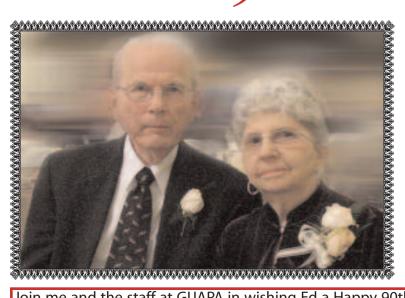


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# HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY, ED!



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ON THIS 1ST OCTOBER DAY
WE LOOK, LISTEN AND SAY
WE'VE HEARD YOU WEEK AFTER WEEK
AND YOU'RE NOT AT ALL MEEK.

FOR 65 YEARS TO US YOU PREACH AND FOR 46 BY RADIO YOU TEACH "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED THAT'S YOU" THERE'S NO TIME TO SAY WHO?

YOUR 1000 OF LISTENERS WITH ME AND YOUR SUPPORTERS TOO YOU SEE WISH YOU MANY, MANY MORE YEARS OF SERMONS TO FILL OUR EARS! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ED

Join me and the staff at GIJAPA in wishing Ed a Happy 90th Birthday-October 1! Ed reminds us that he has been preaching for 65 years and 46 of those on the radio-GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY broadcast. As you who listen weekly and support GIJAPA know that he never wavered about the truth of the gospel. Thank you for being such a major part of his life over the years.

### A PLACE AT THE TABLE

A Communion Meditation John 12:1-2

Jesus therefore six days before the Passover came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead. So they made Him a supper, and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him.

When Jesus came to the tomb of Lazarus He said, "Take ye away the stone." Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, "Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days." Jesus saith unto her,

"Said I not unto thee if thou believest thou shalt see the glory of God," and they rolled away the stone. After Jesus prayed he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus come forth!" He that was dead came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes; and his face was bound about by a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, "Loose him, and let him go."

Lazarus had been dead four days, and his body had begun to rot, and Jesus raised him from the dead. We also were dead in sins according to Ephesians 2:1, "And you did he make alive, when ye were dead in trespasses and sins." And not only, were we dead; we were all dead in a similar manner as Lazarus. David said in Psalms 38:4-5, "Mine iniquities are gone over mine head; as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness." We also were not only dead in trespasses and sins, but our sins made us stink before God.

Those who are Christians, belong to the same fellowship as Lazarus. But when we heard the gospel; believed it, repented; were buried in baptism, and arose to walk in the newness of life as stated in Romans 6:4-6, then it was not long until we found out that Jesus Himself had made us a supper-the Lord's Supper, and we also have a personal invitation to sit at the table with Him.

### MANY WHO PREACHED THE GOSPEL WILL BE ASTONISHED

At the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount the multitudes were astonished at His doctrine. There are many in churches who would be astonished at His doctrine today, if they ever heard it, and there are many preachers who will be astonished at His doctrine on the Day of Judgment. "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works?" And then will I profess unto them, "I never knew you, depart from me ye workers of iniquity." Matthew 7:22-23, "Who are these famous prophets who were told to depart?" How about that famous prophet Balaam in Numbers twenty-two? He was a great prophet, and when he blessed others they were blessed, and when he cursed them they were cursed. Balak the King of Moab tried to hire him to curse Israel. Balaam consulted the Lord and was told he could not curse those whom God blessed. Balaam refused to curse Israel and told them if they would give him a house full of gold he would not go beyond the word of God to do more or less. Balak sent back more distinguished messengers with a bigger offer, and then God told Balaam to go with the men.

There are many who believe the word, but then they find out what the Lord says does not fit into their plans. They consult the Lord again thinking what they heard was not a good translation. Perhaps a scholar told them the scripture does not say what you thought it says. It really means something else. When this happens the Lord will say, "Go with the men." The Lord will always tell you to do as you please if you don't want to do as His word says.

Balaam was a great prophet; one time he prophesied the coming of Jesus. Numbers 24:17, "I shall behold him, but not nigh. There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall arise out of Israel." Balaam said in Numbers 23:10, "Let me die the death of the righteous." But then in Numbers 23:8, he died in battle fighting against Israel. "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name and by thy name do many mighty works?" Then I will say unto them in that day: "Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never

knew you."

