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# Michael Klann: The POSSIBLE DREAM

By Richard C. Brown & Rebekah Blanton

It started, quite literally, as a dream. And for pastor Michael Klann of Modesto, California, the dream became a vision, the vision became a passion, and finally, the passion became a reality. After overcoming many obstacles, God had turned the struggling church at Abundant Life Christian Center into a healthy, growing congregation. Today, the Modesto church, running only 32 when Brother Klann first arrived, has a congregation more than four times that size: about 140 according to the most recent numbers. All because of a dream that many would have called "impossible," but which Brother Klann knew, with God's help was not only possible, but inevitable.

### Birth of a Dream

In the summer of 1981, shortly after he received the Holy Ghost, Brother Klann felt a strong call to preach, although still a new convert. That sum-

mer, at the age of 23, Klann says God called him into full-time ministry through a dream. "In the dream, I saw myself preaching in a certain church, in Dearborn, Michigan." Within two months, that dream was fulfilled: Brother Klann resigned his position at the IBM Corporation to go into the ministry, starting as principal of Christian Life Academy in Dearborn, MI.

"My bosses didn't understand it," Brother Klann recalled. "I boss had called a meeting and specifically asked what my plans and goals were in relation to the corporation." The Lord had confirmed his call to preach, and while in the meeting, Klann said he was compelled by the Lord to resign. "My boss said that I would be essentially 'hiding my light under a bushel' if I left. They felt that working for the company and preaching were not mutually exclusive, but for me, it was."

In June, 1983, Brother Klann began evangelizing full-time. He travelled alone for four years. Then in 1987, he was married to his wife Cindy and continued evangelizing for another two years. Toward the end of these two years, Brother Klann had another dream

- one which would lead him to the Modesto church.

"While traveling between revivals as we were going through Modesto, God told me vividly that I would soon be pastoring in Modesto. I asked the Lord what I was supposed to do, and He told me "nothing; just wait." We found out three months later that the pastor had resigned, and then he was asked to stay. Four months later he resigned again and this time it was final. During this time, I was drawn to the church. Later I learned that several factors contributed to what would be considered a "hurting church."

Then came the dream of confirmation: While the church was trying to find the mind of God, Brother Klann had a dream of going to the church and taking the "oversight."

"There was a lot involved in our coming to this church, yet there was no doubt of the call because of the dream and vision that God had given to me," Klann said. In spite of the difficult cir-

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## Opinions

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Opinions Interviews by Linda Massengale, Joel Richardson, and Richard C. Brown



Fred Hyde  
Spirit of Freedom  
Metairie, LA

There are two considerations in the subject of missionary deputation. I was a missionary for a number of years, and I discovered that it's a good thing for people to get to hear the missionary's burden. I always made it my purpose never to leave a church until it was more missionary minded than it was

when I arrived.

However, deputation is so hard on the missionary that some relief is needed. I agree with the fellow who said that having missionaries raise their own money is like having the soldier raise money to buy his own gun and ammunition. That man ought not have to spend all his furlough time working to raise money. He needs time to rest.

I understand there are some, not many, churches that don't support missionaries, so it would be good to send a missionary there to try to convey a missions burden. Second, it might be good if we could get pastors to voluntarily give to missions regardless of whether a missionary comes, and then have those funds distributed among all missionaries evenly. And finally, one possibility is to select a few volunteers with a burden for missions who will go

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## Missionary Deputation: Can It Be Improved?

**AIS VIEW:** Pastors and missionaries both agree that deputation is important to the success of our missions program. However these same men will tell you that the amount of time required for a missionary to raise their budget (an average of one to two years) is often too much of a good thing - especially if extensive travel and PIM raising must be repeated every four years. Along with the excellent suggestions given this month, here's yet another idea that might be considered: (Continued on page 14)

We in the Apostolic movement really invented missionary deputation and have used it since 1944, and I must say I can think of no better way for the missionary to be sponsored. There are so many positive things about it that we should not focus on the negatives.

For instance, you make so many deep friendships during the deputation process. Nothing takes the place of that person-to-person contact. Churches need to know who they are sponsoring.

I've heard the analogy that having missionaries raise their own funds is like having a soldier raise money for his own weapons. However, I don't think it's a fair comparison. For one thing, we have a different Commander than the soldier has. And whatever it takes to do the job, that's what we need to do, without complaint.

During my time in Africa, I saw many missionaries defeat themselves because of their own negative attitudes toward deputation. They chose to look at the negatives. But when you look at the positive side, there is so much about the process that enhances our ministries. Yes, there are sacrifices, but anything you've got to do, you need to do with all your heart. And remember that deputation is part of the call.



Nona Freeman  
Former Missionary  
Minden, LA



Danny Wilkerson  
Missionary  
Haiti

The missionary needs the deputation process, and so does the local church. It all comes down to this: Churches are going to have to learn to sacrifice more. If every church would make a commitment to increase the amount for which they support a missionary by a couple of dollars each term, we'd have this thing beat.



Calvin Enlow  
Pastor  
Franklin Park, NJ

I wish there was a better way of raising money for the missionaries. What I'd like to see is for us to raise their budgets at General Conference. But aside from that, missionary deputation is what we've been using for years, and so it seems like the only method we have. I know of no better way of getting the missionary to the field.



Donald O'Keefe  
Missionary  
Sierra Leone, Africa

I hear pastors say that they feel bad that missionaries have to travel so much raising money, but that's an inconsistent statement if they don't open up a church service to the missionary. Churches used to have two midweek services; now they have only one, so they need to open the church on off-nights for missionaries.



