



*A Great Place To Grow in  
Christ  
For the Entire Family*

<b>March 5, 2017</b>
<b>This Weeks Events</b>
<b>Today:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Bible 101: Matthew 7</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Victory or Defeat</i> —Tim Lee 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible: Regeneration</i> —Pastor
<b>Upcoming Events</b>
<b>March 12, 2017:</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time POTLUCK</i> —Dee Coale
<b>July 9, 2017:</b> <i>MISSIONARY TO GREENLAND</i> —J.R. Wright Family

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# Discouragement



Ron Coale

Every Christian should be of good courage. It is one of the keys to living a successful Christian life. God knows that there are times when a Christian will face discouragement. Joshua faced discouragement. God told him to be, "...of good courage..." (Joshua 1:9) because He didn't want him to be overcome with discouragement.

Discouragement is one of the greatest tools that Satan has in his arsenal to sideline a Christian. If he can get a Christian discouraged, then God's overall plan for that Christian will be spoiled; The Christian will be vulnerable and will eventually be of little use in service for God.

A Christian experiences discouragement when he lacks confidence in God or his ability to walk with God rightly. This is the root cause that makes many Christians quit walking with God altogether. They feel, "What's the point? I'm just going to fail again." To combat this, they need to understand discouragement and seek the face of God. They should seek a renewed relationship with Him. They should know He promises to give them protection and power and that they are always a part

of His family, no matter what. Sometimes this takes prayer and fasting to get victory over. Other times it does not. It depends on how far the Christian has gone in setting his sights on worldly answers instead of God's promises.

If a Christian lacks confidence in himself, a reminder of the faith that he has in Jesus and the authority that the Father has given Him should be sought. A faith in God can win any battle. It will bring us out of discouragement and increase our desire to walk with Him. This can be accomplished by getting your eyes off your problems and putting them on Jesus. No matter how discouraged we may become, God is always in charge. We forget this when we focus on how impossible our problem seems to be, rather than keeping our eyes upon Jesus.

Christians face tremendous adversities every day. These adversities seem as if they will never be overcome, but God has given us the power, through the name of Jesus Christ His Son, to have victory over them. Even if they are spiritual traps which Satan sets in the pathway of our life, God has given us the power for victory. If they are extreme physical, or even mental

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## THE MEYER FAMILY

Michael, Carol, Abigail, & Lydia  
MISSIONARIES TO

MEXICO



Brethren

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

The New Year brings good news from our part of the world. The Lord has allowed us to minister to others in different places and different ways. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to take the good news to whomsoever he puts in our path. It is a privilege to share in the labors of others as we serve the same great God and Savior. There is so much work to be done and few laborers. Pray that we may help raise up some more workers in our mission field.

Praise the Lord for the salvation of Juan Morales of Bellavista. His wife, Mayra was saved last December at the Christmas program that Bro. Jones has every year, and has been coming to church. Juan is able to make it sometimes to the services when he is free from his busy job schedule. I was able to make some visits to their home, and he trusted Christ in January. We now are spending time together in discipleship; Juan speaks English and has a desire to learn and change. Glory to God for his decision recently to stop drinking alcohol.

Carol will be teaching a few interested ladies from Bro. Jones' churches how to disciple believers. I have also enjoyed helping with the services while Raymond and his assistant pastor, Antonio went on a recent missions trip to the southern part of Mexico. We are now preaching in the open markets in Acatlán and Bellavista with the hopes of souls saved and added to the church.

We continue to evangelize and disciple believers in Tapalpa. We are grateful for the recent help of Pastor Antonio and the youth from Bro. Jones' churches. Years ago I never imagined that a group of young folks would be fellowshiping and singing in our neighbor's houses. It is a reality now, and what a blessing and testimony it is to the people in Tapalpa. I hope to see more opportunities for these to minister all over town, and that the people take note that the Meyer family is not the only one trying to reach them with the Gospel. Pray for much needed discipleship for the following contacts in Tapalpa, and that they will become faithful and fruitful in their testimonies to their families, friends, and neighbors: Ricardo Rodriguez, José Muñoz; José Cruz and his sons, José and Alejandro; Horacio and Refugio; and Miriam. We have been doing a lot of traveling to help these folks, so pray for safety and profitable time spent.

