

The Great Need of the Holy Spirit

(Concluded)

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God has not appointed any man guide, nor made any man conscience for another; therefore let human hands be withheld from restraining his servants who feel the burden to enter his vineyard to labor. Let God work with his own chosen agents by his Holy Spirit. No human being is to sit in judgment upon his brother. Neither are any to feel that they can handle roughly the precious pearls for which Christ gave his life. The pearl, the precious human pearl, was found by Christ. Let man be warned; be careful how you treat the Lord's "peculiar treasure." All discourtesy, all pain, all neglect, which these souls suffer at your hands, is charged against you as inflicted upon Jesus Christ. They are not to be treated in a lordly, commanding manner. Laws and rules are being made at the centers of the work that will soon be broken into atoms. Men are not to dictate. It is not for those in places of authority to employ all their powers to sustain some, while others are cast down, ignored, forsaken, and left to perish. But it is the duty of the leaders to lend a helping hand to all who are in need. Let each work in the line which God may indicate to him by his Holy Spirit. The soul is accountable to God alone. Who can say how many avenues of light have been closed by arrangements which the Lord has not advised nor instituted? The Lord does not ask permission of those in responsible positions when he wishes to use certain ones as his agents for the promulgation of truth. But he will use whom he will use. He will pass by men who have not followed his counsel, men who feel capable and sufficient to work in their own wisdom; and he will use others who are thought by these supposedly wise ones to be wholly incompetent. Many who have some talent think that they are necessary to the cause of God. Let them beware lest they stretch themselves beyond their measure, and the Lord shall leave them to their own ways, to be filled with their own doings. None are to exercise their human authority to bind minds and souls of their fellowmen. They are not to devise and put in practice methods and plans to bring every individual under their jurisdiction.

Those who know the truth are to be worked by the Holy Spirit, and not themselves to try to work the Spirit. If the cords are drawn much tighter, if the rules are made much finer, if men continue to bind their fellow-laborers closer and closer to the commandments of men, many will be stirred by the Spirit of

1. Exo. 19:5
Psa. 135:4

2. Lev. 19:18
Matt. 19:19;
22:39
Mark 12:31
Rom. 13:9
Gal. 5:14
Jam. 2:8

God to break every shackle, and assert their liberty in Christ Jesus. If men would act toward their fellowmen as to those whom Christ loves, if they would obey the commandment to "love thy neighbor as thyself," there would be sweet harmony among the brethren. How much better it would be if those who claim to be Christians would behave like Christians. How much better it would be if all would cease speaking of their own good works and ways, indulging their self-esteem; refrain from the putting forth of the finger, imagining evil, and using their influence to weaken, oppress, and destroy. If men will not come to the terms made by the leading workers, they will not entertain them, they do not care what results may follow their injustice. With them it is rule or ruin. God has not appointed any man to do such work. And no human being shall be permitted to prescribe my liberty or intrench upon the perfect freedom of my brethren, without hearing my voice lifted in protest against it.

God will move upon men of humble position in society, men who have not become insensible to the bright rays of light through so long contemplating the light of truth, and refusing to make any improvement or advancement therein. Many such will be seen hurrying hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to bring the light to others. The truth, the word of God, is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness. Many, even among the uneducated, now proclaim the words of the Lord. Children are impelled by the Spirit to go forth and declare the message from Heaven. The Spirit is poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and, casting off all man's machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods, they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit's power. Multitudes will receive the faith and join the armies of the Lord.

Many of those who are professedly followers of the Lord at the present time do not submit themselves to the guidance of his Spirit, but try to harness up the Holy Spirit, and drive it in their way. All such must abandon their self-sufficiency, and yield themselves unreservedly to the Lord, that he may work out his good pleasure in and through them.

The seven last plagues are about to descend upon the disobedient. Many have let the gospel invitation go unheeded; they have been tested and tried; but

mountainous obstacles have seemed to loom up before their faces, blocking their onward march. Through faith, perseverance, and courage, many will surmount these obstructions and walk out into the glorious light. Almost unconsciously barriers have been erected in the strait and narrow way; stones of stumbling have been placed in the path; these will all be rolled away. The safeguards which false shepherds have thrown around their flocks will become as naught; thousands will step out into the light, and work to spread the light. Heavenly intelligences will combine with the human agencies. Thus encouraged, the church will indeed arise and shine, throwing all her sanctified energies into the contest; thus the design of God is accomplished; the lost pearls are recovered. Prophets have discerned this grand work afar off, and have caught the inspiration of the hour, and traced the wonderful descriptions of things yet to be.

Our people have had great light, and yet much of our ministerial force is exhausted on the churches, in teaching those who should be teachers; enlightening those who should be “the light of the world;” watering those from whom should flow springs of living water; enriching those who might be veritable mines of precious truth; repeating the gospel invitation to such as should be scattered to the uttermost parts of the earth communicating the message of Heaven to many who have not had the privileges which they have enjoyed; feeding those who should be in the by-ways and highways heralding the invitation, “Come; for all things are now ready.”⁴ Come to the gospel feast; come to the supper of the Lamb; “for all things are now ready.”

Now is the time for earnest wrestling with God. Our voices should join with the Saviour’s in that wonderful prayer: “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”⁵ Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Many may ask, “Who is sufficient for these things?”⁶ The responsibility rests upon every individual. “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.”⁷ The scheme of salvation is not to be worked out under the laws and rules specified by men. There must be no fixed rules; our work is a progressive work, and there must be room left for methods to be improved upon. But under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, unity must and will be

3. Matt. 5:14

4. Luke 14:17

5. Matt. 6:10

6. 2 Cor. 2:16

7. 2 Cor. 3:5

preserved.

