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In Acts 2, the New Testament church started with a dynamic visitation of the power of the Holy Spirit. Then separated by weeks or months in Acts 4, we see the ongoing, continuing move of God in the New Testament church. The book of Acts records not only what God did, but establishes a pattern of what He wants to do throughout the church age.

We must have revival. (Acts 2:40-47) We notice that the characteristics that started with revival in Acts 2 are the same characteristics that continued with revival in chapter 4. (Acts 4:31-37) We need revival! The evidence is all around us. When Christians begin to compromise and justify sin, when they act and talk just like the world, when they put sports events over God's house, and neglect prayer and Bible reading, we need revival!

Charles Finney said revival is needed when there is an absence of love, confidence and unity among Christians. It is in vain to call upon them to love one another while they are sunk in stupidity and coldness. Revival is renewed zeal to obey God. The Hebrew word for revival is "*Chayah*" (khaw-yah), which means to sustain life, be restored to life or health; to cause to grow; to restore and make whole; something that's alive; bear fruit. The psalmist cried out, in 85:6, "Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?"

SIGNS OF REVIVAL

1. TRANSFORMATION OF LIVES: People's lives had been genuinely transformed by God's power. They had real conversions evidenced by a true repentance. Hearts of sin and darkness had been replaced by new hearts changed by the power of God's light. And then those who were converted were being transformed into the image of Christ. Old lifestyles, habits and addictions had been broken and new lifestyles had begun. The people wanted what the disciples had. They could see the joy that comes with being free in Christ. They could plainly see the power of God at work in their lives. They were "cut to the heart" and responded to the preaching and were saved. The first sign of revival is evidenced by changed lives.

2. AN ASPIRATION FOR GOD : They have a deep hunger and thirst for God, evidenced by their devotional life of prayer and praise and their daily coming together. There must be the evidence of a deep hunger for God – a longing for His presence and His power in our lives.

Prayer Every spiritual revival in history has begun with prayer. Matthew Henry: "Whenever God intends great blessings for His people, He first sets them to praying." When the church prays, things happen. The early church knew this lesson. Prayer was the life-blood of the early church. In the first 14 chapters of Acts something is said about prayer in every chapter. (See REVIVAL Pg. 4)

THIS MONTH

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"Providing today's ministers the freedom they want and the fellowship they need."



Chairman's Corner

What is the I.M.A. ?

**Denomination ? Organization ? Ministerium? Association?
(And what difference does it make to our members?)**

PART TWO

Let all things be done decently and in order. 1 Cor 14:40
For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order,
and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. Col 2:5

Last month we considered the above question by defining the terms denomination, organization, etc. After giving a fair analysis to the definitions, we concluded that we are indeed an **association by our roots**, current definition, and with the inspiration of Almighty God. This month, let's take a deeper look at the word *association* and find out exactly what it means to us in terms of function as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, relationships with each other, and God's plan for us as members of the IMA. It sounds like a tall order, but with God's help it can be done.

Our Bond in Christ: Our greatest bond as members of the IMA is that we have all been called to be partakers of His salvation, enjoy citizenship in the Kingdom of God, and are called to be His servants by ministering in and to His Church. First of all, what an awesome calling! Secondly, what a privilege it is to enjoy life in the Kingdom. Third, God has chosen us to be His representatives upon the earth and minister to His people, and reach out to the lost with the life-changing message of the Gospel of Christ. As such, we have been called to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). *This means we must get our hearts together before getting our heads together.* We learn to love, fellowship and mutually care for one another as members in Christ's Body and in the relationship of the IMA.

An association of ministers and churches: Whereas, denominations are often over-bearing in hierarchal orders; organizations tend to be exclusive and regimented in function; a ministerium will focus on the social and economic needs of a community; the IMA stands strong as an association that is based on love, functions by trust, relational in practice, sustained by fellowship, and the leaders truly serve the constituency. We may be pastors, evangelists, apostles, teachers, or prophets. Our service can be expressed as chaplains, shepherds, traveling ministries, administrators, missionaries, or youth leaders. We can be CEOs, Senior Pastors, Assistants, Associates, Outreach Directors, Presidents, Ministers of Music, Psalmists, Directors, or Chairmen of Boards. However, the fact is, we are all **ministers** of the Gospel. The association of IMA also offers a governmental and spiritual covering for churches of all kinds, in a multitude of places, with a variety of leadership styles. Yet, we all have a common calling, statement of faith, and purpose.

