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Wilt thou be made whole

“There was a sheep market pool, which is in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew he had been there a long time in that case, he saith unto him, wilt thou be made whole?” (read John 5:1-9)

Most of us remember the story from John 5:1-9. It was where Jesus had healed the man who had been unable to enter the pool at Bethesda, and had laid there for thirty-eight years, unable to walk and Jesus simply said unto him, “Rise, take up thy bed and walk.” The rest is history. The man took up his bed and walked! Jesus is the author and healer of all things.

Have we however, as Christians, ever considered the completeness of that miracle? We as human beings are made up of three basic working parts: the body, the mind, and the soul. Much too often as Christians and sometimes as ministry; we concentrate mainly on the spiritual and to varying degrees, ignore the body and mind. Jesus, on the other hand, always looked upon us in the total sense. He intended that man be complete or whole. As we examine John, chapter five, and the

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events of the pool of Bethesda; there is a lot to be learned therein.

First, let us examine where the event took place. It was not in a church, rather in a sheep pool, at a market place. It was a place where the sheep would gather to water as they were herded to market. It was not the most pristine of places; in fact it was most likely not the cleanest of places. Yet, it was where Christ was. Too often Christian workers feel the church is the place where most of God’s Work is performed. The truth is that most of society rarely sets foot in a church and if we examine Christ’s ministry; we soon

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FOREWORD

The Assured Way, the official publication of THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE inc. comes to you as an expression of hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expressions of a united people, whose only aim is to promote the cause of Christ by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue, and people, the true gospel of Christ, that through obedience to his laws we might be found worthy of eternal life.

In this publication, The Record of the Nephites is quoted many times. This book was revealed and translated by the gift and power of God: The year 1828 marked the beginning of the restoration of all things. It is a history of the people who once lived in the Americas, some who are the ancestors of the Native America Indians. Though it contains a record of two other groups of people who once lived in the Americas, it is for the most part a record of the people of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are messages from the Lord, brought to earth by his chosen servant John the Baptist, who comes to earth in a glorified body to finish the work given him of God; that of restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The angel first came in 1829 and restored the priesthood authority of the Son of God, that The Church of Christ might be established as in the days of the Apostles.

In 1927, the angel messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us The Word of the Lord that the Church of Christ might be set in order, that a people might be prepared to be the bride of Christ. This "The Elijah Message" so many have looked for, "The midnight cry" has been proclaimed, a warning of destruction, but to the people of the Lord, a message that Christ's coming is near at hand. Fear God and give glory to his name, for the hour of his judgment has come. Awake thou that sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of prayer and fasting in humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again spoken and revealed His will from Heaven. To this end we dedicate *The Assured Way*.

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It is the agreement of The Quorum of Apostles of this church that no minister of this faith is to ordain any man into the ministry of this church until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in our *Articles of Faith and Practice*. It is each elders duty to seek guidance from and to keep the apostles informed of his works in regions he is laboring.

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discover, most of it was not in the church as we think of church. He labored among the people, where they were living and working.

Second, Christ asked the man if he desired to be made whole. He just didn't walk up and heal him. Jesus asked the man if he desired to be made whole. Jesus didn't assume (even though he knew), rather he let the man who had the infirmity, be aware of his infirmity and also his desire to be free of it. How often do we assume things concerning people, without seeking out their feelings and desires? How often do we consider our workplace as a perfect place to represent God? Yes, church is a place most people think of when it comes to miracles and the things of God, however most of society lives and functions in the work place and sometimes comes to church on Sunday. The place we work is where we spend most of our time, our energy, and our lives. What better place to meet with God?

Third, Jesus just didn't heal the soul. He totally healed the entire man and then said unto him, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." It

required a response from the man. Faith requires works. (see James chapter 2:26), "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." We may have all the faith in the world, however without an action on our part; we are dead.

We live in a world of some fairly highly paid ministry. I could speak on that issue, but rather than offend many good souls, let me pose a question. I have heard it said that unless we pay the ministry, they cannot properly function. I would ask then: how did the Apostle Paul function? He labored as a tent maker and never was a burden to the people he ministered unto. He also produced a large section of the New Testament. Jesus, who is to be our example: what was His pay and was His ministry reasonably successful?

Let us take a moment and look at that first point again. The miracle at Bethesda took place in the market place. That is a place of business. I am privileged to be affiliated with a good company called Production Transport,

which main purpose is to haul water and service the Gas Field industry. It is not a ministry, or a Church, or what some people would think of as a Christian organization. Yet, the way the company conducts business is very Christian in nature. The Owners and Management practice daily Christian ethics and Christian values with their customers and their employees. The owners and management is not ministry, however through their actions they actively articulate Christian values and definitely have an impact on the people around their organization and those whom they service. Each and every day the people within the company have an opportunity to portray Christian values and do so very effectively.