Another one of these great reluctant prophets was the High Priest Caiaphas. After the resurrection of Lazarus, the chief priests had a council and came to the conclusion that Jesus must be stopped before all the people will believe Him and the Romans will come and take away our place and nation. But the arrogant Caiaphas told them, "Ye know nothing at all, nor do you take account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." Caiaphas said more than he thought he said. It was God's will that Jesus die for the whole world that all might not perish. John adds this explanation: "Now this he said not of himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; and not for the nation only, but that he might gather into one all the children of God that are scattered abroad." Unknowingly, Caiaphas preached a great gospel message, and then condemned the Lord to die on the cross.

Then how about Judas Iscariot? In Matthew chapter ten the Lord Jesus sent out the twelve apostles to preach to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He told them to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons, freely ye have received freely give. Judas was one of them; he had the same charge to preach as the others; and yet in Matthew 26:15 we hear him bargain with the chief priests: "What are you willing to give me and I will deliver Him unto you."

In all three cases Balaam, Caiaphas, and Judas, the faithful preaching of the message of God was compromised by the love of money, or the pride of high position. Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. Many will say unto me in the day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works?" And then will I profess unto them, "I never knew you, depart from me ye workers of iniquity." EB

## LETTERS

Dear Ed & Naomi,

Yes, I received the sermon books you sent to me. I have already started to use them. Thank you very much. God has truly called you to do His will through you. This world is a better place thanks to you and your wife doing what you do. Praise to God!

Wendell from Barboursville, KY

Dear Brother,

Greetings to you in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am very happy to write this here letter. I have been an ardent listener of your radio programme which is aired on every Sunday from 8:30-9 AM (Indian time) from Sri Lanka. I have a desire to work with your ministry. I invite you to come to India to preach the word of God. I always need encouragement from elders like you. Please pray for me and my ministry.

God bless you. K. Nehemiah

Dear Brother Ed,

Your latest newsletter said you had requests for 1,000 Bibles. Please use the enclosed to help for this request. I enjoy reading your newsletter as it lifts my spirit to see how GOD'S Word is being spread throughout the world. GOD bless you and Naomi in your ministry.

Yours in Christ. D.H. from Ross, OH

Dear Brother Ed,

From my depth of my heart, I want to say thank you for the love and support. I have received 2 boxes of Bibles. What you are doing for the Lord is bringing people to our Lord Jesus Christ. Your support is helping us reach unchurched people. Do you realize that every time you send some gifts to us, Satan is angry. These gifts you send destroy the work of Satan (Psalm 112:10). One thing that torments the Devil and his evil spirits is to see your support used for the Kingdom of God.

We are on our way going to KYANGOZHI AREA where we shall have our evangelism campaign from 21st to 31st August this year 2008. This area is about 10 kilometers away from the town center. There are more than one thousand people in this place with only 3 denominations.

I do ask you again to pray that God will give us power. Also please agree with me that at least 15 to 20 people will receive the Lord Jesus Christ during this evangelism campaign. I will send the report for the month of July together with Kyangozhi evangelism campaign.

Thank you, may God continue blessing you. JOHN MASEKA, Evangelist Zambia, S. Central Africa

## Update from Nee & Lee

The sermon translation project is still working. We are trying to innovate it to be more attractive. We were in two house holds last Tuesday and we were very glad teaching the 2 people of whom are Jehovah's witnesses. One of them visited us at Church last Wednesday. Last Friday's translation program was successful with no baptism, though but we had a couple who visited us and confess at church last Sunday that they will worship with us to learn more before they give themselves to Christ, which to us was ok. According to them, they have been members of three churches before but had to quit all of them due to the kind of problems and troubles they went through because they found out some practices which they questioned about them. We welcomed them and asked to listen attentively and to be frequent and punctual to church meetings to enable them grab whatever is taught at church.

We also had a lady who visited us from Lake Road Church of Christ in Kumasi in the Ashanti region who confessed to worship with our congregation do to the way we teach and relate to each other in our congregation. She had been worshiping with us since June 2008 and last Sunday was the day she affirmed that she will place her membership with us. We all happy to hear and that confession was an inspiration for the couple who through the Ed's sermon translation program confessed that they will worship with us.

Work on the Agona Ukwanta Church is still on and we are very sure that it would not be abandoned. Many are the plans of man but what God has destined will come to pass. We thought we could do it in a very short time but God says no. It is helping and letting us gathering more people before the planting of the church. Keep praying for us.

