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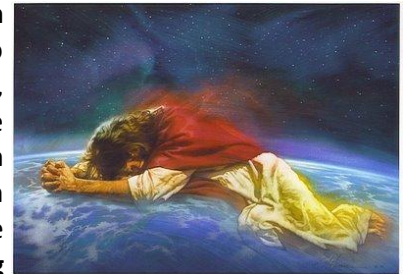
When there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but the one who keeps the law, blessed is he! (Prov 29:18)

Last month we considered "Vision Casting" as it relates to our personal lives, church or ministry group and vision for the IMA. We suggested that one should consider "what defines you" and what you have accomplished thus far in your journey of faith. For the IMA that translates into becoming **RAM force**: Having **R**elational, **A**ctional and **M**issional mindset for ministry. Having laid that foundation of vision casting, I would like to continue this thought and to add the dimension of **check points** along the way. This will ensure that vision God gives us comes to pass in His time, His way and for His purposes.



JESUS, OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE

In John 17, Jesus reveals in His prayer exactly what vision He had cast to His disciples. We also find **check points** to make sure the vision God had given Him actually manifest, even amongst men that we are far from perfect. The vision is clear. Christ came to: 1) **Be an Example** to them [manifest the Father's name to them, Vv.6-7]; 2) Give them the **Word of God** in an understandable way given them the words that God gave Him, V.8]; 3) **Build them to be strong**



enough to stand amidst the counter-culture of the world, [that God would keep them from the evil in the world, Vv.14-15]; 4) **Develop in them genuine relational skills** by them knowing God's love, [that they may be one... and know that I have loved them as You love Me, Vv.21-22]; 5) **Make them a bright and shining light** to a lost and broken world, that the world may know that You have sent me and has loved them, V.23]

AND, FOR HIS CHECK POINTS

Though Christ's plan was to accomplish the aforementioned five-fold vision (John 17:26), yet He had to make sure that the vision He cast to them would be manifest. So, how did He do this? We'll consider some scriptures related to His disciples, mainly Peter, yet reaching to the "Twelve" and beyond. These **check points** were given over a lengthy period of time and under varied circumstances.

1. **He spent time with them.** Mark 3:14 says that Christ ordained the twelve that they might "**be with Him.**" No vision can be properly accomplished without being **relational** with the people you are trying to lead. Long distance leading can only work for a short time. Christ spent quality time with His own people. He ate, drank, walked and talked with them. They could interrupt His prayer time, ask questions about His teaching, observe His miracles close up and understand His overall plan for them.
2. **He affirmed them when they thought, spoke or acted righteously.** Do you remember when Peter had his supernatural revelation of the Christ? "You are the Son of the Living God," thundered Peter (Matt 16:16-17). Jesus affirmed him, "Flesh and blood did not reveal this, but My Father..." In other words, "Great job Peter, you're hearing from God!" We must be **actional** and affirm people when they do well and are following Christ.

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Mission: To give ministers RAM Force Power: IMA is a Relational (fellowship), Actional (Every member active), and Missional (Reaching beyond ourselves) Association!



New Members

NAME	CITY	STATE	DISTRICT
Rev. Miguel A. Barraza	Menasha	Wisconsin	North Central
Rev. Rick Cooper	Warsaw	Indiana	Central
Rev. Jim R. Crossley	Eureka	California	Western
Rev. James Edward DeGroot	Marysville	California	Western
Rev. Kristin Danialle Estrada	Carlsbad	New Mexico	Mid-Central
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Rev. Don E. Moravits	San Antonio	Texas	South Central
Rev. Betty J. Scholz	Spokane	Washington	North West
Rev. Ralph S. Sikes	Mattoon	Illinois	Central

Marvelous March Meltdown YOUTH CONFERENCE

GUEST SPEAKER: CHRIS ESTRADA

From Christ for the Nations Institute

MARCH 23

EAGLE HEIGHTS CHURCH

Burnsville, Minnesota

Pastor Ken Benson Dist. Chrnm. Regan Myers

INFORMATION: Gary Hoagland 651-260-2400

Central District Conference

GUEST SPEAKER: BRYAN PACE

From River of Life, Phoenix, Arizona

MARCH 21-22

Bible Center Cathedral

Evansville, Indiana

Pastor Rick VanHoose Dist. Chrnm. Nathan Miller

INFORMATION: Call the church: 812-423-8000

North Central District

Spring Meeting

April 19-20

Avalon Hotel, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

INFORMATION: Dist Chrnm. Regan Myers 715-468-7998



THE HOME OFFICE

Dr. Paul W. Todd, Administrator

CHURCH RENEWALS

THE PASTOR'S CREDENTIALS RENEWAL MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE HOME OFFICE EITHER BEFORE OR AT THE SAME TIME AS THE CHURCH RENEWAL.

This provision comes from the By-Laws Article 5, Section 3:4. We hold the church renewal until we receive the renewal from the pastor. The Church Renewal form addresses the requirement for the Pastor's renewal at the top and bottom of the form just above the pastor's signature.

One the reasons for the pastor to renew first is related to our IRS 501c. (3) coverage. We do not extend Group Coverage to churches where the recognized pastor is not a member of the IMA. The pastor's renewal indicates that the requirement has been observed and the recognized pastor is a member of the IMA.

In order to maintain our IRS Group Coverage the IMA must have the ability to exercise a certain amount of supervision over those entities that we have accepted for Group Coverage. Having an IMA member as the pastor or director is our link between the church or entity and the IMA leadership.

We are responsible for keeping an up-to-date list of all the churches within our IRS Group Coverage. We are required by the IRS to submit that list to the IRS District Office. We keep the official list of our churches here at the Home Office. Should there ever be a question about the churches being covered the IRS will look to the IMA Home Office list of covered churches.