John Grant  
Pastor  
Madison, WI

The way we did it at General Conference this time was good, where we tried to raise enough money to support all 17 missionaries that we were sending out. However, if we did that for everybody all the time, and the missionaries never visited the churches, that could hurt the program too. I think ultimately what we need is balance.



Jerry Jones  
Pastor  
Bridgeton, MO

Obviously if we could shorten the length of deputation, it would put the missionary on the field quicker. But there are some advantages to having them here. For instance, there is a closer connection to the people. So I think there needs to be a balance. He should be here for awhile, but still get back on the field in a reasonable time.



Nathan Hurst  
Pastor  
Texarkana, TX

If every church cooperated, the current system would work adequately, but because of the deficiency in our cooperation, something needs to be done. I think we need an overall reconstruction of the way we raise money. We should especially be willing to support those missionaries who have been fruitful in their labors.

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# Pastor Michael Klann

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Cover Story



cumstances, he was ratified as the new pastor in June, 1989.

## Passing the Dream On to Others

The resignation of the previous pastor had left the saints of Abunant Life somewhat stunned. They had recently moved over 10 miles from South Modesto to the growing north side, had weathered an intense building program, and were also hurt by losing many members during all of this. Consequently, it was difficult to communicate to the congregation his dream of another revival church in Modesto.

"Another" because he pastors in a city where there was already a large, revival church, pastored by Randy Keyes. One of the goals Brother Klann has striven for is unity with other Apostolic churches and not building "separate kingdoms."

"Pastor Keyes feels the same way," said Brother Klann. "He helps foster this positive atmosphere and makes it conducive to grow in the shadow of a big church."

"There were only 32 people in our first Sunday night service," Klann continued. "Having good results was like pulling teeth. Several admittedly had the mind-set of, 'Let's just hold on to what we've got!'"

What the church had was a nice 9,000 square foot building with a mortgage to match and a few stunned but committed saints. "Eventually this hurting church began to see its potential as souls were baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost," Brother Klann noted.

What ideas and philosophies helped carry the vision to reality? An emphasis on spiritual basics, for starters.

"Get back to basics — prayer, fasting and preaching the Word," said Brother Klann. According to Klann, this is foremost among revival principles. This return to basics is not just for the pastor; he stresses it's for the saints as well: "Get the church worshiping, praying and fasting along with you, along with living right, and victory will come!" This philosophy, Brother Klann says, carries over into Life Christian School which is building future Apostolic leaders as an integral ministry of Abundant Life.

*Left to Right: The congregation inside the sanctuary at Abundant Life Christian Center, pastored by Michael Klann; Pastor Klann baptizes a new convert during a Sunday night service; Christian Life Academy, an educational ministry of Abundant Life Christian Center.*

## Involved in the Dream

Brother Klann works to get his saints involved in his dream for Modesto — and excited about it. He stresses the effectiveness of one-on-one, personal testimonies and teaching home Bible studies: "It's the one-on-one responsibility to souls that I believe is so important to seeing church growth."

Even fundraisers at Abundant Life are seen, not just as ways of raising money, but as ways of helping these one-on-one contacts.

"We have been a fund-raising church up until two years ago. At that time, God gave me a vision that our needs could mainly be supplied through the congregation. We shifted our focus from fundraising to survive to fundraising for special projects. And we have always tried to reach someone through these, and to get home Bible studies.

Speaking of home Bible studies, each min-

*Below: Exterior view of Abundant Life Christian Center.*



ister at the Modesto church knows that teaching studies is something that is expected: "I have had very few ministers to work with me until recently. One who came on full-time just four months ago now has three major responsibilities: the youth department, outreach and home Bible studies. I also have a Christian school principal who is a minister-in-training. And of course, he's also required to teach home Bible studies."

Frequent revival services have also worked well for Brother Klann. He credits these for bringing much growth to the church: "In 1995, we had 22 weeks of revival services, with several different evangelists. We had dozens of people come in the church in that time."

"An important thing to remember with revival services is that there are some evangelist who just click with the church. It's not just that the church likes them, but in a spiritual sense, they click with them. We've had three or four evangelists who have been vital to much of our revival. For this reason, it's important to stay spiritually receptive to who works with your church for these services."

## Organization & the Modesto Dream

For some, it might seem strange having a youth leader and school principal required to teach home Bible studies. But Brother Klann is the first to admit that his organizational structure is somewhat loose. "We're not real formal in our structure," he said. "We used to be; we had 12 departments and all of that, and that was okay in the early stages, because it focused

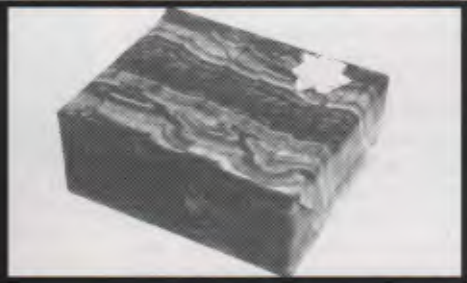
people on their individual responsibilities. But right now, our organization is very loose. As I said, my ministers all get involved in home Bible studies. I have a secretary who is a volunteer. We don't use written reports or job descriptions. Our communication is almost all verbal, however I should say that we're at a stage now in our growth that there will soon have to be more structure. But we've developed organization only to meet the needs we have at the time."

