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DEAR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

What a privilege to taste and see the goodness of the Lord, in the midst of challenges around the world. The Lord showed me about the lockdown of many nations and the release of mysterious diseases a few years ago. We tend to forget that when prophecies are revealed by God, the Church must prepare herself to walk through these challenges. This is the time to stand in faith and declare the praises of God. Few months before I left Singapore, while preaching in our Sunday service on January 2020, the Lord showed me a vision of Singapore shutting down its borders from all travels. I preached and warned the congregation that this day will come. And that day did come; one week after we left Singapore for the US.

The Bible says, "And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams" 1 Samuel 15:22 (ESV). To obey and to listen are the key words the Lord desires to train His children in these times. The Lord uses various moments and training methods to impart a spiritual point to us. Whether you like it not, this pandemic Covid-19 – is one of those moments.

Many are still crying, "Why me, Lord? I have made much burnt In His love, offerings and sacrifices." Their testimony is still centered in so much of self and their sacrifices, when God is reminding His Church that to obey is better and to listen to God's directions are far more important than past sacrifices.

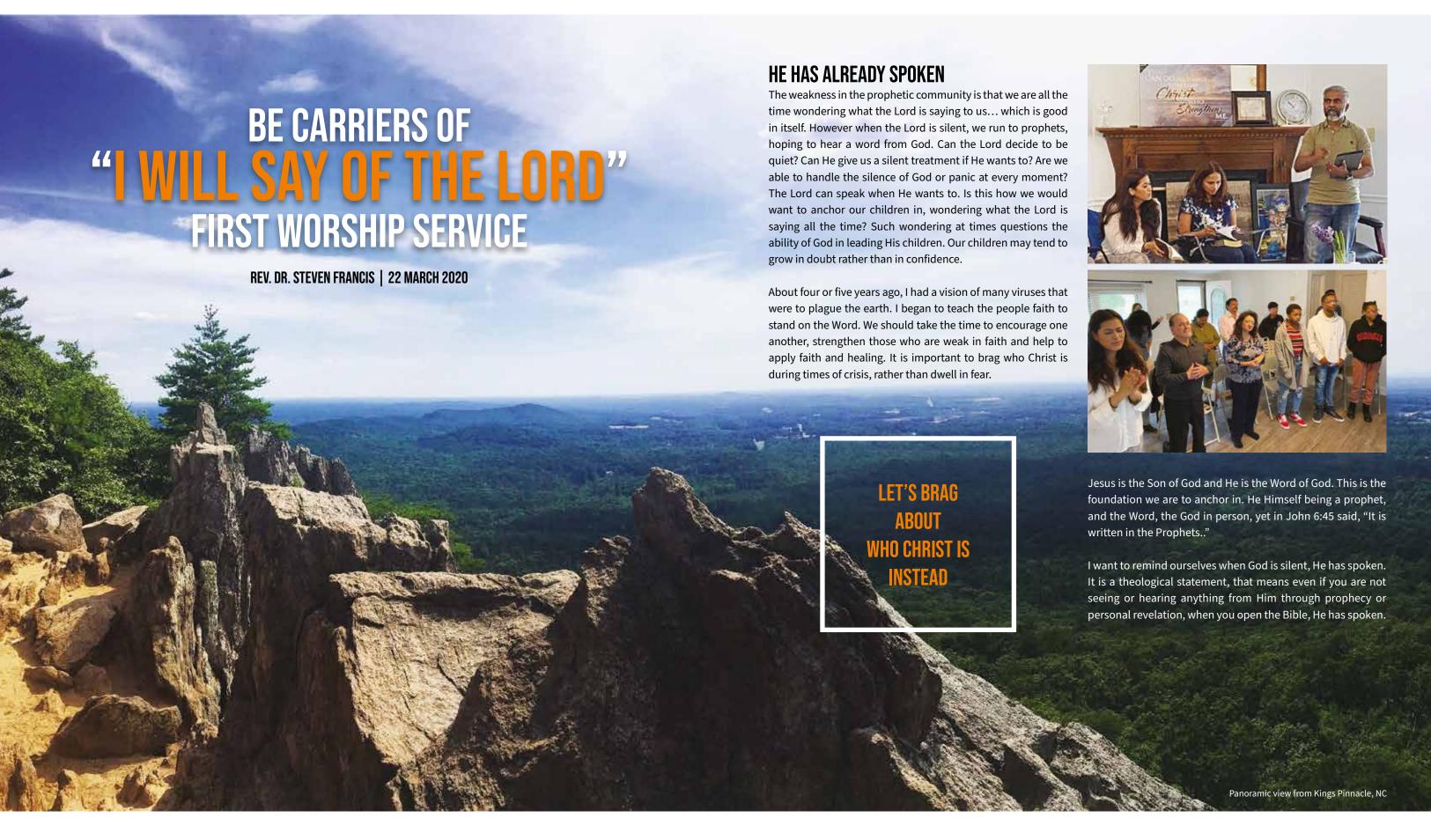
This has become our experience when the Lord spoke to me in a divine encounter to move to Kings Mountain, North Carolina. My wife and I decided that we want to obey God at all costs even though it was painful to leave family and church behind. We decided that we will magnify the faithfulness of God and talk about the trust He has upon us to give us this project. Instead of a story centered on our sacrifices, we wanted to base it upon the faithfulness of God.