It is important for the church to be on that list as soon in the New Year as possible just to be safe.



Rev. Lydia Chorpensing



This narrative on the life of Joseph exemplifies precepts, principles and promotion and lends to easy Bible studies. As you walk with Joseph in this study you will see him step out of the pages of ancient manuscripts to inspire and equip you to live out the dreams that God has given you.

www.shop.lifesentencepublishing.com/Beyond-the-Colorful-Coat-6020.htm

Presenting



Rev. Jacob & Kimberly Mills



MISSIONARIES

Rev. Jacob and Kimberly Mills have just recently qualified to become IMA supported missionaries.

They are part of Pamoja Ministries working in partnership with several indigenous Tanzanian organizations. Jacob and Kim are both missionary kids who grew up in Africa. Jacob's parents worked in Kenya and Kim's parents worked in Madagascar. They both attended and graduated from Rift Valley Academy in Kenya. Jacob is the Vice-President of Lighthouse Outreaches and the Director of Leadership Training and acting Director of Product Distribution for Pamoja Ministries. His administrative skills along with his teaching gift are widely used on the mission field. Kim presently works in the accounting office at Pamoja Ministries and is a tremendous asset to Pamoja Ministries' finance office. They are now serving in Arusha, Tanzania .

Rev. Steven & Kath Mills



Steve & Kath Mills are the parents of missionary Rev. Jacob Mills. They have been in fulltime missions ministry since 1984. Their family lived in Haiti and then in Kenya for 17 years. They presently make their home in Zachary, Louisiana and travel extensively to the nations. Steve is the President of Lighthouse Outreaches and the Africa Director for Vision Intentional Education Network. Steve also travels throughout the United States holding missions conferences and helping churches with their missions programs. If you would like for Steve to speak in your church or help you with your missions program either write him at millssm@cox.net or call 225-505-6316.

IN LOVING MEMORY



“She was dedicated to her church family, a wonderful Pastor’s wife and mother of all.” **Sis. Sharon Elaine Holiman, Westmoreland, California**, went to be with the Lord on the morning of December 26, 2011. She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 49 years, Pastor Richard “Dick” Holiman, 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She was active in Women’s Christian Temperance Union, Christian Women’s Club, Women’s Aglow, Prison Ministry, 4H, Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship, and a music teacher. We extend our deepest condolences to the Holiman family and The Lighthouse church family.

We received word that the brother of IMA National Board Member, Pastor George Dudley, **BOBBY J. DUDLEY** passed away in December, 2011. We send our deepest condolences to Bro. Dudley and the family.

George W. Kantz, Sr., Holland, Michigan, passed away on December 21, 2011. His son Rev. George W. Kantz, Jr. pastor of The Potter’s House, Holland Michigan, has been a member of the IMA for many years. Mr. Kantz, Sr., was a veteran of the Navy, serving in the Korean War. We extend our deepest condolences to Pastor Kantz and the family.

We just received information from Rev. Myrna Kindrix that her husband **Ed Kindrix, Yuba City California**, passed away on June 1, 2011. We extend our deepest condolences to Rev. Kindrix and the family.

Prayer Requests

Pastor Karol Popoff, Sugar Grove Community Chapel, Farmersburg, Indiana, had a terrible automobile accident in late December. She has several broken bones and has had surgeries with complications. Sis. Karol has been in and out of Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis and is due to have a long recovery. Pastor Don Smith, Cornerstone Ministries, Vincennes, IN has been keeping us informed as to her condition. He indicated that she was needing some financial assistance if anyone would like to contribute call Pastor Smith 812-882-6885. Please keep her in your prayers.

Missionary Rev. E. E. Ahus, Nigeria, West Africa, wrote that he was having physical problems that were restricting his active ministry and asked for prayer. He did indicate that the violence there was not as critical and there was more peace.

Celeste, the 14 year old granddaughter of Pastor James & Sis. Barbara Heard, Ellsworth, Maine, with courage and great faith, has had two rounds of chemo-therapy for a bone tumor in her leg. The good news is--Celeste's spirits are really up-beat. She said on her face-book, "I am trusting God for strength, comfort, and healing." Pray for her healing.

Rev. Donald Snyder, White Rock, BC, Canada, is 93 years old. He recently had to get residential care for his wife Dorothy because of dementia. He was saddened that he couldn't take care of her any longer. He ask the IMA to keep them both in our prayers. He has been in the IMA 51 years.



(VISION from Pg. 1)

- 3. He rebuked them when their attitudes were contrary to His vision.** Jesus also challenged and chastised them when they were reflecting the attitudes of their culture [world], i.e. manifesting pride, a party spirit or sought to destroy those who had not the grace of the Savior. Case in point, when Peter tried to stop Jesus from going to the cross (Matt 16:21-23), Jesus looked at him and rebuked the devil who was speaking through him. We also must be **actional or even confrontational** and rebuke leaders and workers who are not manifesting the nature of Christ (1 Tim 5:20; 2 Tim 4:2; Tit 1:13) fulfilling vision.
- 4. Jesus prayed for them and those that would follow their ministry.** John 17 tells the story of Christ's love and care for his disciples by praying for them. Jesus was Missional when He prayed for Peter when Satan desired to have him (Luke 22:31-32). We, too, must be **missional** and pray for those God called us to lead. Notice that He prayed for who would follow them, too.

These precepts are true for husbands and fathers, wives and mothers, pastors and elders and leaders and overseers. Vision should not only be cast, but check points are needed to ensure that the followers of Christ under your charge are made accountable through loving relationships, not tyrannical from-the-pulpit cynical remarks. May God help us to cast vision and give check points to visionary adherents so that God's plan will be accomplished through Christ's love! Amen.

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