

**Yason,**

This article actually began as a letter to a friend of mine in South Africa... It carries a lot of interesting news and messages concerning the working power of the Holy Spirit throughout Indonesia Country. You can also see and understand why God is allowing so many persecutions, trials and temptations to take place in this country! Please take time to read it....

Dear friend!! Greeting to you in wonderful Jesus precious name!!

I ought to be ashamed of not replying your last two letters on time! If I recall one of your previous letters... you've said that you don't need to wait till you hear from me before you write again. Friends can speak/write whenever they want to. This sound really touched and impressed me so much! So far, I can see that you are right in what you have said. You are the best one that I have ever met in this wonderful spiritual friendship. Some lost touch with me but you are still a faithful one.

You do a good job of describing things around daily life of your family and church activities as well...The letters mostly contain simple words to understand easily but powerful messages with the Holy Spirit!! By reading such a message I could be able to develop the power of speaking English and its vocabulary as well. That's the reason why I've already saved all of your letters in a folder and some I even copied on the discs, safely for reading again some days when I need it. Everything about your church activities you have told me recently...wow...it sound like you have a lot of fun... I love such an outdoor entertainment!!

We usually do the same...but at most just spiritual entertainments!! Dancing, singing and worship are part of our Sunday services but all of these services always depend on Holy Spirit direction. Everybody offers their heart joyfully with songs of praise and worship the Lord in Spirit. Plural ministry is a basic principle in our church today. The service is not dependent on

individual leadership or senior pastor guidance but always depend on the whole congregation.

We follow through the principles of 1Cor 12:7-12, in which every body could take part in the services... “For to one are given **words of wisdom** through the Spirit; and to another **words of knowledge** through the same Spirit: To another **faith** in the same Spirit; and to another the **power of taking away disease**, by the one Spirit; And to another **the power of working wonders**; and to another **the prophet's word**; and to another **the power of testing spirits**; to another **different sorts of tongues**; and to another **the power of making clear the sense of the tongues**: But all these are the operations of the one and the same Spirit, giving to every man separately as his pleasure is.” This is our principle of worshipping the Lord in our Church today. These nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, as mentioned above, are usually manifested through every body during the service. So everybody can express what they are experiencing with the Lord through these gifts. Such a wonderful ministry ought to be manifested in your church today.

I don't know what your church's doctrine is...but this is what God is going to restore in our day today. He wants to use the whole congregation to build up His true Church which is His own Body on this planet. This work does not only depend on individual ministry but it will include all members of the Body of Christ.

At the end of Sunday services we usually have an invitation for lunch time at the restaurant not far from the Hotel which we used for Sunday service! The invitation comes from every member of the church alternately. There are so many restaurants along the river bank. This is the only place where people are visiting... walking around and spend time here with their family or friends. The place is just in front of Muslim Greatest Masque. Now, so many stands and coffee shops are being set up on this location due to Muslim fasting-days season which is now going on during this month. The place would be crowded with people who come to buy cakes after spending the whole day of their fasting- prayer

activity. Various kind of original local cakes can be found here. You can enjoy yourself among them ...buy some cakes for the evening family coffee or tea drink show at home! But Please remember all these restaurants would be closed until evening come! Be aware of not drinking and eating food somewhere outside the house since the whole day of fasting prayer goes on. Otherwise you will have to pay fine for the Muslim authority ... This is the local government instruction that should be respected and accepted by other religions...because 90% of the local population here are Muslim!

The smoke covered our whole land recently... so dark as never be seen before. It took place as the result of a six months drought during the summer season in Indonesia (but not in West Papua – In Papua we have an Irregular season... as if it depends on the working power of God's mighty hand upon the season). Such conditions cause fires to start spontaneously in the thorn-bush and devour large part forestry land of Kalimantan.

But the drought summer is just over and it is now time of pouring rain throughout the whole Land including our residential place, plants, trees as well as weeds have began sprouted around our house, bringing forth a new fresh life. Along with pouring rain, and the flue bird epidemic spread over some places in Java lately.... Few people died in two weeks. Some public newspapers have confirmed that this is a new serious disease in our country. This is a very dangerous disease that causes people to stay alert... you should not even touch the dead bodies except using masks and hands protectors.