Now let us examine the second point. Often times as Christians we have a tendency to seek only to heal the Spirit or to address spiritual issues, yet if we preach all day to someone and they have physical needs, which we overlook; then the person may die before they can be brought to Christ. We must address the physical needs along with the Spiritual needs. We also must understand that each of us has free will in our choices. Unfor-

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Unfortunately, some people are unaware of their own needs. A good example of this can be found in Genesis 3:9, wherein God asked Adam, "Where art thou?" Of course God knew where Adam was; God created the world and all that was in it. God wanted Adam to know where he was. Often time people have not stopped to consider themselves and where we are at in the scheme of things. Sometimes we are far away from where we should be and yet, we do not realize it, until we are confronted with the error of our ways. It is then, we ourselves, must decide if we wish to remain in our infirmity, or to be made whole through Christ.

Finally, let us consider the third issue. We truly often neglect this issue ourselves.

Christ said, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." Healing is an interesting thing. It requires a response that seems so obvious, yet so necessary. I remember praying for a young man in Africa who was troubled with alcohol, and sought to be healed. He also needed an action on his part, which God would have provided, yet the young man chooses not to receive it. The next man we prayed for was infirm from birth and was healed totally and was able to walk, in part because he chose to believe. He also had the faith to respond. How often do we ask God to do something for us; and do nothing ourselves? God does not force Himself on any of us. He requires us to be submissive unto His Will. The word heal is an

action verb. It requires an action called faith on our part.

Will we be made whole? It poses an interesting question in the time we live in today. Some people have horrible infirmities, yet live their lives completely and effectively. While others, without infirmity, live shallow self filled lives as if they were cripples. How do we gauge a successful life? Is it the money we make, or our position within an organization? Do we gauge our success on the amount of toys or things we have? Or do we hold a higher standard for ourselves and use as a base: the way we live our lives? Perhaps God is speaking to you this day: Wilt thou be made whole? What is your answer?

Missionary Report from Philippines Part 1

by Apostle Norm Lyles

We arrived in the Philippines on the 26th of June 2010. It had been a wonderful time of sharing and laboring for the Lord in India with our brothers and sisters. The love, faith, and grace that they shared with us daily will forever be in our hearts and in our minds.

Landing in Manila we got a room and prepared ourselves for the work in the southern part of the Islands, on the Island of Mindanao. After three days of preparation for our journey south, we boarded a flight to Cagayan de Oro on the Island of Mindanao. We were warmly welcomed

there by most of the Church membership in Cagayan de Oro and they brought us to our new home, which is located behind the Church building. We arrived about 2:30 pm and then after a short time to unpack we held services for the membership in the Cagayan de Oro local church. I taught on the twenty-fourth

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chapter of Matthew and the things Christ had said unto his disciples concerning the end of the world and His second coming. I also taught upon Revelation chapter six and the seven seals spoken of Revelation and upon the first seal which Jesus Christ opened of the sealed book spoken of in the Book of Daniel. The flock seemed pleased and understanding the words and prophecies given in the word of God. Then Larry and I retired for the night and spent a bit of time getting to know our new home.

On the 29th and 30th of June We taught those gathered on Revelation chapters five and six on the 29th and then on the 30th We taught on Matthew 24, Revelation 7, and Ephesians chapters two and four. The congregation really seemed pleased and had many questions which the Lord was able to answer in His Word. The study was designed to help ground them and prepare them for the days that are ahead for each of us who love the Lord. It is so very necessary we have a firm foundation and that we do understand exactly how the Devil will and does seek to deceive and mislead us. It is a perilous time we live in and God commands us to give meat in due season.

On July 1st brother Larry and I extended our Visa's and then went grocery shopping

for the week that is ahead. This evening Brother Larry taught upon tithing and the need to be obedient in all parts of the commandments to Christ. The Night of the second Larry continued on tithing and offerings and the people here really seemed to understand and have a sincere desire to be obedient unto God's commandments. Then on the third we traveled into Cagayan de Oro and taught a small gathering of believers and non believers concerning the Lord Jesus Christ and our need to have Him in our lives. Our Sunday services on the fourth of July, I taught on forgiveness



and how very important a gift that God had imparted unto us through His Sacrifice upon the Cross for each of us and just how far forgiveness is reaching and how much truly God does forgive. The membership then blessed us with a wonderful meal of fish and rice and wonderful fellowship.

