

## **Baja Christian Ministries Field Report and Prayer Letter 9/23/05**

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

We have had a great summer and year of ministry and now we enter into our fall season with great expectation and excitement! We are in a very busy week and weekend of ministry!

1) Grace Presbyterian Church of Plano, Texas, led by Al Day, Rich Berger, and Mary Weber are joined by Pastor Larry Thorson and members of the the First Presbyterian Church of Hemet, CA, to build 1 house and minister to the surrounding community in evangelism and discipleship with Spanish Bibles and Purple Books.

Pastor Ian Stevenson, Rick Davis, Linda Frank, Scott Vestal and a team from the Crossing Church of Costa Mesa, CA, are joined by Deborah Dillinger and Nick Parmesley and their team from Rock Harbor Church of Costa Mesa, CA, coupled with Pastor Jeff Keith and his team from Newport Mesa Christian Center of Newport Beach, CA, along with Mike and Carm McDonald and their construction company to build 10 houses and 3 latrines. Also Russ Martin and his team from the Grove Church of Riverside, CA, will be arriving tomorrow, Saturday morning to build 1 house. Combined, there will be about 310 people this week and weekend with us to build a total of 12 houses and 3 latrines for needy families. They will also be engaged in other forms of outreach to express God's love to hundreds of people. Please pray God's powerful angelic blessing upon that all these members, their families and possessions. Pray God's blessing and fullness of joy and peace on their lives as they serve as His ambassadors. Pray that many are saved, greatly encouraged, healed and refreshed!

2) On Sunday, North Coast Calvary Chapel of Carlsbad, CA, who were so instrumental in our support ministries of the Baja Blast 1000, has graciously opened it's arms to our ministry this Saturday and Sunday at all of their services to invite their membership into further involvement with us, offering two dates to build houses and to do outreach this fall. Please pray that the Holy Spirit's blessing and inspiration will fall upon this congregation and leadership. Board member Pasquale Russo will make a short presentation at each service. Janet and I will be with them at all the Sunday services.

3) Please pray blessing and protection on all our leadership and their families: Cheryl Walker, Hector Rubio, Alvin Morales, Chuy Gomez, Salim Barraza, Daniel Nunez and now my son, Joshua, who is serving for 4 months with BCM as an intern living in El Nino. Pray blessing, protection, discernment, and refreshment as the enemy seeks to wear us down. Pray for a strong Holy Spirit garrison around us and our families. Thank you!

We all know that our battle is not with what we see in humanity but rather with the spirit forces in the unseen that hate God and all of his children. Jesus Christ is not only our God, our Lord, and our King, but He is also much more than the greatest hero to us all. I've included two poems I wrote which are 1 and 2 of a 4 part series entitled, "Much More Than the Greatest Hero to Me". I hope you draw some encouragement from these two pieces to continue to be fortified in our Great King Who resides in those who call him Lord.

With Gratitude, Bob Sanders---poems follow-->

## **Much More Than The Greatest Hero To Me!**

### **Mighty Heroic Heavenly Warrior**

(Rev 12:7-17, 1Cor 15:55-56, 2Cor 11:14, Eph 2:2, 1Jo5:19, 2Cor 4:4, 1Pet 5:8-9)

At the Center of All time and Eternity  
Sits Jesus our King  
the Very Heart Core of history  
the Alpha and Omega  
Seeing the end from the beginning  
Patiently Waiting as He's in-gathering  
in full control of everything  
Who Shined in the Darkness  
and created order out of chaos  
Who will subdue every enemy under His feet  
and bring glory out of suffering  
Then Love Will Reign Majestically in Manifest Glory  
and evil chained in hell's prison for all of eternity

Darkness Violently Crashing Against the Light  
Heavenly Warriors fighting the good fight  
Wrestling Vehemently in the Battle for Souls  
satan masquerading as an angel of light  
pridefully squandering illegitimate control  
stubbornly usurping unwarranted rights  
Injecting lethal toxin into histories temporal plight  
coveting, arrogating, and thieving his existence  
with cruel, ruthless, yet subtle and relentless persistence  
As the Heroic Redeemer's ardent ones, for a time,  
must overcome the poisoning effects of his rebellious crime  
Yet the Righteous King makes use of "it" as a furnace that refines  
purifying the dross from the gold,  
thus beautifying His saints to forever shine  
This age of patience and longsuffering  
shall be experienced only temporarily  
as death is still falsely declaring victory  
and sin is still applying it's deadly sting  
True Eternal Glory concealed by temporal suffering  
as sin and death is weighing down and burdening  
suppressing and intensifying all creation's groanings  
...yet again, only temporarily...