God will never fail. Due to Covid-19, many invitations have been cancelled which has effected our income. But our help comes from the Lord. God will continue to supply all our needs supernaturally.

This is a time to take stock of our faith and expansion. God pays for what He directs and you pay for what you plan. So let us trust upon the Lord to direct us.

May the Lord bless each one of you as you faithfully consider sowing into this ministry. May your families be showered by the abundance of His Goodness. We will continue to press forward.

Steven & Francio



LET US GO BACK TO THE WORD OF GOD

Throughout the Word and centuries of church history, God uses three or four particular prophets in every season; to prophesy the Word of the Lord. There is tendency today, that many in the prophetic community are replacing prophets for the Lord Jesus. We follow men more than to become disciples of Christ.We have forgotten to go back to the discipline of Bible study which is the root of our faith. Any prophet who draws attention to himself more than the Christ he is proclaiming, must re-orientate back to the Cross.

For thirty years, I kept digging in the Word because I saw many who walked in the Spirit without the Word, falling away. When the leadings stopped, they failed. They got uneasy whenever the Lord was not speaking to them and ran after other spirits.

Jesus Himself said, "It is written in the Prophets.." He quoted what was already said. Did He say, "I am the Word of God, I spoke to those prophets in those times, now I am telling you something new, so I will replace whatever I spoke through the prophets?" No, He did not. Jesus was a continuation of the prophets in the natural yet at the same time, He was the Divine Word Who spoke from the day the world began. He continues to speak till the day it is going to end. Faith is a continuation of Jesus and the Word that will enable us to move forward. Be rooted in the Word and grow in the Spirit.

The prophetic community can be so tempted to prophesy, "Thus says the Lord!" without quoting any scriptures to someone who comes to them for prayer. It is important that we plant people strong in the Word. We need to be mindful Who we represent. His name must be remembered more than our names. **The impression must be of the Cross not us.**

WE REPRESENT JESUS AND NOT OURSELVES NOR OUR MINISTRY, BUT JESUS.



"HE WHO DWELLS IN THE
SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST
HIGH SHALL REMAIN STABLE AND
FIXED UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE
ALMIGHTY [WHOSE POWER NO
ENEMY CAN WITHSTAND]."

Psalm 91:1 (AMP)

ABIDE IN HIM

At present we are all facing the challenges of the Covid-19. Instead of keeping ourselves informed about this pandemic and allow anxiety to set in, let us go back to the Word of God and know that He is with us. The healing balm of Gilead will be upon you. I saw a beam of God's glory all around my property and the Lord said to me, "All those who step into the land will be protected." And God has done so till today. Praise His name.

It is a human instinct to push back when something pushes us. But we have forgotten, this must also be a spiritual instinct. The Bible says "no enemy can withstand you." We need to bear in mind that when we feel the pressure of the enemy, the Lord Jesus Whose power no enemy can withstand, is in us and we are empowered to push back in Jesus' name. This is the instinct we should have.

However, the Bible says it is only for "he who dwells in the secret place (Ps 91:1)," he who is dwelling in the shade, in the shadow of the Almighty, can withstand the enemy. The word "dwells" is in the present tense, not a one-time staying close to God, but abiding in Him always.

Recently I was taken up to heaven and was amazed when I saw that shadows in heaven are not black or dark shadows as we see on earth. In heaven it is full of light and it goes before you and not behind. That is why He says He goes before you and prepares a place for us (Deut. 31:8).

If we abide in the shadow of the Almighty, we are covered by the protection of God. There will be a divine layer all around us as we walk in the authority of faith.

As we dwell in the secret place of The Most High, we are to be mindful of our confessions because the Bible says "I will SAY of the Lord, He is my refuge." 'Say' is a word of action. Say what you believe. And there is a determination factor here, it says "I WILL SAY, not I might, but I WILL".

Early this year, before Singapore went into the lockdown mode due to the Covid-19, church worship services below 250 members were still permitted to come together. We kept on declaring that those who came into the church, even if there were potential carriers (which we would not know), that the virus would die in Jesus' name. With the regulation of safe distancing set in with no hand shakes allowed, we have to remember that as children of God, we are the first responders of faith. Jesus says when you touch and pray, one is healed. So we may not wear a glove but there is a glove of the Holy Spirit that will cover us. If there is one thing we can pass to others, it is our faith. Release faith that declares, we will SAY of the Lord, He is our refuge, our shield and buckler.

Everyone is talking about being socially responsible, must we not also be spiritually responsible to bring the message of healing to those who need it most?

MAKING A STAND IN CHALLENGING TIMES

All throughout history, God is looking for someone who will make a stand. The disciples did not make a stand as they ran away after the crucifixion of Jesus. Later all of them made a stand after Jesus was resurrected. Today, Jesus is still looking for His disciples who woud make the stand and say, "this King who was on the cross, is my King!" This is something God is putting in our hearts. Will you say it for Him, will you stand up for Him?