All the revelations of the past bring added responsibilities upon the workers in these last days. The past, present, and future are linked together. We must learn lessons from the experiences of other ages. If there are any of our brethren who think that they have devised plans by which they can secure a monopoly of any line of God’s work, they are released from all such burdens. Individually we form a part of the great whole, fulfilling our part in the scenes foreseen long ages ago. In the counsels of God a place was assigned to every person, and each one is to devote his entire ability, his influence, the energy of his whole being, in an earnest endeavor to discharge the responsibility laid upon him. It is the duty of every human intelligence to put into daily practice the instructions of Christ in the seventeenth chapter of John by living a practical, Christian life. We are to be united to one another in the bonds of Christlike love. This is the path marked out for all. By following in it, without boasting, without self exaltation, we may satisfy the high claims of God upon us. If any are inclined to boast of their superior talents, let them bear in mind that these talents are another’s, only lent to them for a season, and that if they are not employed in the Lord’s work, they will be taken from them. Make no boasts of your extensive knowledge and influence. The great plan of redemption connects every man with his fellow-laborer. The influence of the past helps to mold the work of the present, and that in its turn enables us to lay hold of the work line after line, upon which we may carry on the future work. All these agencies have a close relation, not only to time, but to the endless ages of the future, reaching into eternity.

Let man now cease to trust in man. While they should respect God’s plan for unity of action, let all remember that the Holy Spirit is molding and fashioning the human agent in the divine similitude. The life that is hid with Christ in God is revealed through men. We are now living in the closing scenes of this world’s history. Let men tremble with the sense of the responsibility of knowing the truth. The ends of the world are come. Proper consideration of these things will lead all to make an entire consecration of all that they have and are to their God...

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ARE YOU COVERED?

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So salvation is actually composed of two different areas. The first is justification and righteousness by faith without works. The second is remaining righteous and being sanctified through faith and works combined. Thus it is not salvation by faith alone, but salvation through faith and works!

“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”¹

Our salvation is not just being justified by faith alone, but it also includes being sanctified. But what does the word “sanctification” mean? Both the Hebrew and Greek words for “sanctification” or to “sanctify” or be “sanctified,” all translate “to purify or be purified.”²

Now how are we sanctified?

“And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.”³

“Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.”⁴

So we are sanctified or purified through the Spirit by believing and using God’s grace and strength to obey the truth found in His word. And it is God’s will that we go through this purification process so that we will learn how to possess ourselves in purity and honor, and retain our righteousness that we received at conversion.

But how long are we to follow the truth of God and keep ourselves pure in righteousness? All the way till we either die or Christ comes. So you can see that this sanctification or purification of ourselves does not occur all at once, but it is a continual process. Thus our sanctification is not instantaneous, nor is it given to us as a gift as was justification, but the sanctification process continues throughout the rest of our lifetime. But why?

When we were justified and made righteous all our past sins had been mercifully forgiven, yet we still had the same old habits of sin that we developed, we had the same old defects and deficiencies of character that we formed for ourselves, through all the years that we lived before we found Christ. So even though we are now justified and are standing perfect and righteous before God, yet our characters are still not formed after the character or image of God. I hope you can now see why this second part of salvation, or the process of sanctification, is absolutely necessary in order to purify all of God’s new born sons and daughters from all of their old sinful habits and defects of character as they follow the truth, and obey

God’s will—thus living the life of righteousness. And since God desires His people to be purified, then He is not just sitting back and leaving us alone to accomplish His will, but He is actively helping us to accomplish this before He comes the second time.

“But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.”⁵

And how is this purification process accomplished in us? By grace which allows us to obey God through faith and to resist and deny our past old habits and deficiencies!

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”⁶

What did Paul state that grace does in us which brings salvation? Grace enables us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, so that we can live righteously and godly in this wicked world. So Christ has not only redeemed us from all our past sins, but is working to purify or sanctify us as His peculiar people who are recognized by the good works that we do for His glory. So in this good fight of faith, we are being continually purified and sanctified as we deny our old habits of sin and defects of character, and instead follow the truth and the will of God.

Now this righteousness through faith process can also be likened to the following example.

Picture a woman in a row boat. She has had a good time relaxing and floating downstream, while enjoying the scenery and taking a nap. But now the sun is heading down, and she must get back to her docking port which is now some ways upstream. In order to get there she must grab hold of her two oars and use them with whatever strength and energy is necessary to force her way against the downward force and pull of the current. If she does nothing, she will continue floating downstream farther and farther away from her port until she eventually goes over the falls, drowns and thus loses her life in the bottom of the lake. If she paddles with only one oar, then she goes around in circles while still floating downstream. She must use both oars in order to fight against the pull and force of the current while exerting enough energy to make headway, and however long it takes her to reach her port depends on how much strength she exerts on the oars.

These two oars represent faith and works in the pro-

1. 2 Thes. 2:13

5. Mal. 3:2-3

2. Strong’s, Heb. Word #6942; Greek words #37 and 38.

3. John 17:19

6. Tit. 2:11-13

4. 1 Thes. 4:1-4

cess of sanctification. Using either one alone will accomplish nothing against the downward pull and force of sin and wickedness. Thus in the process of sanctification, both faith and works must be combined in order to make headway against habits of sin and character defects and make it safely into the port of heaven. Using faith alone, or using works alone, will lead to destruction in the lake of fire.

So first it is justification by faith alone, and then it is sanctification by a combination of faith and works. It is first righteousness by faith, and then it is righteousness through faith. But sadly, many will not use both faith and works in fighting against the force and pull of sin and wickedness. Many will not ask for and will not put forth efforts to walk in these good paths, nor will they walk in or keep all ten of God's commandments, because they see the pathway and then say that it is too narrow and too hard to follow, and so it must be impossible to walk. Yet, what are we to do?

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”⁷

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”⁸

So it is indeed a straight and narrow pathway that God asks all those who have become justified and righteous by faith to walk in by grace through faith, and not allowing sight to discourage you. Yet many will fail to do so, preferring instead to take the downward wide path that leads to destruction instead of the narrow upward path that leads to life. And why do so many prefer to take the downward broad pathway? Because it is so much easier to let the downward force of gravity help pull you on your downhill walk, than it is to put forth the extra strength and effort to fight against this downward force and instead to walk and advance upward! But Christ states very plainly:

“Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”⁹

Now the Greek word for “strive” means “to struggle” “to contend with an adversary” “to labor fervently.”¹⁰ So there are going to be many who desire to enter in at this straight gate and narrow pathway, who desire to do God's will and keep His commandments, who desire to be saved and gain eternal life, but they will not put forth the efforts necessary to struggle and labor fervently in contention with this adversary that is pulling them downward to destruction. And who is this adversary? The Devil, and what is this downward force that he uses to pull us backwards when God says for us to go forwards?