Oh...dear friend... Indonesia is being in trouble time now... there are so many various problems taking place in this country. We had endless problems in recent months – one after another... sooo miserably situation...did you ever hear about the three bomb blasts in “Kuta – Bali?” This is the second bomb exploding in the same area since September 2003. Three suicide bombs blasted in a restaurant and killed 22 people and some hundred were injured. Most of the victims are Indonesian local people. You can imagine how immoral the action of those who called

themselves members of Muslim Jihad Group are. Just according to them ...it's the will of God if they killed everybody who does not follow after their religion. They can do everything to protect their religion and not for their God sake. They even consider that a bomb suicide attack is an easy way to go to heaven, because if they die- then they could be proud and happy to be called martyr...and this could be pleasing God !!.

What a false doctrine!! In recent days TV program show us how Muslim people talked a lot about this matter. We could see how they speak against each other, while some other leaders have argued that the government should not to allow such false doctrines to keep on growing to influence their people's faith. One of their leaders even gave a wonderful statement through an interactive dialogue program in a private TV recently and said that "all the Muslim people in Indonesia must follow after Christian Life... Christian doctrine of Love ought to be a pattern to follow after for all people in this country", said him. The other Leader once said: "Don't hate or even kill Christian people because the more we persecuted them and the more they would be grow up rapidly. As in fact, many Muslim have become Christian in some recent years..." it is a marvelous work of the Holy Spirit, isn't it? As the Bible said: "...yet where sin was powerful, God's kindness was even more powerful" (Rom 5:20).

I believe that this is a fulfilment of the Greatest Tribulation Day preached by Lord Jesus in Mat 24:37-39....as in the day of Noah. What happened, then, at the time of the Flood? **George Warnock** answer this question: "Those who were spared the wrath of God were left right in the very midst of the wrath of God, but protected by the ark. So shall it be in the Day of the Lord. "The one shall be taken, and the other left." (Matt. 24:40). Now who were taken at the time of the flood? We read, "The flood came, and took them all away,"--all except those who were in the ark. (Matt. 24:39). In the very same way, Jesus said, would men be taken as in a "snare" at the time of the Day of the Lord. (Lk. 21:35). The powers of darkness and the wrath of God shall be poured out with such sudden fury over all the earth, that men shall be caught unawares, as if in a trap, and shall not escape.

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (1Thess. 5:3).

Just in what manner this sudden destruction shall come upon men, perhaps we do not understand; but it shall be as in the days of Noah. Sudden cataclysmic judgements shall fall upon the earth, the ungodly shall be "taken" suddenly as in a "snare," but the righteous shall be "left" in a place of safety. They shall be "in Christ," hidden away in "the secret place of the Most High." With their eyes they shall see and behold the reward of iniquity, for they shall be right on the earth; but they shall be in safety. What very few people understand is this: that this great event which shall constitute a snare and a trap to earth-dwellers or earthly-minded Christians, shall become a glory and a power and a means of victory to the one who is walking with God. Jesus promised "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." (Rev. 3:10).

And if you will but study the Scriptures carefully, you will discover in what manner the Lord keeps His own from temptation and from trial. One thing is sure; it is not by carrying us aloft in celestial chariots of ease to some Elysian fields--but by becoming our shelter and protection in the very midst of trouble and distress. Behold the children of Israel in the very midst of Egypt's desolation, but protected by the glory of God and the rod of Moses. They had flies throughout all Egypt, but there were none in the homes of Israel. Frogs everywhere, but not in the humble cottages of the Israelites. Hail and pestilence on the fields of the Egyptians, but not on the fields of Israel. Darkness and gloominess throughout all Egypt for three days--a darkness so dense that it could be felt--but light in the homes of Israel. The death angel passes through all the land of Egypt, even over the homes of the Israelites, but passing or "fluttering" over the blood-sprinkled door posts of the covenant people of God. See Daniel in the lion's den, but it is no torment to him; the very beasts became his best friends. Behold the three Hebrew children in the

fiery furnace, but they are not consumed. Yea, the very fire which was intended for their destruction became their light and their life--it consumed the cords which bound their arms and legs, and lo the form of one like unto the Son of Man was seen walking side by side with them in the midst of the flames.