Speaking of leaders, one of the programs Brother Klann has started in Modesto is called, "Leadership Institute." It is a weekly

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# Needs of a New Generation

**AIS INTERVIEW**  
**T.F. Tenney**



**E**ditor's note: Brother T.F. Tenney, currently Louisiana District Superintendent, has served the Apostolic movement in many capacities, including Foreign Missions Director, evangelist and pastor. Also a prolific author, Brother Tenney is known for his profound insights and wit. He is in frequent demand as a camp-meeting and conference speaker. Recently, Brother Tenney spoke with Apostolic Information Service about how best to reach the new generation of the 1990s. Portions of this interview are published below:

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**What is the great need you see challenging the ministry in the 1990s?**

The first thing I would say is that there is a need for commitment. This generation lacks a commitment to longevity.

**Could you expand on that?**

This generation can make short-term commitments, but they wrestle with the long-haul. That's why marriages fall apart today. They cannot commit to longevity in marriage or on jobs; they will have six or seven career changes in their lifetime, which was an alien concept to previous generations. This spirit of non-commitment can bleed into the church. They find it difficult to be loyal to their assembly, to their pastor, or to their institutions. I do believe that we need to build into the character of the coming generation a sense of commitment and loyalty.

**Are there any other great needs?**

We also need to give ourselves more to fellowship. We tend to drift away from one another. We get bogged down with our own activities, our own church, and often, fellowship is lacking at every level.

**So how do we solve this?**

There simply has to be more camaraderie among the ministry. Every organization began first as a revival. Then, in order to perpetuate the fruits of that revival, a loose organization evolved. As the organization came to maturation, they established some type of educational institutions to perpetuate the doctrines of the organization. Next have traditionally come auxiliaries, such as youth, Sunday school. The next thing you know, you have a full-blown organization.

But in this process, if you're not careful, the denomination will spend so much energy on keeping all the auxiliaries going that they get drained by the time they get back to basic

revival. We absolutely need to build in a sense of fellowship with a spirit of revival in every area of our movement.

**Is there a need for better training today?**

I think we definitely need to train today for the ministry at every level. There needs to be accelerated training on the sectional, the district and the national level. We must know where we are in this and train accordingly.

**How can our Bible colleges help in this regard?**

In order to advance the cause of revival, our Bible schools need a course on the study of revival. For instance, the course should study revivals in the Old Testament, revivals, or fresh moves of God in the New Testament, and revivals down through history. Where has revival begun? Ultimately, our Bible schools need to reproduce, not just the study of revival, but the spirit of revival.

**Is there anything else our colleges can do?**

I don't know of one of our Bible schools that has a course on prayer — what prayer has done and what it can do. Everything we do is predicated on the power of prayer, and our Bible schools can greatly advance the cause of revival through a concerted study on prayer.

**What is the key to reaching this generation with our message?**

The word "reach" itself tells us something. You cannot reach anything if you do not know where it is. We need to know where this generation is coming from.

**In what way?**

We've got to start thinking of evangelism in terms of cultural and religious context. Regardless of what we think of this generation and where we think they ought to go, and where they ought to be, where are they in reality? We must be realistic!

**Can you give us an example of what exactly you mean?**

Certainly. As an example, culturally, there are things that I don't struggle with in the church because of my generation. My grandmother was a Christian Scientist. They have some strange doctrines, but as part of that group, she never cut her hair, her dresses were down to her ankle, and she never wore any kind of makeup, because in her generation, they didn't do that. My

mother was the same way. I never saw her in a pair of blue jeans, and she wore only moderate makeup.

So when I came to the Lord, I never had a problem with standards, because culturally, I could identify with them. However, this generation not only doesn't have my religious background, they don't have my cultural background. Therefore, a lot of times, they don't know where we're coming from. They may struggle more with standards because strong standards were not in their cultural background. Consequently we have to be very patient and to give a Scriptural basis for the things we say. This generation, from kindergarten to college, has been taught to question everything. We cannot be intimidated by this, but rather, we must respond with well-reasoned answers.

**Do you have any advice for the young minister wanting to improve his preaching?**

First, preaching cannot be regarded as the preparing of a sermon and delivering it; it is, rather, the preparing of a man and the delivering of Christ through that man.

You cannot spend more time on sermon preparation than you do on self-preparation, because the vessel could contaminate the message. The man should be consistent in his prayer life and his personal devotion.

Don't just study for sermons, but have a personal devotional program that you follow. Then, it goes without saying that we must, as Paul said, study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman who needs not to be ashamed. The word "workman" means "craftsman." We don't need shoddy workmanship in the preparation of a sermon. We ought to have the mentality of a craftsman. If we will do these things, there will come an automatic flow -- a flow that comes through a proper relationship with Jesus, the Source of all power and all messages. AIS

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*Brother Tenney was interviewed by AIS correspondent Linda Massengale.*

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**■ Ministry**

*I know that, as a minister, I am by default also a leader. But I don't feel like a leader. What's wrong?*

Paul D. Mooney

This is an important question, because in order to be the best possible leader, you need to view yourself correctly. Our effectiveness as leaders in advancing a positive and Biblical vision for the future of our churches revolves around a couple of key principles. In particular, how we see ourselves is critical. Here are some important attitudes we need to have about ourselves as leaders:

1) *We are responsible.* That is, we are responsible to our Lord Jesus Christ to reflect His nature and purpose; and to our constituency to use the place they have given us to advance the work of Christ's Kingdom and to protect and assist their ministries.

2) *We are accountable.* For instance, we are accountable to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are also accountable to each other. No one lives in a vacuum; all actions have consequences, and we clearly must give an account to each other for what we are, what we say, what we do. Finally, we are accountable to our families and ourselves.