We find in Psalm 91

EIGHT CHALLENGES THAT ARE AGAINST US DURING THIS TIME:

1. THE SNARE (TRAP) OF THE ENEMY (VS 3)

These are things the enemy might do. It can be a trap that makes you sick. It can be a trap to cause you to speak wrong words. It can be a trap to distract you from your walk in Christ or your calling.

2. THE DEADLY PESTILENCE (VS 3)

God will protect us against the plagues that is coming against the nations. The focus should no longer be when the next virus is going to come, though it is good to know and to be prepared. Our FAITH must be prepared for the coming challenge, and what we must do to become carriers of the healing power of God.

3. THE FEAR OF THE THE THINGS THAT IS AROUND US (VS 5)

It says "you will not fear the terror by night, nor the arrows that fly by day." It is impossible not to fear but God says you shall not fear. We need to fight fear. When the coronavirus attacks the community, we may not get sick but we fear and this can kill us faster than the actual deadly pestilence. As children of God, our confidence is in the healing power of God. The reality is, if you are abiding under His shadow, when anyone with infection comes in close contact with you, that virus must die. Nothing by any means shall hurt you, so do not let fear eat you up. I am not saying, not to be wise or be careful but don't be fearful.

4. THE TERROR OF THE NIGHT; AND 5. ARROWS THAT FLIES BY DAY

The attacks get more intenive here. There will come a season, when we will be continuously exposed to deadly pestilences. Day and night we will hear someone dying.

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BE CARRIERS OF "I WILL SAY OF THE LORD"

We need to be wise. If we continue to watch too much of the news and less of the Word, it will bring fear into our hearts.

6. PESTILENCE THAT STALKS IN DARKNESS (VS 6)

The pestilence may not come near you, but it could be stalking you from the outside. Fear not. Nothing can come in because of the blood of Jesus. The demons cannot cross over that line.

Last year, I was in Chiangmai, Northern Thailand to do a 'four days mountain route' motorcycle ride. On the third day when I reached the bottom of the mountain, I was invited for coffee by a friend that I met along the ride. He brought me to a cafe called the 'Witches' Coffee House'. I told him that I will not go but he insisted. So I prayed in tongues as I walked towards the coffee house because there were life-sized witch mannequins all around it, some standing and some sitting on brooms. Even the coffee cups had the face of a witch on it. As I was praying, the Lord told me to open my spiritual eyes. As I opened my eyes, I could see all the witches in the spirit standing near the coffee house. The Lord told me to enter the coffee house. As I walked in, there was this light that surrounded me and I could hear the witches say, "he is here, give way, move away!" And they all moved away. This was how God showed me never to fear when we walk in God's glory. When an anointed one of God walks in, every demon must give way.

WHEN AN ANOINTED ONE OF GOD WALKS IN, EVERY DEMON MUST GIVE WAY.

7. THE DESTRUCTION (VS 6)

In the Amplified version, it says you will hear of sudden deaths in these times. Do not let your heart grow weary or weaken in faith. When you hear of judgement, do not fear. When you hear the churches being shaken, do not be disheartened.

8. CLOSE CONTACT (VS 7)

"A thousand my fall at your side...".

The word "side" means close contact. Our faith is challenged when it is in close contact. To make it worse, ten thousand shall fall on the other side of you. However, God says nothing shall come near you. Therefore we are to remind ourselves that the grace of God that is in us is greater than any virus that is challenging us. The question is - who are you going to believe?

SEVEN THINGS ABOUT YOUR FAITH THAT MATTERS DURING THESE TIMES:

1. YOUR CONFESSION MATTERS

Vs 1 "I will SAY...". Speak what your faith says and not what your fear says. Speak the Word out of your heart not what comes out out of your mind.

2. YOUR FAITH MATTERS

Ps 91: 10-11 "no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

This means your faith matters during this time and you can not afford to have weak faith. Romans 10:17 says, faith only comes by hearing the Word. It is the pure, unadulterated Word that builds your faith.

3. YOUR ABIDING WITH GOD MATTERS IN THIS SEASON

He says in verse 1 "he who abides in the secret place", and in verse 9, it says "you make the Lord your dwelling place". It is a choice of a consistent, disciplined, close walk with God. This is the season that will reveal those who are abiding in God and those who stand by the way side.

4. YOUR LOVE OF GOD MATTERS AND IT IS MEASURED

Verse 14 says "he who holds fast..." This is what God says, because we love Him much, He is going to protect us; because we know Him so much, He is going to answer us and deliver us. So grow in God. Take time to withdraw, at least ten minutes if you can, just to be with the Lord and thank Him for what He is doing. Spend time in the Word because the love is measured by God.

5. YOUR PRAYERS MATTERS TO GOD

Verse 15 says "When he calls to me, I will answer him..." When we pray, God will be with us in trouble. He will rescue us and honor us, so learn to pray.

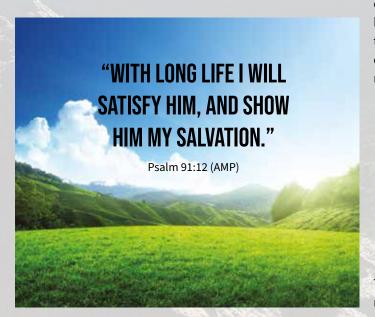
6. YOUR WALK WITH GOD MATTERS

We all want God to deliver us from trouble but sometimes trouble is necessary. We can self-inflict ourselves with problems due to foolishness. But He will always walk you through and bring you out of it. And that is what it means "I will be with him in trouble". So at this moment, our walk matters with God.

