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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them". – Ezekiel 36:26-27

It is that time, once again, when many people make their New Year's resolutions. Everywhere that you turn, you hear the typical intentions of people to either lose weight; quit a particular bad habit; get out of debt...ad infinitum! True Christian character and conduct is not formed by dramatic resolutions; rather, it is by living a life that is being continually carried along by the Wind of God; the Word of God; and the Will of God. However, if we are going to make resolutions, (as followers of Jesus), may each one of us **'resolve to rejoice'** that we are "NEW Creations" in union with Christ! It was 34 years ago, that God poured out His saving mercies on this former, arrogant, agnostic musician. He caused me to partake of His NEW Covenant promise. God worked a miracle in my 'sin-blinded heart' and gave me a NEW heart, which graced me with 'the eyes of faith'; so that I saw Jesus was baring 'my sins' in His body on the tree. The Holy Spirit graciously sent down the roots of conviction and contrition in my heart, so that my 'new eyes of faith in Jesus' wept tears of repentance that Jesus was wounded for my transgressions and He was crushed for my iniquities. The very moment that God gave me this spiritual heart transplant, I was given the gift of repentance and saving faith in the Lord Jesus. And when I repented and believed the Gospel, it was the beginning of a NEW and wonderful life - Eternal Life! Friends, now this is something to **'resolve to rejoice'** about!



We can also **'resolve to rejoice'**, because we have been given a 'NEW and exceedingly higher' motive for living! II Corinthians 5:15 proclaims, "Those who live, (who are new creations in Christ), should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again". Every born again child of God can now say, "For me to live is Christ!" Jesus is now our pearl of great price! He has captured our hearts and lives. May each one of us **'resolve to rejoice'** in the glorious truth that, "our new hearts beat for the Lord Jesus Christ and for His glory, alone"!

But, we can also **'resolve to rejoice'**, because we have been given a NEW perspective about this world system. For over 29 years of my life, I walked according to the course of this world. I once sought to listen to the wisdom of this world. But now, I see that the wisdom of this world is absolute foolishness. I can now glory in the truth that, "the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world". Moreover, we can also **'resolve to rejoice'**, because we have been endowed with a brand NEW mindset, concerning this mortal flesh. I formerly conducted my life in the lusts of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind. Yet now, there is deep passion and purpose within my new heart, to put to death the deeds of the flesh, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Oh, but in addition dear friends, we can **'resolve to rejoice'** in the truth that, "we have been graced with a NEW source of satisfaction, significance and security! For the first half of my life, I was seeking satisfaction, significance and security in the fleeting accolades of the music business. I journeyed down every avenue that I mistakenly thought would bring achievement and enjoyment; but they were all dead-end streets. But then, I heard the glorious truth that "Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life!" Continued

Then, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, I was saved from the wrath of God; I was adopted into the family of God; and I was accepted in the Beloved One! I now find my significance, my satisfaction and my security in the Lord Jesus Christ! It is absolutely true that we can **'resolve to rejoice'** that all things have become NEW! **Alleluia** to the Lamb of God!

Until we leave this planet and meet our precious Lord and Lamb face to face, may each one of us make a **"NEW RESOLVE"** to be faithful ambassadors for our King. Brother and sisters, may each one of us resolve to ask the Holy Spirit to give us a NEW fervency and urgency to pray for those around us, who are in desperate need of a new birth! There are loved ones, friends, co-workers, neighbors and friends surrounding us, who are in a perilous condition of condemnation! Everyday in which they live and breathe on this earth, they are storing up more wrath towards the Great White Throne judgment. Their hearts are all "deceitful above all things and hopelessly wicked". Their unconverted heart hates the light of a "Jesus-centered, Jesus-directed and Jesus-pleasing life"; and their heart is madly in love with their "self-centered, self-directed and self-pleasing life"! And if they are left to themselves, without a spiritual heart transplant, they will NEVER leave the darkness that they cherish; to come to the light that they reject or neglect!

May each one of us "resolve" to renew ourselves to be actively on mission with our Lord and God, to reach those "sin-deadened" hearts within our sphere of influence! May we seek and ask our Savior to ignite us with a higher flame for evangelistic intercessory prayer. May we cry out to the Holy Spirit, to literally intoxicate us with a far deeper passion for souls! May we immerse our minds and hearts with a 'Jesus-focused gospel message'; so that we will be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us! May we seek to take opportunities and make opportunities to herald the "bad news" and the "good news" to the people that God sovereignly brings within our lives. May all of us, who name the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, be raised from spiritual lethargy, apathy, laziness and despondency; to a NEW LEVEL of desire, devotion, determination and delight! Our Lord Jesus Christ has the power to make you "strong in Him and in the power of His might", so that you would fulfill every one of these resolves. You may be thinking, "But Ed, you do not understand the blanket of complacency and lethargy that is smothering my surroundings?" Oh, dear friends, yes I do! Because I am facing it on every hand! But my Lord is well able to infuse us with new power; a new passion; and a new purpose, in the midst of the deadness! So together let us make a "New Year's Resolution" to be actively, earnestly and intensely on mission with our Lord, for the glory of His name!



