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A Far Off Place

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A week or so ago, I was near my old home in the hills around Doyleville, Colorado. Looking across the fields toward the east; I could see the high mountains of the continental divide. It's great to see a place a far off.

At times I have been high in the air in an airplane and the view is even more beautiful. This sets me thinking about seeing a far off in a realm more wonderful than our eyes can behold.

It was Isaiah who wrote "Thine eyes shall see the king in His Beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off". There is a Far country of the Christian life. Old things pass away, all things become new. We enter a different world, we become citizens of heaven. No man has ever explored all the ranges of the life of Christ; there always remains much more land to be possessed.

There is a Far country of service in the name of the King. Not



that we need to go as missionaries to a foreign land, although it may mean that. Our far country may be across the street, not across the sea. And yet, right in the neighborhood where we live, there are unexplored worlds of service and testimony for us as ambassadors of Christ. One word spoken to a lone country boy may resound around the earth.

Message69:7 said, "**Fear not, nor fret not, but do the Lord's bidding. The Church has been**

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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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The Quorum of Twelve recognizes the teaching and wording found in the Bible (Authorized King James Version), The Record of the Nephites, and The Word of the Lord: Brought to Mankind by and Angel, as our rule and guide as the stable wording of God.

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.

Special Notice

The 2012 General Assembly of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held on :

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avored of the Lord for He has not forsaken his people. Let all be at work in their calling. The Lord has seen the faith of his servant, Turland, for he has been faithful in many ways and shall find exceeding great joy and Peace in the end. Many shall yet learn the way of peace. Let the Message continue to go from door to door, and from heart to heart, and on to the ends of the earth.” Maurice Turland was a Bishop in the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. He traveled extensively across the United States and touched many lives. No, he did not travel to foreign lands; because God used him in this land of America. Brother Turland simply obeyed where God had sent him. Yet in the Word of the Lord: God speaks highly of his ministry and his efforts.

I have been blessed to travel to many nations at the command of the Lord and He still commands I continue. I should do as He commands. I have read of a city dweller whose eyes were giving him trouble. The doctor advised him to go to the mountains where he could see long dis-

tances. He had been penned up in city walls and needed the far look. Some Christians need to get away like that.

In Hebrews we read of those heroes of faith who, “not having received the promises but having seen them afar off”, were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were pilgrims and strangers on the earth. Abraham was one of these. He did not know where he was going immediately, but he knew where he was going ultimately. He did not know the whiter, but he knew the Whom. He believed God, and being sure of his destiny, he did not worry about his destination.

I am reminded of the words of the old hymn, “open my eyes that I might see”. We often are blind to that which is around us. I understand very clearly there is but a step between us and death. In the midst of life we are in the midst of death. Think not of it as a remote possibility; it is a present actuality, right here and now. And if death is so close, so are heaven and hell. One minute and we can be out of time and into eternity.

Too long we have fancied the future state as a dim, far-off realm, and have forgotten how quickly we can be there. One may feel that way about a distant land such as China, for with all our modern travel, China may still be a long way off. But you do not go to heaven or hell as you go to China. It is only a step.

The Book of First Kings 9:4-5 said, **“If thou wilt ‘walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments; Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, say there shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel”**. Clearly there in is a command from God. We are commanded to walk with integrity of our heart and in uprightness, even as God has commanded us.

Often times, men have argued over who should do what and when. The Message has told us plainly to be obedient to the plan and will of God. The Message has spoken so

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many times to address problems within the Church and cleared up many misunderstandings. We are to walk in the statutes and commandments to the Lord and not with our sight and thoughts.

Each step we take should be under the direction and guidance of the Lord. We often are too quick to move and yet we also are guilty of moving too slowly. Abraham understood the need for obeying the Lord. He may not have known his exact next step; however he clearly understood whom he was following.

We are moving to a far off land, spoken of in Hebrews, and yes we are pilgrims on this journey. Our time on this earth is measured in the courts of heaven. Our eyes must be focused and fixed upon the Lord and where He leads we need to follow. The Land which we are bound is sometimes called heaven. Our minds may not be able to fully comprehend that place. We can read descriptions of it, but it is a place far too magnificent for us to comprehend. As we step along the pathway however there should be no doubt whom is our guide and whom

shall lead us safely home.

I look with joy and eagerness to my destination. I understand from the walk thus far; that some has been through Europe, the old Soviet Union, Africa, India, Nepal, Korea, the Philippines, and Australia. I also understand very plainly whom has led, and pray I will continue to follow the Whom: which is Christ the Lord. Each step I take brings me closer. I will pray your steps are the same. The steps we take are extremely important friends. Measure yours with wisdom and Word.

Words of Encouragement

He'll Move Your Mountain

It's faith that moves mountains
It's faith that will please
Our Father in heaven
Who witnesses these:

A child that will love Him
Who prays ev'ry day.
A father, a mother
Who teach God's true way.

A tongue that will speak truth
A heart that is right.
A longing to serve Him
With all of our might.

Faith is the victory
The old Hymns proclaim.
Our God has moved mountains
And He's still the same.

The God of the Bible
Moves mountains today.
For those who will trust Him
And humbly obey.

He will move your mountain.
He will part the sea.
He'll answer from heaven.
Providing your need.

He cares for His children
And He hears their cry.
Our Father of mercy
No doubt, will supply.

So don't get discouraged
And keep to the test.
Tell Jesus your problem
And He'll do what's best.

Letter from the Philippines

Editor's Note. This is a letter that was sent to Brother Norm.