The Church at Fianko is doing wonderfully well. We were there to attend a funeral last Saturday and the Church did very well. The Church at Ekow is doing a very good job though we have not been able to help them with support for 4 months. The Church is doing pretty well and people are still joining. They have asked us to have one big gospel campaign there for them but we haven't been able to do it just yet, keep praying for them.

We recorded the 14th report case of stolen GIJAPA "T" shirts vesterday. People in our congregation and others reported that their GIJAPA "T" shirts have been stolen either on the drying lines or from their bags by relatives; they stole these envious shirts because they couldn't get one any other way. This clearly shows how people love the GIJAPA shirts. Everywhere we go people call us GIJAPA! We are so proud the way the Lord has carried the name of GIJAPA into Ghana. We are receiving a lot of requests for the shirts. A brother called us from Kumasi telling us that most of their members are visiting and reading the newsletters and the sermons by Ed online. Seeing us wearing the GIJAPA "T" shirts on the web page (www.gijapa.org) they want them too. GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY, is now a household name in some towns, villages, quarters and cities. We thank you so much for them, the "T" shirt is also a soul winning tool and it is helping a lot.

In another development, a man in his sixties gave himself for the Lord so we baptized him Wednesday morning and was at Church with us in the evening. We praise the Lord for all He is doing for us and we thank Him so much for the grace being shown us. We also thank you for the materials and equipment for the work here. We can use some more mixed nuts if you can send us some more. And the clothes and especially the hooded ponchos are a tremendous help during these rainy seasons. They make our travels so much easier. Thank you so much and may God richly bless you. We love you all so much.

Dear Brother Ed Bousman and Sister Naomi, family in Christ Jesus,

First of all I give all glory to Jesus Christ for given us so much and to die for us. Without Jesus today in my life I would still be lost and blind to the truth of life. So I glorify Him all. Second of all you have helped me open my eyes by first giving the Bible and then the first 30 lessons Studies in the Bible, then next ten lessons from Acts-Into all the World. Thank you for sending me your book called NT Sermons. I've enjoyed the ten lessons Jesus by John. So here is a little gift from me \$5.00 and thank you by helping to save my soul.

Sincerely Danny from prison in Brickeys, AR

#### Dear Evangelist Ed Bousman

I am very happy to write you this letter I hope you are fine as I am and I know God is working in your ministry as you win souls for Him.

I was very happy to listen to your radio programme on Radio Africa. You're helpful and wonderful messages have been winning souls for the Lord including me and I want to increase my faith in Jesus. I will be happy if you could send me a Bible and the free Bible Studies you offered on your radio broadcast.

Oye from Nigeria, W. Africa

### NATIONAL PRAYER CLINIC

Grundy, Virginia October 13-17, 2008

Speakers: Ray Bennett, Tony Sullivan, Jason Pancake, DJ Maxey, Paul Ponchot, Jerry Bliffen, Al Surhal, Rick Mathena, Shawn McMullen, Keith Wood, Kevin Yeager, Denny Coburn, Don Cooper, ED BOUSMAN Thank You Sir,

Your Ministry is a powerful work of God. I was on my way to Church one Sunday just wanting to hear someone preaching and teaching the whole truth of God's Word. I was a little late that Sunday but when I heard the awesome impact of the Word I just began to praise and worship the Lord. I believe the Church as a whole has fallen asleep and is lacking the true power of God. Many false prophets have risen and are deceiving many. I would like to meet you one day. I am in Ohio about 30 minutes from Canton and Akron in a place called Orrville, the town of Smucker's jelly. I have been called to the Ministry and even though I preach against sin some think this message is not for the Church but for the world I must be about my Fathers business. I know I'm not popular but the Lord had already told me the Word would save those that wanted the truth.

I ask that you pray for and with me 'I've been in Word ministry for 2 years. I was ordained in April 08 and I want to do the total will of my Father. So pray that doors will open in the ministry and that lives will be delivered and set free from the works of darkness. Also the Lord impressed upon me to send money to support this ministry and He would open financial doors. I do pay tithes. Thanks again for the whole truth of Gods word.

Brother Dwayne from Orville, OH

# RESTORATION DESTINATION

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Speakers: Kerry Allen, Tony Sullivan, Mike Diamond, Brock Shanks, ED BOUSMAN

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