In His Service,

Michael & Carol Meyer (I Peter 4:10-11)

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problems, God has given us the power to obtain victory. This victory comes from the faith that we have in Jesus and His ability to command. Anything we ask of the Father, in Jesus' name, if we believe in Jesus, we shall receive.

Faith to believe comes from reading the word of God. Only then can we know what His perfect will is for our life. Without knowing His word, we cannot ever understand Him, or His plan for us. We must stay in touch with God. If we do, then we will have the right desires in our heart, and they will agree with His perfect will. We will pray for things according to His plan for us, and we can be sure to receive them because we will understand the mind of He whom we pray to.

There are many reasons why people become discouraged. Each personality is different and each circumstance is different. There is no hard and fast rule that says when a person is reaching their discouragement zone. But, here are a few common reasons for discouragement. People get discouraged:

Because they try to please others and fail.

Because of abuse; either verbal or physical.

Because they have and unanswered prayer in their life.

Because of financial pressure brought on by bad decisions they made in the past.

Whatever the cause of discouragement, the Christian needs to realize that God still loves them, He is forgiving, and wants to help us overcome the discouragement. God wants the very best for His people. He realizes that we make mistakes. And He is always willing to help us to learn from our mistakes, so that we do not have to be discouraged again.

At the same time, we should never forget that we are human, and we will always make mistakes. We must realize our wrong, and call upon His name. This is what the people of Israel had to do, when they had been taken captive by the Babylonians. They had to realize what they had done wrong, humble themselves before God, and call out for His help (2 Chron. 7:14). If they had chosen to stay in discouraged, and feel sorry for themselves, they would never have received God's help. When we realize that we have done wrong, we must also do the same as God commanded of the children of Israel,

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“And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:” Mt 15:10;  
“When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.” Mt 13:19

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I had the opportunity in February to travel to Caia, Morrumbala and Gorongoza for a week. We have not been to these areas since I returned from furlough because of violence on the routes between warring political groups in the country. They called a cease fire for the first three months of the new year which we hope will lead to a long term agreement. We witnessed a lot of abandoned homes along the way and the folks that haven't left their homes have suffered from a weakened economy in addition to last year's draught. That context led to a question from a young man at a half day meeting in Gorongoza that asked, “Are we important to God?” It was my first time meeting these folks and my response was real simple when you consider eternity, but I've not walked in their steps. We had a morning session where I preached salvation talking of Adam and Eve for 2 hours. At the end of the session a man came forward for salvation. I continued with the same after lunch on Cain and Abel and recognized that in spite of a lot of positive responses, these folks (between 30 and 40 adults) did not understand salvation. Through the whole meeting I probably gave 4 or 5 invitations and had two people raise their hands that they had received Jesus Christ and salvation as a free gift. Toward the end I was concerned by a disruption from a lady seated toward the back (one of the two that raised their hands) so I stopped preaching to find out what was wrong. She responded by saying she was exhorting the men around her saying that “if this man came to us preaching the truth, then we need to receive what he is saying.” In the end, no one else responded so we left. Please pray for these folks. They received a lot of truth and know it. I'm not sure what they will do with it, but I think cultural barriers can limit us some times. For example, I spoke Portuguese. I believe if I would have presented in their native tongue I may have had more of an influence with them. And yes, I'm white too, BUT, the truth is the truth. I was rebuked by two different people this last month that told me I was wrong in “wanting a competition.” I told both of them that I was just interested in the truth!

