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From Bishop Harry Westcott & Rev Jeffrey Evans

## EVANGELISM – MISSING IN ACTION!

*...And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen...*

Matthew 28:18-20

When did evangelism become a second class citizen of modern Christianity? How many sermons do you hear on “*go therefore*” or “*letting your light shine*” these days? It seems that the only lights we see shining are those **on** the superstar preachers or the latest and greatest programs that will turn it all around for us! Evangelism is one of the primary tasks of the Body of Christ and yet it seems its position has been usurped by an “*it’s all about ME mentality*”. When we become absorbed in our own issues and our own needs it’s not long until we don’t have time for anything or anyone else.

Evangelism is all about presenting the gospel to others not just in words but by how we live our lives. It should be a **way of life**; we are **ambassadors** of the Kingdom of God, empowered with the power of the Gospel ... *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek...* (Rom 1:16).

It’s time to remember God’s decree that we are the **salt of the earth**; “*You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men*” (Matthew 5:13). God also said that we are the **light of the world**; “*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*” (Matthew 5:14-16)

Ask yourself these confronting questions: When was the last time that the light of God in me was given an opportunity to draw a life into the Kingdom? When was the last time I took a risk of faith and opened up my life to a stranger? When was the last time I invited someone to church? When was the last time I saw a convert to Christ? I know that these questions can have an edge of guilt to them, but I believe that it is time we tackled the issue head on. Maybe the guilt is needed to propel us back into action. The reality is that unless those around us have an encounter with Christ – they are doomed to a Christ less eternity. Surely that alone is enough to force us to disengage our eyes from our inward looking mindsets that focus our attention on our own issues, and the entrapment of endless debates about God.

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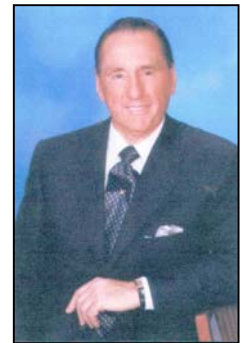
Dear friends. How I pray that your heart and life would be stirred to remember again why you are here! You are not here for yourself – Your life was bought with the life of Jesus. You are no longer your own. So Shine! Shine the light of God in all that you do and say. May your words be salt and make many thirst for the well of Salvation. Don't let go of the Power of the Gospel – Don't surrender it for the programs of man. Remember that an invitation drew you into the Kingdom; maybe your invitation will draw another. Look for opportunities instead of obstacles; Jesus said *“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!* (John 4:35)

Jeffrey



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- **1 – 3 June 2007 - Ladies Weekend:** Rebecca & Doreen are inviting the ladies to come and share in this wonderful weekend of Ministry and encouragement for Women. The Theme this year is: **“ANCIENT & MODERN”**. For Further details or to register your attendance, please Call the office on (02) 68653377 or Doreen on (02) 68653264. If you would like to Email then please use the following address: [mamre@gobushmail.com.au](mailto:mamre@gobushmail.com.au)
- **13 – 15 July 2007 - Peter Daniels Weekend:** Peter Daniels is our guest at Vision Ministries, Mamre Farm, **Alectown from the 13th – 15th July 2007. Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday morning.** Everyone, both men and women, wishing to receive wise advice from this wise business man are most welcome to attend. *See enclosed registration form.*
- **Camp Meeting 2007 : 29 September - 4 October 2007**



**Bishop Margaret Benson Idahosa:** Dr TL Osborne often refers to Bishop Margaret as **“The Queen of Africa”** and when we observe her life and leadership of over 3500 churches, Bible Schools, Hospitals, Day Schools, and University and the influence she exerts through them to change her nation of Nigeria into a God honoring nation, one can only admire her amazing spiritual leadership and wisdom.



Along with Bishop Margaret we are also delighted to have **Lawson & Lesley Spiller** with us once again. Lawson brought a real gift of joy to the Camp last year and we are looking forward to having them both with us at Camp 2007. Lawson & Lesley reside in the UK with their 3 children. Lawson has just completed a new CD of anointed songs called **“Masterpiece”**.



**Mark These Dates In Your Diary Now!**  
*We Would Love To See You At These Ministry Opportunities*

**HARRY'S WORD**

**DEFEATING THE VICTORIOUS LIFE!**

*(The art of giving Satan more authority than God. Or, why do bad things happen to good people?).*

On the rubbish tip scraping his boils after loosing all he, had, Job said; “*Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity? In all this Job did not sin with his lips*”. (Job:2:10.)

Living the Christian life is never meant to be easy, but after 45 years of ministry I have experienced (and been involved in some) various fads of how to really live **victorious in Christ!** To have faith in the finished work of Christ’s life, death and resurrection in which God ransomed our lives from hell and purchased us to be eternally His property. This belief frees us to overcome whatever “**various trials**” (1Peter1:6) may come our way. My great concern is that many believers now see every bad thing that happens as being solely the work of Satan and therefore they need deliverance from these evil spirits. Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit many years ago was a revelation to me that the Spirit of the living Christ Jesus was now in and with me forever and His promise was sure, namely, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age,” Amen. (Matthew 28:20). So if God Almighty is with me how can the devil be with me also? Satan can only harm me if given permission by God! (Read 2Corinthians 12: 7 – 9 for the answer to that statement). Here the Apostle Paul cries out three times to God for deliverance from this “thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan” only to be told by God that He has “grace sufficient” and “strength made perfect in weakness”. Through all these trials Paul knew the “power of Christ” rested upon him.

I’ve always said that if you seek first the devil you will find him, therefore it’s so important to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness if you are truly desirous of living victoriously in Christ. I regularly receive emails and phone calls on issues that we as a nation must repent of if God’s blessing is to fall on us, particularly as we are enduring years of extreme drought. These prophets of great wisdom suggest that if we repent of legalized abortions, homosexuality, drug addictions, gambling etc. etc. etc. (and of course we all need to) then the drought will break! Do we honestly think that God is sitting up in heaven waiting for us to press the right button so He can then end the drought? Come off the grass!! Who’s in charge here, us or God? If we are, then the drought may never end!!

Jesus said; “In the world you will have **tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)”. And again “The thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and destroy. I have come that they (us) may have life, and have **it** more **abundantly**. (John 10:10). Therefore let us live victoriously by faith in God and give no credit whatever to the devil.

So, let’s live victorious in Christ and not be deceived by the devil’s defeat. Amen!

In His Grip

*Harry*



**One of the Joys of April was the marriage of Harry & Doreen’s Granddaughter Faith Bishop to Keith Boardman in Orange NSW.**

## INAUGURAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA CAMP MEETING REPORT:



What a joy it was to be at the first Vision Camp Meeting held in South Australia and hosted by Rev. Graham & Julie Amber and their family at “Cherith Brook”, Morgan. With the Murray River as the backdrop and beautiful green grass underfoot it was a most wonderfully peaceful place to encounter God afresh. Graham & Julie did a magnificent job at hosting the camp and leading the meetings in which many were touched and all encountered afresh by the presence of God. May this be the first of many such wonderful gathering at “Cherith Brook”!



### FINANCIAL:

*...You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works”... James 2:18*

Bless you for your faithfulness towards us here at Vision Ministries – We so appreciate the fact that you back up your belief in us and the call of God on our lives by sowing seed into this Australian Missionary Ministry. Thankyou for your faithfulness in supporting us, and please be assured of our prayers which we joined with yours that God would meet your every need in Christ Jesus – Philippians 4:19 - *Jeffrey*

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