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Jesus told us in His written word before He returns to take us back with Him. there will be many people that will come in His name, saying that they are the Christ in order to deceive even His followers if it was possible. Dr. Laurel Taitt on page ten admonishes us not to be deceived by such false Christ, false prophets, and false teachers.

There have been many dimensions of prophecies that have been prophesied for the year 2013. Inside the pages of this edition of MCE Magazine, we have a few excerpts of such prophecies.

In John chapter 14, Jesus told the disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

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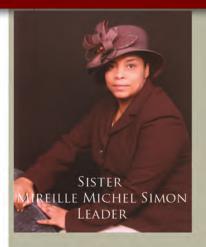
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TeleMED-Haiti forged alliances with others dedicated to the care and nurturing of Haiti's children, and before long, we were receiving hundreds of boxes

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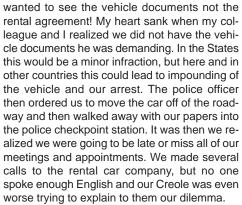
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•We had just settled into our routine almost 2 hour drive into Port-au-Prince for meetings and to pick up much needed supplies. We approached our first series of police checkpoints, which are haphazardly located throughout the entire country. As we came closer the police officer motioned for us to stop. We rolled down the window and in Creole, he asked for the vehicle papers. This is not unusual however, we were

in a clearly marked rental car. No problem we thought, so my colleague reached into the glove compartment to locate the vehicle documents, but could only find our rental contract. The police officer took the papers and demanded. he still



•We were stuck on the side of the road at a police checkpoint in Haiti. There was nothing we could do but wait. But wait for what? Why had this happened? We



had never been detained at a police checkpoint before. We had a legal rental car from a well-known international rental car company! But there we were stuck trying to figure out what had just happened and what we should do next. I looked out of the passenger side window of the car and saw a young Haitian boy about 11 years old. He was just standing there and apparently had been watching our plight. We made eye contact, but he never approached the car or said a word. Usually children are tapping on the windows begging for food, money or wanting to

wash the windows. But this little boy just stood there as if waiting for the right moment. I motioned for him come to the car, so I could give him a packet of cookies which we often carry to give to the children we might meet along the way. When I offered them to him he said,

Thank You, I don't want the cookies, but I have something for you." He reached into a little bag he was carrying and pulled out several beautiful hand made bracelets. He said he was selling the bracelets so he could pay for his school. It was at that moment we had a wonderful idea! "Art For Education" was born. TeleMED Haiti commissioned Little Johnny to make these beautiful bracelets for all of our TeleMED partners who continue to support our on going efforts to save the children here in Haiti. The funds raised through the sale of these bracelets will not only help send Little Johnny to school, but hundreds of other deserving Haitian children as well.



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#### Our Father in heaven,

Our God is also our Father for everyone that has received Jesus Christ as their personal NLord and Savior, (John 1:12). Not only is He our Father, He resides in heaven, far above the earth and all principalities and powers, (1 Kings 8:49).

#### Hallowed be your name.

God's name ought to be sanctified, consecrated, and highly respected. The third commandment tells us, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

### Your Kingdom come,

"The petition is the expression of a wish that God may reign everywhere; that his laws may be obeyed; and especially that the gospel of Christ may be advanced everywhere, till the world shall be filled with his glory." Source: Barnes' New Testament Notes

#### Your will be done,

"To pray "your will be done" is to recognize the sovereignty of God over every aspect of our daily lives. In effect, it is a way of saying, "Thank God this world is under his control, not mine!" We would be in deep trouble if God gave us everything for which we asked. Fact is, we don't know what's best for us! We only see a snapshot of our lives—while God sees the entire panoply. Thus, his perspective is far superior to ours."Hank Hanegraaff

#### On earth as in heaven

May the government of God that is in full operation in heaven which involved the will, the plan, and purpose of God rule this earth as it is in heaven.

#### Give us today our daily bread.

"Thus, if God is indeed our father, and if He is the ruler of the mightiest of all kingdoms, it is only fitting that we ask him for our daily bread! But note the precision of Christ's teaching: give us today our daily bread. God is the One who determines whether or not we will be here tomorrow. So our profound need for care is acknowledged in asking for the basics of life for today. As James teaches, it is well and good to make careful plans, but it is even more significant to realize that those plans will only be carried out if God wills it to be so. Having just acknowledged our need that God's will be done, it is utterly consistent to ask God for the things we need each day—the things we need in order to do his will." Kirk Cameron

#### Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us. (In the great passage of the expression of faith, the Jesus tells us in Mark 11:25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses." In effect, we as born sinners need

God's forgiveness to receive eternal life; likewise, we need to forgive others who have wronged us. It is imperative to receive our own forgiveness.)