7. YOUR TESTIMONY MATTERS TO GOD

The way we live our lives and the way we talk matters to God. Selfishness is ruling the world. People live for themselves. As a child of God, we are not afraid of lack because our providence comes from God.

The fact that God says in verse 15, "He will deliver us" means there will come a time when we may be stuck in situations in which we need a breakthrough or deliverance from God. We can be assured that as the Word of God says, we shall only look with our eyes and see the the recompense of the wicked and angels will be dispatched to guard us in all our ways. Having an experiential breakthrough in God creates your own personal testimonies to share with others that our God is not just a God of yesterday but He is a present help in times of need. I shall conclude with this final verse:



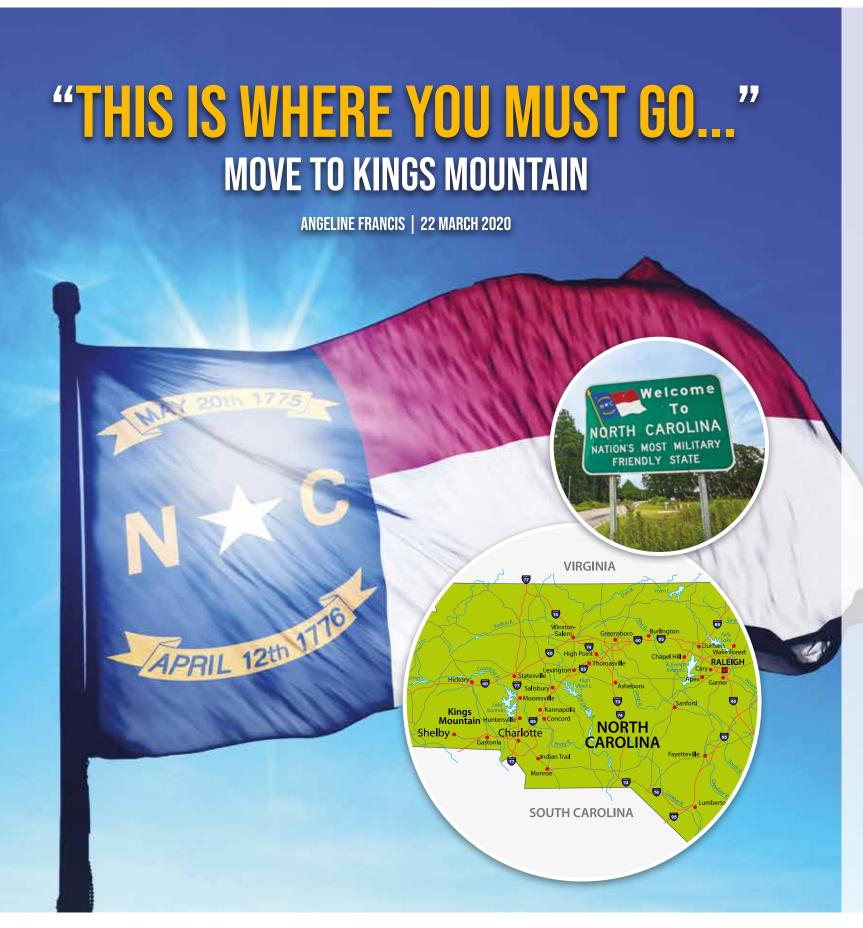


The words "with long life I will satisfy him" is not about healing. This is not the healing level. As for His children, long life is living in divine health. I would like to share an encounter I had with the Lord. By His grace, I was brought into a garden where only those who are mature in the Lord and senior prophets are allowed to enter. The Lord told me to walk in front and I made a few steps forward. Each time I stepped and took my feet off the grass, those patches of grass that I stepped on, would come back alive, which I could see as if through a magnifying glass. Like an animation, the grass was smiling and growing back into life. As I kept on walking, every path was the life of heaven and the life of Jesus. The Lord said this is the place of divine health and there is no death here.

Let us take time to anchor ourselves in the Word. That each of us become carriers of God's presence, carriers of divine healing, carriers of "I will say of the Lord" for such a time as this. The Lord has called us as His Church to represent Him on earth. We represent the power of God on earth. We carry His name on earth.

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POWER OF GOD ON EARTH.
WE CARRY HIS NAME ON EARTH.

This will be the time when earth is waiting for the Church to rise up and shine for the glory of God. Amen. ■



TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR THE REMNANTS!

It gives me great joy to write to you the Lord's wondrous works done in our lives as He moved us from Singapore to Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Truly He has given us obedient hearts to heed His call. Allow me to share how powerfully He worked and is still working in our lives through our walk of obedience.

