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WORDS ARE IMPORTANT

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"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalms 19:14

We all need to study the life of Christ and the lessons He gave, that we may know how to conduct ourselves in our relation with one another. Cherish the soothing influence of the Spirit of God. Remember that speech is a talent of great value, if used aright, and that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Remember also that by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. Unadvised words often create difficulties which otherwise would not exist.

We are placed in this world to be children of God and to prepare for the future immortal life. Speak no unkind, thoughtless words. As you associate in family relationship, be careful to speak kind, tender words, which will comfort and encourage. Do not forget the little acts of kindness which do so much to help the member of the family who is struggling with infirmities which no one but himself can understand.

It does not pay to persist in having one's own way, to be unwilling to yield in the little things which are of small consequence, thus bringing bitterness and wrath into the home. Life is too short, too full of sorrow. We have no time to spare for the bruising of any sore, tempted heart.

Let each one be kind and considerate of the other. Never let the sun go down upon your wrath. Never close your eyes in sleep without making right the little, pettish difficulties which hurt and bruise the soul. . . .

When you are tempted to think or speak unwisely, kneel wherever you are, and pray till you find rest in Jesus. I am sure that He will not leave you or forsake you. You may scorn yourself because of your passionate utterances, but remember that Jesus pities you, and that He will heal you, body and soul, if you will do His bidding. Here is His word to you, "Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me" (Isaiah 27:5).

Jesus desires to make celestial harmony in your soul. Read His words, not with discouragement, but with confidence and hope. Listen to the blessed words which God speaks to you. Walking with Christ means to believe that, though unseen, Christ is walking with you.

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NEWS FROM TAMPA BAY CHURCH, FLORIDA

Dr. Idel Suarez, Jr.

Things are happening in Tampa, Florida. Hurricanes tippy-toe around, thanks to the prayers of so many on our behalf.

We have a new youth choir, composed of about 12 young people led by Sister Linda Suarez, at our new church. The church building is brick and concrete block construction and seats about 120 persons. It has church pews, a baby grand piano, an organ, a children's

table and chairs, sound system (these all at a total cost of \$700), two classrooms, two bathrooms, an office, and parking for about 31 cars. The church is on a very busy street.

The cost for the church was \$120,000, and it has already been paid off. We have invested an additional \$30,000 or so in the remodeling of the church. It has been a true challenge to remodel it. We gather with about 45 persons consistently every Sabbath and sometimes many more. About six people are actively preparing for baptism, and in the last year we had three baptisms. Praise be to God! Three churches have helped the Tampa Bay church financially with free-will offerings—Hayward, CA, Acworth, GA, and Miami, FL. May the Lord bless these congregations for extending a hand when we needed it most.

The American Union also lent us \$10,000 interest free for 4 years, which we will seek to repay sooner. The remodeling of our new church is almost done. We still need to add on a cupola, a two-pillar porch, and some stucco finishing on the north wall. God bless!

ARPOLOGY

We apologize for not having announced in our last *Newsletter* the missionary trip to Trujillo, Per_, from October 4 - 10, 2004, of Dr. John Theodorou, Dr. Maria Theodorou, and Dr. Idel Su_rez. However, by the time we found out about this trip, the *Newsletter* had already been completed.

Please send any information you may want to include in the *Newsletter* for a current issue by the **7th of the month**, as we start compiling everything by the 10th of the month.

The next medical missionary seminar will be held in San Pablo, Brazil, from January 18 - 23, 2005. All those interested in paying their own way and attending the seminar in *Spanish* may contact Dr. Su_rez at (813) 880-9183.

This will be a great opportunity to get involved in missions and learn a new culture. Young people are invited to help and participate in this missionary work.



WELCOME

Br. Ivan Rizzo was welcomed into the Bronx, New York, church on October 2, with a special program during which the choir sang. Br. Rizzo is from Guatemala and will serve as Bible worker in New York. The Cabrera and Hernandez families were also present. May the Lord bless Br. Rizzo in his work in New York.

There was a youth rally in the Bronx, on October 9, which was also attended by visitors from Rhode Island. More than 10 young people were present.

On October 11, two young people were baptized in a river in the Bronx: Jennifer and James Larry Augustine. Two people were also accepted into church fellowship: Marie Yvette Augustine and Lucila Flores. We welcome you all into the family of God. May God bless you.—Sr. Hermite DHaiti

PRAYER CLOSET:

Charly Grujich, Pat Atencio, Edith Jankowski, Lambert Hazelhoff.

TRIP TO ASIA

Elder Henry Dering, Elder Joel Barnedo, and Elder Jerry Eaton are off to Nepal and Thailand for three weeks to get the work of Reformation started there. At the present time we have no believers in those countries. Please pray for the workers and the work there.

CALENDAR

2004-2005

1. Tampa, FL, Southeast Field Preacher's Seminar: October 30, 31
2. Tampa, FL, Southeast Field Youth Conference: November 12 - 14
3. Bronx, NY, Family Reunion: November **25 - 28** (note change of date)
4. Tampa, FL, Southeast Field Conference: December 23 - 25
5. Brooklyn, NY, evangelistic crusade for young people: December 24 - 27
6. International Youth Conference, Sydney, Australia: December 27 - January 2, 2005
7. San Pablo, Brazil, Medical Missionary Seminar: January 18 - 23, 2005

Please send us brief but detailed reports of your local events to include in **your** *Newsletter*.

OFFERINGS

If each one of you would add an additional dollar each month to your Union offerings, it would help to build up the various funds in the Union. Can you spare this small an amount?

BAPTISMS

There were three baptisms in the Tampa Bay church, and we would like to welcome the new members: Elizabeth Udden, Gina Bernard, and Elsy German. May the Lord richly bless you.

It is anticipated that there will be more baptisms at the Southeast Field conference in December.

TO COME:

It is hoped that we will have more information about the work being done in the Southeast Field, as well as experiences in various countries, particularly those recently visited by our workers..

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