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”¹¹

So the Devil tries to capitalize upon our past habits of sin and character defects of our flesh, and works through these to pull us back as we are trying to walk forward in the newness of life. But we are to resist these darts and attacks and walk upward after the Spirit through faith, walking and advancing in the truth and commandments of God, and not go backward towards the evils of our past old life of the

flesh. And you cannot walk upward while going backward at the same time!

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would... Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”¹²

Now, how many victories over the evils of our past life in the flesh can we obtain as we crucify these and instead walk and advance forward in the truth and commandments of God?

“If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”¹³

So how many victories can we obtain over evil through our belief of faith? Victories over all kinds of evil: not just against those evils that are weak, but we can even gain the victory over the great and powerful things of evil that we have fallen for again and again—if we will just walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

Now, please permit me to bring out a tremendous and often overlooked truth in this plan of our salvation. How much does God the Father and Jesus want you to be saved? Well, how much has God and Jesus provided to help you in this fight against evil so that you might be saved? All of your confessed and forsaken sins are forgiven for free! You are given the precious robe of Christ's righteousness as a gift! You are freely accepted and embraced by God as being His real sons and daughters! You are provided without cost all the grace and strength in Christ necessary to successfully fight against all sin and evil! You are also freely given all the armor necessary to successfully fend off all the attacks of the enemy! And God even prevents the Devil from overwhelming you with too many attacks at once so that you will not be overwhelmed and defeated.

So how much does God the Father and Jesus want you to be saved? A tremendous amount—they both have provided everything necessary for you to be saved and not lost! And why? So that you can be with Them, and then together you all can enjoy the joys of heaven, all the pleasures of the new earth, as well as all the wondrous things which God has created throughout the entire unfallen universe for eternity!

But as amazing as all this is which has already been provided to you for free just so that you can be saved, yet there is more that God and Christ have provided you through this glorious plan of your salvation! (*To be continued*)

by Bob Sessler

12. Gal. 5:16-17, 19-25

7. 2 Cor 5:7

8. Matt. 7:13-14

13. Mark 9:23

9. Luke 13:24

10. Strong's #75

11. Rom. 8:1

Editorial

Gospel Order

“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.” 1 Cor. 14:33.

The great Apostle, who had the daily care of all the churches, has said much in his epistles on the subject of order in the church of Christ. It was a subject of great importance to the early church, to preserve purity, unity and strength in the body. And it cannot be of less importance to the church in the last days of peril, when seeking that preparation necessary to meet the coming Judge. If gospel order was of such vast importance that it was necessary for Paul to dwell much upon it in his epistles to the churches, it should not be overlooked by the people of God at this day. We think that it has been much neglected, and that the attention of the church should be turned to this subject, and vigorous efforts should be put forth to restore as fast as possible the order of the gospel.

We want no human creed; the Bible is sufficient. The divine order of the New Testament is sufficient to organize the church of Christ. If more were needed, it would have been given by inspiration. But with only that which was “given by inspiration of God,” the man of God is “thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

God has been leading his people out of Babylon. The voice from heaven [Rev. 18:4] is yet to be heard, saying to others of God’s people, “Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” It is the will of the Lord that his people should be called away from the confusion and bondage of man made creeds, to enjoy the oneness and freedom of the gospel. But it is a lamentable fact that many of our Advent brethren who made a timely escape from the bondage of the different churches, who as a body rejected the Advent doctrine, have since been in a more perfect Babylon than ever before. Gospel order has been too much overlooked by them.

The Advent people professed to take the Bible as their guide in doctrine and in duty. If they had followed this guide strictly, and had carried out the gospel principles of order and discipline, much confusion would have been saved. Many in their zeal to come out of Babylon, partook of a rash, disorderly spirit, and were soon found in a perfect Babel of confusion. And there are those at the present time who start back at the idea of gospel

order. They seem to see no difference between teaching and enforcing the pure doctrines and sweet harmony of the gospel, and the errors and confusion of the creeds of Babylon. Such need “eye-salve,” that they may see. They will have to learn that God has not called any of his people away from the confusion of the churches, designing that they should be left without discipline. In mercy he reached forth his hand, and enabled the Advent people in 1844 to break the cords of sectarianism that bound them, that they (the Philadelphia Church) might be disciplined and guided into the kingdom by the order and pure doctrines of the gospel. To suppose that the church of Christ is free from restraint and discipline, is the wildest fanaticism. O, ye scattered, bleeding flock, flee to the great Shepherd! He can heal His people, and lead them on in union and love, safely to Mount Zion. O, Church of Christ!—The Bible! The Bible!—Let the Bible be your rule of faith, and of order. Take heed to the sure word, the light that shineth in a dark place.

The Apostle has illustrated gospel order by the human body. And a more beautiful illustration of order cannot be named. He says:—

“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.

“If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members everyone of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.—And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you... But God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked; that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or

one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first, apostles; secondarily, prophets,” etc. 1 Cor. 12:12-21, 24-28.

Where is the church whose order may be represented by the harmony of the members of the human body? If we look to the discord of the various sects, we shall not find it. And if we look to the divisions of the Advent people who have rejected the present truth, we shall see that precious body torn limb from limb, or its members moving in perfect discord, arrayed against each other. Imagine the members of one body all in disorder, acting in disunion, against each other. This sight would be indeed horrible. Yet such a body would fitly illustrate the different classes of Advent people who reject the present truth. How the dear Saviour has grieved over such a people as this! His wounds have been pierced afresh. The sincere, waiting ones have been made sad, and have indeed sighed and cried for the sins of this people.

But, thank Heaven, the friends of Jesus may hope for brighter days. A remnant will be rescued from the ruins of corrupted Christianity, and will yet stand in the order of the gospel, looking for the blessed hope. “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” Titus 2:11-14.

This peculiar people will stand forth free from the confusion of creeds; free from the traditions and commandments of men—keeping the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. This is enough to make them peculiar. The sweet and cheering voice of the chief Shepherd is now being heard in the message of the third angel, and many hearts are beginning to beat in union.

“Now the gathering call is sounding,
Solemn in its warning voice;
Union, faith and love, abounding,
Bid the little flock rejoice.”

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Editorial by James White
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Health Nugget—Stress

Stress is our response to problems and concerns that we encounter in life. Problems such as meeting deadlines, financial problems, or difficult family relationships are called stressors which cause stress. Whether we like it or not, stress and anxiety are part of every day living for most of us.