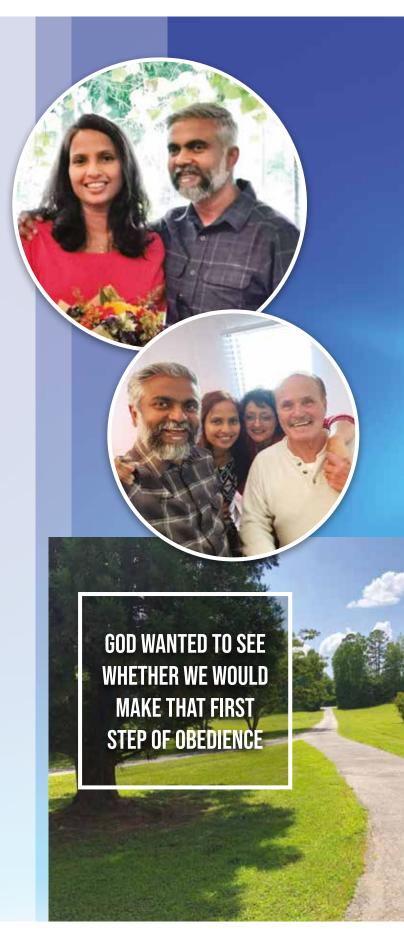
In December 2018, The Lord spoke to my husband through an encounter. He said that we must move to Charlotte! Not knowing where Charlotte was, we checked Google Maps and found out that it was a city in the state of North Carolina. As we were wondering exactly where in Charlotte we should move to, the Lord Jesus appeared and pointed at the city of 'Kings Mountain' (which is about 45 mins away from Charlotte) on the map. He said, "This is where you must go to prepare a place for the remnants!" We were flabbergasted! He also said that we must move in year 2020. That gave us only one year to prepare for this move!

"WILLING OBEDIENCE"

I have to admit that I struggled with my obedience. It was grudging obedience at first because I could not imagine leaving our families and church behind. I took months to overcome the pain while the Lord, very graciously taught me about 'willing obedience'. And He prepared my heart layer by layer. Through many experiences and encounters, He finally brought me to that state of utter surrender and obedience.

God will never force His children to obey but lovingly teach and prepare them to embrace the call of God.

Hebrew 11:8-10 says, "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise..." God chose Abraham because He knew his heart of obedience. If Abraham, a pagan in that era could obey God, why can't we, when we know, love and serve the true, living God! God wanted to see whether we would make that first step of obedience by moving over to Kings Mountain. And we did by His grace.



"THIS IS WHERE YOU MUST GO..." MOVE TO KINGS MOUNTAIN



We are humbled that the Lord could trust us enough to give us this new assignment. When we submitted to the Lord, not only did He prepare us, but also our children, extended families and church members, to release us to follow the call of God! He made everything possible which seems impossible in the natural! So, in no way can we boast that we have done a huge sacrifice to follow Him. He gave us people and resources to help us move and settle. God is that good!

"IF YOU ARE WILLING AND OBEDIENT, YOU SHALL EAT THE GOOD OF THE LAND"

Isaiah 1:19

God is not pleased with unwilling, half-hearted obedience but total obedience with all our heart, mind and soul. He deserves that as He is a good God. **Our obedience sets us apart and authenticates our love and honor for Him.**

With much heartache and anticipation, we bid farewell to our families and our members of 'Jesus My King' church and flew to the US on 11 March 2020, amidst the fear and chaos of Covid-19. We moved in the perfect timing of God. Right after our move, Singapore closed its borders.

FEELING RIGHT AT HOME!

And here we are right now, in beautiful Kings Mountain! What a lovely change of environment it is for us; away from the buzzling city of Singapore and into lush greenery; with houses speckled along windy roads and cows and horses grazing the fields with a view of the majestic Kings mountain in the background. And you will never fail to see a church at every corner of the road.

Such beauty of God's creation is medicine to our souls! We are in perfect peace and feeling right at home! **This peace that transcends all understanding, guarding our hearts and mind is a gift of the Lord.** You see, when we surrender to the Lord, it is NOT a surrender at all as He rewards us with His goodness.



Brother Daniel celebrating his 50th birthday. With him are his son Xavier and wife Alicia, obeying God's call to NC as a family.

Ps Michael Widjaja with Samuel John Francis.



WHY HE CHOSE KINGS MOUNTAIN

We are settling in and getting ready for a period of fasting and prayer. The Lord has commanded us to do so to give us clear directions of our next move. We have no idea why the Lord chose King's Mountain but after meeting some local people, we found out that many believers in this city have interceded for a revival to take place. Wow! now we have a clue of why the Lord positioned us here!

TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY



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PROCLAIMING THE DAY OF THE LORD

We started our first Sunday service on 22 March 2020 in our house with about 20 people. That was truly a memorable and joyous day for us, proclaiming the Day of the Lord! Since then we have held service every Sunday. Though the attendance was restricted to 10 people since the lockdown, we were able to reach out to others through audio and video recording, and Zoom. We then started a Wednesday evening service in Cherryville, in the home of one of our dear friends.





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RETURN TO THE KING!

The Lord gave me a word for the season. He spoke to me These scriptures clearly show the effects of the current through Leviticus 26. He said that in these last days, His righteous and obedient children will receive His blessings stated in verses 1-13.

