

DEVOTIONAL

Psalm 145:11-12 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

What a theme! The Lord reigns as sovereign Lord of all, His majesty in that dominion, and the glory of that majesty! How shall we make this known to the sons of men? Let us first labour to know it ourselves, and then let us make it a frequent subject of conversation, so people shall know it from us, as the Holy Spirit confirms our words. - Charles Spurgeon

- They shall speak of (vs 11&12)
- The Glory of His Kingdom.
- The Greatness of His kingdom.
- The Power of His Kingdom:
- The Perpetuity of Gods Kingdom,
- The Purity of Gods Kingdom

Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

As we treasure God above and before all things He alone will become our hearts desire and it will our natural response to speak of His character and mighty acts to all people.

Throughout the psalm we are we are shown not only how to worship God but

also why we should worship God

We should praise God from day to day. Each day should be filled with the praise of our Lord for His mercies.

We should praise God from generation to generation. Each generation is responsible for teaching the next generation about the Lord.

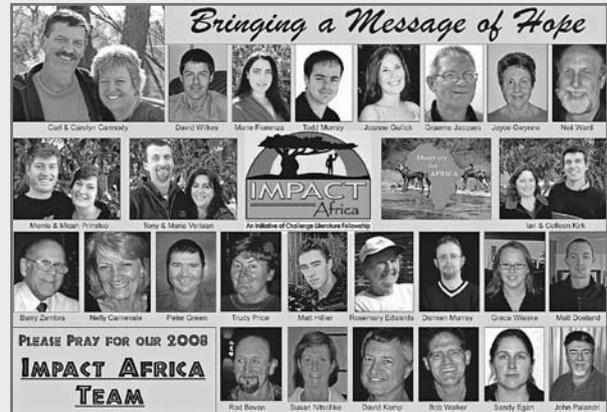
We should praise God from nation to nation. Go into the whole world making The Lord known to all peoples and nations that they may observe His commandments.

Praise God from need to need. His grace is sufficient for you; He knows your needs and provides for you as your Heavenly Father.

Vs 11 They shall speak... and talk. Joy and sorrow are hard to conceal; as from the countenance, so from the tongue. There is so much correspondence between the heart and tongue that they will move together and so everyone speaks of their treasure. If our heart is full of God, our tongue could not refrain from talking about Him. If Christ is not in our hearts, we are godless; if he is there without our joy, we are senseless; if we rejoice in him and speak not of him, we are shamefully unthankful. Every man talks of, and finds occasion, to speak of what he likes. As I will think of you always, O Lord, so it shall be my joy to speak of you always; and if I find no opportunity, I will make it. – Joseph Hall.

Psalm 57:9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations

SOUTH AFRICA
A COUNTRY FOCUS



We have just returned from another amazing trip to South Africa. This year we had a team of 30 come and share in three weeks of different ministries. It is so difficult to put into words what we experienced and what we saw but I think it can be summed up as follows:

- We saw God demonstrate His power and authority
- We saw God's constant protection and guidance over us every step of the way

Prison Ministry

Our team had the opportunity to go to juvenile, women's, remand and maximum security sections of Diepkloof the main prison in Johannesburg. We had the opportunity each day to distribute the Challenge newspaper and from there to share God's message of salvation one on one with prisoners. Many on the team had the privilege of bringing someone to new life in Christ for the first time. To date World Hope Prison Ministries have received 750 commitment slips from our time in Diepkloof. Each person is followed up with a visit and a salvation booklet. Once this is completed they begin a discipleship course and receive a bible. There are now 22 000 prisoners currently being discipled.

VBS Ministry

Our program was Creation to Christ over five days. We had 110 children on the first day followed by 178 the following day. Our last three days at Zamimpilo we averaged around 200 children per day. It was very cold for two of these days and yet the children still came, some with very little clothing on. The children were very responsive to the message of salvation and we were able to pray with many after the final day.

Paper distribution

Each afternoon we went to different spots around Johannesburg to hand out Challenge newspapers. We were able to distribute at Johannesburg railway station 17,000 in just on 2 hours (early morning period) and the following day 18,000 in 5 hours.

If you would like to join the next Impact Africa trip for 2009 please contact the office:

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DARRYL BUDGE

STAFF PERSONAL PROFILE



Having lived in Western Australia all my life, I daily pinch myself that I am personally involved, as Challenge's Assistant Editor, in telling people all over the world about the Lord Jesus Christ.

I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful Christian family to be raised by. For all of my early life, my parents were involved in discipling and encouraging new Christians.

Like many kids in Christian homes, I made a first-time commitment at age eight, when one night I realised I wouldn't be going to heaven unless I knew Jesus personally. When I was 12, I remember asking God to show His reality to me.

Less than a year later, my family dramatically changed. My mother's health broke down and she was eventually diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. I was awe-struck by God's faithfulness as my mother slowly recovered by depending on God's strength for each day.

Through high school, I had an aptitude for essay writing, research and critical thinking, and really enjoyed English Literature, History and Economics. In 2001, my final year of high school, I was baptised, as I wanted to publicly declare my faith in Christ.

I didn't really know what career I wanted to pursue, but after prayer and talking with my family, I started a degree in Justice Studies at ECU, Joondalup. That first year, I volunteered at Scripture Union on reception duties and really enjoyed my time there.

The following March, Challenge's managing editor Carl Carmody visited my church and mentioned the prayer need for a journalist. Less than a month later, after receiving confirmation in many ways and a short interview, I started working at Challenge 2-3 days a week in between my university studies. It is a 1.5 hour commute each day, but from the very first day, I have known wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ and, most of all, very much appreciated the man God has appointed as my mentor,



praying for and encouraging me daily.

In 2005, I had the joy of going on Challenge' annual short term mission trip to South Africa, visiting people in squatter camps, prisons, tenement areas and on the street to tell them about Jesus through our South African edition and talking one-to-one. For me, seeing the way in which God wants to use me to tell others about Him, I am so humbled and excited by what God has in store for me.

Since completing my degree in Justice Studies in 2006, I have been working full-time as the main copywriter, journalist and assistant editor, and have seen God increasing my skills and love for telling people about Christ. There have been some really rocky times where I have seen God's faithful protection and love, which have made me more certain today than ever before that the only name under heaven by which man can be saved is Jesus Christ.

I pray that you too may know Him as your Lord and Saviour.

POINTS TO PONDER

PRAISE POINTS

- Praise God for the privilege of serving Him in South Africa and for all the responses that we saw.
- Praise God for the encouragement that people are receiving as they distribute the paper and for the responses from non-Christians as a result, both here in Australia and overseas.
- Praise God for the volunteers who come in and help with the wrap and distribution.
- For the finances that have come in and for the personal support people have committed to.

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for an editor to assist Darryl in producing the 12 editions of the paper.
- Continued prayer for the ongoing finances.
- That the paper will be wisely used and prayerfully distributed.
- Pray for our partner organisations around the world
- Project Funding
 - a) Bikes b) Extra Bibles required
 - c) Print Run Increases
 - Malawi from 10,000 to 20,000
 - Kenyan from 15,000 to 30,000

MY RESPONSE

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with God's help I would like to be a partner in supporting Darryl Budge with his ministry at Challenge in the following way(s):

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Financial: Please receive my: Monthly Quarterly Yearly One time contribution of:

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