The day of the fifth of July, was spent writing letters to Africa and India to follow up on the work we had done in the Nations of Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tan-

zania, and India. We also packed for our coming journey the next day to the southern part of the Island of Mindanao. We would need to pack well as we would be away about a week from our base in Cagayan de Oro.

The morning of July 6th 2010 we arose early and departed for Maramag. It would be several hours later amid a heavy rain we would arrive in Maramag. We had departed at 5am and arrived at 6pm that evening. After arriving I taught all those who had gathered to share in the Word of the Lord for almost four and half hours. The people were excited and anxious to hear the Word of the Lord and it was a true joy to witness their faith and their interest in the Word. We finally retired at about mid-night and arose early the next morning to breakfast of fish and rice and then began teaching once again at 7:30 am in the morning. We covered the coming of the Messenger of the covenant, the promised Elijah, explained the difference between the Rapture and Tribulation and also the false teaching of that subject, by so many who claim to represent Christ. As many of the membership were those who had come originally from the Assembly of God belief; there was many who were quite surprised to find the Church as a whole passing through the Great Tribulation, but once it

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had been taught; they clearly understood and were truly grateful for the teaching on that subject. We spent two days teaching on the foundation of the church and then we spent the 8th teaching on the Articles of Faith and Practice. Those gathered also blessed us with a wonderful choir of young ladies who sang with the voices of angels and warmed our hearts and souls with their sweet voices and joyful spirits. The youth in America could learn much from these precious young ladies who are truly a blessing to all who hear them sing.

On the 9th of July, the Church held a pig roast and took us swimming! It was so good to cool off in the pool

and relax and enjoy the fellowship of our brothers and sisters who had traveled away as far as 90 klm to share in this time of teaching and preaching and sharing in the Word of the Lord. There were not many dry eyes as we departed back to Cagayan de Oro, and it was difficult to leave such wonderful brothers and sisters who touched our hearts and very souls so deeply. We will return to this area before we depart back to America and share once again in the love and Word of God among those whom love the Lord so very much and are such a blessing to all who know them. The journey home on the bus was filled with precious memories and my mind replaying each of the wonder-

ful souls we had met and shared in the love of God and His Word.

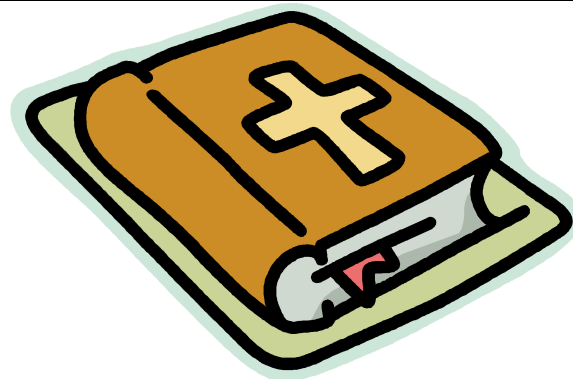
Arriving late in the night back in Cagayan de Oro amid rain and weariness we had no trouble in sleeping. The next day I spent answering questions and letters from many wonderful souls in India, Africa, and Canada. I have come to know a special brother in Canada and it is a joy to write to him and fellowship through the mail, as he has a fine spirit and a good mind and loves the Lord. This night we also continued to teach and answer questions among those gathered in the Local Church in Cagayan de Oro.

To Be continued next month

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After coming home from church Wednesday evening, before 9:00 p.m., my companion was waiting up for me. We had the evening meal's dessert. We mentioned that the Messenger may come before Assembly time which begins Sunday, June 10, 1979. After my evening bath, I retired to bed earlier than usual.

June 7 about 12:06 a.m. I was awakened. I noticed the room became filled with light. I arose and went to the kitchen table where I had paper and pencil. There stood the Messenger. He spoke, "Behold, I am your fellow servant."

I quickly arranged the paper with carbon so as to make a carbon copy along with the original. He repeated the sentence as I was ready to write.

I pray every soul reading this message will pray and God

will speak its truth and value to their souls. The Messenger was with me for about an hour and a half. The following is the message he gave.

1 "Behold! I am your fellow servant; I am the servant of the Lord; I am he who sits and refines. It has been prophesied of ancient days of my mission, and my name is John. I am now resurrected, from the redeemed of the Lord. I am the Elias.

2 I preached repentance and baptism before the Christ—and again I preach and prophesy before his coming. I bring the word, his instructions that a bride, the Church might be prepared, a people in very deed—the Church of Christ.