He said He will give:

- RAIN (V4)
- ABUNDANT CROPS (V4)
- RICH HARVEST (V4)
- PEACE AND NO FEAR (V5-6)
- PROTECTION FROM ENEMIES (V6-7)
- MAKE YOU FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY (V9)
- MAKE THINGS ANEW (V10)
- → A PROMISE FOR KINGS MOUNTAIN!!
- ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING HIS CHILDREN (V11-12)
- → WE WILL EXPERIENCE SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTERS

Hallelujah! The godly and righteous are safe and secure, dwelling in peace by the grace of God.

He also said that because of the disobedience of His people and nations, the world is facing the curses that is stated from verses 14-33.

He said,

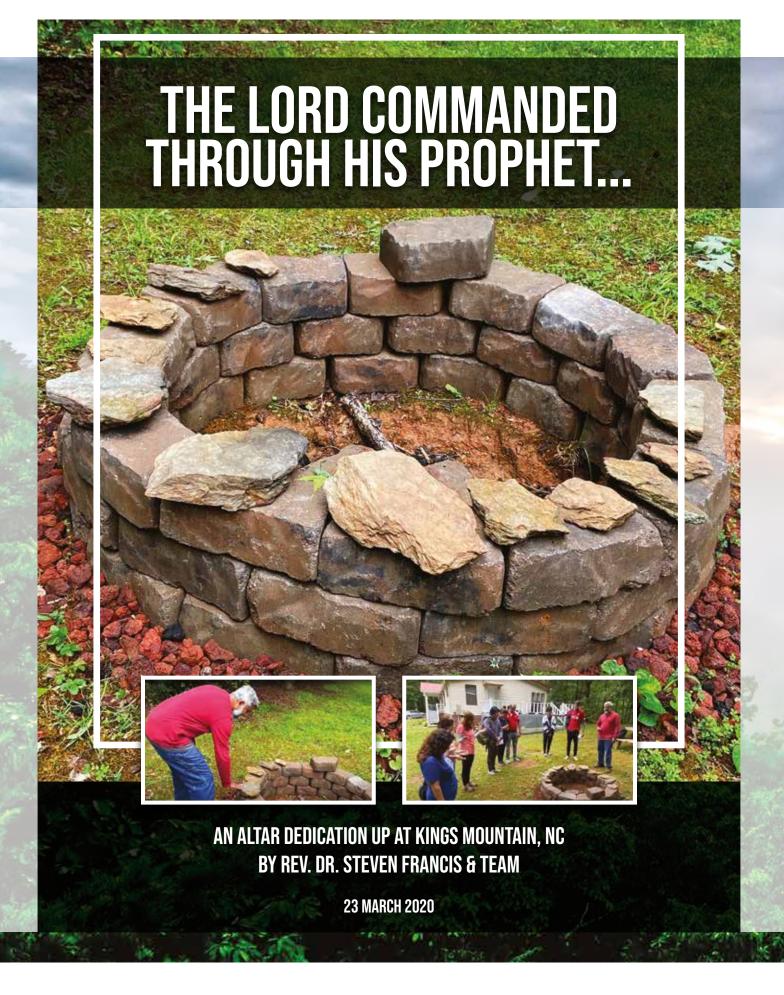
- "I WILL VISIT YOU WITH PANIC, WITH WASTING **DISEASE AND FEVER" (V16)**
- "MAKE YOU FEW IN NUMBER, **SO THAT YOUR ROADS SHALL BE DESERTED" (V22)**
- "I WILL SEND PESTILENCE AMONG YOU" (V25)
- "I BREAK YOUR SUPPLY OF BREAD" (V26)
- "I WILL LAY YOUR CITIES WASTE AND WILL MAKE YOUR SANCTUARIES DESOLATE" (V31)

pandemic. May we pray for God's mercy to come upon all the suffering nations. And if you are wondering what the end result of this pandemic will be, God says in verse 34-39, that "the Land will be purified and recover its Holiness." This chaos is going to bring people back to God and His holiness will be reinstated in the land of the living. God will restore us when we repent. He will not reject us because He is a fair and loving God. He is a merciful God. It is written in James 2:13, "mercy triumphs over judgement." Let us repent and cry out to God for His mercy and bear fruits of repentance.

We are eagerly waiting for the Lord to instruct us of our next move. We are ready to take the next step in obedience. In Exodus 19:5, God says - "If you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine." Let our goal be to please our Lord with our obedience. I am looking forward to the mighty works that we are going to do for our King, Jesus. May He reign in Kings Mountain, in North Carolina and in the United States. Hail Him the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Continue to pray for us. Write your testimonies and prayer requests that we too can pray for you. May the Lord bless you abundantly. ■





...AND WE OBEYED.



OUR JOURNEY HAS BEGUN, AND NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP US, FOR THE LORD WALKS WITH US.





