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## 2013 ANNUAL CAMP MEETING 13-29 DECEMBER 2013: HARARE, ZIMBABWE

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### FOREWORD



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We are blessed to find ourselves as part of this year's camp meeting, which was full of good things from GOD. It all boils down to the focus of the camp meeting, which was nothing else but the KINGDOM OF GOD. This principle was captured in the discussion between our LORD JESUS CHRIST and Nicodemus in John 3: 1-8 and was also emphasised by our Saviour to the early believers in Matthew 6: 32-34. The main thrust of the camp meeting was about salvation which determines whether one will lose or

gain it all in this life. Life becomes worth living once salvation is obtained. As the word says; what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul (Matthew 16: 26-28). Salvation is common to all humanity irrespective of generations (Hebrews 13: 8). One of the main points emphasised was the positive effects of obedience. As Christians we have what we have through obedience and the gospel is all about obeying. Saints were encouraged to maintain their salvation through various teachings during camp and brethren had a wonderful time talking to the LORD at the altar after the sermons.

Many people prayed through and testified that they had been saved, sanctified, baptised by the Holy Ghost in addition to many other blessings that the Lord showered on His people.

The JOY of camp meeting made people forget whom they were,



leaving their homes and jobs in pursuit of the word of GOD.

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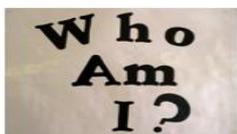
## **WORKERS CONFERENCE**

***13 - 14 DECEMBER 2013***

The saints in Zimbabwe were eagerly awaiting the camp meeting to commence and were meeting every Monday evening a month before the meeting began, to pray. There was a great revival amongst the saints and peace reigned. On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December, all the workers gathered together at the campgrounds for a teaching from the District Superintendent.

The teaching explored the detailed components of the great commission, pronounced to mankind by JESUS CHRIST (**Matthew 28: 18-20**). Workers were invited to ensure they were called and empowered by GOD before ministering to the saints. Those to be involved in the great commission mandate should be disciples of JESUS CHRIST and none else. Brethren were encouraged to ensure they were identified and empowered by GOD just as was done to the early disciples/apostles. The spirit of the LORD came down as brethren searched themselves to ensure they were ready to serve during camp meeting.

### **IDENTITY**



### **CALL**



**THE MANDATE OF THE  
GREAT COMMISSION**

### **PURPOSE**



### **PRODUCT**



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The mandate of the Great Commission was explained under four headings, namely Identity, Call, Purpose and Product.

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## SERMON EXCERPTS

From Camp Meeting 2013

### The KINGDOM OF GOD



**Opening verse: Romans 14:17- 19.**

The purpose of camp meeting is for people to get into the Kingdom of God and that is why brethren from different parts of the world have travelled to the Zimbabwean annual camp meeting. Once you are in the kingdom of God, some characteristics should be seen in you. If you do not have the kingdom of God in you, then certainly you are part of the devil's Kingdom.

JOHN 3: 3 SAYS, "...except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of GOD". Many people come to church but they do not know their real reason for being there. In the book of John 4: 22-24 the bible says that they that come to him MUST worship him in spirit and in truth. Members of the kingdom of God should have a unique nature from those members of the kingdom of the devil. The works of the flesh cannot be found among the members and citizens of the kingdom of God. Those in the kingdom of God bear fruits of the spirit, which consist of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. All those in the kingdom of God must strive to be like Mary who did not labour herself with something that is vain. Instead she laboured to hear Jesus' words that have an

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everlasting heritage. Let us all be in the kingdom of God and have fruits of the spirit.

**Oniyas Gumbo.**

## THE DANGER OF DISOBEYING GOD



Christians must earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. We must fight against counterfeit gospels. REVELATIONS 1: 3 SAYS, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep *those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand*". This passage of scripture tells us that if we hear the word of God and do it, we shall be blessed. In Luke 10: 23-24, Jesus said to his disciples, blessed are the eyes that see what you see. We are more blessed than the prophets because we see what they desired to see and hear, but

were not granted the opportunity. The blessing of hearing GOD's word is fulfilled when we do what GOD says we must do. We must strive to obey all of GOD's instructions.

If one builds on sand, the house will fall down and when it falls, it causes a lot of damage. We read from the bible of how Job's house was hit by the wind and fell, killing his ten children. Christians, where are we building our houses, on the sand, or on the rock? The word of God admonishes us to build on the rock and we must do what God tells us to do.

Naaman was instructed to go and dip himself seven times in a river that he perceived to be filthy. He tried to excuse himself from following the instruction that he had been given, but when he decided to obey and dipped himself in the river right up to the seventh time, he was



completely healed and his skin was like a baby's. Maybe you have already dipped, the first, the second and the third time but you are now feeling discouraged. The Lord is saying to you, "dip yourself seven times", your answer is coming! Even

if you may have committed the worst of sins, God says in his word "Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them like snow."