Kenya Conference

I am absolutely overwhelmed with gratitude to our Lord, for the amazing doors that God has opened for me. He has allowed me to travel to 4 different continents on this planet, for the purpose of training pastors, church planters and others in positions of spiritual leadership. Most recently, I have returned from a tremendous opportunity to teach my latest workbook, entitled "Christ-centered Discipleship", to hundreds of pastors and church leaders, from both Kenya and Uganda! Our ministry, (being blessed by many of you), was able to supply the 'bus fare' for each of these leaders to travel to Kitale, Kenya. Also, we were able to feed those pastors and leaders 3 meals a day, for 4 full days, (over 6,300 meals)! Our Lord also used many of you to supply the funds to give each one of these leaders a workbook; a place to sleep; as well as, providing for the many other expenses which are involved in a major conference such as this. Brothers and sisters, I am already receiving scores of testimonies from these pastors, sharing how they have already begun to teach these truths to their hundreds of congregations, from different areas of Kenya and Uganda! This is an amazing multiplication of TRUTH!

The Director of Kenya Ministries Training Institute, Rev. George Wafula, (who is also a key leader in this annual conference), shares his heart concerning this latest convocation of spiritual leaders. **"This conference was a magnificent blessing to all of the pastors and bishops.**

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So many pastors have called me, testifying how God spoke personally to their lives; and that they will never be the same! There were over 530 pastors and church leaders that attended the 4-day conference at KMTI. There were 41 who travelled all the way from Uganda to attend this glorious time. This is a huge number of spiritual leaders to attend our campus. We really did not have enough beds to accommodate all of them. But the senior pastors and overseers were willing to sleep on the floor, on thin mattresses, so that they could be in attendance for every session! They all testified that “Bro. Ed Lacy always has the Word of the Lord for our lives; and we don’t want to miss anything”! It is very uncommon to see senior pastors of large churches sleeping on the floor and sharing two men to a mattress; unless God is doing something mighty in their lives! With all of the busy schedules of these well-known pastors, they still desired to stay for every moment, until the final words were spoken from this brother!

There were three pastors who were experiencing very serious marital problems. But after listening to the session on ‘The Disciple as a faithful Husband’, the Word of God totally exposed them and convicted them! They went home to their wives and repented of their sins; their marriages were fully restored; and they have all called me twice, since then, to tell me how grateful they are for what God has done in their marriages! It has been such a blessing to have Bro. Ed Lacy every year. Our pastors and leaders have such a deep respect for His understanding of the scriptures and his delivery of the Word of God. Whenever they are told about the next conference, they are excited to come and they bring new pastors with them. We had pastors from all over the nation of Kenya, as well as those from Uganda! Some of these men drove as much as 11 hours by bus, to come under the Word of God in this conference! This kind of glorious response is possible because of the testimonies of those who have attended the conferences in past years! Pastors are using these entire teachings to disciple their local flocks; which results in a glorious multiplication of these life-transforming truths! I want to express my sincere thanks for all of the brothers and sisters in America, who have prayed for Bro. Ed and supported these conferences. The lives of countless numbers of people are going to be impacted on this continent, because of the Word of God that has gone forth in the power of the Holy Spirit. My heart is overwhelmed with more gratitude than I can possibly put into human words! “

Dear friends, you and your gifts of intercession and support for these conferences are a major part of what God is doing in these annual Kenya conferences; as well as the 4 other international conferences that we held in Cuba and in India last year! We have already scheduled the 2015 conference in Kenya for the first week of December. I will be speaking on “The Great Shepherd; The Local Shepherd; and Their Flocks!” It will be a study on spiritual leadership that is much needed in these African nations! Already, I am beginning to work on that workbook study! Please pray towards this tremendous opportunity.

Evangelist Outreach At Moi University - Kenya

I was also granted the awesome opportunity to preach the Gospel on the campus of Moi University, a secular university in Kenya! Remarkably, the hall was packed with students; and there were many more standing in the street, which could not get into the building! I preached on “The Prodigal Son”, from Luke 15. They were all absolutely transfixed on every word that flowed out of my mouth! The glorious truths, found in that passage, were piercing the hearts of many in the congregation. Approximately 50 university students testified that the Holy Spirit was working in their souls, concerning the issues of authentic conversion! The Gospel was going forth into these young adults in a demonstration of Holy Spirit power and deep conviction! Of course, as always, we are praying for “fruit that remains” from the declaration of those Gospel truths. I received an e-mail from one of the many students who were in attendance. He shared these words of testimony. **“My name is Timothy Rotich. I am the chairperson of the Moi University Aids Control Program, which engages in creating HIV awareness; as well as support and care for those who are infected or affected by HIV. On behalf of the entire student body of Moi University Kenya, I would like to pass our sincere gratitude to you, for being such an inspiration to our lives. Personally, I**

encouraged by the message on “The Prodigal Son”! God was so gracious to work in many lives and forgive the sins of those who ‘truly repented from the heart’! We hope that you will visit our university again, when you return.” Friends, this was an awesome open door to plant the Gospel seeds into the hearts of many, many young men and women, from many different parts of Kenya!