A DEDICATION PRAYER REV DR STEVEN FRANCIS, KINGS MOUNTAIN

For this purpose, God has chosen you, that you will make history in everything that God has called us to do in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. We are nobodies, but God chose us, and gave us a specific command, that this memorial stone must mean something to us. So Father, we pray that each person's name will be written today in the book of memories. That they, despite their challenges and weaknesses, have come up and set this altar. We pray that this anointing will be shared among each one of us, that our future and our destinies are in Your hands. We pray for the freedom of Kings Mountain. We pray for salvation of souls, healings and deliverances. We pray Lord, that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. We will carry a new anointing. Children, youths, adults and families, will be set free; that 'Jesus My King Church' will experience a miraculous healing power of God. Where the lame will walk, the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and those who are dumb will speak. Let the name of Jesus be glorified, as we declare this place holy, this town as holy. We cancel any deeds of the enemy in the name of Jesus. We claim the right to our inheritance in the place that you have called us, Father. We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.





POSSESS THE LAND

The simple words from our Lord Jesus to me was, "The ministry you have in Singapore is what you will have in USA." Those words from Jesus sparked an apostolic faith in me to chart this new direction of planting work in USA. During Covid-19, when everyone one was in lockdown, we were set free to possess the land at the command of the Lord.

Upon planting a house fellowship, within a month, the Lord spoke to me about purchasing a church property in Shelby. The Lord introduced a couple, Gary and Gloria Day whom recommended the church property on sale. When I stood on the land, the Holy Spirit said, "Possess the land, not negotiate." With limited funds, we paid a deposit and with an agreement to purchase, we moved into the new property on May 31, 2020. It was the Day of Pentecost. While we were in Singapore before the move, the Lord spoke to me in an audible voice saying, "I will give you a place that you will just plug and play." I am surprised at the speed the Lord has been leading us to fulfil the Father's will. The Lord also assembled like-minded people to join us to serve together in this new prophetic initiative.

There are many areas of improvement that is required for this new place, "The Home of the King." We are trusting God to provide USD\$500,000¹ to pay off the cost of the property as well as to do some renovations to make this place 'conference-ready.' We will launch 'The Kings College of Prophets' to start training the saints soon. We are trusting God to speak to His people so that we can be debt free and serve the Lord wholeheartedly. The Lord has sent me to build His house. To date we have already spent about \$100,000 on payments and renovations and purchases. I will be writing more about this soon. Stand with us to believe God.

¹More will be needed as we continue to build the place.











An address by Mr Keith Miller, City Council Member of Kings Mountain, NC

We want to build a place where souls will be saved, delivered and empowered by the Presence of God. The Church will be a house of prayer, a teaching center where we can train people prophetically to become an end time army, as the Lord had specifically told me to prepare a remnant. He also spoke to me about training people in deliverance, to stand against wiles of the enemy. We will train our children to fast and pray so that they can receive the anointing for the last days. We are furnishing the classrooms to lecture-style, to facilitate the Bible School.



We are building our video ministry to continue to produce quality prophetic teaching. Stand with us to fulfill His will. Keep us in prayer covering that the Lord will open the doors of grace so that the work of God will not be hindered. **Spiritual warfare has started but God has given us the victory.**

We love you and bless you.

Lovingly,







To support the ministry, please write your cheque to "Rivers of Life Apostolic Ministries Inc," and mail to Rivers of Life Apostolic Ministries Inc P.O Box 1027, Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086, USA.

Thank you.



A FRESH JESUS-ENCOUNTER MANADO PROPHETIC CONFERENCE

PASTOR MICHAEL DAVID JEREMIAH | 25 - 29 MARCH 2020

OVER 5

MORE THAN

300
PASTORS

MORE THAN
4.00
YOUTHS







RELEASING THE WORD OF THE LORD

We thank God that in the midst of all the calamities happening in the world, Almighty God is awakening His people to advance His Kingdom with fresh zeal and passion, and such is happening in Manado, Indonesia.

Manado Prophetic Conference 2020 which consisted of Pastors and Leaders Prophetic Conference (February 25 - 27, 2020) and Youth Prophetic Conference (February 28 - 29, 2020), was birthed on one fine evening while ministering in Manado back in December 2019. The Lord Jesus Christ made known His will for a prophetic conference to be conducted in Manado entering 2020. He said, "bring together leaders of the Body of Christ from around the region and release the Word of the Lord for the coming year." He then commanded for a youth conference to follow in order to ignite the heart of the young men and women for a fresh encounter with God. | thank God for my spiritual father and mentor, Rev. Dr. Steven Francis, for the push to take this leap of faith and organize a regional conference for the new era. After speaking to a few key Pastors and leaders from difference churches in Manado and the surrounding region, I was humbled to hear the enthusiastic response to make this prophetic conference happen.



EMPOWERING LEADERS

By the grace of God, Rev. Dr. Steven Francis and I ministered to more than 300 pastors gathered from the different regions of Sulawesi and the three days gathering were saturated with the glory of God. Testimonies after testimonies poured in with church leaders giving praise to God for the fresh encounters they had with the presence of Jesus and the Word of God. Strategic prophecies were released concerning the spiritual state of the city, region and nation. Church leaders were equipped with divine insights on how to respond and collaborate with Holy Spirit in fulfilling God's agenda for the land. In every session, we felt the electrifying presence of the Lord charging our spirit and awakening dormant visions and destinies. Praise be the Name of Jesus.



