

But you will receive power . . . and you
will be my witnesses . . .

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Acts 1:8



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The Revival We Need!

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My eyes were glued. What I was watching was so powerful that I found myself attentively taking in every word that was being spoken.

George Otis, Jr., the narrator for the video entitled “Transformations,” was saying, “**True spiritual revival is like a seething lava flow.** It takes time to reach its destination. But when it does, its intense heat and formidable power alter everything in its path. It is the full measure of God’s kingdom come to earth.”

He then proceeded to tell his viewers about how God’s Holy Spirit is at work in societies all over the world which had been deemed beyond help. Otis shared about *Kiambu, Kenya*, a town which at one time had a horrendous reputation, but through the power of God had been transformed into a desirable neighborhood. Through prayer individuals surrendered their all, asking God to transform them to be holy people. Kiambu became a town where local bars were transformed into churches, where ancestral shrines were destroyed, and where entire family clans were coming to faith in Christ.

After talking about Kiambu, Otis then spoke about what was happening in *Hemet, California*, where gang violence, meth labs, and corruption became things of the past.



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Thank You for Giving!

In the final months of 2025, World Missions had some big needs. The Annual Harvest Offering was published to raise funds for exploratory trips for new ministries. In the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa, a request was sent out for relief funds for Jamaica. A family in the Middle East needed an additional \$15,000 in ministry support before the end of the year. The Doyle family in Papua New Guinea needed an additional \$20,000 to support their ministry through their return next summer on furlough.

This sounds like a lot. It **IS** a lot to ask in just two or three short months. But, as we know, “my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

- To date, the Annual Harvest Offering has raised \$14,491 for future trips to new fields. At the time of writing, we are still receiving offerings from churches for this need.
- To date, we have raised \$19,039 for Jamaican hurricane relief.
- The entire need of \$15,000 for the family in the Middle East was pledged.
- The shortfall for the Doyles’ support has been met until they come home next June.

Thank you to those who pray regularly for World Missions. Thank you also to those who gave. We are grateful to the Father for supplying these needs.



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A Glorious Task in Cayman Brac

Dr. Gayle Woods, pastor of Spot Bay and Watering Place churches, recently wrote, “Cayman Brac is a community. It is an extended family. The government as well as the numerous postal districts plan community activities throughout the year. December is especially full of things to do and places to go.”

Each church also had a Sunday evening Christmas program, and they both saw crowds close to capacity.

“Midst our times of celebration and worship,” Dr. Woods continued, “hurt and heartache lurk. Ministry means to weep with those who weep and to rejoice with those who rejoice. It means to bind up the wounded spirit and to feed the hungry soul.

“God has given us a glorious task that we cannot accomplish without His help and guidance. We take much encouragement in the knowledge that you hold us up in prayer as we do our best for our Lord. Thanks so much!”

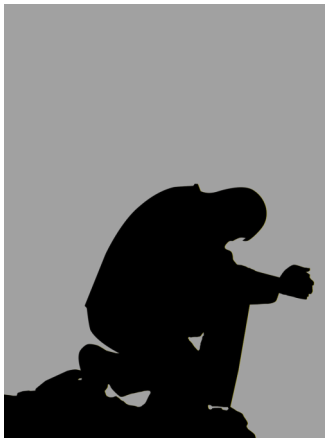
Lastly, he spoke about *Almolonga, Guatemala*, where poverty and alcoholism were being traded for deliverance in Jesus Christ. Where witchdoctors were renouncing their old practices and becoming believers in Christ.

In each of these places, God’s power was at work. Christians were surrendering their all, crying out to God to be saved and be made holy. The reality is this: ***When the power of the Holy Spirit is unleashed, great things happen.*** The church needs to see great things happen!

The church needs followers who are filled with Divine power that enables us to live victorious, holy lives, which includes having a passion to pray, go, and be witnesses to a spiritually lost, hurting, and dying world.

- Our unsaved family members and friends need to hear the wondrous message that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord.
- Our local communities need to hear this!
- Our world needs to hear this!

As we enter into a new year, let us ask to be filled with God’s power in order for us to be His effective witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and “the uttermost parts of the world” (Acts 1:8). Time is running out!



21 Days of Fasting and Prayer

As a way to assist you in starting this new year by seeking God, there is a devotional guide for 21 Days of Fasting and Prayer, beginning January 12. This is a joint effort promoted by Home Missions and World Missions.

For more information, please contact Valerie Biswell at officemanager@coghhomemissions.com.

Pray for Trip to Ecuador



This month Dr. Jim Lo and Board chairman Joe Trussell will be traveling to Ecuador to visit a potential future ministry with new non-residential missionaries, Doug and Bridgette Wallace. We will be introducing them in an upcoming newsletter.

Ask God to guide and direct those traveling.