



THE SALT SHAKER

AMT UPDATE

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"THE WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY"

It's the beginning of a new season here in the northern hemisphere! Winter is slowly, reluctantly, relinquishing its grip on the frozen wasteland, and unrealistic New Year resolutions have long faded into the mists of forgetfulness. However, under the surface, much activity is taking place. New life is preparing to erupt onto the scene, and transform this desolation into a lush, flourishing landscape bursting with myriads of vibrant colors, aromas and delicate vegetation. Preparations are also under way for the symphony of God's innumerable variety of creatures that will spring forth, flourish, multiply and celebrate the extravagance of their creator.

When thinking along these lines we should consider Luke 12, in which Jesus tells us to consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap yet God feeds them. The lilies, they neither toil nor spin yet even Solomon in all his glory was never arrayed like one of them. Of how much more value are we in the sight of our Heavenly Father than the birds and the lilies? If He meticulously clothes every blade of grass in the fields, even though it will be burned tomorrow, how much more will He care for us.

After all, no matter how bleak and inhospitable the winter we have just traversed has been, God has brought us through. Now, it's a new season! A new time with God designed possibilities stretching out before us.

When we refer to time, it is interesting to note that God is not only interested in the "chronos" or chronological time, linked to hours and days, but also to the "kairos" time. This time refers to an occasion, a set time or season, or my preferred description; a "window of opportunity".

Never forget; we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10) God has also determined our preappointed times and within the span of our years, He has prearranged "windows of opportunity" for us to step into. (Acts 17:26) We will have many occasions to do just that. Some will passionately embrace the opportunities God has for them, but others will draw back allowing them to slip by, mistakenly believing that they are not prepared for the task.

It is like eagerly standing at a bus stop, and when the bus you are waiting for arrives and you hesitate too long, and do not step forward for whatever reason. The bus is likely to proceed without you, leaving you stranded there waiting, waiting, waiting for the next bus. Most opportunities have a limited window of access and once it has past all you can do is wonder what it would have been like if you had taken the opportunity. One can even get to the point of being so accustomed to seeing busses or opportunities passing us by, that we eventually totally

ignore them, and then wonder why everyone else around us is being active, involve and blessed, and we are pointlessly standing around in limbo, looking on.

As God necessitates that "Windows of opportunity" require us to exercise faith, and as He does not want these opportunities to be withheld from anyone, He has given to every believer the measure of faith. (Rom. 12:3b) Hebrews 11:6 also tells us that without us operating in faith it is impossible to please God. If we want to be connected to His purposes and partake of His abundance, we must firstly believe that He exists, and secondly that He will reward us if we diligently seek Him. This said, it is vital that we not only understand how we accept faith, but also how we put it into operation.

In short, Romans 10:17 states that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Therefore, when God speaks a word, faith or the ability (all that is required) to bring that word into existence is attached to it.

Ephesians 2:8 declares that by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. So then Grace, the gift of God that is needed for you to be saved, comes through faith.

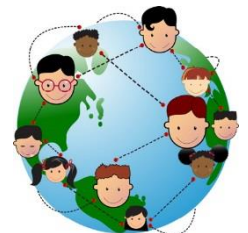
Therefore, everything we receive from God is by His grace. The grace that comes through faith, and the faith that comes by hearing His word. So, if we hear His word we acquire the faith, if we have the faith we receive the grace, if we have His grace we have access to all the blessings and privileges He has in store for us. It is vital for us to hear the Word of God and obey it, thus activating faith and releasing grace, thereby pleasing God who delights in rewarding His children.

Although the grace of God is a gift, and it cannot be earned or deserved, it is not automatic. If we don't hear His word we don't get the faith, if we don't have the faith we don't receive the grace, if we don't have His grace how then will we receive anything from Him.

