

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

January 25, 2009

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Instructions to Noah

Genesis 6:13-22

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday 28 Jan Things to Come.
Saturday 31 Jan Christianity 101 @ 4:00.
Sunday 1 Feb The Lord's Table
Wednesday 3 Feb Things to Come.
Saturday 14 Feb Men's Fellowship Breakfast.
Sunday 15 Feb Annual Business Meeting.

- ** ~~TRINITY~~ Christianity 101 is Saturday at 4:00.
- ** You can catch up on any missed classes on our website: www.tbcokc.org
- ** This year we will be voting for three deacons. Voting members may nominate three men for the position. Nominations close today.
- ** Please increase your prayers for TBC and specifically pray for wisdom and guidance for our participation in the spread of His Kingdom.

	December	Total 2008	General Fund	Building Fund
Income	\$12,005.00	\$93,832.15		
Expenses	11,545.13	94,222.15		
Balance	1,304.87	(\$ 390.00)	\$ 9,811.25	\$ 9,699.51

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

The Floods of Life

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!! With thankful hearts we send you this Christmas letter. In all the lands I have traveled, the people I have met, the communities I have walked among I continue to see that true and lasting joy and hope only come from knowing God thru faith in Jesus whose birth we celebrate! So we pray that you have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I want you to know we are praying for you. This has been a challenging year for many. The current financial upheavals are affecting all of us. My heart goes out to many of my friends who have lost jobs, homes, and income. In times like these it is important to make the correct life decisions but to be careful not lose proper priorities. I hope you can find comfort in Jesus words in Mat 6:25-34 where he says, "do not be anxious...but seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." God loves you and has a plan for good for your life.

As we wrap up another year and look back we can say this has been the most dynamic year of our lives (yes, I say this every year...but its true). The world itself is not better. Financial crisis, wars, and natural disasters are affecting millions and many of the hardest hit people live in the regions we work. We are more certain than ever that we are here in this position for such a time as this. The speed of life has made a warp jump to new highs as we moved thru 2008. In January Liana turned 7, In March Sheri turned, in June Mike turned younger than Sheri. Then came summer...and the Lord spoke and said arise take your family across the waters to the Land from which you came...we did and now we are back in the US living in Orlando FL. We arrived the beginning of July, Carlos turned 12, Micah was born, we finally rented a house, our stuff arrived (over 2 months late), just in time to start school, Josiah turned 6, as well as day to day life going and Mike's travel. With all these things life has never been more full.

In 2008 we had the privilege of serving the poor in Darfur-Sudan, eastern India, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Myanmar beginning in May after a terrible cyclone. We have seen many thousands helped thru our labor of love to the suffering in these regions. This year you have helped transform lives and communities from poverty and dependency to those of dignity and hope. Through your prayers and support we, together, have been able to help people who were in desperate need with compassion and love bringing help and hope into their lives. As each year goes by I grow in my understanding and appreciation that our mission needs a tremendous group of friends, like you, as partners in the work.

Here is a story of a life changed through your help - Four-year old Mymiahtu lived a normal life in a village in the low lying Ayerrawady Delta region of Myanmar. Her father was a rice farmer and they lived in a simple bamboo and reed home in a hand to mouth existence. Then the evening of May 2nd life changed as cyclone Nargis killed over 130,000 people, destroyed rice fields, live stock, and homes. When the sun rose the next morning people began to come out of hiding struck by the horrible disaster that changed their lives. Among those who began wandering the streets was Mymiahtu. During the night she lost her mother and father. Traumatized and broken hearted Mymiahtu needed someone to help her. Local villagers tried to help but they too were victims who lost all they had in the cyclone and were struggling to stay alive themselves. We sent our Burmese team to Mymiahtu's village (in the hardest hit area). When they arrived to deliver emergency food, water, and shelter people begin approaching them with request to help with care for a group of orphans who, like Mymiahtu, had no one to help them. There is a very real threat from child slave predators from the military kidnapping

these defenseless orphans and taking them to train as child soldiers. We knew we had to help these dear children. Through many difficulties Mymiahtu was brought out of danger and today is in a safe and loving environment being helped and loved into her new life. Mymiahtu and many others in Myanmar are experiencing the compassion and mercy of God who cares for the orphans and suffering. Mymiahtu is one of many that you have helped as you stood alongside us. We could not have done this without you! THANK YOU!