#### Lead us not into temptation. but deliver us from evil.

"Our prayers for God's help to stand against temptation make sense only after we are committed to making God's name holy and accomplishing God's will in our lives.

Christ has set us free. Let us stand firm in the freedom and not be enslaved again, so that we can serve God and each other in love." Kevin Ruffcorn

#### For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours; Now and forever.

"To say that the kingdom, the power and the glory are God's is a big claim, and it's a claim with political force. It may look to us as though power is in the hands of the G20 or the companies which span every continent. (According to a recent book on Latin American economies, Wal-Mart is bigger than the GDP of Argentina and Nestles sales are bigger than the GDP of Peru) . But to pray "the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever" is to assert, against appearances to the contrary, that the ultimate power is God's." Sue Haslehurst

**Amen** 



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# 2013 IN PROPHECY

According to New Birth Cathedral of Miami under the leadership of Bishop Victor T. Curry, 2013 is "The Year of Restoration!"

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you." Joel 2:25

## Year of great depression

In his article entitled, Prophecy 2013 – The Year Winners Become Losers Rev. Michael Bresciani shares his prophetic inclination:

This is one of the most intense periods of history our world will ever undergo; it is not the day to play the prophet for the titillation of the unsuspecting, or for fame and fortune. Christ made this abundantly clear. It is a day that will cost many lives and nations, kingdoms and empires will topple like so many dominoes in a row.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Mt 24: 21, 22)

The two clearest and most compelling revelations I have been given to date have come with a mandate and a command not to hide or change them in any fashion. The first is that the period of Christ's return is within my lifetime or shortly thereafter. I am quickly approaching the generally allotted time of my three score years and ten; you can do the math.

The second was shown specifically for America. It will, starting now, this year and forward, begin to sink as a world economic power. We will see poverty and the lack of consumer goods and basic life sustaining food supplies disappear on a scale we have never seen

since the great depression.

Out of Europe's financial collapse will arise the most powerful despot the world will ever encounter, on the wings of the most unusual economic system the world has ever seen. Economically crippled America will see his system as a godsend along with the rest of the world.

In her book, America in Prophecy 2009-2018, Sister Sharon Roach said that: 2013 will see the nation fall to its lowest point. The resources of the nation will fall to its lowest at all levels. Finances will fall. Morale will fall and spirituality will take a back seat. This is the last of the sacrificial years and will prove to the hardest. However, the people of America must be reminded not to fall prey to the chaos and hate that prevails in this year. This year will pass and all of the hardships with it, a new age will be born.

America in Prophecy 2009-2018 – Sharon Roach

This is the year of conflict and difficulty when disparities become enormous, gaps widen, and divisions grow further apart causing a war like state. Nothing of this nature has happened in America since the Civil War of the 1800s the modern mindset is not adapted to cope with such conflict on domestic soil. Inexperienced leadership is hard pressed to control it. To take sides is to loose, to remain steadfast in God is to win. The year 2013 is a year when leadership must be courageous, flexible and guick thinking. It will take courage to gather the ashes of the nation and attempt to rebuild a semblance of order and peace. America in Prophecy 2009-2018.

#### A DIFFERENT VIEW!

By Kenneth Copeland

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I am teaching you **GRACE!** Keep it on your mind throughout 2013, and beyond. Never, ever let it go!

The thing that I can do that is exceeding abundantly above all you can ask or think is to make all **GRACE** abound toward you and that's what is happening for you and for your country, right now!

BE BLESSED! ENJOY MY GRACE! IT'S YOURS!