**A. Castilho - Angola.**

## **MAINTAINING SPIRITUAL VISION IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS**



What are some of the challenges that youths face? Research shows that most of the people who start off as Christians at a

tender age do not grow old still Christians. You find that among those you were saved years back, some have already backslidden. This is not meant to discourage the youths because we have very good examples in the bible of those who served God from their youth to their old age like Samuel. Youths today are facing a number of challenges: technology is one of these challenges that youths are faced with. Youths have become slaves to technology, addicts! In the age we are living in, technology rather than godliness drives people. Some youth are so caught up with social media that the first thing they do when they wake up is check their Facebook, instead of talking to God. Rather than spending time reading the word and praying, the devil occupies them on social media. Families no longer communicate because the children are always on their cell phones face-booking and tweeting, but God will help us overcome this challenge!

Another challenge that the youths of today are facing is Satanism. Statistics show that about 90% of Satanism, occurs between the ages of 15 to 45 years. People

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are promised riches. You see young people claiming that they are prophets, who anointed them? When did God call them? Young 18 year olds are driving expensive, fancy cars that their parents never drove! There are even adverts of people claiming to be selling the power of God. But we thank God that there is power in the gospel! There is healing in this gospel! If you want to receive God's power, spend time on the altar praying!

Another challenge that the youths of today are facing is peer pressure. The youths want to be accepted by their age mates, but the bible says we are a peculiar people! The bible tells us that Joseph had two dreams, each of them pointing that he was going to become a great man in God's plan. In the same way, do not ever think that it is a mistake that God called you to this gospel! He has a purpose for you too! Joseph was his father's beloved son and yet he found himself a slave in Potiphar's house. Times and seasons are different in life. Stations are different, but we all have a common destination, which is heaven. Let us not allow ourselves to be hindered by life's circumstances on our way to heaven.

GENESIS 39:2 tells us that the LORD was with Joseph For the Lord to have been with him, it means that he loved the Lord. Joseph could have been a bitter person because of what life had brought to him, but he was not! You could be bitter about what life has thrown at you, but be like Joseph, stand steadfast in the Lord! Challenges are fuel that drives us to grow in the Lord. Without them we will become complacent and relaxed. Challenges are always there. Potiphar's wife saw how God had polished and anointed Joseph, she desired to sleep with him. Our daughters, God has polished you up, and the devil is not happy. But may God give you the victory like he gave Joseph. A day came when Potiphar's wife was determined that no matter what, she was going to sleep with Joseph, but Joseph resisted. The bible tells us that "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

We read in Ruth 1: 8-13 that the daughters in law of Naomi were determined to stay with their mother-in-law. While the bible says that "Ruth clave" to her

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mother-in-law, Opah gave up. The mother in law told them that they could not wait for her to remarry, bare sons, and wait for those children to grow up so that they could be their husbands. There are times when life's circumstances get too tough and you just cannot bare them anymore. Maybe you have prayed for years for a husband, but nothing seems to be happening. Maybe you are now having second thoughts and considering Internet dating. But God has a husband for you in this Gospel. Maybe you are jobless or you have been working for years without any promotion. Maybe you are giving up? Bring your case to the Lord, and you are guaranteed that things will change! **E. Nakasala- Botswana.**

## CHRISTMAS AT CAMP MEETING



The theme for the Christmas Devotional Service was entitled: The First Christmas and recorded attendance was the highest for a single service with over one thousand people.

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Foreign delegates were treated to a Christmas luncheon at a brother's residence.

## **CAMP MEETING CHILDREN SERVICES.**

Children Services were introduced for the first time during this year's camp meeting. The children were allocated time during the afternoon services on Tuesdays and Thursdays to make a joyful noise unto the LORD in different groups. They took over the entire service, some played instruments others sang and even shared testimonies. It was awesome to see how the LORD was working in their lives. The glow on their faces warmed their parents and the entire congregations' hearts. It was also encouraging to see them rush to the altar at the end of the service. May the LORD continue to let these little lights shine for Him.

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Children had their own services during this year's camp meeting. In one service 26 children prayed through and testified of having been saved.

## **CAMP MEETING IN PICTURES**

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Regional Country Overseers from left: Bro Motshidisi (Botswana), Bro Ntshalintshali (Swaziland) Bro Gumbo (District Superintendent), Bro Castihlo (Angola) and Bro Chatisso (Mozambique).

East Africa District Superintendent Rev. Kaibula pausing with youths from Zambia.



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Angolan delegates, with Evans Mhlanga (in green shirt) Country director responsible for Angola in the DS' Office.



Street meetings: Youths were going out into the streets to testify and invite people for services.

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Baptismal service: 73 people from across the region were baptised during camp meeting. The words of Jesus Christ... "If ye know these things, blessed are ye when ye do them" were fulfilled as many participated in the ordinance service with an open heart.