3) *We have potential.* By this I mean we have the power to encourage and validate others. This is often the most overlooked part of our work, and yet it holds the greatest source of joy as well as potential. We also have the power to strengthen the fellowship in the faith, and to inspire through a revival vision for ourselves and our society.

4) *We have limitations.* We cannot impose or regulate hope, concepts, ideas, dreams or values. One may attempt to inspire, but he cannot impose. We need to know the difference. And we can do nothing against the true will and purpose of God.



**■ Theology**

*I've heard some say that the Bible forbids drinking of wine, and others say that many Bible characters did in fact drink it. Which is true?*

T.R. O'Daniel

Let me say unapologetically that abstinence from alcoholic beverages is the correct approach for a Spirit-filled child of God. In the Old Testament, there were several Hebrew words that are translated "wine" in our English language. *Yayina* is a commonly used word for wine in the Old Testament (used 138 times) and refers to fermented grape juice. *Tiros*, however, refers to freshly pressed juice not yet fermented.

In the New Testament, we have the Greek word *oinos* used for wine, which refers to all types of wine, both fermented and unfermented. To conclude that all wine in the Bible was fermented is unjustified.

Abstinence of alcoholic beverages is supported by Paul's teaching to Titus that a bishop must not be "given to wine" (Titus 1:7). My favorite passage on the subject is Leviticus 10:8-10. God instructs Aaron to, "not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations." Aaron entering into the tabernacle of the congregation is symbolic of our entering into the presence of God.

Also, Paul instructed, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (I Corinthians 6:19). If God set an eternal statute against alcohol in the tabernacle, then we can conclude that God would not be pleased if we, who are temples of the Holy Ghost, consume alcoholic beverages. God requires His people to maintain the distinction between holy and unholy.



**■ Family**

*Our entire family tries their best to walk with God. Recently, something terrible happened to us that, had we known, we could have avoided. Is there some reason that God did not warn us, even though we pray?*

O. C. Marler

There is a part of our lives that seems to "fall through the cracks." Sometimes, we are going to bump our heads on the way home from prayer meeting. Holy Ghost people are subject to the same rains that fall on the unbelievers, even though there are times that God, in His special mercy, allows His people to step out of harm's way.

We must trust God, who sits on the circle of the earth and knows the end from the beginning. Paul in prison wrote to the church, while death rattled the latch of his cell. In the letter he asked for someone to bring his coat and added, "And try to come before winter."

Now why did Paul not carry his coat? It is obvious that he did not know that he was going to be put in jail. Why did he not know, since he had seen Jesus and talked to Him? Why did he not know, since he had been caught up to the third heaven and seen things so holy that he could not utter them? The answer is that even Paul at times "fell through the cracks."

Through the years I have sensed at times a pressing need to pray. A feeling of extreme urgency would come over me, and in time I often realized the identity of the person for whom I had been burdened. But I must say that when two people who were the most near and dear of anyone outside my own family suffered a fatal accident, I never felt a check in the Spirit all that day.

My advice is to just keep walking with God, totally trusting Him. As the old song says, "We will understand it better by and by."



**■ Outreach**

*We have a good number of people receiving the Holy Ghost each year, but very few seem to stick. What are we doing wrong?*

T. W. Massengale

A recent research study was helpful in showing the importance of friendship in the process of becoming a new disciple. The study, reported in Church Growth: America magazine, identified 240 new converts presently active and involved in their churches. In addition, a second group of 240 people were identified who were classified as "backsliders." A third group of the same size were identified who had been presented the Gospel message,

but had not responded favorably.

In individual interviews with these 720 people, each person was asked to characterize the person who had presented the Gospel to him or her. They were asked if this individual would best be described as a "friend," a "salesman," or a "teacher."

The results of the survey were very revealing: Almost all (94 percent) who saw the church member as "friend" were still in the church at the time the survey was taken. However, those who saw the church member as only a "salesman" often made an initial decision, but soon dropped out of church -- in large numbers (71 percent).

Finally, 84 percent of those who saw the church member as simply a "teacher" generally did not respond at all. The implication of this

survey is clear: The non-Christian who perceives your relationship with him or her as that of a "friend" is far more likely to respond to the Gospel and to continue in the faith than is the person who sees you as either a "teacher" (instructing in doctrine, sin and morality), or as a "salesman" (manipulating toward an eventual decision).

If you want to see a greater percentage of converts retained, teach your people to do more than just witness. The old adage says, "you must win a friend to win a soul." This is very true, but in addition to this, you must develop a program to help your new converts make friends with others in the church. If you would like more information on how you might do this, request file NCGE10.TXT from the Apostolic Information Service.



MEDIA

## More Church Burnings Tied to Rock Music

While the news media continue to look at last year's spate of church burnings as race crimes, evidence is mounting that there is a rock music connection with some of the arsons.

As AIS reported last summer, a 19-year-old New Jersey teen was charged in March with aggravated arson after he threw a home-made bomb into the lobby of a local church. Prosecutors allege the attack happened as the result of watching a rock music video by the band Sepultura, in which the rock artists denounce Christian churches as selfish.

Now, word comes that in Norway, 20 churches, most of them centuries old, have been destroyed by arson in the past year. According to *World* magazine, the culprits are "fans of the openly Satanist rock groups known as Black Metal." Black Metal is, according to most experts of rock music, the most blatantly anti-Christian form of music ever produced. Most songs openly promote Satan worship, necrophilia and hatred of all things religious.

The leader of Norway's Black Metal scene, 23-year-old rock star Varg "the Count" Vikernes, has been imprisoned for church burning and for murdering a rival Satanist. Further, authorities in Norway note that the rock artist has circulated tracts saying, "Kill the Christians. Burn their churches."