# Do Not Be Deceived

you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

By Laurel Taitt, PhD



Signs of deception are all around us. We hear it on the news, from the professors, our colleagues, some of our leaders and even some of our spiritual leaders. If we, as Christians are not increasing in the knowledge of the Word of God or not open to God's enlightenment, we too can be deceived. As we reflect on 2012, many people were deceived when they put their faith in a specific date for the end of the world- December 21, 2012, a date regarded as the end-date of a 5,125-year-long cycle in the Mesoamerican Long Count calendar. People from all walks of life made elaborate preparations for such an occasion. Heightened fears and expectations arose from previously released movies such as, "2012" causing many to explore the possibility of such a phenomenon. We, as Christians associate the end of this earth with Christ's coming, a time when as stated in Matthew 24:36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only." However, the Word gives us signs of the end times of what shall happen on the earth and implores us to be ready for his coming which will be unexpected, as stated in Matthew 24:44 "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Just recently God lead me to hear a disturbing testimony of a fallen televangelist on the radio. My heart sank as I listened to him reveal his new beliefs of there being no hell, thus no need to save anyone. My concern intensified as he shared how his church was growing. Not only had he turned away from the true gospel, he was deceiving many as well. Matthew 7:15-20 warns, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits." It wasn't long after that, I had the opportunity to converse with a young woman who shared that she did not believe in heaven or hell, but acknowledges Jesus. The deception is all around us. How will people know unless we share the true gospel? As I spoke to this woman, I prayed inwardly that the words I said will penetrate her heart and remove the veil placed there by her false bible teachers.

While speaking to a lady originally from Asia, God opened a door of opportunity to speak to her about Christianity and the Gospel. I rec-

ognized that she had been deceived by the enemy into thinking that she can practice both **Buddhism and Christianity** and feel no conflict about it. We compared both religious viewpoints and I shared God's Word that there is only one mediator between God and man, and that is Jesus Christ. As believers, it is not merely enough for us to be saved, but to be knowledgeable on world religious beliefs and our beliefs, to more effectively reach those who are not from Christian orientations. The Word talks about how we must 'reason' together with others to bring them into the fold. My burden for our genera-



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tion of believers is that we become equipped with the knowledge of the Word of God, meditating on His Word to effectively share the Gospel to a truly lost world who fall prey to false prophets. Let us be bold witnesses so that God can use us as vessels to strip the veil of deception from the minds of so many people in this world today. We must always remember that at the end of our lives, we will have to give an account for all we have done on this earth. Why not aspire this year to work more passionately on the Great Commission for the sake of our lost friends, family members, coworkers, and neighbors. Acts 17:30-31 states, "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."







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# Yelling at Children May Be More **Harmful Than You Think**

by Minnie Hawkins

**W**e hear it in homes, grocery stores, and

in school hallways. Sometimes we even hear it in churches. What is this spectacle? It's yelling at children! Is it necessary? Is it an effective form of discipline or is it damaging to children?

Research shows that yelling is one of the most harmful actions adults can do to children. Consider adult-to-adult behavior for a moment. When one grownup makes a request of another grownup and he does not comply, does yelling bring about obedience? Not only does it not stimulate conformity, but it actually sets up an attitude of resistance. Children respond the same way and here are several negative effects of constant exposure to yelling.

First, yelling at children attacks their humanity and self-esteems, the beliefs and feelings they have about themselves. Children need all the help they can get to maintain healthy self-esteems. Those who develop low confidences have trouble handling anxiety and finding solutions to common problems. They are easily frustrated, passive, withdrawn, and often suffer from depression. Since children's brains are still developing, it is hard for them to put labels on what they feel. They just know they hurt. On the other hand, children with healthy self-images handle conflicts well, resist negative pressures, smile a lot, and have optimistic outlooks on life.

Second, yelling desensitizes children to normal voice levels. Children should be expected to respond to conversational tones. However, when yelling is what they normally hear, commands, requests, questions, and the like, spoken in casual levels blend in with common environmental

sounds. Many children have auditory processing deficiencies and sounds are distorted to them. Yelling makes processing even more difficult because the muffled sounds are loud and the children's brains do not know what to do with them.

Incidentally, to communicate effectively with a child who is desensitized to a normal voice level by being yelled at, get in close contact. Tap him on the shoulder to establish eye contact. Then speak into his right ear in a conversational level voice, state the request, and ask the child to repeat it. If he cannot do so, restate the request and ask him again to repeat it back. If he can repeat it, wait until he complies.

Third, yelling sets a harmful model for the way children interact with other children and adults, including authority figures. When children display the learned, yelling behavior, it puts them in difficult situations that can result in social isolation as well as receiving disciplinary actions. Children become confused as to why they are punished for showing the same behavior modeled by adults.