3 I have come in the past and I will come in the future until the work is finished, and the Christ sits in the right hand of power when

Satan's rules are put down. Then will be rejoicing, for the millennium shall fold in and all nations that live and dwell shall come to worship the Lord their God, even Jesus Christ their Redeemer.

4 The Lord is mindful of his people, I speak his design. I come from his presence. The words I speak are his words, and they shall have their place among all those that shall be the Lord's bride in very deed, for the Lord God has turned to his select ones that he might bring about his wise purposes. His Kingdom shall roll forth until it fills the whole earth and righteousness shall prevail and the voice of joy shall be heard everywhere, for then shall be that Zion is redeemed and the reign of peace breaks forth with gladness.

5 I come as the Messenger of the Lord. The Lord has been and will be with his people by his Spirit, and his peace shall

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long linger with the faithful until they become the jewels of God, called, chosen and faithful.

6 Lift up, I am the Elias, Christ spoke of. I bring the refining spoken of by the prophets Malachi and Daniel. I bring the Elijah Message, I am the forerunner of the Christ. My work is to the ends of the earth. Much shall come to pass, many changes shall take place, the Church must grow, and all mankind may yet be found in the presence of the Lord through obedience, to the words and call of God I bring.

7 There are many that have long represented Christ. Those that will hear his voice in very deed will come into the Church of Christ and it be established among them with all its gifts and blessings, and represent Christ and his Church.

8 The way of deliverance shall be for all those that seek truth, pay their oblations to the Lord and his work. They shall not be in want.

9 Come ye now, that seek truth. Christ will come to his own and his Church. Behold! There is safety in the light that I bring.

10 This is the midnight cry, prepare make his paths straight. Be wise in the way of

the Lord; let all be humble and at peace, seek not after praise of men, nor the love of worldly gain.

11 Let not the contentions of the world destroy hope, for the Lord will stand all his in holy places until the indignation passes over; they shall be called his when he makes up his jewels, for he intercedes for those that love him.

12 Teach the whole truth, let not man have his way, unless it be the way of the Lord. Worry not over that which you have no control.

13 I come to bring gladness, not to bruise, not to quench the smoking flax, but peace. Let the people choose the way to eternity and life with the Lord or go down in their sin, in darkness and that awful rejection of their choice.

14 The righteous shall have victory over the oppressors. Let the ambassadors of the Lord go far and wide proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom—let more be up and doing.

15 The need is great that I speak on this. Many have asked that the Lord speak his will and declare what must be for the good of the Church, the Kingdom of God on earth. Let it grow, let it move forward.

16 Many have prayed for my coming and that God will speak on this need. Let this work be established in all nations.

17 Even to the Colored and Indians: 'Thus saith the Lord, they shall know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be preserved even in captivity, they shall be delivered. I shall gather them unto their own nations—neither will I hide my face anymore from them.'

18 This is a concise message, unobtrusive, but modest in every way, let it be spoken.

19 Let James W. Savage and Seth LaVern Fife go to Africa and set up the Church there. Bring them into the fold in this work.

20 Choose out of them twelve disciples, set them apart, the leading counsel of ministry among them. In time the need will grow, set up and establish congregational commissions, where ever the need be for the good of the work. Let churches be set up among them. Let the Articles of Faith and Practice be taught among them together with the nations' rule and support.

21 Let Larry Gosier Williams be set apart on this special

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work as one of their twelve disciples, until others can be taught and choose you eleven more from among them. Majisu, Imoli and Nazee are good men, let them have their place among them. With their help the Spirit will select others to fill the quorum of disciples.

22 As the need grows, choose out evangelists, pastors, elders and seven commissioned and set apart as special agents to carry and handle the needs of the people—and the finances of the Church and churches set up among them, and be in charge of same under the supervision of the council of twelve disciples, under the watchcare of the apostles of the Church in this land, United

States of America.

23 Likewise, let James W. Savage and Seth L. Fife go to India and do the same among them—establish twelve disciples and seven commissioned agents, with evangelists, elders, and pastors to carry the work on.

24 In time, others of the apostles shall follow and aid and support the work and carry the work until such churches are set up in every nation. The Lord will speak and direct—I shall come again until the work is finished and established in every nation.

25 Swing wide, press forward, let the work move. Let all be in the fields of

harvest that can arrange to go. Let the work continue everywhere.

26 The apostle Martin Huonker is favored much of the Lord because of his faith and good works, also all those he labors with. His reward of great peace and joy will be. The Lord will water the seed he has sown, they shall bring forth.

27 Be not weary in well doing, the end is not yet—trying times will make the work firm. Let not the necessary evils sweep none away.

28 I leave peace with you and the Church. I will come again. Amen.”

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