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From Bishop Harry Westcott & Rev Jeffrey Evans

## What Do You See?

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”* (Hebrews 11:1)

I find this question of “What do you see?” a deeply confronting one. Because it cuts to the core of who we are and what we believe! Yet we have to continually ask this question of ourselves if we are to affect change around ourselves.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said to a packed hall of university students at the University of Natal in Durban, August 1981; **“In times of despair, we must learn to see with new eyes”**. For each of us who call ourselves Christian we must learn to see with new eyes! We must be able to see beyond the bondage of the reality of today and see the changes of tomorrow, and that means we have to think differently. Romans 12:1 *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect”* Phil 2:5 *“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus”*.

At Camp Meeting in September this year we are so privileged to have **Bishop Margaret Idahosa** with us as our guest. (It will be a wonderful Camp – Make sure you register now). Bishop Margaret carries on the work of Archbishop Benson Idahosa who saw differently than those around him. He saw Churches everywhere throughout Nigeria and greater Africa; he saw schools, universities, orphanages, medical clinics and hospitals, he saw Bible colleges and missionary training schools, he saw Christians who could influence government and change national and international bureaucracies. He not only saw these dreams realised in his lifetime, but what he saw is still continuing years after his death.



**Jeffrey & Rebecca along with Dr. Daniels  
During His visit to Mamre**

Jesus saw the rock inside Peter when others only saw the reed. Jesus saw the giver inside Matthew while others shunned and rejected this tool of the Roman government. The Pharisees saw a sinner washing Jesus feet with her tears, while Jesus saw the anguish and desperation of this woman for forgiveness and acceptance. Jesus saw the hunger of a multitude and was moved to meet their need, the disciples just saw an impossible task. Jesus saw the faith and love of Jairus, the Israelites saw only

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an oppressor. The scriptures are full of illustrations and parables that challenge us to confront ourselves with the question of “What do you See?”

“*With God all things are possible*” (Matt 19:26). What does your faith see? What are you capable of seeing? If you are struggling to see beyond today then maybe you “*must learn to see with new eyes*”.

Jeffrey

## MINISTRY REPORT:

- **Ladies Weekend:**

A wonderful weekend of rich encouraging and uplifting ministry was had by the group of 50 ladies who gathered for this special time with Doreen & Rebecca along with other speakers, Julie Amber and Kerrieann Hood. The weekend’s theme of Ancient and Modern seemed to hold a special challenge for all involved in the weekend and along with the meals cooked by the men of Mamre each lady left the weekend refreshed and blessed.



Rebecca, Doreen, Julie and Kerrieann  
Speakers at the Ladies Weekend.

- **Peter Daniels Weekend:**

The visit of Peter Daniels to Parkes and Alectown over the weekend of 13-15 July attracted hundreds of people from across the central west and interstate to hear this world renowned speaker. He encouraged, lifted and motivated many to believe that there is an amazing future for everyone who will overcome discouragement, hard times and the effects of drought which had drained so much enthusiasm out of the community.



Beginning Friday evening Dr. Daniels challenged everyone to “*Claim The High Ground*” and not allow circumstances to stand in the way of personal success and victory in business and life generally. Dr. Daniels illustrated his talk with personal testimony of his own struggles and failures. He said that he failed at school and failed in business three times and it wasn’t until he became a ‘born again’ Christian in 1959 at the Billy Graham crusade that his life changed! Today he is referred to as an “International Business Statesman” and has experienced the Lords Blessing to the point where he is now a very generous multimillionaire.

Saturday began with a breakfast meeting at The Parkes International Motel for 100 people. Dr. Daniels spoke on “*What to do when your dreams start to Fade*”. Saturday afternoon he spoke on “*Success attitudes that motivate you to win*”.