The last negative effect of yelling at children is that it challenges or destroys their sense of safety. Children have an inherent right to feel that there are emotional and physical places where they can go and harm will not follow them. When children do not feel safe, they perceive they have no power over what happens to them. Many times they cannot put words to what they

Some sources take a position that constantly yelling at children is mental child abuse and is as toxic as physical child abuse. Often times, the sting of words and tones last a lifetime. Abuse that occurs during early child development can cause the child to grow into an adult with self-destructive behavior and abusive traits. It is well documented that without effective intervention, children who are abused go on to become abusers.

One more critical factor that research shows is that adults who constantly yell as a form of discipline oftentimes feel bad about it but do not have effective skills they can use. They are overwhelmed.

Even the most patient adult can reach a limit and occasionally raise the decibel of the voice. This behavior must not become commonplace. It is far more effective when working with children to have a standard of raising the voice when it is a matter of safety and adults need children's immediate attention and action. When grownups yell, "Stop," "Come back," or "Put that down," for example, children will know a critical situation exists maybe even a matter of life or death.

Adults who yell as a method of discipline must consider the harm it does and actively seek effective, non-threatening parenting skills. They should not let pride keep them from getting professional help. Many parenting classes are free and readily available.

The destiny of our country depends on producing healthy children who have bright outlooks on life. Each grownup is obligated to do what is necessary to influence them in a positive manner. That means being equipped with effective discipline tools. Yelling is not one of them.

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It is not always a lack of money that creates financial pressure. Many times it is simply a matter of attitude. If there is a right attitude toward money, freedom from financial bondage can be assured. God did not say that money and material things were problems; money is neither good nor bad. It is the use of money and the attitude toward money that is the problem. Therefore, Jesus regularly warned His followers to guard their hearts against greed, ego, and pride, because Satan can control God's people with these emotional tools. In the area of finances, God's people are extremely vulnerable. As such, they need to be encouraged to follow the necessary steps that will ensure money management according to God's plan, thus assuring financial freedom.

#### Transfer ownership

God has designated the most difficult step, transfer of ownership, as the first step. Once this has been accomplished, all other steps will fall into place.

As Christians, God expects that all possessions be transferred to Him. Since we can't literally place everything into His hands, this transfer becomes an act of faith. In essence, it means accepting the fact that God owns it all. Transferring ownership to God means that God owns all that we consider ours: clothes, car, home, family, income, debts, present, and future. Once ownership is transferred, God can begin to lead out of debt and into financial freedom. We then become stewards and managers of what belongs to Him.

So, if God is the owner of everything in Christians' lives, He can be trusted to change unhealthy spending habits (especially the abuse of credit cards) that cause debt, anxiety, and fear of the future. The key to maintaining this relationship is to understand properly the definition of stewardship. A steward is someone

who manages the property of another. As His stewards, we are responsible for managing His property in a way that will please Him. God will not force His will on us, but if we realize our responsibility and transfer everything to Him, He will keep His promise and provide for each and every need. The first step in achieving financial freedom is to realize that since God is in complete control, all that we are, do, have or ever will have must be transferred to Him.

#### Get out and stay out of debt

There are many ways to get into debt but only one sure way to get out and stay out of debt: self-discipline.

Regardless of income, disciplined debt elimination is mandatory in order for a money management plan that keeps Christians out of debt to function properly. Proverbs 27:12 says, "A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, the naive proceed and pay the penalty."

# Debt can best be eliminated by following these steps.

- 1. Transfer ownership of every possession to God (Psalms 8:6, Deuteronomy 5:32-33)
- 2. Allow no more debt, including bank and personal loans, and cut up all credit cards if unable to pay them off each month (Proverbs 24:3)
- 3. Develop a realistic balanced budget that will allow every creditor to receive as much as possible monthly (Proverbs 16:9)
- 4. Start retiring the debt (Psalms 37:21, Proverbs 3:27-28), beginning with the smallest debt first. Once the smallest is paid off, put all the money on the next, and so on.

Generally speaking, if these steps are followed, the average family will be debt free in less than five years and the problem that

caused the debt in the first place could very well have been corrected.