New converts are being rescued that assuage and incite the angel's rejoicing  
Vengeance is swirling in the Kings cup as He's wrapping it up  
Awaiting the Unfathomable Glory and Celebration that shall soon begin  
as the gates of hell shall not prevail  
against the King, His Purified Bride,  
and the Glory residing behind the temporal veil  
Soon the breach of unbelief shall be forever closed  
Sealed shut after the King's final gathering  
as the evil prince and power of the air fearfully knows  
it is soon over for him...

Therefore, this dragon's wrath is unwinding  
darkness is closing in through abounding sin  
as the birth pangs of travail now begin  
Earthquakes, wars and disasters are ushered in  
increasing hellish smoke of anti-Christ lies are on the rise  
blowing in on media air waves and cultural cross winds  
And since the rights of "free will" are contractually sealed  
the adversary, for a time, is enabled to exploit the eternal breach  
as humanity forfeits inherent redemption rights through unbelief  
the father of lies, poisoning many, is subtly disguised  
this foe is artfully blinding many eyes  
as truth is being denied, despised, and barely even recognized  
the thief is killing, stealing, and destroying  
hiding behind the cloud of unbelief  
this villain, a demonic sniper in the unseen  
is targeting human weakness and frailty  
to draw out blood streams of sin and iniquity  
multiplying human destruction exponentially  
countless demonic war casualties in the unsuspecting  
broken streets with open breaches deeply bleeding  
widespread damage throughout all humanity  
Yet the King and His soldiers are on guard  
as the enemy is pouring in like a flood  
The Spirit of the Lord is raising up a standard  
Trained to minister in the Power of His Blood  
His Church in Jesus is this resurrected Standard  
Against whom the gates of hell will not prevail  
(Matthew 16:18-19, Isaiah 59:19-King James Version)

The battle rages on in the unseen  
supernatural, not natural  
eternal, not carnal  
as outpoured demonic smog is densely covering  
the god of this world is blinding  
countless multitudes from seeing  
Few grasp it or believe it so  
Yet the Lord's children know--  
who will be called the "repairers of the breach"  
walking in the Power of His Isaiah 61 Anointing  
(Isaiah 58:12, Isaiah 61:1-7)

Sojourning this perverse, fear-filled, anxious age  
as moral decline, terrorism, uncertainty, and rage  
press in to violate righteous boundaries  
to terrorize and extract precious valor and courage  
through intimidation of conscience and poisoned imagination  
many are turning their hearts away from promised redemption

while ignorantly opening their minds to subtle deception  
undiscerned half-truths are knocking the ungodly to the ground  
giving evil forces a welcomed reception  
to create a vacuum that manipulates and alters any sense of godly perception  
deceivers tickling ears... naive ones resisting doctrine that is sound

As the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking for someone to devour  
we must stand firm, resist him in faith, and not cower  
seeking to find the Barricading Word of Christ that renews our minds  
As warriors who have found His full armor, we must stand our ground  
The shield of faith and intestinal fortitude must also be found  
as continual fiery darts  
target our minds and our hearts  
But where do we find  
this strength of heart and mind  
to stand strong and brave  
when many are vegetating and retreating in unprecedented waves  
into numbing comfort zones and fear-filled caves  
Who will impart this heroic courage in our hearts  
to rise with eagles wings to soar up on higher levels  
over the savage, fearful, under-cutting work of the devil  
To experience good cheer in the face of fear  
and deep inner peace  
when iniquity is encompassing around us with rapid increase  
...as Jesus' Words clearly said--  
hearts will grow weary and love will wax cold  
Who then will fortify those who shall stand upright instead--  
Set on being love-filled, courageous, fervent and bold  
Who shall strengthen them again and again  
to bravely enter into the world's lion's dens  
Who shall be their Strong Empowering Source...  
Who champions them courageously to run their course  
Who shall rise up...  
as a Reliable Spring to fill their cup  
to fortify them with courage and stick-to-itiveness to carry on  
and help them pick up and put together the broken pieces  
when their lives seem or become undone  
Who has authority great enough to rescue them from  
a whole world enslaved and controlled by an evil one  
There is only One...the Worthiest and Most Victorious One  
Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Heroic Son  
Whose Rescue of Love still carries on