Dr Daniels & his wife Robina  
Being thanked by Bishop Harry Westcott

Saturday evening the topic was *“How to reach your life goals”*. This meeting highlighted some wonderful truths about achieving dreams and goals in our lives. He illustrated these truths through many modern illustrations of men and women who overcame enormous odds to move from dreams to realities.

Sunday morning was the final address of Dr. Daniels where he proclaimed **“Caleb, the Bible’s greatest possibility thinker”**. The challenge to think big and the illustrations of modern day Calebs was incredibly provocative.

Dr. Daniels visit to “Mamre Farm” certainly stretched, challenged and provoked all who were privileged enough to attend this wonderful weekend of ministry.



**Dr. Peter Daniels**

### MAYORAL LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS



**Mayor Robert Wilson presenting Dr. Daniels with 2 gifts from the Shire of Parkes, thanking him for visiting and uplifting the local community. It was particularly encouraging to have the support of Council and several of the Councillors who attended the Meetings over the course of the weekend. Dawn Fardell our local Independent state government representative was also our guest at the Sunday Service.**

The following text is a letter from the Office of the Mayor: Councillor Robert Wilson, OAM.

*“Dear Harry*

*Congratulations on a Successful Event*

*On behalf of Council, please accept my congratulations on the success of your recent series of events featuring esteemed speaker Peter Daniels.*

*It is such a feat to attract speakers of Mr Daniels caliber to our shire. The visit was uplifting for those who were fortunate enough to hear Mr Daniels, and Vicki and I were intrigued by his story.*

*Well done Vision Ministries for connecting our community with a guest of such prominence, and well wishes in your continued activities.*

*Yours Sincerely*

*Robert Wilson, OAM  
Mayor*

**If you would like any or all of the messages by Dr. Peter Daniels from this weekend please complete the order form at the back of this newsletter and return to Vision Ministries**

### HARRY’S WORD

### AUSTRALIA! A MISSION FIELD!?! YOU BET IT IS!

I remember reading earlier this year some interesting statistics (in one of the many periodicals that come across my desk) concerning the growth of Christianity in the **Western World** compared with

that of the **Rest of the World**. It reported in **1960** the Christian population of the West was recorded at **50 million** while in the Rest of the World it was **25 million**. **Today**, the Christian population in the West is now **75 million**; however in the Rest of the World it presently has a Christian population of **325 million and growing rapidly!** This huge growth over the last four and a half decades clearly describes how Christian believers in the Rest of the World are reaching far more non Christians than we are here in the West. The Mission Fields of the world are rapidly changing and the sooner we here in Australia realize this fact the sooner we will catch up with the urgency of the hour in this needy nation.

Let me illustrate what I've just said through a very challenging experience we had recently. Doreen and I were invited to Melbourne on the 26/27 May as guests of "**Catch the Fire Ministry**" led by Pastor **Danny Nalliah**. We were there along with several other long serving Australian Christian leaders from across the Body of Christ to be honoured on our "**National Day of Thanksgiving**" for all our years of ministry. What really convicted us was that these recent residents to our shores and new citizens of Australia have **zeal** for evangelizing unbelievers that appears to have nigh on died out within many of our churches. Ps Nalliah (a Sri Lankan) was a missionary to Saudi Arabia where many years of imprisonment with torture or beheading is the punishment if caught evangelizing or even distributing Bibles. Praise God he and his family made it safely to Australia. His book "**Worship under the Sword**" is a must read! Martyrdom is an accepted **cost of Call** into ministry in several nations of the World and the **cost of discipleship** is real to the extreme. Ps. Nalliah also took us to an **Arabic Baptist Church** in Preston to experience the fire of the Holy Spirit that was burning powerfully in that truly beautiful, alive in Christ, missionary community of Arab Christians.

