


Be Joyful



Be Joyful, joyful, the Lord is alive,
Come on be joyful, the Lord is Alive
Text & Music , Kurt Kaiser

They worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

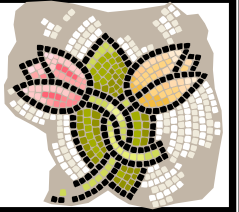
Luke 24:52

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Because Jesus Has Been Raised . . .

To the average person on the street, whether in Amsterdam, Philadelphia or Nairobi, Christianity is hard to fathom. This is NOT how the world works.

Or is it?

Over twenty years ago, World Harvest missionaries Robert Carr and Alan Lee were in Uganda scoping out a remote area to start an outreach. There, they were hosted by a local man named Isingoma, who made sure they had food and a place to stay while visiting.

Isingoma was not a Christian, but he liked the fact that Robert and Alan wanted to help his village. One day, Isingoma went with Robert and Alan over the mountains to another city to get supplies. Along the way Robert and Alan's truck got stuck and they got into a heated argument — so heated they got out of the vehicle and started screaming at each other.

Needless to say, the experience left quite an impression on Isingoma, but not the way you might expect.

After the argument, once they had calmed down, Robert and Alan repented to one another, asking each others' forgiveness. Then they embraced, got back into the truck and continued on.

Isingoma was perplexed. How could these two men, who just moments before seemed to hate each other, end up embracing and forgiving each other? This was NOT how his world worked. So, Isingoma asked Robert and Alan how this was possible.

The answer: Jesus Christ.

Isingoma, amazed, soon became a Christian. He wanted that kind of faith. That radical example of forgiveness and reconciliation broke him. He was in. He had new life in Jesus Christ.

Isingoma became a new man, and started a new life. He got an education, received his Master's degree, and moved to a city several hours away from the missionary team.

Fast-forward 24 years.

The [missionary] team in Uganda is desperately seeking a new headmaster of Christ School. And I mean desperately! A number of teachers had left and the education of 300 children was in jeopardy.

The team in Uganda did not know what to do. So they prayed . . . they prayed hard.

“What about Isingoma?” one of them suddenly thought. Amazingly, while visiting the team in Uganda, a pastor who had stayed in touch with Isingoma over the years helped the team get in touch with him. (Continued on page 5)

Prayer Concerns



Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Shut Ins & Their Caregivers: Emmett Skaggs, Ruth Williams (nursing home); Dorothy Skaggs; Nancy Barton and her husband, Tom; Betty Turpin's mother, Leon Holder (assisted living); Wes' mother, Nancy Alford.

Health Concerns: Edythe McCollister, just been diagnosed with cancer
Bill & Sarah Stemen; Jewell & Suzy Wicker; Griff Harsh; Nomon & Nancy Kennedy; Reba & John Wolfe; Kathleen Schultz; Randy Scott; Jesse Shinn; Bobbie & Fred Nicholson's son-in-law, Mark, in the early stages of Parkinson's Disease and unspoken concerns for their son Ricky; Denise Sorensen's sister, Gina has cancer; Tony Snyder (Dot Snyder's son), is returning to work after cancer treatments.

CPC: Our pastor, our people, & our church leaders.

13th—Hugh & Marty McCampbell



Tennessee Valley PresWIC

2011 Spring Seminar

“Serving In Your Place Setting Of Life”

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Dayton, TN

Cost: \$8 (Pastor's wives attend free!)

Childcare provided for 4yr old and under.



Bridal Shower

Most of you know that Rebecca Wood and Josh Monhollen have been coming to church for the past few months. They are engaged and plan to be married on July 2nd in Virginia. There will be a bridal shower for Rebecca on April 16th at 3:00 PM at the Alford home. Ladies, please come. They are registered at Kohl's, Target, J C Penney, & Belk.





Session Meeting

April 18, 2011

@ 6:30 PM

@ church

Household Items Needed.



We are gathering household items for Rose Edmonds. She will be moving into an apartment soon, and needs a variety of utensils, bath towels, bed sheets, etc. She also needs a small sofa or loveseat. If you have anything that you don't want & don't know what to do with, see

Frankie or Linda Jenkins.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 21st

6:30 PM

We will celebrate communion at this time.



April Birthdays

3-Brian Maxie

3- Susy Wicker

7-John Fuqua

7- Sarah Stemen

10-Casey Cook

10-Tommy Miller

11-Carol Richards

14-Marty McCampbell

19-Christopher Alford

27-Elizabeth Reagon

29-Mike Jenkins



Sunrise Service

Sweetwater Memory Chapel

6:30 AM

April 24, 2011



Breakfast will follow at the church at 7:30 AM

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Isingoma returned home to meet with the team and accepted the position of headmaster of the school, new teachers have been hired and the kids are learning again in the classroom.

This is just crazy, right? No, this is the Spirit of the Risen Lord at work. This is how Christ resurrects when all seems lost — salvation for Isingoma, for Christ School, for all of us. This is how our Risen Lord works for the good of His people. Such things can only happen because Jesus had been raised from the grave!

This wonderful testimony is taken from the newsletter of World

Harvest Mission, a grace-centered missions sending agency closely associated with the PCA. To learn more about the work of WHM, go to www.whm.org.