## **The Hero Who Stood in the Gap and Took the Entire Rap**

(Col 1:27, 1Jo 2:2, Heb 7:25, Jer 20:11, 1Tim 2:5, 1Pe 2:9 )

My King and My Savior

Heavenly Intercessor, Mightiest of Warriors  
Selfless Mediator, Faithful Rescuer  
there is no other hero that is tried and true  
No other One that comes even close  
to being as worthy as You!  
You stood in the gap and took the entire rap  
The ransom for the whole world fell on You  
as heaven's truth reveals... someone had too!  
Great Infinite Source Who Wills Only Good  
No one else would or possibly could...  
champion that impossible life or death rescue  
that necessary sacrifice to absorb the sins of the world  
to cancel the debt, cleanse the heavens, and make everything new  
No one even comes close to heroism so true  
Yet still you are horribly misunderstood  
You seized the keys and set us free  
You gave selflessly and never quit  
so that the insignificant "we"...  
who deserve nothing...  
should forever benefit  
Who can comprehend it!  
How can finite ones comprehend such a friend  
such royalty mixed with loyalty  
Such heroic love, such selfless suffering  
You didn't hesitate to suffer for ingrates  
You still endure horrible disgrace as they spit in Your Face  
You suffered and sacrificed Infinitely more--  
than any other spirit, soul, and body could possibly endure  
a debt the entire world couldn't pay  
yet by this same ungrateful world  
You were and still are betrayed  
Your Precious Blood Fully Paid  
Your Heroic Love paved the way  
By Your grace we are forever saved  
How could I ever then be ashamed  
of the Greatest Name of all names  
May my affection and worship grow  
for You, Who is so faithful and true  
and Infinitely More than the Greatest Hero  
of all Time and Eternity  
the King of all kings, the Creator of everything  
Far Superseding the Highest Degree  
of Nobility, Integrity, Credibility, and Desirability  
Who loves me, accepts me, and welcomes me  
The Only One Who can truly set me free  
Who can satisfy our soul's deepest need

our richest treasure and greatest pleasure  
Your Everlasting Love never fails!  
concealed for a time behind the temporal veil  
Your Spirit graciously resides in me  
Unfolding this most profound reality  
Your Grandest Mystery and Masterpiece  
The Glorious Gem offered to all humanity  
"Christ in you--the Hope of Glory!"  
Jesus, the Greatest Hero is actually residing inside of me  
confounding to me... is this breath-taking reality  
How could I then withhold my highest praise--  
from the Desire of all Ages... the Ancient of Days--  
the Greatest Hero in the Entire Universe  
Who suffered unimaginably to break the evil curse--  
which enslaved, suffocated, and sucked life from this groaning earth

With Rescuing Arms of Forgiveness outstretched still  
You save and heal whosoever will  
Compassionately eager to make every rescue  
as they call upon You  
You pull the sinking from the mire  
snatch the helpless out of raging fire  
bring the drowning up upon the shore  
Your salvation is well anchored and secure  
Your glorious beauty and joyous love is infinitely vast  
And You have chosen to save the very best for last  
Concealed Behind the Veil  
is this Everlasting Treasure that will never fail

You took the lash  
You took the nails  
Your blood has paid  
You forged the way  
Your Love Prevailed  
You Couldn't Fail  
Now I'm free from everlasting captivity  
You are worthy of everything my life can bring  
You are so much more than the Greatest Hero to me  
In You Who saves me to the uttermost  
I will forever make my boast  
You are my Loving God and Everlasting King  
My sole purpose and reason for everything!  
To You I will forever cling!

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