

# *Trinity Bible Church*

The Carpenter's House

June 22, 2008

**FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:**

*Think Invisible!*

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*Please join us for refreshments between services*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Friday	20 June	Mario and Drue arrived in Nicaragua.
Sunday	22 June	Dan Hardy.
Wednesday	25 June	Charlie Stillion.
Friday	27 June	Drue returns from Nicaragua.
Sunday	29 June	Mario returns from Nicaragua.
Friday	4 July	Picnic at the Carle's. Baptism.

- \*\* Thanks for your provision for camp fees! It was a great camp!!
- \*\* Drue's Wednesday night classes involve learning different ways to present the gospel and the verses that make the points.
- \*\* Note the picnic and the baptism at the Carle's on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Please contact Drue if you would like to be baptized.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

*Hymns*

*Message*

**LARRY AND MARY WATERS**  
**BEE World**  
**June 2008**

We have seen a number of real victories and open doors, plus a few challenges. Rejoice with us and pray with us regarding the way God is using our leadership in the Philippines, and how God is directing our ministries.

I don't believe Mary and I have ever been so busy. Not only do we have the responsibilities of our BEE Missions, but also my teaching ministries is expanding, allowing me to have an impact in the lives of serious students at Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). Mary has taken on the heavy responsibilities of missions correspondence, financial records, and the myriad amount of paperwork involved in keeping our ministry moving forward.

Several weeks ago, Larry was on his way to teach an early class at DTS, and was part of a three-car crack-up on highway 75. Larry was not hurt but his car was totaled. The other drivers were not seriously hurt. Please read the following story on why the 1997 Honda was so precious to him.

I have never wept at the loss of a car before now. I've wept over how cars have failed me, but never over how one captured my heart. My beloved Honda Accord was towed away to some forsaken auto graveyard. Truly, I cried. Why? Let me tell you our story.

In 2001, I was teaching a night class at Dallas Seminary. I walked out into the facility parking lot to find that my car was missing. After checking with Mary and the security guard, we discovered that I had not forgotten where I parked, but that it was stolen. My immediate thought was "Yeah, I'll get a newer used car out of the deal." I was almost praying that it would never be found. However, 3 days later, the police called and notified me that they had found the car. It was drivable, but damaged both inside and outside. When I arrived, all of the inside had been gutted, my tools, radio, and more were gone. The front end was badly damaged as was the right side and rear. I was still hoping that it might be totaled.

When I drove into the Honda shop, they checked the damages, and it was short of being totaled. Two months later I drove in a new looking car, a car which served me so well until our accident.

About 3 months after the accident, I received a phone call saying that I was due in court the next week. I asked why and they informed me that they caught the person who had stole my car, and that if I wanted to file for damages (the loss of tools, radio, etc.), I should come to the court and give my estimate. I had never been in court and I called a close lawyer friend, asking him to go with and show me what to do and where to go. He told me that he would be taking several wooden crosses that he had carved, plus a bundle of tracts on the Cross written by Dr. Roy Zuck. I took the hint and collected a box of *More Than A Carpenter*, by Josh McDowell, a short book presenting Christ as the promised Messiah and Savior.

When we arrived, we entered the anterooms where the defense and prosecution lawyers meet. I looked at the young man who had stolen the car and his mother beside him. Both were frightened and crying. I looked at my friend Ray, and simply said, "I can't do this, \$1,500.00 doesn't mean that much to me." I asked Ray and the other lawyer if they would allow me to drop the charges with a condition. The condition was that the young man would read the book by McDowell and give a book report to the court. The lawyers said they would ask the judge and see what she required.

They called all of us into a full courtroom, and had us stand before the bench. The judge looked at me and asked, "What's this book you want the man to read?" I said, "It's a book about Jesus Christ and how to trust Him as his personal Savior. I want him to consider becoming a Christian." She turned to the young man and said, very sternly, "Young man, you will read this book, and report back to me with a book report in three weeks. Is that clear?" The young man replied, "Yes, ma'am." The judge then turned to me and asked, "Is that what you wanted?" I replied, "Yes, and thank you."

As we turned to leave the courtroom, I felt a tug at my coat, "May I have one of those books, the court-recorded said. I gave her one and as I walked on I felt another tug at my coat, "I'd like one too," said the security guard. Before I was out of the courtroom all of the books were given out. We went into the hallway and several people had been watching the proceedings and asked me for more books. I said

that I was out but that my friend had some gifts he could give. Ray started handing out dozens of wooden crosses (necklaces and bookmarks) along with Dr. Zuck's Cross tract. We handed out everything we had and almost floated out to the parking lot, tears in our eyes, as we thanked the Lord for letting us be a part of a "God-thing" where He acted for His glory. But that's not all, One year later the young man's attorney (also a believer) met my friend Ray in court. He told Ray that the young man and his mother had both received Christ as Savior and were now attending a Bible believing church!!!

Now you know why that little Honda held such a high place in my heart. It was an instrument used by God to bring others to Him. Thank you Lord, for allowing us to be together for 7 years. Oh, I forgot to mention that I was able to encourage one of the other men involved in the accident to return to church. He, a believer, had been out of church for some time. Also I shared the story of my car and a copy of McDowell's book with the man who came to do the damage estimate on my Honda. Who knows, God may still be using that little car for His glory!

**JUN & NENITA NACION**  
**Naga City Bible Church, Naga City, Philippines**

Greetings in the precious name of Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!