To further compound the rock-arson connection, AIS has discovered on the Internet's World Wide Web a number of "pages" de-

voted to Black Metal; one of the chief ones has posted pictures of several churches on fire and promotes church arson.

Christian leaders are concerned that if and when Black Metal, largely a Norwegian phenomenon, hits the States, it could pose problems. Teaming with the more violent side of Rap music, it could prove lethal.

The *World* article noted: "Authorities investigating church burnings in America should check out any Satanic connections. And parents should be alert lest their teenagers are drawn into a music and a subculture that embraces the fires of hell."

RELIGION

## Drive-in Features Christian Movies

At least one drive-in theater in Columbus, OH has very little problem with attracting the wrong crowd. Free Christian Drive-in, rather than showing the typical R-rated fare, shows only Christian films – and offers free admission.

Even refreshments at the theater, which opens on Friday and Saturday nights, are free. The owner, Jimmy Rea, Jr., operates an electronics store during the day, and uses part of those profits to operate the theater.

Rea said that he gets a crowd between 100 to 1,000 each weekend.

CHURCH & STATE

## Gov't. Selective in Choosing Religions

The U.S. Court System has once again ruled in such a way that leaves Christians wondering if freedom of religion applies to everyone but Christians.

The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in September that a hundred-foot-tall Christian cross standing on San Francisco's highest peak must be removed. The cross has been part of the landscape for over 60 years.

Meantime, in a separate case, a California federal court has decided that a ten-ton statue of an Aztec deity need not be removed, even though it was constructed at taxpayer expense.

MORALITY

## Is Paying Your Bills Frowned On in U.S.?

Once upon a time, paying one's bills faithfully was considered a sign of integrity in America. Some disturbing signs seem to show, however, that in the United States of 1996, this is not necessarily true anymore. Consider:

- A new game show on TV's Lifetime network rewards people for owing a lot of money. The program, appropriately titled *Debt*, allows contestants to tell about all the bills they've incurred. Winners get all their bills paid. A promo for the show states, "three debt-laden Americans just like you compete to have us pay off all their bills and go home with nothing."

- Meanwhile, one major credit company is charging penalties, not to consumers late in paying their balance, but to those who pay them off every month. Banks make money off the interest rates and cannot make money if people pay their balances monthly.

STRANGE WORLD

## Minister Cast Into Jail for Casting Child Into Hell

Some more examples showing that some of the world's weirdest weirdness comes from right in the church world:

- The Associated Press reports that the Rev. Anthony Dearing was convicted of child endangerment in May. The pastor of Independent Baptist Church in Hillsboro, IL, was charged after he demonstrated how God will pitch the devil into hell by picking up a 12-year-old boy and throwing him six feet inside the church.

- It was Deja Vu all over again for a female employee of Universal Studios Hollywood last summer. The Los Angeles Times reports that during a recent Saturday, after discovering her regular exit gate was locked, she tried to leave by following a tour bus. Unfortunately, but bus was going through a special passageway used to film Charlton Heston as Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea. When the bus reached the end, it triggered a device to close the parted waters, trapping the woman and her car—much like one of Pharaoh's soldiers.

## News In Brief...

- ♦ The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in August that a public high school's Bible club can legally require its leaders to be Christians. The ruling, concerning the Walking on Water Club at Roslyn High School in Roslyn, NY, overturned a lower court's ruling.

- ♦ Florida Governor Lawton Chiles has vetoed legislation that would allow public school students to pray at voluntary events like sports events, assemblies and graduations.

- ♦ The U.S. Senate has passed the Defense of Marriage Act, which denies legal recognition to homosexual "marriages."

## Apostolic Lady Helps Prisoners, Orphans: 'Jesus Wept' Ministries

APOSTOLICS TODAY

By Rick McGee

**S**ister Vicki Robison of Allen, Texas knows firsthand that everything in the ministry isn't always glamour and spotlight. For the 14 years that she's served as president of Jesus Wept Prison Ministries, Sister Robison, who attends Brother Bill Hughes's church in Lucas, has found that sometimes you have to wade through the mud to do the will of God.

"The Lord gave me a vision," says Robison, remembering the experience that first drew her to prison work. "In the vision I saw a mud puddle with bubbles popping up out of it. The bubbles looked like jewels popping out of the mud. I couldn't understand what it meant."

It's then that the Lord spoke to her and explained that He had jewels trapped in prisons, but that very few would go in after them. Sister Robinson, though, has stepped out to rescue the jewels.

Jesus Wept Ministries has had powerful and far-reaching effects under Sister Robinson's leadership. Through her and her staff, hundreds of prisoners in several different prisons have been baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost. "In just one prison," she noted, "at Broadview Correctional Institute, over 100 prisoners have been baptized in Jesus' name."

Sister Robinson first began her ministry by writing letters to some prisoners. Now her ministry is carried on by the prisoners themselves,



*Vicki Robison & a group of prisoners she's helped through Jesus Wept Ministries*

writing their own tracts and newsletter articles.

"You would not believe how good the tracts are, Robinson noted with admiration. She said the prisoners are studying and writing tremendous tracts on baptism in Jesus' name and receiving the Holy Ghost.

Besides the tracts, Jesus Wept Ministries has several publications that aid them in their work. There is, for instance, the *Jesus Wept* newsletter that currently has a circulation of over 500 readers.

Each time Sister Robinson finds a "jewel in the mud," it seems another one pops up. In 1992, a minister in Kakinada, India, heard about her ministry and expressed his desire to start an orphanage in India. This was a great opportunity for the prison ministry. It would provide a home for many children who had been abandoned or orphaned.

