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Beloved Partners and Friends,

**What we hear determines how we think and how we think determines how we behave. How we behave determines what we become.** In Christ it should not be this way but it more than often is. That is all because of the Adam in us and Jesus wants us to reflect Him in everything that we do and say. That is why we should focus on: *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*

If we associate with the world for long enough, it will rub off on us and gradually change us to become more like it. We are in the world but should never become part of it. We are destined for heavenly places and we can enjoy all of the glories of God’s creation here and not be sucked in by the world and everything that is profane and sordid. Time is short and as the spiritual battle between the forces of heaven and the forces of hell rage closer and closer to earth we are going to be seeing more evil. Hollywood is often ahead of the times with some of their movies. There have been a spate of incredibly violent and demonic movies out and then there was “2012” in which, I gather, the elite and the animals were actually saved by the building of arks. There is nothing new under the sun but Hollywood forgets that God promised He would never again wipe out the world with a flood. They did get the part right about only an elite being worth saving and it is those “elite” that are working to control every economic, political and war situation in the world at this very moment.

We always think that we can change someone to fit the way that we think they should be. When we

## THE POTTER

meet someone and fall in love we are so sure that we can change those things in them that we have a problem with. It does not happen and even if it is the smallest of things it is the little foxes that spoil the vine and they suddenly become mountains in our lives. How often do we hear— “we got into a fight because he did not squeeze the toothpaste tube the right way,” or “I get so mad because she will not put the toilet roll on the right way?”

I cannot change situations and circumstances but God can and He will use me to do it just as He has always used man—by the power of prayer and intercession. He is a sovereign God but He seldom operates in His sovereignty. He prefers to use you and me - flawed vessels that He created in His image - vessels that He can mold and shape if we make ourselves freely available. It is not a pleasant experience. Have you ever watched a potter at work? I have been to the Passion Play in Arkansas a number of times and my favorite place to go before the show is to see the Parables of the Potter. The potter sits at his wheel and tell parables as he works. He kneads that clay and spins it on His wheel (some of us need to be spun so fast that it spins the crud out of us) all the time pulling and pushing with His hands and when the clay becomes too hard He adds some water to soften us again. Finally He has this vessel which He then adds decorations to by using sharp instruments. The more He uses the instruments the more beautiful the vessel becomes: but what pain as He fashions us into something beautiful! He then applies the varnish or paint and just when we think it is all over and we are just as He wants us to be He goes and places us in the oven. This is when we really want to quit but it is the most crucial part as it gives us the finish and strength. When He takes us out of the furnace and looks at us His face is reflected. How we should all long to be His reflection on the earth today! It should be our utmost desire to have people see Him in us wherever we go.

So, when things seem to get to where you think you cannot bear one more moment it is time to think on those lovely things that He has created for our pleasure and time to lose yourself in praising and worshipping Him for who He is. Pull over to the side of the road,

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drop whatever you are doing in the kitchen, run to the nearest place where you and He can be alone together and start to worship. He can solve all of my problems and walk me through all of my situations and He is my best friend and can be yours as well. There is nothing more glorious than rising early in the morning as the sun comes up. The sky is a myriad of colors and the birds' songs are so clear because the hustle and bustle of the day has not started. If you are fortunate enough to live at the edge of a city the deer may still be grazing next to the house and the ground hog will be popping his head up and down watching for danger as he grazes on the clover. Everything is still and the air is sweet and it is a NEW day for NEW beginnings for each of us. What a wonderful way to start the day—reflecting on God's glory and in His creation. He made all this for us. If you have not done this for some time you need to try it. He is everywhere and in everything that is magnificent and glorious. I guarantee that as you meet with Him in the early morning your day will be changed from one of defeat to one of great victory. Every day with Him is a day of excitement and anticipation—"What is He going to do today? How is He going to use me to impact the lives of those around me? How is He going to open doors for me to minister? How am I going to be the light and the salt? Life is exciting even when it seems that everything is against us and when nothing seems to be going our way. When you know that you are doing what He has called you to, do not let anyone rob you of your calling or your joy in Him. We do not have to impress anyone as it is only His opinion that counts.