Washington D C said it would never work: Many people don't realize it, but our founder, W. E. Kidson was given the idea of creating a minister's fellowship such as I'm describing, and the decision-making board for Christian ministries in D C said the concept would never work. Subsequently, they turned him down two or three times. Finally, Rev. Kidson persuaded them to let him try it. He did. Now after fifty years plus, not only does the IMA function, but it is flourishing as an association! Oh, we're not without fault and we are very human indeed. However, we have a touch of God upon the fellowship and a uniqueness that only those who are members of the IMA can fully understand and appreciate.

Headquarters, Boards, and Officers of the IMA: Unapologetically, we have a structure that includes a home office staffed by some of the finest, considerate, caring, skilled, and helpful people in ministry today. Dr. Paul and Verda Todd stand at the helm of our headquarters and face the brisk winds of changing trends and ideology toward those involved in the ministry. They keep up with governmental laws concerning ministers and are only a phone call away from helping our members, inquirers and callers. We have a dozen districts to establish fellowship and leadership in areas where members can identify on a closer level. Our officers, boards, and leaders are true servants and have genuine care for the greater Body of the IMA.

The IMA is an *association* that has the protection of a denomination, without being exclusive; it has the order of an organization, yet without the control; it has the dynamic of a ministerium, but with a much deeper and nobler purpose. The IMA functions in the order of the Lord, has God's glory as its goal, and care of ministers is its mission. The IMA is a mystery, yet not mysterious; it has the daring of a lion and a nature of a lamb; it recognizes all successes as increase to the Kingdom. It has God as its Motivator and outreach as its thrust. Knowing who we are, and who we are not, can only help us improve our service to ministers and the world!



IMA WORLD MISSIONS

We appreciate the fine work that Rev. Roy Peterson is doing in the Missions Department. There is also a Missions Committee: Rev. Wade Bishop, Rev. Bernice Hebert and Rev. William Wilson. One major responsibility they have is to qualify missionaries as approved for IMA funding.

The Missions Department at the Home Office is managed by Rev. Verda Todd. Funds are sent to approved IMA missionaries in two ways. **World Harvest Offering**, formerly known as the undesignated fund, comes from the pledges submitted at the National Conference and others who give regularly to that fund. **Designated Fund** is distributed based on the designation.

The policy of the IMA is to distribute funds only to missionaries who are members of this association. This policy has been adopted because of concerns for being able to account for the mission and the missionary. In today's world the tracking of the distribution of funds, even smaller amounts, from this association to foreign entities is critical. In the future the IMA will probably require even more accountability from missionaries.

Here is a list of the missionaries who are currently approved to receive funds through the IMA.

E. E. Ahus	West Africa
Richard & Sally Amezquita	Mexico
Martin & Kimberly Angulo	Argentina
Ron Armstrong	Israel
Roland & Carolyn Ashby	Mexico
Linda Ayers	Mexico
Timothy & JoAnn Bauer	Mercy Ship
Ron & Christie Bishop	Africa
Kelton & Sharon Black	England
James Borden	Zimbabwe
Frank & Faith Brasel	Philippines
Ghiorghi & Cristina Cazacu	Romania
David Cerar	Kenya
James Childs	Phillipines
Alvin Cobb	Thailand
Kendall & Gina Cobb	Thailand
Lowell Collins	Europe
Don & Amie Crabtree	Mexico
Kleon & Kathleen Cronk	Philippines
Charles & Joan Dewing	Malta
Sheldon & Elaine Dwyer	Philippines
Martin & Helen Fessler	Mexico
A.S.W. Jaikumar	India
Daniel Jethro	India
Melvin & Ellen Johnson	India
Raymond & Carol Knapp	Hong Kong
Ron Kinnear	South Africa
Trevor Krantz	Mexico
Jeffrey Kurtzer	Philippines
Lesley Marshall	Zimbabwe
Robert & Evelyn McCoy, Jr	Asia
Betty McSorley	Mexico