# In order to stay out of debt, two steps need to be followed.

- 1. Develop a written plan of all expenditures in order of importance. Determine whether the expenditure or purchase is a need (basic necessities such as food, clothing, and housing), a want (things that make life easier, such as more expensive clothes, a VCR, or air conditioning), or a desire (more expensive wants, such as designer clothes, a new BMW, or a wide-screen TV).
- 2. Open a savings account and get in the habit of putting something into the savings account regularly, perhaps every week or every month. The amount of deposit is not nearly as important as the consistency in making a deposit. This savings can then be used for specific purchases or emergencies, rather than making these purchases on credit.

#### Establish a tithe

Every Christian needs to give something back to God as a testimony to God's ownership. A tithe is the portion of our income that we give to God and to God's work. It should be the first part. "Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce" (Proverbs 3:9). Tithe means "tenth." This is the amount most Christians use as a guide for tithing, but it really should be just a starting point for our giving. It's through sharing that God's power in finances is brought into focus. "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6).

#### **Accept God's provision**

In order to maintain true financial peace, we must recognize and accept that God's provision—all that He gives—is what He has provided to direct our lives. Many Christians are under the impression that God directs financially only by an abundance of money.

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This is not necessarily true. Sometimes He directs by withholding financial abundance. As such, He expects His people to live on what He provides and not be pressured by the desire for riches and material possessions.

#### Put others first

Christians seeking financial freedom must always be willing to put other people first. "Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:9-10). It is not God's plan for us to get ahead in the world at the expense of others. Their welfare must be considered. "Do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

#### Avoid indulgence

Unfortunately, most Christians in America are self-indulgers, rarely passing up a want or a desire, much less a need. To achieve financial freedom, indulgences and the tendency to spend more than what can be afforded on things that are not needed must be avoided. Indulgence is greed. "But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints" (Ephesians 5:3).

Avoid snap decisions

Avoid impulse spending, getrich-quick schemes, and other financial decisions made through intimidation. "The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5). The best way to avoid these traps is to pray about each purchase, each financial decision, and each opportunity that is intended to produce extra income—especially if the de-

nity that is intended to produce extra income—especially if the decision will affect the family's financial welfare. "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes" (Psalm 37:7).

#### Conclusion

Most Christians have an upside-down view of money. They feel that the money they have is theirs and that God's money is the portion that they give to the church. God has a different view. As Lord, God, and King, He owns everything-including the money that we claim as our own. As such, He has clear ideas of how He wants His people to function and to make use of His possessions-ideas that result in financial freedom for His people, if they are followed step by step

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# IRS Announces Simplified Option for Claiming Home Office Deduction Starting This Year; Eligible Home-Based Businesses May Deduct up to \$1,500; Saves Taxpayers 1.6 Million Hours A Year

IR-2013-5, Jan. 15, 2013 WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue

vice today announced a simplified option that many owners of home-based businesses and some home-based workers may use to figure their deductions for the business use of their homes.

In tax year 2010, the most recent year for which figures are available, nearly 3.4 million taxpayers claimed deductions for business use of a home (commonly referred to as the home office deduction).

The new optional deduction, capped at \$1,500 per year based on \$5 a square foot for up to 300 square feet, will reduce the paperwork and recordkeeping burden on small businesses by an estimated 1.6 million hours annually.

"This is a common-sense rule to provide taxpayers an easier way to calculate and claim the home office deduction," said Acting IRS Commissioner Steven T. Miller. "The IRS continues to look for similar ways to combat complexity and encourages people to look at this option as they consider tax planning in 2013."

The new option provides eligible taxpayers an easier path to claiming the home office deduction. Currently, they are generally required to fill out a 43-line form (Form 8829) often with complex calculations of allocated expenses, depreciation and carryovers of unused deductions. Taxpayers claiming the optional deduction will complete a significantly simplified form.

Though homeowners using the new option cannot depreciate the portion of their home used in a trade or business, they can claim allowable mortgage interest, real estate

taxes and casualty losses on the home as itemized deductions on Schedule A. These deductions need not be allocated between personal and business use, as is required under the regular method.

Business expenses unrelated to the home, such as advertising, supplies and wages paid to employees are still fully deductible. Current restrictions on the home office deduction, such as the requirement that a home office must be used regularly and exclusively for business and the limit tied to the income derived from the particular business, still apply under the new option.

The new simplified option is available starting with the 2013 return most taxpayers file early in 2014. Further details on the new option can be found in Revenue Procedure 2013-13, posted today on IRS.gov. Revenue Procedure 2013-13 is effective for taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2013, and the IRS welcomes public comment on this new option to improve it for tax year 2014 and later years. There are three ways to submit comments.