The plan to somehow link Jesus Wept Ministries with the orphanage proved successful. They began the Jesus Wept Orphanage with 25 children and now it has grown to 142. This, she said, has been beneficial for the prisoners. They have also begun a Jesus Wept Elementary School for 250 children. "Through the orphanage, we can help the children who are sponsored by prisoners to have some of the parental guidance they might have lost otherwise." They are presently building a new Jesus Wept Children's Home, which will house 300. And the jewels in the mud keep coming.

## Bill Clinton's Apostolic Connections

CURRENT EVENTS

By Richard C. Brown

**J**uly, 1995 • At Georgetown University, President Bill Clinton praised the United Pentecostal Church for offering an alternative to abortion through adoption. At the time, many Apostolics wondered if this was an indication that the President had connections with the UPC.

In fact, Mr. Clinton *has* had contacts:

- During his time as Arkansas governor, Clinton attended the Thursday night service of the Arkansas District Campmeeting every year for about a dozen years, according to District officials.



*B. Clinton*

- Pastor

Anthony Mangun of the Pentecostals of Alexandria (LA) confirms that President Clinton visited the church last March to see their Easter drama, "Messiah."



*A. Mangun*

"It was our first performance of the year," said Brother Mangun, "and the White House called to say he was going to be at a military institution down here in March and said he would like to attend."

This was no chance encounter, though. The Manguns have been friends with the Clintons for about 20 years. "I originally met him at the Arkansas campmeeting with Brother James Lumpkin," said Mangun. "They first came to 'Messiah' in 1989 while he was governor in Arkansas, and he decided he wanted to see the drama again.

"The President was very moved by the drama. He's been in numerous campmeeting services, and I think he's always moved by our singing and preaching."

Brother Mangun has met with Clinton several times since the President took office, and has even prayed for him in the Oval Office. He said that, despite philosophical differences, he expects the friendship to continue.

"I disagree with the President on a number of issues, such as abortion and gay rights. But he is my friend, and a friend loves at all time. We need to oppose President Clinton, but I do wish that our people would pray for him, because the Bible tells us to do that."

## 'Wings of Love': Post-Abortion Healing

APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES

By Andrea Wieland

**T**he memory remains vivid: "I started screaming, 'Stop!' I heard the doctor say, 'You've got to calm down,' but there was so much blood and pain. Later the doctor told me I probably couldn't have children. I didn't care. I just didn't think I would make a good mother."

Sister Lorrie Lenaghan's abortion took place a long time ago, but time didn't heal those wounds. After the abortion, she came to the Apostolic truth, yet still she felt guilt and pain. When she realized she needed healing, she asked God to help her. From there, she read books and sought help from a center.

At the center, they were looking for some-



*Lorrie Lenaghan*

one to lead a post-abortion syndrome group. That is when God opened the doors for Lorrie Lenaghan, who now attends Brother Mark Huba's church in Newport Richey, FL, to start a ministry called Wings of Love. Wings of Love has been in effect for three years now. The group helps women who have had abortions to find healing, understanding and forgiveness from God. "Although the ministry is growing, there is only one other church in our fellowship with this kind of program," Sister Lenaghan noted with concern.

Wings of Love helps a group of three, although at any time, it goes from a size of eight to one. "The group meets weekly for about six sessions," said Sister Lenaghan. "We also hold a rather unique memorial service, which helps the healing process" She said she feels she is close to winning some of the ladies to the message of truth. Sister Lenaghan is available to give seminars on abortion healing. For information, call her at (813) 849-2498.



- Expert says electronic communication is essential for growing churches.
- Author offers turnaround strategies for small churches.
- New missionary biography presents a gripping story, not just dry statistics.

**PREACHER'S PICKS**

Recently we asked several prominent Apostolic ministers what books should be in every minister's library. Some responses:

- Dan Butler: *The Magic of Thinking Big*, by David Schwartz (Simon & Schuster). "It's a tremendous book. The whole idea of it is to expand your thinking and to stop thinking small."
- Jay Stirnemann: *A Strong Family*, by Chuck Swindoll
- David K. Bernard: "An author I recommend highly for reference purposes is F.F. Bruce."

**■ the need for 'cyber-churches'**

Is your church on the cutting edge of electronic computer communications -- or still stuck in the typewriter age? One communications consultant says that in the Information Age, only churches which take seriously the electronic culture will survive. "If the church would relate to the new electronic culture," said Dr. Thomas Boomershine, of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, "growth would come at an enormous rate." Boomershine said that throughout the church's history, the church has adapted its methods of communicating the Gospel and interpreting the Bible, according to the advancements of the day. For example, the invention of the printing press in the 15th century made Bible translation common. According to Boomershine, the communications revolution is similar in scope: "The present electronic communications revolution is the largest change since the development of writing. If this is all true, what we are facing as the church is the need to think and communicate the mission of the church in totally new ways, if we want to communicate the Gospel in an electronic culture." Boomershine urged those unfamiliar with today's communication's technology to familiarize themselves with it -- and to make it a priority.

**■ how to grow small churches into larger ones**

Sometimes it seems as though churches classified as "revival" churches are the larger ones,

**■ book review**

Mountain of the Lion, by Donald Hugh O'Keefe, 1996 Word Aflame Press, 8855 Dunn Rd., Hazelwood, MO 63042, Nashville, 237 pages, paperback, \$7.99.