My conclusion following this wonderful visit to Melbourne is; these Holy Spirit filled refugees coming to Australia possess a passion to see this nation evangelized for Jesus. While there, I believe I heard Jesus say to me; "**I'm raising up an army of missionaries coming from outside Australia who will reach this nation for me because they wholly obey me and will accept whatever it costs!**"

**How about you and me?** Reaching the lost has changed. I believe we could be as malnourished spiritually as those starving children of Darfur in the Sudan are physically! Can we believe that Australia is one of the world's neediest mission fields?! "**Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?**" (Isaiah: 6:8).

In His Grip

+ *Harry*



**Bishop Harry & Doreen Westcott along Ps. Danny Nalliah and Jason Golden at "Catch the Fire" receive their plaque of honour.**



**Doreen with Belle Harris, widow of Pastor Leo Harris, founder of the "Christian Reveival Crusade"**

## SPECIAL GUESTS FOR CAMP MEETING 2007

29 September - 4 October, 2007



**Bishop Margaret Benson Idahosa:** We count it a great honour to have as our special guest at Camp Meeting this year, Her Grace, **Bishop Margaret Benson Idahosa** from the “Church of God Mission International”, Benin City, Nigeria. Bishop Margaret is the wife of **the late Archbishop Benson Idahosa** who went to heaven in March 1998. Bishop Margaret was consecrated following the Archbishop’s funeral to lead the thousands of churches birthed under his amazing ministry of 39 years as their new Presiding Bishop. We are well within the mark to say, that there is no other woman on the Continent of Africa with such a responsibility of leadership in the

Body of Christ as **Bishop Margaret Idahosa**. As a young woman not long after marrying Benson, that apostle of evangelism, **Dr Daisy Osborn**, noticed Margaret sitting in the back of the church while her husband was preaching and leaving early before the service ended to go work in the kitchen, as that was African custom. **Daisy and TL Osborn** lifted Margaret from the back seat and the kitchen, and over the years established her in leadership beside her great husband. TL Osborn once said to Benson; *“Sir, don’t ever preach without allowing your wonderful wife first to speak before you”!* The Lord who knows the end from the beginning knew this great lady, **Bishop Margaret Benson Idahosa’s destiny** as she is now leader of over three million Christians in Africa. TL Osborn always refers to her as “The Queen of Africa”.

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”.




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### Send Your Registration Now!

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- **UPDATE ON CABINS:**

The Cabins continue to be worked on with a lot of help from a few locals who have picked up paint brushes and rollers and helped Jason Mitchell and Jeff work towards getting them finished by Camp Meeting.

Thankyou for continuing and pray for and financially support the ongoing development of this cabin complex on “Mamre Farm”. These cabins when completed will allow us to accommodate approx 30 people on Mamre in wonderful modern accommodation on a short term basis.



**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...” Hebrews 6:10*

God has not forgotten you! I can't tell you the number of times I have had people say to me: *“Where is God? I have been faithful in doing the right thing. I pray, I tithe, I look out for others etc. Yet God seems to have forgotten me”*. I don't know if you have ever felt like this or asked that or similar questions. I'm not sure if you have ever felt a sense of abandonment or separation, or if you just feel like you are always giving of yourself but seemingly getting little in return.

This scripture speaks of the assurance of the promises of God. He is not unjust! We serve a just God, a righteous God, and a God who does not repay good with evil or give a stone when we ask for Bread! We serve a God who does not overlook us, He sees what we do, He sees our heart, our motivation our secrets. God does not overlook his saints. God sees our work and the outworking of love in our lives. He sees what we do in His name and for his sake. He sees your faithful service to the saints. Don't let the Devil sell you the lie that you are forgotten, overlooked or rejected.

We serve almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, “Who was and is, and is to come” Hold on to the faithfulness of His promises – “He will not leave you or forsake you!”

Bless you for your support this month – God sees what you do for his sake for the saints here at Vision and He will honour that – in Jesus Name.



**A bit of Family trivia and news: Ashley Evans the youngest daughter of Jeffrey and Rebecca celebrated her 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> 2007! Jeffrey has told her that he probably won't be around to help her celebrate her 77<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> 2077.**

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