3 Conference Studies As Curriculum For KMTI

I am both humbled, yet excited to report that George Wafula, Director of Kenya Ministries Training Institute, has officially asked permission from our ministry, to employ 3 of our workbook studies, as part of the regular curriculum at KMTI, both in Kenya and Uganda. This is a wonderful furtherance of multiplication of the Lord’s truth into the lives of leaders, which I may never be able to meet on this earth. KMTI instructors will begin teaching: ‘Christ-centered Evangelism’ --- ‘Christ-centered Discipleship’ --- and ‘The Biblical Path to an Effective Prayer Life’, as a regular part of their curriculum.



More New Opportunities in 2015

God continues to open some amazing “new doors” for 2015. Many opportunities have opened in India. I will have the blessed opportunity to teach ‘Christ-centered Evangelism’ to a group of pastors and church planters on the campus of William Carey Bible College in Calcutta, India this year! Also, I am scheduled to return to Siliguri and Goa, India, to teach 2 ‘Christ-centered Evangelism’ conferences, to 2 new groups of pastors and church planters from all over southern and northern India; as well as, pastors from Nepal, Myanmar Republic (Burma) and Bhutan! These wonderful opportunities have been graciously granted to me, through our first pastor’s (Dr. Ron Herrod’s) annual Bible Institutes. These institutes are an on-going ministry to pastors and church planters in different parts of India. God has used these institutes to impact hundreds of Indian pastors, for the glory of God!

However, in addition to these, there is also an incredible **new door** to teach on behalf of “Serve India Ministries”, which will occur in September. This ministry has over 6,000 Indian pastors and church planting missionaries under their oversight. Serve India Ministries has a large group of trainers, who teach these 6,000 leaders. I have been invited to travel to India, to teach my latest workbook to THEIR TRAINERS! These trainers will, in turn, take the “Christ-centered Discipleship” study and teach it to all of the 6,000 pastors under their ministry! Friends, only eternity will fully measure the tremendous “spiritual multiplication” which will result from these awesome opportunities. And this is only the INDIA portion of the upcoming opportunities.

Revival and Spiritual Awakening

But friends, our hearts are beating, not only for a move of God in other nations; we are also praying and preaching for corporate revival and a spiritual awakening in our own needy country! Our Lord is giving me upcoming opportunities to evangelize the lost and equip the saints, in many different states here in America. Please pray for each of these vital “open doors”. The American church is in desperate need of a Word-centered and God-glorifying revival; and our country, (even though it does not know it), has an urgent necessity of a genuine spiritual awakening! The tragedy of America isn’t the wickedness of Hollywood; it is not the drug addicts, the alcoholics or the radical gay agenda! It is not even the House of Congress or other politicians! The tragedy of America is the “church house”! Please pray for the opportunities that God has given this earthen vessel! Please pray for Revival and Spiritual Awakening!

**A HEART OF INDEBTEDNESS
TO GOD’S AMAZING GRACE
AND YOUR STEADFAST PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!**

I can say, (as Paul once did), “To me, who am least than the least of all the saints, this grace was given to me, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ”! After 34 years of following my Lord and Savior, I am still overwhelmed by His “amazing grace that would save a wretch like me”! Oftentimes when I am preaching at the Mission of Hope, which is a drug and alcohol rehab ministry, I tell the men that I know that Jesus can save the worst of sinners; because He has already save the chief of sinners, when He saved me! And if that wasn’t enough, He later called me to proclaim the boundless treasures of the Gospel unto the ends of the earth! But friends, along with that statement, I want to say to you, “He has saved me, He has called me if that wasn’t enough, He has placed precious co-laborers like you, in our lives! Your love, your prayers and your support are a MAJOR PART of these awesome opportunities of “fruit-bearing” that lie ahead. I want to say to you again that, “foreign missions does not only entail ‘sending people’ to other nations and people groups; but foreign missions involves ‘SENDING TRUTH ON FIRE’ to other nations and people groups. We give glory to our God and we give our overwhelming gratitude to you, for standing with us in this great mission!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- January 18-22.....Woodside Baptist Church Ocala, FL - Christ-centered Discipleship
- January 19Speaking to Pastors at Marion Baptist Association - FL
- January 28Mission of Hope - Mobile, AL
- February 1-5.....Friendship Baptist -Baton Rouge, LA - Christ-centered Discipleship
- February 11 & 18Mission of Hope - Mobile, AL
- February 22-26Mt. Moriah Baptist - Easley, SC - Christ-centered Evangelism
- March 2-7.....Shepherd’s Conference California - (attending only)
- March 15-19..... Fellowship Baptist Church - Steinhatchee, FL
Christ-centered Discipleship