As you read the opening pages of Brother Donald O'Keefe's story of his missionary exploits in South Africa, you know you're in for more than the standard missionary fare. Starting with an account of facing the killer "driver ants," this book reads more like a suspense thriller than the "names, dates, and numbers" chronicle of a new missions work. And the suspense seldom lets up in this fast-paced biography.

but even large churches started off small. So what have pastors of small churches done to grow? Ron Crandall noted these steps in *Turnaround Strategies for the Small Church*:

- 1) Emphasize inviting a friend.
- 2) Use the phone, letters, ads, and signs.
- 3) Start new programs.
- 4) Welcome visitors.
- 5) Encourage lay visitation.
- 6) Follow up on visitors.
- 7) Make use of pastoral visitation.
- 8) Focus on children's ministries.
- 9) Deliver welcome packets and baked goods.
- 10) Offer pastoral care to the community.
- 11) Plan for special evangelistic sessions.

**■ American Pulse: Who's Reaching the World?**

How often are we contributing to world evangelism? That is, when do we participate in evangelism, outreach or mission work? To the right are some sobering numbers.



Source: Princeton Religion Research

**Church Law**

By Owen Taylor

The IRS has issued some of the regulations concerning travel by spouses, children, and other "accompanying persons." These regulations were released in May, 1996.

The regulations also cover the deductibility of business meals and club dues. There are not many changes from earlier statements and regulations by the IRS. The regulations permit spousal travel, business meals, entertainment expenses and club dues to be excluded from employee income only if they are for "bona fide business purposes" or qualify as "working conditions fringe benefits." The regulations also make clear that employees or business associates traveling with a bona fide business are not automatically classified as "accompanying persons" merely because they are traveling with another employee.

These regulations are expected to bring increased IRS scrutiny of spousal travel and other business related expenses this year. Although the deductibility of business expenses is not an issue for tax exempt organizations (churches), the income exclusion for spousal travel likely impacts many nonprofit employees. Organizations should adopt a policy to ensure that travel and other expenses significantly further bona fide purposes, which includes written back-up of purpose, date, responsibilities and business function. As with most tax issues, a competent tax consultant should be contacted regarding these issues.

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# Be Strong and Show Thyself a Man

TEXT: I Kings 2:1-2 "...be thou strong, therefore, and shew thyself a man."



Vaughn Morton is pastor of Truth Tabernacle in Fresno, CA, as well as a frequent conference and campmeeting speaker.

**M**ighty men: This is what the church needs today. The Scripture says the church was built upon the Apostles and the prophets; it was built on mighty men. And likewise today, as the church nears the 21st century, the challenges of our day will only be met by churches led by "mighty men."

**OUR TEXT** shows us the challenge of David to his son, Solomon, to "be strong and shew thyself a man." David had need of mighty men; he had need of warriors. II Samuel 8:4, for instance, tells of some of the mighty warriors that David had. He had strong men, strong champions to help him fight his battles.

The need is no less great today. In order to build the kind of churches we need in this end time, it's going to take strong men. What the Apostolic movement needs today is men who will say, "I'm going to be the best man that my pastor has ever pastored. I'm going to be the best man who has ever been in my local church."

**AS WE TURN** to the New Testament, we see that Jesus loved men. Matthew 11:7 says, "as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John. . .," and then he went on to commend John the Baptist. Jesus loved real men like John the Baptist.

What was it in John that Jesus so loved? He said that while some might be reeds "shaken in the wind," this was not so of John. John was a strong, powerful, capable, extraordinary man. He showed himself strong and showed himself a man. And he received the strongest possible commendation from Jesus: "Among them that are born of woman has not risen up a greater than John the Baptist."

If you want to be a man, be a John the Baptist. I'll not spend my time worrying about sissies or homosexuals. I'm more concerned about finding men like willing to stand up as real men of God. If you're going to be a man, you might as well be a real man of God, committed to His Word, His church and His ways. Be a man excited about being part of the Kingdom of God.

**THE APOSTLES** also saw the value of good men. In Acts 6:3, the Apostles said to "look you out among you for seven men." They needed some men to set things on the right course. They said they needed men of honest report, and full of the Holy Ghost.

Likewise, Paul in Titus 1:8 said a bishop should be a "lover of good men." John said he wrote to certain young men "because you are strong and the word of God abideth in you, and you have overcome the wicked one" (I John 2:14).

There is nothing that touches me any more than a strong man in the Kingdom of God, and in the church of the living God. I'm not just talking about a tall, burly, strong-muscled man. I have some men in my church

**"Real men give strength to the church and the pastor. We need men who cannot be bought. We need men whose word is their bond."**

who are skinny, scrawny, and weak looking. But when it comes to the things of God, there is nobody who can beat them in being powerful, capable Christians. Push them down, beat them down, but they'll always get back on their feet. We need good men and we need to be a lover of good men.

**WE FIND ALSO** in the Old Testament the need for strong men. Jethro told Moses in Exodus 18:21, "thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness."

We need men like that: able men who fear God, love truth and hate sin. We need men who will help the pastor shoulder the burden. When your pastor gets up to do something, you need to be there ready to help. Too many men are dead heads; too many are

lazy. We need men able to help the leadership.

**WE ALSO SEE** in Numbers 11:17 the promise of God to take the spirit which was upon Moses and put it upon those men who offered themselves in support of their leader. There's a powerful application here for each of us. Every man of every church needs to take up the spirit of his pastor. Allow yourself to be molded and shaped by his spirit and his attitude. It's a compliment to be able to tell whose church you are from. Young men ought to take on the spirit of the pastor.