Thank God for this great and mighty truth: the day of the Lord to the wicked is "not light...but darkness." But to the righteous, and those who have appropriated the fullness of the Spirit and are walking with God, the Day of gloom and Great Tribulation is not darkness, but a light and a glory. To the disobedient, "A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness." But to the great and mighty army of the Lord it shall be "as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong." (Joel 2:2)." (quoted from **The Feast Of Tabernacle** vs 52-54- by **George H Warnock**)

We saints in Indonesia are now welcoming the first visitation of His second coming in the earth. Some recent years, about 600 churches have been burned down and some preachers have been killed in Java, South Sulawesi, Central Sulawesi dan Malucus but now as God instructs us just stand still in our place, watch and see what He is going to do with our adversaries. Please recall Jehoshaphat's powerful prayer in 2Ch.20 when he was given bad news of a great Army ready come for fighting with Israel. Then Jehoshaphat, in his fear, went to the Lord for directions, and gave orders all through Judah for the people to go without food. The same we have done here...for many years all of us have been praying to ask protection from our LORD. And the LORD really hears our prayer! He takes over our position and fights against every enemy and brings them into open shame... though there is still persecution that goes on in some places, but He always shows His Love and care for us wholly!

By allowing various kinds of miserable disasters as mentioned above, He could make them realize how great is the name of our LORD Jesus Christ in His people! And Jehoshaphat took his place in the meeting of Judah and Jerusalem, **in the house of the Lord** in front of the new open space..... and prayed: "If evil

comes on us, the sword, or punishment, or disease, or need of food, we will come to this house and to you, (for your name is in this house,) crying to you in our trouble, and you will give us salvation in answer to our cry.

What is the House of the LORD? The House of the Lord is the Unity of all Saints who already saved by the Blood of Jesus Christ. This is "THE BODY OF CHRIST" which is the True Church built up by the Holy Spirit. I believe that this is the true spiritual Ark of Noah in our days by which we could come and dwell in it. Jesus Christ is the Head of His own Body and we are the members of His Body. Someone replied my e-mail and said that Sounds like the faithful in Java need a few cases of Beecher's Bibles! Pastor John Beecher led the revolution in Kansas in 1859 that sparked the American Civil War. ... our weapons are not carnal but spiritual. However, he felt just as comfortable clutching a 12-gauge shotgun as he did clutching his Bible. When the Muslims come for us, he added ... we'll be sure to meet them with the right kind of fire power: both physical and spiritual! That's how wars are won and that's how religion is spread..... Surely, I stand in agreement with his idea. But I could say that such a fighting as he wrote me has ever been done in some places such as in Central Sulawesi and Maluku where Christian and Muslim were fighting each other by using their illegal guns several years ago. And the fighting sometimes turns up again in both areas!

In other places especially in Java, God used His very special ways to protect His own people there – not by using any shotgun but with the Mighty Hand he changes the light into the darkness upon the wicked one; to the righteous, and those who have appropriated the fullness of the Spirit and are walking with God, the Day of gloom and Great Tribulation is not darkness, but a light and a glory. Then God answers our prayer: Have no fear and do not be troubled on account of this great army; for the fight is not yours but God's.... There will be no need for you to take up arms in this fight; put yourselves in position, and keep where you are, and you will see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem.

God said we should put ourselves in our position and stand still in the place where we are. When we are in Ark of The Body of Christ, we are actually in the presence of God. With the song of praise and worship, the Lord once in a while looks through the window and sees what happen out-side there... And at the first notes of song and praise the Lord sent a surprise attack against the children of Ammon and Moab and the people of Mount Seir, who had come against Judah (us); and they were overcome. ... everyman's hand was turned against his neighbour for his destruction. (2Ch 20:22-23).

OK...--- more detail of this story will be told next time!! But please continue to hold us up in your prayer ...our brothers and sisters in some trouble area as above mention are needing grace and strength of our Lord to carry them through these greatest testing days. Our next program of the ministry will be in Jayapura for few weeks. But an English book is still being translated by me and I need an all-out effort to get this job done in time. This is the reason why I have very little time to visit the Internet Café, though it is just near our house. So we wait and see if everything will be going well, then we could make our trip to Papua on December this year! Well, I better go home now and thank a lot of having time to read this letter... Have a nice day with your family!! GBU.