In a short term response, like seeing a bobcat in your yard, there is a three phase reaction. Phase one: alarm; phase two: resist—or decide to fight or run; phase three- usually after prolonged exposure: exhaustion. A sudden stressor has a number of physical effects: Increased blood pressure, increased heart rate, increased heart contraction, dilated pupils, dilated

bronchial tubes, increased muscular strength, release of glucose from the liver, increased mental activity, increased metabolic rate, increased blood flow to active muscles, decreased blood flow to areas not needed for rapid activity, such as the kidneys and intestines.

The benefits of these actions become liabilities when the stress is prolonged. Now we see high blood pressure, heart disease, trouble breathing and seeing, liver malfunction, kidney and digestive problems, peripheral arterial disease, neuropathy. One way the body has of handling a sudden stressor is with several hormones. One of these is cortisol. This one hormone can damage brain functions when the

stressful situation is chronic. Elevated cortisol can cause dementia (mental confusion), obsessive-compulsive disorder, anorexia (aversion to food), depression, panic anxiety, impaired memory, shrinkage of the brain. There are other damages such as peptic ulcers, hypertension, malnutrition, chronic active alcoholism, decreased libido, resistance to alcohol and narcotic withdrawal, and suppressed immune system.

Stress also aggravates herpes, asthma, HIV to AIDS, eczema, psoriasis, irritable bowel syndrome, reproductive ill health, hip fracture. So stress is a major factor in many of our diseases.

by Jean Johnson

Children's Story—A Curl Cut off with an Axe! Psalms 91:11-12

Do you see this lock of hair?" said an old man to me. "Yes, but what of it? It is, I suppose, the curl from the head of a dear child, long since gone to rest."

"It is not. It is a lock of my own hair, and it is now nearly seventy years since it was cut from this head."

"But why do you prize a lock of your hair so much?"

"It has a story belonging to it, and a strange one. I keep it thus with care because it speaks to me more of God and of his special care than anything else I possess."

"I was a little child of four years old, with long, curly locks, which, in sun or rain or wind, hung down my cheeks uncovered. One day my father went into the woods to cut up a log, and I went with him. I was standing a little way behind

him, or rather at his side, watching, with interest the strokes of the heavy axe as it went up and came down upon the wood, sending off splinters at every stroke in all directions. Some of the splinters fell at my feet, and I eagerly stooped to pick them up. In doing so I stumbled forward, and in a moment my curly head lay upon the log. I had fallen just at the moment when the axe was coming down with all its force. It was too late to stop the blow. Down came the axe. I screamed and my father fell to the ground in terror. He could not stay the stroke and in the blindness which the sudden horror caused, he thought he had killed his boy. We soon recovered I from my fright, and he from his terror. He caught me in his arms and looked at me from head to foot, to find out the deadly wound which he was sure he had inflicted.

Not a drop of blood nor a scar was to be seen. He knelt on the grass and gave thanks to a gracious God. Having done so he took up his axe and found a few hairs upon its edge. He turned to the log he had been splitting, and there was a single curl of his boy's hair, sharply cut through and laid upon the wood. How great the escape! It was as if an angel had turned aside the edge at the moment when it was descending on my head. With renewed thanks upon his lips he took up the curl and went home with me in his arms.

"That lock he kept all his days as a memorial of God's care and love. That lock he left to me on his death bed."

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... "He (God) will raise up from among the common people men and women to do His work, even as of old He called fishermen to be His disciples.

There will soon be an awakening that will surprise many.

Those who do not realize the necessity of what is to be done will be passed by, and the heavenly messengers will work with those who are called the common people, fitting them to carry the truth to many places.

Now is the time for us to awake and do what we can."

Manuscript Releases, Vol. Fifteen, [No. 1181] (1905), p. 312.

RECIPE—*Pumpkin Chiffon Pie*

This is our family's favorite pumpkin pie!

Ingredients:

TOFU WHIPPED CREAM

2 C. Tofu.
2-3 t. vanilla.
½ C. honey.
½ t. salt.
2 T. lemon juice.

PIE FILLING

1 C. Water.
2 T. Agar flakes (or 1 t. agar powder).
1 C. pitted and packed dates.
½ t. salt.
2 C. Pureed pumpkin (can use winter squash or yams instead).
3 T. honey.
2 C. Tofu Whipped Cream (or other cream topping of your choice).
1 t. Vanilla.
1 t. powdered cardamon.
1 t. powdered coriander.
(You can use standard pumpkin pie spices if you prefer).



Directions:

TOFU WHIPPED CREAM

- Blend until very smooth, all but the lemon juice.
- Stir in the lemon juice.

PIE FILLING

- Soak the agar in the water.
- Cook with the dates until agar is thick and clear.
- Add the salt.
- Liquify in blender and pour into a large bowl.
- Warm in a kettle: pumpkin, honey, seasonings and 1 cup of the whipped cream.
- Liquify warmed mixture and pour into the bowl with the agar and date mixture.
- Mix together thoroughly.
- Stir in the remaining cup of whipped cream, but don't mix too well, you want a marbelized effect.
- Pour into a baked pie crust.
- Chill thoroughly before serving.

by Virginia Markwell

The Great Need of the Holy Spirit (Concluded)—(*Continued from page 2*)

There should be no boasting, no seeking for the highest places; but all should be ambitious to do with fidelity, with an eye single to the glory of God, the sacred work which it is our exalted privilege to engage in. The eye should not be so constantly looking to man, studying the plans which men devise; but rather seeking for a knowledge of the plans which are determined by the Source of all wisdom. Then there will be no danger of having plans for work contaminated by flowing through impure human channels. Look to God; pray to God; wait and watch and pray to God; work for God. The weighty obligation of warning a world of its coming doom is upon us. From every direction, far and near, calls are coming to us for help. The church, devotedly consecrated to the

work, is to carry the message to the world: Come to the gospel feast; the supper is prepared, come. The weak must not now trust in finite men if they would be as David, and David as the angel of the Lord. If we have ever importuned God, wrestling for his blessing as did Jacob, let it be now. God calls to the church to arise and clothe herself with the garments of Christ's righteousness. Crowns, immortal crowns, are to be won. The kingdom of heaven is to be gained. A world, perishing in sin, is to be enlightened. The lost pearl is to be found. The lost sheep is to be brought back in safety to the fold. Who will join in the search? Who will bear the light to those who are wandering in the darkness of error?

by Mrs. E. G. White

Letters to the Editor

KENYA

Hi, to you brother. Thanks for your mail and [I] am praying that our Lord may be with you and your family, so that we can reach people with some tracts. I met a brother at the K____ border and I really see the need there. I thought I would meet a person but I really met with a group of people. After them I [met with] another brother from T____, he requested me to join them in their home which I did. I just came from T____ yesterday. [I] am planning again to join our brethren where J____ is, it is another \$250 to and from my place. If I don't get enough fare, then I may not make it. After then [I] am again planning to go to K____ to see [the] brethren there. Send Christian greeting[s] to our fellow [brethren]. Peace to you. B. I.