As you consider your year-end giving we ask that you remember us. As we continue to press on in our calling we have several specific needs that we ask you to consider as the Lord would lead you. As with most self supported missionaries we raise a significant portion of our support in the last two months of the year. Here are a couple of items we could use help with. Schooling and special needs cost for the children \$5000, health insurance and medical expenses cost us about \$600. I know things are financially hard for many so I do not want you to feel pressured by us. Please give as you feel freely to do so. We are committed to continue our service to the Lord and the suffering poor. Your friendship, prayers and support are an essential part of all we accomplish in the work we do. We are thankful for you! God Bless you and Merry Christmas! Mike and Sheri

PRAYER REQUEST: We work in some of the hardest and most dangerous places on earth. I want to share with you an "incident report" from Afghanistan, the type which I get every day. This situation you will read is a common event our staff, other faithful aid workers and the folks who live there face every day. After you read this say a prayer for the people there who want to live a normal life, send their children to school to be educated without the fear of some terrorist seeking to kill them. I see these reports every day and face them when I am in country but our staff and the people who live there face this often. So for a moment try to put yourself in place of the mother or father or student...trying to live a normal life...yes, it is different from you or I, but like you and I, they want the same basic things in life...education, medicine for their children, food for their family, safety as they and their sons and daughters try to work, go to school, or buy groceries...in common public places.

The location was Khost Province, Khost City, Khost Technical High School. There was an attempted BBIED in November where a person entered the school premises and threw two grenades which detonated, causing some damage but no casualties. The assailant was then fatally shot by ANP and found to be wearing a suicide vest. This incident comes the day after a SVBIED attack in the city and follows the shooting of three engineers in the neighbouring district of Mando Zayi in November. It also follows the killings of teachers in two separate incidents in the province in mid-October, and illustrates the threat against education facilities in the province as well as being part of a more general increase in AOG activity in and around Khost City.

Advisory: Any NGOs working or travelling in and around Khost should recognise a clear increase in threat level, as well as a shift in the nature of threat from AOG attacks against security forces to a wider range of risks such as those demonstrated in the past 72 hrs. Regards, Regional Safety Advisor- East Afghanistan NGO Safety Office (ANSO)

Though we have our "Columbine" incidents, in Afghanistan it is a regular incident that some diabolical person is trying to blow up a girl's school, high school, market place... But God... Who is great in mercy and grace is working in the hearts of many to bring peace and hope to a generation that has only known war and terror. So don't grow weary in prayer for those who are seeking peace in a perverse and dangerous time. I thank the Lord for your faithfulness to pray for our friends and for us. God bless you! Mike

- A. 3. Destruction of Man, the Flood:
- a. Defilement of man. 6:1-4
 - b. Judgment of God. 6:5-8
 - c. The righteousness of one. 6:9-12
 - d. Instructions to the righteous. 6:13-22

Gen 6:13 = What Has Happened and Will Happen.

6:13 L.T. = Then Elohim said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them (angel-men); and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

Summary:

1. God gives Noah the reason for the destruction.
2. God has changed His response from grace to destruction.
3. Noah would become a preacher of righteousness. 2 Peter 2:5

Gen 6:14 = Construction Material, Design and Waterproofing.

6:14 L.T. = "Make for yourself an ark of trees of gopher; you shall make the ark with nests, and shall cover it from the house side and from the outside with a covering.