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- Hand deliver to: CC:PA:LPD:PR (Rev. Proc. 2013-13), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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my family and I were on our way to visit someone, when we saw about a quarter of a mile before us was the scene and smell of great smoke. Because of that, traffic was being redirected. To my surprise later on that afternoon we watched on TV and saw

lowed that to happen, it must be because He has something better for us. For 'all things work together for the good of those who love Him', Romans 8:28"

The church at this time is in need of 1.5 million dollars in order to properly restore the church. Ef-





that it was "The Pelerin church on 119th Street that went up in smoke.

When I spoke to Pastor James Noe, he told me that it was a total loss and the church did not have insurance. Furthermore, Pastor Noe said that eyewitnesses told him that they saw a couple of young men on top of the roof that set fire on the church.

Since that time, his congregation been meeting under a tent adjacent to the church building. When I asked Pastor Noe how is he feeling about the whole experience. He replied by saying that "God gives, God takes. If God alfectively, Pastor James Noe and the Pilgrims Church congregants are in need of your prayers and financial donations.

"If you can reach out and help, God will richly bless you in return. It is more blessed to give than to receive. We will greatly appreciate your contribution to rebuild our sanctuary of worship."

According to Pastor James Noe, the church been in the community for iver 19 years. They have implemented programs to prevent early pregnancy, drug prevention, and help the destitute to come out of the streets.













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# THE INVADERS CAME in the middle of the night.

The Fulani Muslim warriors entered the Nigerian village of Dogo Nahawa and began pointing out which homes belonged to Christians. Then, they attacked, slashing limbs, shooting guns, and burning houses. In the space of a few hours, around 500 Christians were slaughtered. Hundreds more were injured, including 4-year-old Grace Danjuma, whose left arm was severed by the warriors. It was clear that the attack was carefully planned and executed.

VOMedical personnel were on the ground almost immediately, assessing wounds and seeing how VOM could meet needs. In the years since that March 2010 incident, VOM workers have paid medical bills, helped patients get needed treatment, set up small businesses to support widowed women and paid for the reconstruction of destroyed homes.

In 2012, we were honored to be a part of a memorial service for the victims, celebrating with the survivors and promising to stand with them. Grace Danjuma was there, now a healthy 6-year-old. She and the other victims of the Dogo Nahawa massacre were helped through VOM's Families of Martyrs fund and our VOMedical program.

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#### Iraq: Outreach to Persecuted Christians

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According to Forbes, Iraq is one of the most violent countries in the world. Christians have been the targets of Islamic terrorism. Half to two-thirds of the Christians have packed their bags and left the country since 2003. Many of those who have not left Iraq have fled to other cities and they're under a constant threat of violence.

The Voice of the Martyrs in Canada, USA, New Zealand and Finland, in partnership with United Bible Society of Iraq, responded to this violence by providing Christians with gifts of Bibles, blankets and food. The Christmas Blessing Outreach encouraged our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to remember that they are not forgotten.

# Malaysia: Christians Tortured in "Purification" Facilities December 2012 issue, page 4

About two hours from the capital city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, an isolated encampment lies hidden in the jungle where Christian converts say they have been taken to, to be forced to return to Islam.

Few Malays are aware that more than six of these encampments exist around the country. The Malay government calls these facilities "retreat centers," and some Muslims willingly visit to strengthen their faith. However, a sign found near the encampment calls the facility a "purification center." If staying here is voluntary then why do fences topped with barbed wire encircle the facility?

# Isaiah Captures Our Heart

sanctity of human life. Yet, they knew the months ahead would be hard.

amazing life saving work on a daily basis. As much as I would like to express in my own words the beautiful stories, I fall short of relaying how God is glorified with each life saved and each life transformed. This ministry is so close to the heart of our Lord. Nothing is more important to God than the rescuing of innocent lives. That is why

He gave His life on Calvary for you and for me.