Hello again brother. We are OK. We finished our crusade here in N____ and we really see the hand of our God. God [has given] us 5 more people [to our church], we are now 20 and over. We as a church are planning another effort in a town called K____ in two weeks time from now. We are requesting you to keep us in prayer toward this. The work is too big, but we know our God will help us. After there in December we will organize another two weeks door to door [evangelizing effort] in a place called O____. So in your prayer earnestly on your knees, don't forget the work we have here in N____.

We are praying [that] in [the] future, God willing, we [will] have a place here in Kenya where we can produce more booklet[s] in our [own] languages, so that people who don't understand English can also read and understand well in their own languages. We are really praying for that. B. I.

Hi, again. We completed [our meeting] well and we see the hand of our God in the effort we made at K____. We planted a church there with a total of ten people. Just help us [by] praying for the work ahead [of] us. [I] am just planning to go to M____ district to see our new brethren there [if I have enough money]. [I] am praying so that our God [will] use [various] ways to make the work go [forward]. As I told you earlier that we are financially poor. Sincerely, B. I.

Hello to you there. Here we are well. Yes brother, there is much going on. I have been [in] a deep [discussion] with

some elders of SDA church here in N____. And [I] am seeing if we might turn the whole church. Last Sabbath they called us in their church so that we can present the truth. After the Sabbath, the whole church requested us to return again. Keep us in prayer about this holy work.

Another request; there is so much need to print out some tracts in local language. I have translated some of the tracts given [to us] by brother J____. But how to print them now is a big problem. What advice or help would you assist us. I want to repeat this word again. (This work needs total commitment.) I will try to meet a brother living border line to T____ on this Wednesday. Also keep me in prayer. The work is too big, the only problem I have is that [I] am poor financially. Some places [are] very far and you cannot go minus transport. Going to border line to T____ where our brother is, [is] \$30 to and from. I will meet him first, then we can see how to plan [our] effort there. Say hello to our brethren there. B. I.

Hello brethren. How are you? [I] am fine. I have been busy in the field doing door to door evangelizing. Thanks again for good plan that we should have a printing machine here in Kenya and [I] am praying that God's will be done. So there is much need of the tracts in local language, more so to L____'s place. There are some tracts which I have translated from English to our local language (Kiluo). I have printed just [a] few copies of which I [took] some to borderline. Now is there any means of which we can photocopy some tracts for that 2 weeks crusade? Please let us know. B. I.

KENYA

Hi brother. how are you over there? [I] am J____ from Kenya. I have been looking to see if I can find a true SDR church here in Kenya to join, but [have] not [found one] yet. So my special request is, do you have any of your branches here in Kenya? And if you do, how can I meet with them? Or just a representative. [I] am in M____ district near N____ district. If you can send somebody whom we can meet [with] I will [be even more] thankful. [Please kindly reply to me]. We have so many people here, the problem is where to land (the church). Please if you get this mail let me know, then we can see [our] way forward. B. J.

Hi again brother. Hoping you are doing

well. I don't know if [you] really got my mail. We are a group of people here and we want to join [the] SDR church. So I was asking if you have any of your branch[es] here in Kenya so that we can walk together. [I] am in M____ district near N____ and K____. If you do, can you send one of your representative's to come and meet [with] us here in M____? [I] am looking forward to [hearing] more from you. If we can meet with you it [will] be better. B. J.

Hello again, thanks a lot for good direction. I have talked to brother I____ from N____. He told me that [currently] he is at K____ - ____ doing God's work and will return on Sunday. After then he will give me a date that he [will] visit us. So my request again is [when he comes] can you [tell] him to come with some booklets/spiritual books to help us do the work here. If he can prepare them in our own language [that will] be better. [I] am praying that he [will] come as early as possible. I know through prayer we [can] do more, just keep on praying for us. B. J.

Much greetings to you all. How are you doing over there? Brother, last Sabbath I was at [the] N____ [SDR] church and what I really [saw], shows that truly there are remnant people. The kind of love brother I____ and his house and other people [shows that they] really love God. The pure sermon he delivered on Sabbath was really good in [these] last days. So our request now [is], we have wait[ed] for [a] long [time] and the time is [passing by]. How long should we wait [until] we can have our own church? We are very far from M____ town [and] we are in the village. A joint force as my brother told us that they [would] come, with a brother from K____ is good, but now look, it has taken many months. So our request is, can you talk to brother I____ so that if he [could] just come himself first and later [the other workers] can organize [the] joint force. Please, kindly this is the voice of the people here. As I gave them report from [the SDR church in] N____ they want to see I____ and hear his sermon. Please we are waiting for positive response. B. J.

KENYA

Hello to you all. How are you doing? [I] am OK. Yes, man of God, [I] am a servant of God trying to find a true SDR church. Are you really the SDR church? If yes,

where can I find that church. We live in border line to T____. [It is] 15 km to T____. [We are] 400 km from K____. Please, I need good direction. The place where we are is called O____ division around lake V____. If you are not [the] true SDR church don't reply. If yes, then do the will of God. We want to [establish] a [SDR] church here. So our request is, please send us somebody [SDR evangelist] and then help us [to] do a 2 week crusade. Then we can initiate a [SDR] church [where we are]. Looking for a positive response. Sincerely, B. L.