But that's not all. Jeremiah continued the theme of needing strong men. In Lamentations 3:27, he said that every man should learn to bear their yoke at a young age. It's good for a man to learn to bear some responsibility in his youth. How you grow up to be spiritual men is to be strong in God. Love the man of God; hang around him all you can. Love the prayer room. Love worship. Love the work of God. And be faithful in all things.

**REAL MEN** give strength to the church and the pastor. We need men who cannot be bought. We need men whose word is their bond. We need men who value character above wealth. And we need men who never hesitate to take a stand for right.

The song says, "give me some men who are stout hearted, men who will fight for the right they adore. Start with me ten who are stout hearted men, and I'll soon give you 10,000 more." Give me some men. "Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man!"

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*"A good leader recognizes that it is God's work,  
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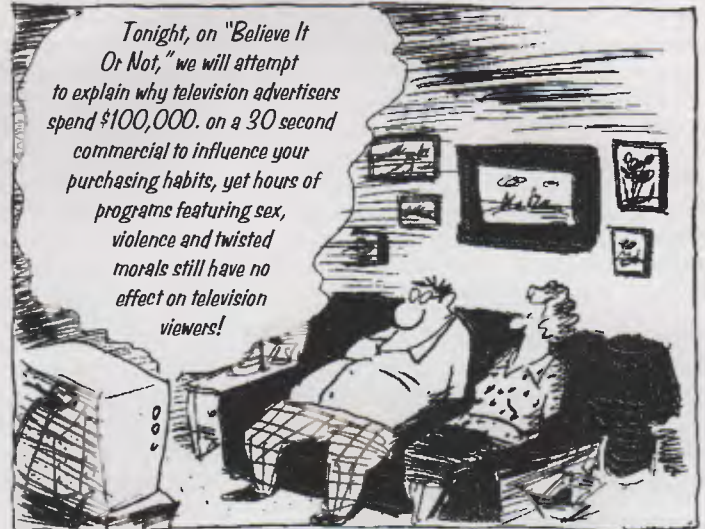
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**Adam may have had** his share of troubles, but at least he didn't have to listen to Eve talking about the man she could have married.



**Can you find the 16 books of the Bible?** "I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are 16 names of the books in the Bible in this story.

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**Top Ten Excuses for Being Late to Church:**

10. I had to take the weed eater away from Grandma again."
9. I was busy praying that I wouldn't be late."
8. That annoying MCI guy called and wanted the names of my friends and family."
7. I tithed all the money I was going to use to buy an alarm clock.
6. I thought this was the Sunday we were supposed to set our clocks back.
5. I was talking on the phone to another member about how we hate it when people are late to church.
4. I was arguing with my spouse about who takes longer to get ready.
3. The devil made me do it.
2. A group of Jehovah's Witnesses surrounded my car in the driveway.

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1. I had a near death experience with my blow dryer.

**You're an old-timer** if you remember when a baby-sitter was called "Mother."

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OPINIONS:

## Missionary Deputation - Can It Be Improved?

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All churches could be strongly encouraged to have an annual faith promise service or missions conference each year (as many already do). Perhaps a simple award system would encourage even greater participation. Then, each year, a multimedia presentation - one of exceptional quality - could be produced that would promote the cause of world missions. Committed representatives, each focusing on a different missions region, would then travel full-time with this presentation, going from church to church, helping them with their scheduled Faith Promise service. They would share with the pastor (and/or church if the pastor desired) the needs of the mission fields assigned to them and encourage PIM's for the missionaries. This would hopefully shorten the time necessary for the newly appointed

missionary to travel. Then, while on the field, the missionary would provide regular updates of their success to their traveling representative, who, in turn, would share these reports with pastors and would continue to raise funds to make up any PIM's that did not come in. When the missionary returned on furlough [some, most, all] of their next tour's budget would be raised. The missionary could use the furlough time to rest, recharge their spiritual batteries, and to then travel to as many churches as they desired to give a missions report and raise funds for any special projects. Note that such a program would not eliminate the need for duputization, but would simply shorten it, thereby still providing the important personal link between the missionary and the church that is supporting them. Perhaps such an approach, or an adaptation of it, could be successful.

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from church to church on a volunteer basis representing the missionaries. This would be a group of men who act in the missionary's stead, while he's still on the field, bringing the needs of several missionaries to the churches he travels to. Deputation is good if we can shorten the time involved and make it less of a burden on the missionary.



Robert Henson (Pastor, Flint, MI), "Deputation is an excellent method in terms of actually raising money. However, I do think it puts a lot of strain on the missionary and sometimes on his family. It also sometimes creates a lot of difficulty with the lack of leadership on the foreign field. It's not ideal for the leader of the work to leave for such a long time. So while it's good in terms of raising money, it's not the best in terms of its effect on the work."

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## Michael Klann: The Possible Dream

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four-hour session that he requires all those who want to be involved in a position of leadership to attend. He began this program by selecting those who had been faithful to participate. "The Bible says to commit these things to faithful men."

### Philosophy of the Dream

Brother Klann noted that there have been several hard trials for the church - times when people that he felt were solid saints left the church. The philosophy that carried him through: "I eventually came to realize that you have to let God be God. At one time, I had longed for God to send our church the right kind of people with talent and abilities. The Lord told me, 'Use what I gave you.'" At another time, I got a little discouraged by all the tragedies of people leaving the church. I wanted to hold onto them, but God said, 'Let me work.' Eventually a minister came to me and said he had a word from the Lord for me. He said that God was trying to deal with some people that I was trying too hard to hold onto. He said I should just let God do what He wants. So, through the storm, you need to have patience and let God do His work."

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