Lydia came to the North Miami Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic in January

2010 for a pregnancy test. She was married and already had four children. Because of her age, Lydia was high risk and vulnerable. Our ultrasound confirmed that she was almost 9 weeks pregnant. We referred her to one of our physicians for pre-natal care but she was transferred to a high-risk doctor for several tests. At this point, Lydia did not know what was goin g on. However, the doctors suspected something and the blood work detected there was a very strong possibility that her baby was Down Syndrome. At that very moment, Lydia's heart sank and instead of support, all she heard was "Abort now while it is still early because most likely the baby will not make it and if he does, there will be a lot of complications." Lydia and her husband believed in the



At every doctor's appointment, they tried to convince her that abortion would be the best thing. "Why would you want to go through this? You already have four healthy children!" Those were the words she would hear over and over again. Lydia and

her husband continued to pray and ask God for strength. They came back to our clinic. She knew that we would be there to encourage her, to embrace her and to pray with her. Lourdes, our ultrasound technician, sat with Lydia and lovingly gave her facts about Down Syndrome babies. Over 90% of

pregnancies with a pre-natal diagnosis of Down Syndrome are aborted (a meta-analysis concludes that 92% world-wide are terminated), according to studies provided by Dr. Brian Skotko of Children's Hospital in Boston.

Oh how I praise God that Heartbeat of Miami is a voice for the voiceless! Lourdes shared with Lydia how these precious babies were God's gifts to our world. There are thousands of people out there that are willing to adopt these babies. Did you know that Down Syndrome children do not have an understanding of malice? They love, they trust and even when they are hurt, their extra chromosome enables them to forgive and forget.

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Well, Lydia and Mel became the proud parents of Baby Isaiah on July 22, 2010. Yes, indeed he was Down Syndrome but more important than that, Isaiah was the cutest baby in that hospital. Oh how this family welcomed this precious child! From the moment he was born, he won the hearts of his parents, brothers and sisters. Isaiah also captured our heart. Isaiah celebrated his 2nd birthday last month and he is as healthy as healthy can be! He is fun, he is witty, he is a bundle of joy and their home is filled with giggles, with laughter, peace and God's presence. Baby Isaiah has a lot to do with it.

Two days ago he came back to our clinic to pose for pictures and for a video that will touch your heart. All the time he was there he just wanted to play "pick-a-boo" with me and grab my face for a kiss. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to see these beautiful stories unfold. Our wonderful God chose you and me to be a part of such wonder, such love, and such amazing grace! I am so grateful to God for you because your support makes all of this happen. This is Isaiah's video.

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:

Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well."

Psalm 139:14

Please share our mission with others. It is only through the faithful support of God's people that we are able to do this work. These past five years of serving the community of Miami-Dade County has been difficult, but I must say that it has been the most rewarding five years of my life!

Do you realize what a blessing you are to Heartbeat of Miami? Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly giver. You can be assured that every single penny donated to this wonderful ministry goes further than what you can even imagine! I cannot express in a newsletter what you all mean to me and to this ministry that is so close to the heart of God.

May our Lord bless you abundantly as you have blessed us.

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New fee allows USCIS to recover the costs of processing immigrant visas after individuals receive their visa packages from the Department of State abroad

WASHINGTON—On Feb. 1, 2013,U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin collecting a new USCIS Immigrant Fee of \$165 from foreign nationals seeking permanent residence in the United States. This new fee was established in USCIS's final rule adjusting fees for immigration applications and petitions announced on Sept. 24, 2010.

USCIS has worked closely with the Department of State (DOS) to implement the new fee which allows USCIS to recover the costs of processing immigrant visas in the United States after immigrant visa holders receive their visa packages from DOS. This includes staff time to handle, file and maintain the immigrant visa package, and the cost of producing and delivering the permanent resident card. The implementation of this new fee is further detailed in a Federal Register notice scheduled for publication tomorrow.

In order to simplify and centralize the payment process, applicants will pay online through the USCIS website after they receive their visa package from DOS and

USCIS processes approximately 36,000 immigrant visa packages each month. Prospective adoptive parents whose child will enter the United States under the Orphan or Hague processes are exempt from the new fee.

For more information visit our USCIS Immigrant Fee webpage.

For general information on USCIS and its programs, please visit www.uscis.gov or follow us on Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/uscis) and the USCIS blog The Beacon.

USCIS to Close its Office in Panama City, Panama, on Feb. 1

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services sent this bulletin at 12/20/2012 11:38 AM FST

USCIS will permanently close its field office in Panama City, Panama, on Feb. 1, 2013.

The Panama City Field Office had jurisdiction over Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, French Guiana, and Suriname. After Feb. 1, 2013, these countries will be in the jurisdiction of existing USCIS field offices, as follows:

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