Thanks very much. [I] am happy now to have a true SDR church. Now our special request again is, please inform [the local SDR evangelist] from N____ that we are eagerly waiting for him and if possible let it be next week. And on his coming please tell him to come with some tracts if possible [in] our own language. [Whenever] he arrives we will [do] door to door [evangelism]. Then on that last Sabbath we will officially [establish] a church here. So please, kindly tell him to prepare for next week[s] work. Looking forward to hear positive response from you. Regards, B. L.

The brother [local SDR evangelist] from N____ has contacted me and he told me that as soon as he completed to visit some areas after two weeks he will visit us. So we are patiently waiting for him. Keep us in prayer and remind him to come with some tracts in our own language. Thanks and be bless[ed]. We now really know that you are the true SDR church. The man from N____ is really the man of God even though we have not [met], but the way he [handled] our case [showed that he had wisdom from God]. We are praying for him. Patiently waiting to hear from you. B. L.

Warm greeting[s] brethren. We are very very happy to be among the SDR church.

We are living towards the end and we have to do what our Lord left us to do. We were planning that, if [its] God's will, we [want to] have a big crusade here by the time our brother will visit us, hoping to take 2 weeks. And we are praying for that. We want more tracts to deliver to our people, possibly in our language. So our request is, can you [help out in getting some tracts]? Because here we are few but through door to door [evangelism] and crusades we are hoping to have a very big church here. So if you can be part and participate of this holy work let us know from you then we can see [our] way forward. Me myself is planning to go to N____ to meet with our fellow Christians there this coming Sabbath. Send many greetings to our fellow brethren and sisters there, regards. B. L.

We thank you a lot for your good network. We met with our brother [SDR evangelist] from N____ and we really appreciate the good work he is doing. He is really a man of God. Very simple, encouraging, with a total Biblical truth. We are praying for him. We will have a big crusade here next year and we are requesting that, [you] please be with us in that crusade. The crusade will last for 3 weeks and then we will have a very big church of God here. We don't want to hesitate. Backward never. Forward ever. I know the brother will tell you more on his return. [Right] now he is in Tanzania doing God's work there. There was [a] brother here which kindly requested him to go to his home so that he [could] teach them more after hearing the sermon he deliver[ed] to us in [these] last days. If God [is] willing he might return tomorrow. May God bless the good work you and other fellow members are doing. B. L.

Hello brethren, we have decided to have our crusade on January 15, [2012], then we can have a church [as we planned]. So

we met as few as we [could] and we agreed and made the budget for that crusade. So our special request is please, don't [leave] us alone. Here below is the proposed budget for [the] crusade. 1. Public address system — \$15 per day, 2. Accommodation is — \$17 per day. 3. Plastic chairs is — \$0.50 per each and we need more than 100 chairs. 4. Tents — \$205 per day. 5. Food. Breakfast — \$15 per day. Lunch. — \$18 per day. Supper — \$16 per day. So the total plus other things that may be needed might take \$1740+ (500 for chairs). Keep us in prayer so that we can have a church to worship our God in an orderly manner. Send greetings to our fellow Christian's. The crusade will start on January 15, 2012. Please don't forget those good tracts in our own [native] language. God bless all of you. On our side we can manage to get food. You too can help to tell us what you can take. Thank you. B. L.

Brethren, hello to you all. We are very much happy because we finished our crusade well and God's people can now find [another] true [SDR] church to worship [in]. We say thanks to you all for good combine[d] force to work as a team. We also say thanks to brother I____ from N____ church, in fact he really help[ed] us a lot, keep him in prayer. He is in Tanzania now evangelizing there. I know he will be back next week because he [has] many places to attend. I want to request you again [to] please keep him in prayer. The work is too big, sometimes forcing him to walk [long distances on foot] because he is financially poor and he love[s] the work of God. I know he will tell you more. Another note, please lets put this before God, we really need tracts in our own language. Send greeting[s] to fellow [brethren] there. B. L.

[Editor's Note: Welcome to the new SDR churches and church members!]

. . . “The scheme of salvation is not to be worked out under the laws and rules specified by men.

There must be no fixed rules;
our work is a progressive work,
and there must be room left for methods to be improved upon.
But under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
unity must and will be preserved.”
Review & Herald, July 23, 1895.

MISSION REPORTS

Africa

Uganda

August 26, 2011

Looking back to the beginning of our faith as presented by the gospels, giving light to them whose hearts have been opened, I can say praise God for what looks like a new start in the publishing ministry! I learned that “the world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago—a revelation of Christ. A great work of reform is demanded, and it is only through the grace of Christ that the work of restoration, physical, mental, and spiritual, can be accomplished.” Ministry of Healing, p. 143; Titus 2:11-15.

The Lord has shown that a lot more needs to be done in passing out His message of mercy in these last days. This is shown by the many calls which come our way when our plans are being made!

Some brethren came to brother K____’s place from Z____, Congo wanting some printed materials in French; and then he called on me asking for some tracts and booklets in French. At that time I didn’t have any in French because I had only printed out a few tracts for the work in Kenya. I now decided to have some tracts printed for Rwanda and DRC where requests have also come prompting me to re-schedule the dates for my trip! I was supposed to start my trip with K____, Kenya to N____, Kenya which looks like a shorter route to reach K____ through Tanzania than coming back to Uganda. I kindly pray that brother Rick and our supporters may bear with us as I plan to make one complete trip to answer these correspondences. I have printed out a few booklets which explain our beliefs and challenge them to work major reforms among God’s people. I changed my plans to make the whole month of September 2011 to cover all the journeys I plan to make to Kenya and Rwanda because of the need to produce enough materials for this trip.

Thank you for the support and prayers which help us accomplish what is always hard for us to finish. God bless you. B. J.

Uganda

September 30, 2011

For the past three months my mind has been almost overwhelmed with the sor-

rows and grief from the many uncommon diseases and deaths which have recently affected my family. But I am not cast down and disquieted because “the just shall live by faith.” However, the Lord has been leading in the work of N____ district Kenya by sending different instrumentalities from different locations to direct its course! It was because of the encouragement of brother Rick that I managed to travel there! We were blessed to get E____ in K____ a strong workmate and I____ in N____ who has helped to locate a starting point and in taking up grass roots operations of house to house tract evangelism which has resulted in the establishment of a little church of fifteen members. I realize that, “In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these disciples, differing so widely in natural characteristics, in training, and in habits of life, needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action.” Conflict and Courage, p. 288; John 15:16.