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## **FINLAND**

The outcome of the Finnish national elections has left many people in utter shock but it has spoken a sure word into the nation. It cannot be "business as usual" in Finnish politics and that is good and refreshing. Nothing now is going to be certain and that is also good. What is abundantly clear to me is that the nation needs some solid, uncompromising

leadership and the guts and courage of conviction to say, "NO!" especially to Europe.

The natural is a reflection of the spiritual. There has been a turn in the spirit over the nation of Finland. The Lord has heard the cries from the sincere hearts of saints who will not give up. This nation is a NATION OF DESTINY and it is long overdue that believers trusted this and stopped doubting. The tragedy is that most believers are deceived into thinking, "What can my prayer accomplish?" "Will God hear my cries?" Revelation is quite clear on this matter where over and over the prayers of the saints have tremendous power. The Lord collects every tear and every cry and every prayer and every sigh. How do you not know, dear saint, that your tear is not the one that finally fills the cup to overflowing? Please, do not therefore withhold your tears or your cries. God heard the crying and sighing of the children of Israel under their heavy Egyptian bondage. I tell you, there are not enough believers sighing and crying today for the simple reason that few believe that God is listening let alone doing something about it. Indeed, the whole creation is groaning and travailing for the manifestation of the glorious ones who live the true Kingdom life and march to an altogether different drum beat than the majority are doing. God is calling you to join the ranks of those who will not stop their sighing and crying until something happens in the natural. Listen! Listen!! LISTEN!!! I hear the sound of the wind in the mulberry trees and it is blowing, "Revival!" "Revival!!" "REVIVAL!!!" Somebody has been paying the price to touch heaven and heaven is listening.

Clean house, beloved of the Lord. The first thing that is going to happen when God visits is repentance, good old-fashioned repentance. The conviction of the blessed Holy Spirit is going to be so enormous that people will collapse under the overwhelming burden of their rotten, corrupt, selfish lives. From pastors in the pulpits and saints in the pews to farmers in the field and politicians in the parliament a great wave of conviction is going to expose every corrupt and selfish practice and deal. People are going to have to make right with one another and are going to have to go to one another and ask and receive forgiveness of one another no matter what the offense might have been. There are wounds so deep in this nation as to be frightening and the saddest part is that the church has never bothered to address those issues because altogether too often, the men of the church are as sick as anyone else. The answer is simple and clearly presented in God's Word: DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU and, IF YOU WILL NOT FORGIVE NEITHER WILL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER FORGIVE YOU. Why is burn out such an issue in Finland? The answer is simply UNFORGIVENESS, BITTERNESS and ANGER. These three emotions do untold damage to the liver which is the key organ for the health of the human body. If the liver is not functioning properly then the entire body will be sick and it is from the break-down of this organ that all cancers begin.

Make right on every level NOW whilst you have the chance to take the initiative in accordance with the glorious Word. If you do not, the Lord will expose you in the day that He visits and it will be mightily embarrassing when He forces you to your knees in front of your enemies. It never ceases to amaze me as to how sure we are that we are always right and everybody else is wrong. Wow, what arrogance of the Adam nature. The remarkable fact is that Christ was always right and the Christ nature is always right even though we do not like it. If you, beloved, are offended with the Christ nature in any way, it is because you are still ADAM! Yes, you may find comfort and justification in hanging on to Adam but he is utterly selfish and corrupt and in him dwells no good thing.