Dr. Allan Chambers, AMT Board Member

The 'BIG EXPANSION'

includes an updated website, thanks to Dr. Rosemary Chambers. Visit www.amt-icbt.com for AMT updates and ICBT information. All AMT-ICBT partners are invited to email in their updates to amticbt@gmail.com and be listed and linked for worldwide networking!



HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONS



Schools around the world.....

New Covenant Agape Ministries, Sacramento, CA are teaching classes and have added numerous AMT Members.

Missionaries Linda Jackson and Rosemary Sellen are re-establishing a school in the Philippines. The administrator of this school is a past graduate of ICBT under Rev. Terry Elbin, member of International Gospel Outreach (IGO). Praise God it is being raised up after being wiped out by a typhoon a few years ago.

International College of Bible Theology has, as its goal, the discipling and preparation of ministers in every nation. Not only does the Bible College work toward this, but there is also ministry going out by e-mail communication to ministry leaders with messages of faith, hope, and healing. Over 250 ministries/leaders are communicated with each week with messages given at Gospel Fellowship International and Turning Point Church, by several seasoned ministers of the Gospel. These messages reach out to God's leaders on 5 continents.

Ministry also goes out by prayer to those in need as well as for the advancement of the Gospel in several venues, including the two locations mentioned above, and by individuals who network with us to speed the Gospel to the world. As the Scripture says,

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Mt.28:18-20).



WOO HOO!

A Special acknowledgement and congratulations to Earl M. Good, a student in our Home Missions Program. We heard from him thanking us for our programs. He graduated KWA in fall 2010, and received an Associates of Bible Theology in Spring 2013 and just received a Bachelor of Bible Theology 2016. PRAISE THE LORD!

Join us!

Gatekeeper Ministries Annual Women's Retreat

November 11-12, 2016

The Stephen Olford Center

Memphis, TN

Speakers include:

Dr. Verda Thompson

Dr. Conny Williams

Dr. Tiffany Swift, Host

+ more!

3:30pm Friday, Registration - 3pm Saturday, Adjourn

Email questions: thegatekeeperbroadcast@ymail.com

Follow God's Direction for God's Connection

The last 9 months has brought more travel and expansion to the ministry. Setting up an office in the high desert in California is challenging and an experience. So far, I have not seen a 'burning bush' or walked on water, however there is a shepherd with a herd of sheep. So if it worked for Moses it is certainly ok with me.

On a special note – my, my look what God has done in Central and South America. Recently Dr. Don Korach, director of the Bible College there, sent me a letter thanking the ministry. He and his staff have entered all of their current students and graduates into the computer. In Central and South America over 5,000 brothers and sisters are taking or have graduated with ICBT. Dr. Korach and staff translated the courses from English to Spanish 18 years ago and are still working on bringing the curriculum to excellence. Praise the Lord!

Dr. Verda Thompson

Hi-Five THANK YOU!

The board and staff of AMT thank all of you for the support, prayers, and help. Please remember without you working with us as a team the work of the ministry would not be possible. In each Salt Shaker we would like to 'spot light' some of those who have helped behind the scenes over the years. At this time we want to give a 'high five' to Drs Wayne & Grace Stevens and Drs James & Bonnie Beaird for their years of faithful support and intercessory prayer. Also to Dr. Edie Reiman for her time and technical skills! We thank you - as we labor together in the Lord's Vineyard.



AMT, ICBT AND MSBT AND KWA ARE ALIVE AND WELL - LIVING IN CALIFORNIA!

It was our pleasure and privilege to visit the new head office for two weeks in February of this year. God has truly blessed the AMT family and Dr. Thompson with the expansion in California where they are going about the Father's business.

The office still buzzes with activity day to day as the school sites around the U.S. and worldwide continue to bless students and grow men and women to maturity through their courses. While we were there I prepared many documents and evaluations for those who are graduating, as well as for new students who are beginning their journey with the Bible College or King's Word Academy. New sites are opening up in different states. What a joy to work alongside Dr. Thompson for this brief period and to see how much better the offices are for them in this season. The ministry continues to grow as the Lord sends more and more students desiring to grow in their knowledge of the Word of God.

