

150,000 decisions for Christ in first 60 days

Over the past two months, through the combined efforts of the GFE teams in the Congo, India, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda, over 150,000 people have prayed to receive Jesus into their heart. In the past 60 days the Gospel has been proclaimed in hundreds of meetings in markets, schools, street meetings, and evening film shows. As the teams continue to "take the Gospel to where the people are", the people continue to gather and listen and respond to the simple message that calls for a verdict. What a thrill it is to receive daily reports of lives transformed by the power of God - hundreds and thousands of people, young and old alike, coming to Know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. To all of you who help make this possible we say THANK YOU and God bless you for caring about unsaved people around the world.



Congo

Oyelo Ulimwengu and his GFE team continue to preach Jesus in and around their war-torn city of Goma. They often encounter many obstacles, but they are undaunted and because of their

faithfulness to the calling of God, many people are coming to Jesus. Through open-air meetings and evening film shows they have seen 12,000 people respond over the past few weeks. We are planning to go to Goma in October and join Oyelo in a campaign there.

India

Aruldoss Gnanamuthu recently assisted the Billy Graham team in a crusade in Madurai in which thousands responded to the Gospel. He and the IFE team also continue to go to the streets and villages and as they do, hundreds are receiving Jesus. Through the 16 field missionaries in the state of Orissa, many pagan Hindus are receiving Jesus and dozens are being trained in evangelism.



Malawi

Under the direction of Gibson Kachaje, the GFE team in Malawi is seeing phenomenal results. They travel up and down the rough roads, day in and day out, preaching in remote villages and open-air

markets. Some travel in four-wheel drive vehicles and some on bicycles. And because they go, the people come, and every month thousands are saved. In spite of being hindered by the rainy season, Gibson and the team have seen 27,700 people receive Jesus since January 1.

Nigeria

Jonas Prince Obina and the GFE team in Nigeria have been taking the Gospel to the streets, open-air markets and dozens of schools. Just in the past couple of weeks, they shared Christ with 7000 high school students and 6000 prayed to receive Him in their heart. Praise God for such a wonderful harvest. Nigeria is known as the most corrupt country in the world, but even in that environment the team has seen over 20,000 people come to faith in Christ so far this year.



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Real Faith

does simple faith really make sense?



In chapter two of REAL FAITH I list eight hindrances to faith and I believe one of the worst is number five, INTELLECTUALISM – not intellect itself, but “intellectualism”, which I define in this context as “the enthronement of reason over the truth of faith.” How often have you heard

some church leader stand up in a committee meeting and say, “Well, yeah, we need to have faith, but we also need to use common sense.” The implication, whether intentional or not, is that simple child-like faith in God stands in opposition to logic, reason, and what we call common sense. Or, even worse, that faith makes no sense at all, that it is just foolish, immature, and irresponsible. Nothing could be further from the truth. After 40 years of trusting God by faith and seeing His faithfulness at every turn, I can authoritatively testify that there is no more sensible or practical thing to do in any situation than to trust totally in the unseen provision of the God of the universe, regardless of what kind of provision is required.

Real faith does not stand in opposition to legitimate common sense and legitimate, common sense does not stand in opposition to faith. Lets look again at our simplified definition of faith. The Greek New Testament word for faith is “pistis” which means “persuasion of fact that leads to corresponding action.” Before you sit in a chair you make an assessment of its reliability. If you are persuaded that it will hold you up, then you act by sitting in it, by placing all of your weight on it. That is not only an act of faith, it is also a reasonable thing to do. Here we find no conflict. So then, where does the problem between faith and “common sense” come in? It comes when we make decisions based solely upon what we “think” or “feel” rather than seeking the will of God and acting upon THAT. Very often what we are calling “common sense” is what we have come to based upon human calculations, circumstances, appearances,

and public opinion. If Moses had based his decision upon those things, the Israelites would have never crossed the Red Sea. If Sheila and I had based our decision upon those things back in 1977, we would not be in this ministry today and 15 million people would not have heard the Gospel.

When faced with any choice or decision in the Christian life, the thing to do is to get alone with God (for ever how long it takes), receive His will in your inner man (in your spirit) and act upon what He says. He will not speak to your mind or to your emotions, and He will not reveal His will through circumstances or through what other people say. But if you will lay out your situation before Him and wait for Him to speak, He will, and when He does you will know exactly what to believe for. It may or may not line up with what the world would call “common sense” but you can be sure that it will make perfect spiritual sense in the end. Does it “make sense” to do the thing that is in line with God’s will? Yes, always. Does it “make sense” to do what is ultimately best for you, your family, your church, your business? Yes, always. Does it “make sense” to do what is right, what is honest and what has the most integrity? Yes, always. Did it “make sense” for you to receive Jesus into your heart? Absolutely! Then you can be CERTAIN that it always makes sense to trust God by simple child-like faith regardless of what anyone or anything says contrary to it. Nothing makes more sense than to simply trust God!

Are you faced with decisions right now concerning your family, your finances, your business, your future? Do not waste time trying to “figure” out what “makes sense” according to calculation or circumstances. Take it to God, listen for His “still small voice” and do exactly what He says. Figuring and feeling won’t help, but faith in God alone will – and I promise you, it makes sense – perfect sense.

For further study on this subject please read chapters 16 –19 (pages 192 –258) in REAL FAITH.

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In the next few weeks we will be launching a weekly program on “Good News TV 23” (channel 14 on cable and satellite), a new Memphis area Christian TV station. The program will be called “REAL FAITH WITH SHAD AND SHEILA” and will be produced by our long time friend, Don Lawler. We are excited about this opportunity to share

with Christians throughout the Mid-South the life-changing principles of faith, as well as some of the activities of the ministry around the world. Please pray that God will give us wisdom as we produce the programs and that He will provide supernaturally for the funding of this new venture. We will let you know when the program goes on the air.

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