My task and challenge is how to sustain the work in N____ and push forward to other areas that need our message of present truth. This I can’t handle alone because I was going to work in another country where we had other co-workers. I wanted to maintain a careful and friendly Christian connection with them so that they can get a better picture of what we present as not a strange message but the old landmarks of our pioneers. These would help us in the follow up work and nurturing of the church we were establishing as they protect from the inappropriate teachings and beliefs that are completely against God’s law and present truth. There are also many false winds in Kenya which are blowing especially from Rwandan separates that need to be corrected by the gospel truth we present. This is also supported by the well documented lessons in the printed messages we give out during literature evangelism. I did print a few lessons and tracts from the “Seventh-day Remnant Publishing Association” and “Let There Be Light” websites. My target was to print about ten thousand tracts for Kenya and Rwanda which I was going to carry along on the trip that I was planning to make on September 18, 2011. It took me a lot of time to format the different

tracts in Kiswahili, French and English to fit our A4 paper size. I had to work at night due to the power reductions during the day and because our line would work well at night with full power. I gave out about five-thousand tracts to the SDR church in N____ district which included: The Beast, God’s Temple Needs Cleansing, The Fall and Rise of World Empires, The Battle of Armageddon, and some important messages about our movement. I also made two copies of the book “Abomination of Desolation and Church History” to be donated to the church elders.

I communicated several times with I____ to let him know that we are concerned about the work in N____. I____ was planning to have an open air crusade in N____ and they wanted me to be there to help them. Unfortunately, I couldn’t make it in time due to the death of my cousin N____ who was attacked by the gangsters in K____ when he was coming home from work. He was picked up by police patrol and taken to M____ Hospital where he died after five days of intensive care. He died on the night of September 17, 2011, in horrible pain and was buried September 19, 2011. I had to help my sisters as is the African way because all eyes were on me for help to have the body transported to the village for burial in I____ M____.

This was the second time I had changed my schedule for the journey. Each time there is a change, they change the schedule for the open air crusade, as they want me to be their main speaker. I have only sent them a few tracts via snail mail and I hope they find good use for them. I beg every one to bear with me for all these troubles are to come in the world! Injurious influences, bearing destruction, will come to pass and we must realize that great troubles are to come, making every place more and more lawless!

I would like to thank every one who is doing his best to get the present truth message to every corner of this earth.

God bless you for your continual support. B. J.

Uganda

October 31, 2011

On October 17, 2011, I set off on my trip

to Kenya and traveled to N____ district where the Crusade was being conducted. From there I would continue to look for Pastor J____ in K____ district who was interested in joining the SDR church with his church! After this I was to meet E____ with some brethren to encourage the Remnant Church of Africa to be absorbed into the Seventh-day Remnant Church. I wanted to do all this in a single trip.

I did take some time preparing for the trip to N____ Kenya. By October 17, 2011, I had printed almost everything I thought necessary to do some reasonable house to house tract evangelism for N____ and its neighboring villages. My plan was to have one-hundred thousand tracts printed out so that about four- thousand homes/persons could be given at least two different lessons to study. However, I only managed to print out twenty-thousand tracts that I had to carry along with me. But even this quantity was too heavy for me to carry as I traveled to Kenya! I carried half of that and the other half is to be snail mailed later after I get their postal address. There was quite a number of issues to handle in W____ and N____ provinces of Kenya. As I reached E____'s home in K____, I needed to establish exactly where I____, P____ and N____ were staying. These are some of our brethren who are already established in Kenya. We are in agreement with them and are working with them for the cause of present truth. I tried to link up with some of them by phone and told them that I was in Kenya hoping to meet with them if possible.

I finally set off for Kenya to attend the crusade in N____ district and N____ province which was being organized by I____ with some difficulties. The SDRPA sent some support towards the crusade and I was to travel there to deliver the funds which were very much appreciated. This is a result of what elders J____ and G____ from the USA were sent to Africa to accomplish with a vision to bring about the unity of churches among the Seventh-day Remnant based on Jesus' prayer in John 17. The SDRPA is now a connecting link of the Remnant putting in plans to come to the help of the work as may be impressed by the Holy Ghost to accomplish the great gospel commission! I believe that the fruits of unity have started taking shape in Africa! Formerly, we had largely depended on independent ministries like "Let There be Light Ministries" for evangelistic materials which would take some months to reach us. But now all that is being simplified by the visible unity called for by our brethren across the world. It is

now an achievable step to have the present truth printed in the local area and for three months funds have been sent to do the work in Kenya and printing has been done right in Uganda, only a short distance away. We so much appreciate this and thank our brethren/supporters for the sacrifice they make to get this message of present truth to perishing souls in Africa.

As I traveled to Kenya, I was delayed in reaching K____ city due to the poor road network which was damaged by heavy rains! I crossed the boarder of B____ at 5:30 PM local time, which meant that I would reach K____ city at night because it is always about four hours drive to reach K____ city from B____! I booked a rest place for the night and the next day I traveled to E____'s home in K____. But E____ had just left for L____ for another meeting organized by our new brethren who want to join us! This brought a bit of a challenge to the work I was planning to do in Kenya. I was uncertain on how to look for the other co-workers. It would take me some time to find them and the crusade was beginning already! I decided to continue alone with the journey and E____'s mother Mrs. O____ advised me to start the journey to N____ the next morning because vehicles are always available in the early morning hours and those in the afternoon reach it at night. I stayed until the next morning when I went on to N____. On October 18, 2011, while visiting with E____'s wife, at her place, she told me that her husband had gone to M____ first to take some printed charts of prophecy and then after that he would continue to L____ for another meeting!

I strongly wanted to build up the SDR unity called for by elder J____ in 2001. As a coordinator I wanted to let all our co-workers know that I was in their country doing some evangelism. However, on my first trip to Kenya I saw that E____ would be of great benefit since he knew the local language and was organizing some churches to work in unity under the name SDR and just proceeding without him would undermine his efforts! Therefore, I had a keen interest in meeting with him so that we could proceed with him in other programs even though he wouldn't be attending the crusade at N____. I made plans to meet with him after the L____ meeting when I return from the N____ meeting.