The past three months has been a Blessing & Challenge for us, Jun and Nenita as well as Naga City Bible Church. Our ministry to the poor children have been having a great impact in the community and to the families we are ministering to. We have opened additional Bible studies in the community and Saturday attendees are now becoming regular Sunday worshipers with us. We were able to distribute children's Bible to 122 children ages 7 - 10 years old both the children of the church members and for the children to the Church Development Center. The church had a very successful youth evangelistic concert. Twenty-two young people professed their faith in the LORD. As a result, we developed another youth class on Sunday afternoon. The Church's young professionals are the ones ministering to them.

The BEE program continues, with a prospect of opening another one in the province of Camarines Norte aside from the newest in Daet. We are praying that we can open the first quarter of 2008 at Partido area of Cam. Sur, south of Naga City, which we consider a very big opportunity for BEE because there are no Bible Trainings available in those places.

The radio ministry started again in February. We terminated the program for a while for financial reason. But our listeners continue to testify how they have been blessed. So with that, we committed ourselves to minister to them again. Please continue to pray with us that we will be able to negotiate for a better price and more air time with the radio station.

December was really a joyous moment for us. Joy because our third child got married (December 30) to Joshua Crank (a DTS student from Houston TX). Also for the first time after four years we were able to celebrate Christmas with Glenith and her husband Darrell.

Truly God has been very faithful to us both in our family and in the ministry. We are looking forward to another fruitful year here in Bicol and we are praying always that you, our dear partner in the ministry will continue to support us both financially and prayers.

# THINK INVISIBLE!

## Learning to live by Faith in the Supernatural World

The world is filled with spiritual beings, angels, demons, God, a Kingdom of Light and a kingdom of darkness. – none of which we can see with our physical eyes. Someday, we will see with our eyes the things now hidden. Imagine awakening from a terribly vivid dream – and the first thought you have are: it was only a dream.

**2 Cor 4:16 “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. (17) For momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison (18) while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Cor 5:1-3) For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven”.**

- 1] The REAL you is not the person you see in the mirror every day.
- 2] The REAL you is an invisible spirit person whom not even you can see clearly.
- 3] The outer man is perishing
- 4] Your spirit, born of God, never ages. In a million years – it shall still be there.
- 5] Faith and Sight are mutually exclusive. You CAN'T do both!

Our first and primary challenge is to ALWAYS think invisible.

### *Step 1 – Believe there is absolute truth, and it can be known!*

- 1] The dominant philosophy dominating the world today, including the church, is PostModernism.
- 2] It vehemently contends we are all free to invent our own value system (except you can't drive an SUV) but when we stand up in the name of God and say “That's wrong!”, they respond “Who are you to say what is right and wrong”. .
- 3] Hence, there is no wrong. We all came from a cosmic accident and we shall all end by cosmic accident.

**John 14:6 “I am THE way, THE truth and THE light”**

**John 7:17 “If any man is willing to Do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or *whether* I speak from myself”**

**Mat 24:35 “ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”.**

*Step 2 – Include the unseen reality of Biblical Truth in your view of EVERYTHING.*

- 1] The world is in a moral freefall!
- 2} This is in preparation for the Prophecies of Revelation, where the whole world is seen as being unified against God.
- 3] Never has it been more of a challenge to express a Biblical World View than it is right now.
- 4] Because of the assault of Post Modernism, even the Church itself rarely has or expresses a Biblical World view.
- 5] The salt has lost its savor.

*Step 3 – Act upon the unseen Truth of Gods Word*

This MUST be done by faith – when the seen and unseen are not in agreement – which is most of the time.

**Heb 11:1 “Therefore, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race before us (2) fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## TALK INVISIBLE!

- 1] The level of your faith is an EXACT measure of the level of your faith!
- 2] If you struggle with your prayer – you struggle with your faith.
- 3] Those with great prayer lives truly believe that a) God is , b) He loves us and c) He is a rewarder.

Sometimes life comes at us so fast and furious that we forget that the God of the Universe, though unseen, lives in our house. That the one who owns the cattle on a thousand hills – loves us. Like Peter, when we fix our eyes on Jesus, we walk on water –

above the fray, above the concerns of everyday life. When, however, we focus on those things, we sink quickly into them and they consume us.

This issue is NEVER self discipline! It is NOT a matter of being disciplined enough to get up a little earlier for prayer time. The issue is YOUR CONCEPT OF GOD.

**Math 6:6 “ But you, when you pray, go into you’re your inner room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who is in secret will repay you”.**

**Math 6:9 “Pray, then, in this way; “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven those our debtors and do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil (one).”**

Spiritual Growth Challenge – Why don’t you ACT like God loves you – until He proves you wrong? Why don’t you act like you’re his Favorite child – until He proves you wrong?

## FIGHT INVISIBLE!

People are NOT our enemy!  
People are NOT our problem!

**Eph 6:10 “Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. (11) Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. (12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness n the heavenly places. (13) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, stand firm. (14) Stand firm, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (15) and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace (16) in addition, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all of the flaming missiles of the evil one. (17) and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”**

1] We have an enemy. He presents himself as a lover of peace, happiness and prosperity. He ONLY comes to steel, to destroy, to enslave and to kill.

2] He is invisible.

3] He is attacking your marriage, your children, your self respect, your business, everything you hold dear.

4] He may roam the earth like a rampaging lion, but his attacks are as insidious as the serpent in the Garden.

5] Jesus defeated him on the cross 2000 years ago, and through Him, we are victorious.

6] Jesus taught us how – Luke 4:8 three times Jesus with Scripture!.

7] It is not a fair fight – we win every time.

8] The Word of God is Nuclear. You read other books. The Word of God reads you!

**Heb 4:12 “The Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

1] NEVER FORGET – the battlefield is the mind of the believer!

2] When Scripture is quoted – Satan HAS to flee!