Greetings in love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Prayers are our immediate tools during the typhoon Sendong that hit our place, Cagayan de Oro, especially the street where we live in Aca-cia Extn. It was December 17, 2011 midnight. The flood was really so high that our second floor roof top was reached. It was only 5 minutes if I'm not mistaken that we reached the roof. The water current with much mud was very strong and it was very dark. We destroyed part of our roof for us to escape because we were trapped. I didn't know what to do. We just prayed hard that God would send His angels for the protection. Indeed God

heard us. We stayed on the rooftop for 8 hrs. The strong wind and rain hit us. I was so worried that time because we were so many on the roof and it added much load. There were 17 people on top. I, Rex, Rhon, Hexon, Daniel and Roxanne, my brother Totong and his wife Janet, with their son Kirby, and daughter Karylle, my sister Aileen and Andrea my 2 year old niece, my father and my step-mother with her son Jomar and daughter Arlene and Irene. We just waited there for 8hrs with no food.

The church also suffered from the flood and all records and books were ruined. Brother Robert Beck witnessed the calamity.

For now we suffered much trauma of the flood. Thousands died and thousands

missing. At first, I do not know where to start in cleaning the house, because every part of our house was mud. Rex's business, which is an internet cafe with 20 Personal Computers, was all also destroyed, including my stocks of direct selling.

I do not know what to pay for all my losses but I know God will give me strength to recover it. Most members from the Church of Christ with Elijah Message suffered from the flood. We thank God so much that nobody died. God has a purpose for us.

Thank you so much Brothers for all the prayers. We received the amount you sent to the church.

Your sister in Christ,
Herlen Elma Prado

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Message 64

The Messenger of the Lord appeared in my room at my home, 122 W. Sea Avenue, Independence, Missouri, about 5:30 a.m., on June 1, 1944, and left the following message. He was clothed in light and with the power of the Lord.

1 "Awake, arise, and take the message I will give you. Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, his messenger whom ye delight in my coming. I am sent of God to bring other servants that his vineyard may be nourished, yea, this last time that it may bring forth, and a people be prepared for the coming of the Lord. I have been chosen, and my name is John. This is my calling, to prepare the ways before the Christ to come to his bride.

2 Will the people heed the warning and obey the instructions I bring from the Lord, your God, that there may be a bride prepared and the way of deliverance established, that mankind may learn of the way of the Lord, his words, in these last days.

3 The Lord has sent me with a message when the hearts of his people were bleeding. I have come to minister that comfort may come to all who will walk righteously in this way. All that I have brought and will bring comes from the Lord, your God.

4 The Lord has looked upon his Church to bless the faithful. Some have denied the Lord and his goodness; some are full of doubt and are deprived of the joys of the Lord. Some will repent, others will go to destruction.

5 There are those that seek to prophesy in the Lord's name, and in vain they do speak their own words for they know not his Spirit nor his power, for God speaketh not to blaspheme. Fear them not.

6 You have seen the trials of man, and your burdens have been hard to bear, but take courage for the end is not yet. Trials will come to all and those that will not be

humble will not stand in the last day.

7 Lift up your strength in the Lord. In times past you have been delivered from the pitfalls of Satan. The plan of the evil one to destroy shall be frustrated. Heed wisdom. Those the Lord has sent you for encouragement to stand by this work shall be blessed, for in peace they shall find rest. Many blessings shall come to the humble.

8 The Lord has heard the prayers of his servants and his people and will answer as their faith is.

9 I am he that is sent of God to bring his light to mankind. This is his Church and shall be his bride when she is prepared and made ready. I speak not my words but the words and will of the Christ who has sent me. My message is one of love. It will bring life to those that will obey.

10 Teach men everywhere to repent and be baptized. Let the hands be laid on all who

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come to the Church that they may be humble and that the Lord may fill them with his Spirit.

11 Fret not, nor grieve not, over things you have no control, but be calm.

12 The day will come when you shall be apart from the turmoil of the world for the work the Lord has designed must come to mankind. For this work were you born. Be ye penitent and humble that your light may shine. Speak the truth and not the traditions of men nor the thoughts of man. As I say to you so say I to all. The Lord knows your heart and your righteous desires shall be granted. Those who have set to harm you and this work will suffer and their end will be sad. There are those you cannot trust. They betray and deceive.

13 Keep holy the sacred rites of the Lord. Defile them not. Let not the plan be changed. Heed not man's self-righteousness nor those who set themselves to be great, for victory comes through humility and obedi-

ence to the Christ, the Lord.

14 Let no man change the Articles of Faith and Practice, neither let man say the Lord is not wise. The Lord cannot use those who will not keep holy and sacred his plan, therefore, let them have no part in the ministry of this work for already they deny its sacredness.

15 Let the people meet in the assembly in solemnness and humility and the Lord will bless them in their meekness. Seek not to please man but do the Lord's bidding. Let not the time be spent in contention.

16 Conditions have come as the Lord has said. The plague of death in war has taken many. The evil must be destroyed. Let there be left neither root nor branch that the evil may not rise again.

17 If the people of the Lord will be humble and pray mightily unto the Lord he will show his hand and the time will come when many will be touched by this marvelous work. Let the place of rest for the Lord and his people be prepared. Press on in the peace of the Lord with all men.

18 Let those the Lord has called take their places. Seek the Lord often that the mysteries of the Kingdom will not be hid, but heed not the prophecies of men.

19 I leave the peace of the Lord with you and the Church. Hold high the banner of the Christ.

20 I will come again as the Lord will direct. I am his servant. I am John the Baptist, the Messenger of the Lord. I am sent to speak his will. I will be with the Christ when he comes. I am sent to prepare the people for his coming and a place to come to. I am your fellow servant, the Elias which was for to come.

21 I am to direct in all things of the work of the Lord. I am to bring the instructions that the Spirit of God may lead men to righteousness and life eternal. His sheep shall know his voice.

22 Be at peace. Give this message to the brethren and the Church. Publish it with the rest. Amen."

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