One of the most amazing things that is happening out there in the desert is the God connections and relationships that are being forged by the Holy Spirit. It is nothing short of miraculous to see how God is bringing people together with AMT with the sole purpose of expanding the Kingdom. The connections are not limited to the United States but are extending to the far reaches of the globe.

During our time in California Dr. Allan and I were privileged to take part in the 25th anniversary celebration conference of AMT, together with several of our Board Members and out-of-state ministers and missionaries, which was held in Sacramento, CA. Joining with us were Dr. Verda Thompson, Dr. Mary Carr, Bishop Dr. Eddy Brown and his wife, Dr. Mary, Pastors Andres and Teresa Nava, Dr. Lawton King, Dr. Sally Shepard, Dr. Audrey Walls, Rev. Linda Jackson, Rev. Rosemary Sellen and Dr. Esteban Mendoza. It was here that we saw firsthand how God is bringing people together from many very different cultures and uniting hearts to work together for His purposes.

Our host for the conference was Dr. Kory Letoa whose ministry in Sacramento is absolutely mind-blowing to say the least. Dr. Kory and his ministry are feeding thousands of people a year and bringing the Gospel to the homeless and underprivileged, many times 24/7 and around the clock. Here we found a church that is prepared to be the hands and feet of Jesus to reach the lost. The people in the church are from different cultures from the South Pacific and we were thrilled to rub shoulders with those from Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and American Samoa and Mhong from China, among others. Dr. Kory is offering ICBT and KWA classes in Sacramento, and will soon be expanding to Seattle, WA with plans to establish schools in the South Pacific islands and New Zealand.

What an experience, worshipping Island style, and enjoying the presence of the Lord with these precious brothers and sisters. The barriers between cultures that is often so sadly present were not to be seen as we were welcomed with open arms as honored guests. Of course, we will never forget that we were treated to a Luau with all trimmings – and in the middle of winter too! The Sun shines wherever Jesus is King! Our heartfelt thanks go out to Dr. Kory and his team for a truly wonderful and blessed experience.

This blending of cultures is so needed at this time, it is leading to more open doors in the nations to spread the Word of God. All glory goes to Him!

Our time in California was a great encouragement in many ways – seeing AMT/ICBT/KWA growing and expanding, meeting up with the many different cultures, blending together in worship before our King, and seeing God work in bringing people together as only He can. Again I say, "God and AMT is alive and well and living in California!"

Dr. Rosemary Chambers

AMT 25th Anniversary Yearbook!

The end of 2015 will mark our 25th anniversary of AMT-ICBT. We are really excited about our upcoming project. To celebrate this milestone, we are creating a 25-year Anniversary Yearbook. It will be printed by Jostens's, who has been publishing our KWA yearbooks since 2008.



We had planned to have this published by the end of 2015, however with the ministry transition and expansion to California, it is necessary to change the publication date.

This special yearbook will cover all of the ministry's areas including AMT, ICBT, KWA, foreign field, Mission School, prison, and affiliates. We think it will be around 120 pages. Our current plans are to have it published by the late 2016 or early 2017. It will cost you \$100 to get your copy.

We have some pictures already, but we would really love to include some of your ministry pictures and articles as well to make this a cooperative project. Please send your pictures (printed or on CD) to the home office. If sending pictures via email please send them in jpeg format. You may design your own memory page. The cost for these are as follows:

- Full page for \$150 (includes a copy of the yearbook)
- Half page \$75
- Quarter page \$40
- Business card size \$25

RESERVE SPACE NOW! If you would like to help sponsor this project, start by reserving space, then create your submission, etc.

In addition, you will have the option to create a personal message for \$10. These can be 4 – 5 lines of Scripture or personal messages and will be inserted throughout the book.