Todd	Sheal Morar	India
	John E. & Cindy Mortimer	S. America
	John R. & Helena Mortimer	S. America
	Rey & Rita Perez	Mexico
	Christopher & Becky Ranalli	Ecuador
	Helen Redmans	3rd World
	Larry & Nilda Russell	Philippines
	Lester & Peggy Seiler	Zimbabwe
	Nathan & Kim Thompson	Mexico
	David & Elizabeth Tolman	Mexico
	Philip & Lucy Tolman	Mexico
	Donald & Connie Vickery	Mexico
	Nola Warren	Mexico

THE HOME OFFICE

Dr. Paul Todd, Administrator



The National Board incumbents were all re-elected at the National Conference in September. So the National Board remains the same. The names are located on the front of this Newsletter.

September 21-24, is the dates for the 2009 National Conference at Bible Center Cathedral, Evansville, Indiana, Pastor Rick VanHoose. Mark your calendars now.

The 2008 Business Meeting approved changing the calculation of membership fees. These changes will be reflected on the 2009 Renewals that will be in the mail soon. The IMA is not permitted, according to the by-laws, to make any adjustment to the fees without the approval of the Annual National Business Session. An increase in renewal and joining fees as well as affiliated church fees was approved. An explanation of how the fees have changed and the reasoning that influenced that decision will also be included with the renewals.

Pledges received for missions on Missions Day was exceptional. The IMA does not charge missions to process and send missionary offerings. This cost is now included in the general fund expenses that is derived from membership fees.

You can still be a blessing to the missionaries who take the gospel to the world. Use the form below to make your 2009 World Harvest Offering (WHO) Missions Pledge that provides monthly support to IMA approved missionaries.

2009 WHO MISSIONS PLEDGE

I want to pledge support to the
World Harvest IMA Missionaries .

Pledge Amount _____

Amount Sent With Pledge \$ _____

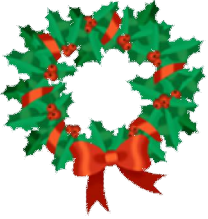
Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send To: IMA Missions Department
5201 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto, FL 34461-9117

From the International Ministerial Association Membership, National Board, Chairman Time Warner and the Home Office



Merry Christmas

(REVIVAL from pg 1) The New Testament church was not air-conditioned – they were prayer-conditioned. When they were persecuted, they turned to prayer. Look in Acts 4, Peter and John are arrested by the Sanhedrin and warned not to continue preaching about Jesus. (Acts 4:23) What was the church’s response? They lifted their voices to God in prayer. (Acts 4:29-31) So often we fail to look to God, our only source of power.



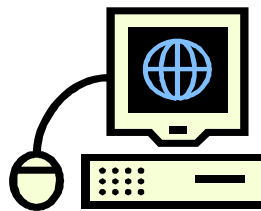
Praise Their hunger for God was revealed by their worship and praise to the Lord. (Acts 2:47) If you would have stepped inside a New Testament church service, you would have been caught up with the spirit of audible spontaneous rejoicing, worship and praise unto God. They desired to be in His presence.

Preaching They have a hunger for the teaching and preaching and study of the Word of God. They gladly received the Word. What is your attitude? (Acts 2:41-42) We need to examine our spiritual appetites. We can watch a three-hour movie or a three-hour sports event on TV, but find it difficult to spend 30 to 40 minutes in the Word of God. We desperately need to get back to the hunger for sound teaching and the solid truth of the word of God.

3. MANIFESTATION OF GOD’S POWER: Signs and wonders were the norm of the early church. Healings and supernatural happenings were expected and occurred regularly. The church today needs to discover once again that we have an unchanging God and an unchanging kingdom. We need to become a Pentecostal church — and I am not talking about a denomination — I am talking about an Acts 2 and 4 church. We need to be filled with the Spirit. We need to be operating in the gifts of the Spirit. We need to see people healed physically, emotionally, relationally, socially and spiritually.



Congratulations are in order for IMA members Rev. Marshall Young and his wife Rev. Aileen Young, Homosassa, Florida who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 14, 2008.



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COFFEE CUP CORNER

The pastor asks his flock, “What would you like people to say when you’re in your casket?”

One congregant says, “I’d like them to say I was a fine family man.”

Another says, “I’d like them to say I helped people”

The third responds, “I’d like them to say, ‘Look! I think he’s moving!’”



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