When God visits, He is going to be so big that all of the petty desires for recognition, adulation, self-glory and arrogance will melt away because, quite frankly, nobody will give a care about peoples' riches, power, position or name. From King to Commoner, there will be ONE STANDARD and all will be required to bow to that ONE STANDARD, Jesus Christ the KING OF KINGS and the demands of His glorious Word. Let us get our hearts right now and that begins with changing our attitudes and obeying His Word. The only thing that will get hurt in obeying His Word is your pride and that surely needs to die. True REVIVAL is about the RESTORATION OF GOD'S GLORY by His Church who has robbed Him for too long through selfish ambition and personal vain glory.

REVIVAL changes all and puts everything back into correct perspective and that is simply, "God is everything and we are

## CHICAGO CONFERENCE

We realize that times are tough and that it is a sacrifice on your part with the cost of travel and the cost of the hotel but we are not charging a registration fee. We still need to know ahead of time who is planning to

come so that we can have name tags made and handed out on your arrival. We also need you to decide ahead of time what meal you would like to order as the hotel have to have numbers for catering. If you did not get the flier we do need to know if you want Roast pork and chicken or roast beef and chicken at the banquet and you can email or call the office and let us know and register at the same time.

Please do not leave bookings until the last minute as once we lose the rooms we will not be able to get them back at the same price. You may book on line by going to the following web address:

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHIRMES-SKM-20110814/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHIRMES-SKM-20110814/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG).

If you intend to spend longer in Chicago the hotel have agreed to give us that rate before and after the conference but in order to do that you have to call them on (847) 737-4619 and ask for Lisa Koehler. You will not get the rate trying to book on line.

## MISSION TO MOZABIQUE

At the end of Feb. Patterson (my translator and fellow bible student) and I left on a trip out into the villages via public transport. We went to the bus stop at 9am and waited in the hot sun for 3 short hours for our bus to fill up with passengers and leave. From there it only took 2 1/2 hours to travel the 50 miles to the end of that bus route where we jumped into another one that took us 10 more miles. Just one more mini bus ride (which we were very lucky to find way out in the middle of nowhere) that took us the remaining 5 miles. About 4pm we reached our destination for the night, along the Mozambique border. We slept at the overseer's house. In the morning we decided we would visit the 6 closest churches within the next two weeks. Next we had to get permission from the local police to cross the nonexistent border into Mozambique, which is not hard to do if you have all day. By mid-afternoon we boarded a bicycle taxi to take us five miles into Moz. to the first church. A bicycle taxi is a regular bike with an extra seat welded on over the back wheel, generally made from scraps of rebar. They had heard a white Pastor was coming to see them and they had all gathered at the church and were waiting for us all day. When we finally arrived they welcomed us with shouts of joy and singing. After all a white man or Azungu as they call me, had never been in their village before. This church shared one Bible and had never really heard the gospel preached before. You may ask why they didn't just read the gospel in their Bible; well you don't understand the demonic oppression they are under that has darkened their minds to the truth. That night it was like preaching to brick wall. In the weeks previous to this we had gathered every morning to intercede for the churches and the ministry teams going out to visit them. Now it was time for God to show Himself strong and answer the cry of our hearts. Once again I found myself crying out to God to come and break through and open their eyes to the truth. The next morning before the service we took authority in the spirit as best we knew how and entered the church with new vigor. Again I preached the simple gospel; man created in God's image, sin entered the world by one man, all men sinners by birth, separated by sin and in need of a savior as the only possible way back to Him. It was different today, they were really listening. You could see the conviction on their faces. When I gave the invitation almost the whole church instantly stood up, repented and were gloriously born into God's family! With the Holy Spirit's presence so strong I kept right on teaching about the kingdom of light and darkness and how they have no

doctor's charms off their babies, repented of their involvement in witchcraft and gave their children to the Lord. Oh how beautiful it was to see God change their hearts. We had one more service there before we had to leave in the morning. I was awe struck at the presence of the Lord that descended that night. The whole church sang and danced with a freedom you rarely see. The Lord had heard the cry of our hearts and had moved. This was His work and clearly not ours. Oh what a privilege it is, as a weak, yet surrendered vessel to be used of an almighty God.