On October 19, 2011, I woke up at 6:00 AM to to start for N____. I booked a bus and we drove for 5 hours to reach N____. I called I____ to pick me up from the bus stop and after a few minutes, he arrived to lead me to brother B____'s home where

the brethren would gather before proceeding to the meeting place. I was warmly welcomed and soon after that I____ introduced me to some of the members who were actively involved in the work there! They informed me that the crusade was going on well in the open space of the market of N____ town with a good response. But the authorities had stopped them from holding the meeting in the open space which is right in the center of N____ town! They demanded to know who they were and they failed to produce valid documentation describing what kind of evangelists they were! On a sad note, the brethren were told to stop using that place and they had to find a new place to continue with the meeting. They had rented an unfinished house in N____ town and also rented plastic chairs for people to sit on so that the crusade could be finished according to their schedule. By the time I arrived there, they had shifted to the new place and I immediately took over the program in the afternoon. My first lesson was on the "Abomination of Desolation Standing," and the next morning I taught the brethren about "The Principle of Bible Separation History," and in the afternoon "Last Message of Mercy." On the Sabbath day I led the divine service with a sermon, "The New Testament Church Organization," and lastly in the afternoon I presented an open question and answer session which was handled with little difficulty. Languages used were the major obstacle because I was using English translated into Kiswahili and yet the native language was Luo. I handed over the tracts I had brought to the church elder B____ who would make plans for the next places of entrance. Five people were impressed to join their SDR church and a baptism was organized for later when I finished meeting with the other co-workers like O____ of K2____ and E____ of K____.

I encouraged them to initiate the process of registering at local district authority. This will help them to get a certificate which would introduce them to next offices until they get to the registrar's office in Nairobi for a national certificate. I helped them to open a mailing address to start receiving evangelistic materials. I helped them come up with a printed constitution and bylaws similar to those on the SDRVOICE website which they are going to present to the authorities for consideration. One of the members working in the N____ court promised to help them get a certificate.

While I was still in N____ I called on Pastor J____ to come and join us at the crusade. When he tried to come on Friday

morning he didn't understand the right direction leading him to where we were camped! We once again gave him the directions. On Sabbath morning he traveled to join us.

He was picked up by I____ and welcomed by the church members. In the afternoon, he was requested to speak before the congregation and after that my question and answer session began. We later went to I____'s place where I was staying. I introduced Pastor J____ to O____ of K2____ on the phone while we were still in N____. I told Pastor J____ that in K2____ we have three established co-workers and I believe that they would work well with Pastor J____. He told us that the church members had sent him to pick me up so that I could go and speak to his flock. I believe that God was fulfilling the prophecy of Joel 2:16.

However, while I had made plans to visit his church in the next few days, I had to cancel my visit. After J____ left I sent him an e-mail with my final decision!

I returned to K____ to meet E____ and to continue with the schedule of meeting the ten church member delegation from W____ Kenya province in B____ district. For the past four months, E____ was trying to encourage them to join the Seventh-day Remnant church and to embrace gospel order and church organization.

I told him about the work I had done in N____ which resulted in five souls believing the message. They are now waiting to link up with other workers and organize a

baptism. I also told him of the difficulties which occurred because of his missing the trip to N____! I told him that I had opened an e-mail account to be used for fast communication with those handling SDR church issues. This account would be managed by E____. He also told me that he was one of the main speakers in N____ and his main subject was gospel order. He encouraged the members of the "Remnant Church of Africa" to join us and embrace gospel order. He told me that this was very encouraging work which we needed to pursue and said that on October 27, 2011, we would have a delegates meeting in B____ district, W____ Kenya province in which they wanted me to speak to them. We visited some brethren in K____ and taught them that gospel order is essential in these last days when the church is expanding! Gospel Workers, p. 25.

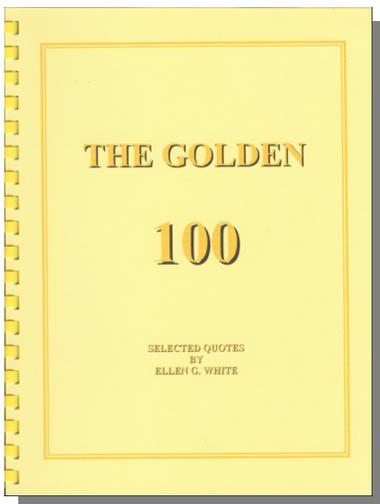
On October 27, 2011, we traveled to B____ meeting with E____ of K____ to consider the churches from B____ district which had completely agreed to take the name Seventh-day Remnant in W____ Kenya. Ten churches of the "Remnant Church of Africa" who had registered in the 1970's agreed to send delegates to discuss whether they should just amend their constitution by changing the name or if they should adopt a new one and take a new registration. Nine churches that had registered as the "Remnant Church of Africa" were represented and the meeting started at 10:30 AM.

Many ideas were put forward and I only

spoke about the ones of gospel order and organization. I told them that none of us would want to see confusion and that order is the law of heaven and, "Everything connected with heaven is in perfect order; subjection and thorough discipline mark the movements of the angelic host." (Review & Herald, 10-12-1905). I also told them that they should take on a few tasks while organizing the church and as it expands more can be added as they deem necessary. I promised to help them come up with a better constitution which is simple for registration. I suggested to them that each local church represented should have some organization to start with and be recorded in their books so that a clean reference can be obtained as to whether that church still stands according to the pillars of our faith. I told E____ to tell each delegate to sign a record reaffirming that he represented a church from the area he came from and I asked him to give me a photo copy of those names so that they could be posted on the SDRVOICE website. F____ revealed to us that her cousin's brother works at the registrar's office in Nairobi and would let us know how best to get a certificate of registration.

We agreed to come back for a harmonizing meeting December 12-18, 2011, at B____ in W____ Kenya. I finally traveled back with him with blessings. God bless you.

B. J.



THE GOLDEN 100

The SDRPA has a new book available entitled "The Golden 100." It consists of 100 selected quotes by Ellen G. White. Its focus is on the apostasy in the SDA church and defining our position as the Remnant people of God. It is spiral bound, is about thirty pages, and is formatted with a 16 point font, so it will make a handy reference for mission workers in the field. We are asking a suggested donation of \$7.50 for each copy.

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