hosts for “Mamre’s Ladies Weekend” and are delighted that Margaret Reeson is their special guest speaker and want to invite women to attend and be encouraged by Margaret’s uplifting ministry. The **theme for the weekend is “Hospitality”** and there is no charge for attending. The weekend commences with a Dinner on Friday evening 30<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00 PM and concludes with “Mamre Fellowship’s” Church Service at 10.00 AM on Sunday 1st June. Call the Office on (02) 6865 3377 or 6865 3264 email: vmi@gobushmail.com.au for further details.

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### FINANCIAL:

*“For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.” (Heb 6:9-10).*

God is faithful - Hallelujah! We serve a just God who does not overlook us.

So often in life the sacrifices we make and the extra mile we travel are overlooked by those around us. But God sees all that we do and the heart in which we do it.

I’m so thankful for ministry friends like each of you, who are faithful to support this work through your prayers and your financial gifts. We may at times overlook your love expressed this way, we may not know what it costs you to be faithful – But God does, and he is not unjust. He will reward the work and the love that you do on His behalf for others in the kingdom.

Thank you dear friends for your manifest love sown into this missionary ministry to the nation. Your seed given this month will allow us keep preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, calling sinners home and saints into action. May you experience the faithfulness of a just God as you continue to serve the saints dear friends.

Jeffrey

**MAKE SURE YOU LOCK THE CAMP DATES INTO YOUR DIARY – 27<sup>th</sup> Sept to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

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