We will need your submissions (pictures, articles, memory pages, messages) by no later than October 1, 2016. This will allow time to design the actual yearbook. Please don't wait until the last minute. We will also need your yearbook order by this date. This project is quite a challenge.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

YES, I want to participate in the AMT 25th Anniversary Yearbook! Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ to save ad space for a: Personal Message Yearbook Full Page ½ Page ¼ Page Business Card

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MINISTRY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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2016 Graduations Scheduled at this Time

January	Phoenix, AZ
March	Tijuana, Mexico
April	Oxnard, CA
May	Eldorado, IL Norfolk, VA Somerset, PA
June	Capron, VA (Deerfield Correctional Center) Sinaloa, Mexico Reno, NV
August	Palmdale, CA
September	Petersburg, VA
October	Lancaster, CA
December	Sacramento, CA Youngstown, OH

Graduations in the Nations are ongoing - Glory to God!

The Enemy Continues to Prowl

The enemy's plan is to kill, steal and destroy (first physically, then spiritually) – but, we are more than conquerors and have dominion over him, through Christ Jesus!

1 Peter 5:8-11 "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of suffering. And the God of all grace, who called you, to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power forever and ever. Amen"

We have been reminding each other of this over and over as the enemy continues to try to compromise this ministry. When he fails using one tactic, he comes at us with another. The enemy has tried to compromise our finances, but God is our Provider, and never fails! The enemy has tried bringing illness and infirmities, but God is our Healer! The enemy has tried bringing depression, anxiety and confusion, but God is our Peace!

While we go through these struggles and situations, let's remember NO WHINING ALLOWED! God's plan has not changed – he has not told us to stop, so we must go forward, by faith, knowing He is always with us. The enemy can only destroy those who allow it; those who lay down their Sword and believe his lies. We must continue to resist him, call him a liar and remind him of his ultimate end: death. Stand on God's promise: restoration, strength and steadfast eternal life. Amen.

Dr. Mary Carr

Dr. Thompson & Dr. Mary Carr Travel Itinerary

AMT Members are encouraged to join us for fellowship at the church services and graduations while we are in your area:

Tuesday May 17

2:00 pm - Arrive in St. Louis, MO, Drive to Norris City, IL

Wednesday May 18

Work on purging files – Brothers from Sacramento arrive.

1:00 pm – Group Lunch – Skip's BBQ – 112 E. Main, Norris City 618-383-5805

6:30 pm - Evening Service - Turning Point, 107 E. Broadway, McLeansboro, IL 62859 – Pastor Dr. Leo Hall - 618-387-2280

Thursday May 19

Brothers from Sacramento load cabinets for delivery to CA

Friday May 20

Noon (lunch) Life's Journey Church – Mansfield, OH

Adora Kindig 419-989-0201

Evening – 3300 Hudson Ave., Youngstown, OH 44501

Elder Angela Hayes, Bradley Bible College – 330-328-6521

Saturday May 21

6:00 pm - Graduation and Celebration – Somerset Christian Fellowship, 197 Collingswood Lane, Somerset, PA 15501

Pastor Dr. Bill Dodson – 814-445-6767

Sunday May 22

10:30 am - Morning Service - Family Life Ministries, 617 W. Market St., York PA 17401 – 717-852-7369

Drs. Wendell and Juanita Burden

Monday May 23

Visit with family in VA

Tuesday May 24

6:30 pm – Evening Service; Chesapeake First Church of the Nazarene; 1134 Cedar Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23322

Pastor Raymond Groves - 757-235-3664

Wednesday May 25

Tentative – Meet with Pastors Tribus, Peaks, Gerry, etc.

Thursday May 26

ICBT Petersburg, VA – Drs. Charles & Margaret Wootten – 804-721-4857

Afternoon - Head back to Norris City, IL

Saturday May 28

11:00 am - Graduation – New Beginnings Church, 918 Third St., Eldorado, IL 62930; Pastor Toby Hise

618-926-5502 or 618-926-2611

4:00 pm - Visit Sikeston, MO

Sunday May 29 1:30 pm – St. Louis - Return to CA