Summary:

1. Noah's Ark is a type of salvation. 1 Pet 3:18-22
2. Thus it contains symbolism:
 - A. This boat made of trees will provide deliverance, while on another tree spiritual deliverance will be secured.
 - B. The unique wood indicates a unique deliverance.
 - C. The fact it is manufactured indicates there is a plan behind this deliverance.
 - D. Inside the ship of deliverance are places to weather the storm.
 - E. The wood is covered inside and outside indicating that sinners (Noah and family) and sins are covered or "atoned" for.
 - F. From the house/home side indicates a family living in safety.
 - G. On the outside indicates protection from destruction.

Principle: Sometimes the "shadows" are quite detailed. Heb 10:1

Gen 6:15 = The Size of the Ark.

6:15 L.T. = "This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

Gen 6:16 = The Window, the Door and the Decks.

6:16 L.T. = "You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

Gen 6:17 = Why This Instruction.

6:17 L.T. = "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of lives, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

Summary:

1. This judgment is from the Lord's sovereignty. Psa 29:10-11
2. This judgment was fulfilled. Gen 7:21-23

Gen 6:18 = The Contract.

6:18 L.T. = "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark — you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

Gen 6:19 = Those Who Will Be Preserved.

6:19 L.T. = "And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

Gen 6:20 = The Extent of Preservation.

6:20 L.T. = "Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive.

Gen 6:21 = Food for the Journey.

6:21 L.T. = "As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."

Principle: A few loaves and fishes is plenty for the Lord.

Gen 6:22 = Noah's Obedience.

6:22 L.T. = Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

Summary:

1. Adam and Eve violated the command of God and sin entered into the world. Rom 5
2. Sin was permitted to run its course so that the entire world was corrupted.
3. One man, Noah, obeyed the command of God and delivered the "world."

Principle: The obedience of one has impact in the angelic conflict.

The Floods of Life

1. Floods are markers of _____. Gen 10:1
2. Floods can come from the inside or outside or both and can take many _____.
 A. External. Dan 9:24-27
 B. Internal. Prov 27:4
 C. Satan unleashes floods seeking to destroy the saints. Rev 12:14-17
3. Floods in life are often the result of personal and/or corporate _____. Psa 69:1-6
4. Wickedness has no _____ against a flood so fear to the point of terror is the portion of the wicked. Job 27:13-20
 A. Especially the Flood of the Lord's final vengeance. Nah 1:1-9
 B. In the last days mankind will be as involved in evil as they were before the Flood of Noah, so fear will be rampant. Matt 24:37-42
5. The floods of discipline we witness should encourage us to seek _____. Psa 90:1-5
6. _____ to not become a casualty in the floods of your life. Psa 69:13-18
7. Enduring floods requires a solid _____. Luke 6:46-49
 A. The Lord is the sovereign ruler over even the largest flood. Psa 29:10-11
 B. No flood can escape the Lord's control. Job 38:25
 C. The Lord preserves the godly in and through the floods of life. Psa 32:4-6
 D. Floods are powerful but no match for God's promises. Isa 54:7-10
8. A Lifeboat, an _____, is needed to endure the floods of life.
 A. It begins with doing the _____ things necessary to build a ship. 1 Peter 3:18-22
 B. _____ will furnish the ship, namely by knowing and believing the promises of God. Heb 11:7
 C. We are truly _____ inside this ship and still fully dependent upon the Sovereignty of the Lord. Moses: Exo 2:1-3
 D. The ship must be _____ with a pot of manna, the tablets of the Law and Aaron's rod that budded. Exo 25:10-30
 1). The manna refers to the appreciation of Divine Provision.
 2). The Law refers to respect for the Sovereignty of God.
 3). Aaron's rod infers having an eternal perspective. Rev 11:19
9. Entering the Ark means that you put your trust in the Lord's _____ as well as His _____.
10. The _____ needed to stabilize the craft is _____. Heb 6:16-20