At the next service I was awe struck at the presence of the Lord that descended. The whole church sang and danced with total freedom. The Lord had heard the cry of our hearts and had moved. This was His work and clearly not ours. Oh what a privilege it is, as a weak, yet surrendered vessel to be used of an almighty God.

It's not all bliss out in the bush though. The next church saw no need of repentance and did not want to be born again. This only proves that unless God breaks through the powers of darkness and convicts we are helpless. Unless God builds the house, those who labor, labor in vain.

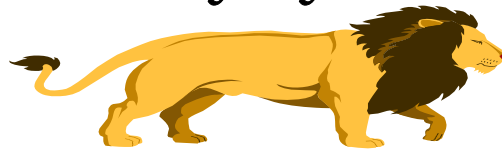
One of the next branches was about 15 miles away. The Pastor of this church happened to have this little old Toyota pickup. He said he would collect us if we helped pay for the gas. He finally came right on time, African time that is, 6 hours late. We threw our luggage in and jumped in the back, but the Pastor said I should ride in the cab with him. I declined and said I'd be fine, but he insisted. I didn't ask him why I should ride in a hot, sweaty, cab when there's good fresh air to be had but I soon found out why. The truck had to be push started as the clutch had long since ceased to exist so he had so SLAM it into gear which caused some whip lash as the truck took off at full speed. The guys pushing would run after it until the driver could slow it down enough for them to catch up. If he pumped the brake hard enough one front wheel would lock up. The gas tank was a 2 liter Coke bottle under the dash which soon ran out and we had to repeat the whole jump start again. We had wonderful services there. Oh the joys of giving all to a savior who gave his all. I've decided to stay here a bit longer then I had originally planned, hopefully until the end of 2012.

So many people like me, are in such a hurry to get on to the next thing in life that they never enjoy the time God has them in at present. We want everything to happen right now but God is never in a hurry, and I'm learning to "rest" and let Him worry about the future. It's only in that rest that we really start to take JOY in where God has us right now. Take care of God's business and He'll take care of yours. R.G. Iowa

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<h2>UPDATES</h2>
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Don't forget the container!!!!

We plan on sending a container out to Africa in the Spring. We have been donated a vehicle for the school which is full of items for our new school clinic. This clinic will not only serve the school but also the Bible College once it opens. If you have anything you would like to send such as clothing and kitchen requirements for the elderly OR items to furnish the Bible School studio apartments please send them as soon as possible to:

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c/o I.C. Fluid Power, Attention Jordan,  
63 Dixie Hwy, Rossford OH 43460  
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We will have two books ready for the conference in August. These books are being edited at the moment. It has been some time since we released anything new.

The first book is called "TRUE TRAVAIL." The second book is on Healing

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The office in the States is in the process of moving to the Kansas City MO area. All mail will be forwarded to the new P.O. Box in Kansas City for the next six months. The new address is:  
Shekinah Ministries

### TAPES AND DVD'S

Sermon on the Mount	8 tapes
Revival	8 tapes
Until All Have Heard	5 tapes
The Bride	6 tapes
Repentance	6 tapes
Over the Top	4 tapes
Unity of the Brethren	4 tapes
Break Through to Freedom	3 tapes
Issues of the Heart	3 tapes
Chicago Conference (Obedience)	3 tapes
DVD Creation/CD Creation	\$15
Intercession DVD (6 hours)	\$40
Intercession DVD Pt 2 (3 hours)	\$20
White unto Harvest DVD and CD	\$40

Tapes are \$4 each so a set of 8 tapes would be \$32.

We are having a sale of tape sets until present stock runs out. We then plan to go to CD's.

These tapes are on sale:

Until All Have Heard	\$15	5 tapes
Georgia Conference	\$10	4 tapes
Over the Top	\$10	4 tapes
The Bride	\$18	6 tapes
Repentance	\$18	6 tapes
Chicago Conference	\$ 9	3 tapes