We had another saved at our meeting in Caia and had a real blessing in Morrumbala where there is a pastor that is the first person in Mozambique to complete our Regra study, almost 1000 pages going through the whole Bible, which takes about 4 years to complete. These folks still have some doctrinal weaknesses, but they are making progress and expressed interest in starting our MBI (Mobile Bible Institute). We left them an MP3 player with about 200 hours of teachings, along with some books. We'll see how it goes. I was “o dono da viagem” which translated means “the owner of the trip.” You probably didn't know it, but that makes me the privileged guest and I get the best portion at mealtime. Probably puts Benjamin's portion to shame! I never knew you could make goat intestines look like a flower! I learned from another missionary to teach generosity at these times, but in the end I was reminded of a game show I saw as a child called “Name That Tune.” You try to name the tune after hearing the fewest notes possible. Well, my thought was, I can eat that piece in three bites . . . two bites . . . one! Thank the Lord I made it home to the comfort of my own bathroom before any major issues!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
685.	Dee P.	Dee's brother Duane (a proud atheist) salvation.
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in influence & membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
796.	Regina	Strength for God's will in her life.
803.	Dee P.	Improved church attendance for her family.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
865.	Dee P.	Son Joseph's health problems & depression.
867.	Dee P.	Family members to read KJB daily.
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
975.	Dee P.	Brother-in-law George stage 4 terminal lung cancer
976.	Dee P.	Our Christian men to grow as spiritual leaders in our homes, churches and communities.
1013.	Duane K.	Ben's Salvation.
1014.	Tom	Sisters wisdom and comfort in dealing with cancer decisions.
1017.	Kail	Friends healing from stroke.
1018.	Kail	Friend Zach is in lockup.
1021.	Pastor	Friend Victor Paloino's wife died. Comfort.
1023.	Pastor	Regina's health and recovery.
1024.	Pastor	Larry's successful surgery and recovery.
1027.	Pastor	Sister Regina needs encouragement.
1028.	Pastor	Ramona Gullett in hospital.

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Discouragement should never be found in the life of a Christian, yet we all have it at one time or another. It is a feeling of disappointment that can be avoided or turned from. It can be caused by physical abuse, unanswered prayers, unrecognized efforts, sin, marriage problems, financial pressure, health problems, or feeling unworthy or unimportant. We should always have our eyes

upon Jesus, and never forget that He always has all things under control. When we face disappointments, we must trust Jesus to bring us through them; and realize that things will be much better in the end; even if there are things that we do not understand. We must remain in God's Word every day, and continually be led by His Holy Spirit in all that we do. For God is always on our side! ~

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Our institutes our coming along, some days better than others, but I believe there is some decent potential. We are small. We have a few guys that have matured in life and are growing in Christ. We have a few others that are need to mature in life and grow in Christ. One person we lost was, sadly, Pedro. When we started our institutes we invited other churches to participate. We had many responses initially, but after time only one really stuck with it, and that was Pedro. Pedro's dad is a pastor of a nearby church that has a charismatic influence. I actually preached at his church one time several years ago as I was just getting started in with our Nhamaonha church. I've learned a lot since then, but it was a big day for their church having the white missionary in. They rented a keyboard for the occasion and what was a marginal music program turned into a worldly mess. We got things settled down and I preached, but after the message they started to enter into a healing service and we left. It's the only service that I've ever left in Mozambique before it was finished, but you live and you learn! In the end, Pedro joined our institute at the Nhaurir church and was growing tremendously. He got a clear handle on salvation and was teaching this along with other things to the youth at his church, as well as to the church, and was in the word constantly. He also invited me to come to speak to the youth at his church, but before we could get things organized an internship in his education program (studying to be a nurse) moved him abruptly to a city 5 hours away. He's trying to keep up now with our recordings and may have a chance to return to Chimoio in 6 months. Pedro was a real blessing and a positive influence on the young men in the Nhaurir church. Please pray for him.

Thank you also for all your prayers for us, and support, and for the opportunity to labor together for the Lord here in Mozambique.

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