IGNITING YOUTHS

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The youth prophetic conference drew more than 400 youths who were hungry for a touch from Heaven. Pastor Stefanus Karsyono and I ministered throughout the two days conference and each session we witnessed Holy Spirit do a deep work in each of the lives present. From ministering the heart of the Father to releasing the fire of the Holy Spirit, each session brought a different dynamic and the heartbeat of revival that provoked the youth to pursue a deeper walk with God and track in their prophetic destiny for these last days. The closing session was beyond words and for over 4 hours all 400 youths were on the ground weeping and worshipping Almighty God in the beauty of His holiness.

The prophetic conference was conducted in the divine timing of Heaven, just before the city of Manado was on lockdown due to Covid-19. Glory to God for all that He has done. ■

GOD'S EKKLESIA, NOW. MANADO COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS PASTOR MICHAEL DAVID JEREMIAH | MARCH 2020

The Bible says in Acts 20:35 (ESV)

"IN ALL THINGS I HAVE SHOWN YOU THAT BY WORKING HARD IN THIS WAY WE MUST HELP THE WEAK AND REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, HOW HE HIMSELF SAID, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO **GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."**

The world is now dealing with an invisible enemy that is gripping the nations with fear and anxiety. I believe, the primary "pandemic" that must be dealt with is not the known Coronavirus itself, but the fear that is causing people to be disarray and in a state of hopelessness. At such a time as this, Almighty God is calling His people, the redeemed of the Lord, to arise and shine. The Prophet Isaiah gave a clarion call in **Isaiah 60** that rings through the generations,

"ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON YOU. FOR BEHOLD, DARK-**NESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH. AND** THICK DARKNESS THE PEOPLES; BUT THE LORD WILL ARISE UPON YOU, AND HIS **GLORY WILL BE SEEN UPON YOU."**

Isaiah 60:1-2

Now is the time for GOD'S Ekklesia, the ruling Body of Christ on earth to take her position and shine brightly for the Lord. This is not the time to cower and hide within the comfort of our church buildings. This is not the moment to react and respond like the world, Instead, we have been given a divine opportunity by God to reconfigure our hearts and walk the talk.



True believers will answer the the call of God to go forth in love and power to reach a world in chaos and turmoil. True believers will be on edge with what is happening and will yearn to see God's grace and mercy extended to the lost, the broken, and those who are in desperate need of hope and affirmation in these trying times.

"RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD THE FATHER IS THIS: TO **VISIT ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR** AFFLICTION. AND TO KEEP ONESELF UNSTAINED FROM THE WORLD."

James 1:27 ESV

We are answering the call and moving forward by faith. There is no better opportunity to exercise our faith in Christ than in times such as this. With that burden and desire at heart, we have come together with local churches and leaders within the body of Christ in Manado, Indonesia to reach out to the poor and broken and to bring them



relief in the name of our Lord Jesus. As a nation, Indonesia is not prepared to face a pandemic such as Covid-19. There is insufficient medical testing equipment made available for the general public and hundreds of thousands and even millions are in need of basic necessities such as food and sanitary items. Those who are barely making enough to provide food for their family is hard hit as most businesses are closed and there is absolutely zero income with no savings to help them get through each day.

In response to the impact from coronavirus, we have provided basic food and sanitary items to more than 250 families. Each packet given would consist of a bag of uncooked rice, cooking oil, instant noodles, canned sardines, milk, reusable masks, and a bar of soap.

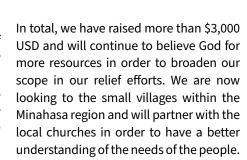
We have formed a local ministry within Manado called Manado Revival Alliance. Currently our team consists of more than 40 individuals from different local churches. Our desire is to see lasting reformation and transformation in the region, and we know that it begins with the body of Christ.



While distributing these relief packets, we targetted villages and small communities with the highest concentration of people who are homeless or are working as trash collectors and other jobs with the least amount of income. As we provided these packets, we offered to pray for them and tell them that they are loved by the Lord Jesus. Most of the people reached by our team are non-believers.

We have just finished our 4th wave of relief distribution and are currently working with the police force in Manado. We have provided 2 disinfectant sprays for the police force as well as reusable masks and protective gear for them to better serve the community.





We thank God that He is our ever faithful JEHOVAH JIREH. The Body of Christ must understand that giving is one of the most powerful weapon of warfare prescribed by heaven. Our giving that comes from a genuine heart has the power to uproot fear and release unspeakable joy and hope in the lives of those who are hurting. As we pay attention to the needs of those around us, our Heavenly Father will

surely supply our personal needs more

scope in our relief efforts. We are now The Christian faith is full of action and therefore, we must be doers who act. The Book of James says,

> "BUT THE ONE WHO LOOKS INTO THE PERFECT LAW, THE LAW OF LIBERTY, AND PERSEVERES, BEING NO HEARER WHO FORGETS BUT A DOER WHO ACTS, HE WILL BE BLESSED IN HIS DOING."

> > James 1:25 ESV

We thank God for the opportunity to serve others and to express our love for God and for people tangibly. God bless





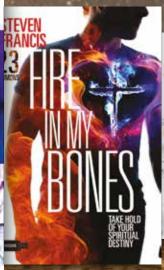


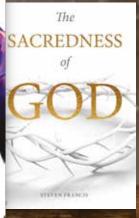
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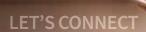
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