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The Year of Increase

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*"And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1)*

Grace and peace be multiplied to you, our ever increasing Canadian and international ministry family, from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Welcome to February, a month to experience the supernatural. The Year of Increase is here and there are no words to describe all the wonderful things that God is doing for His people. This is no doubt the greatest period in the history of our ministry, and the best is still to come.

This month, I have asked our national organization to join me in a time of deep prayer and intercession. Our intent is to see John 3:30 fulfilled in our lives and our churches: **"He must increase, but I must decrease!"** Put another way, we desire more of God and less of ourselves, and this can only be achieved through prayer.

Allow me to share a few brief insights on the power, the possibilities and the practice of prayer:

**Prayer Connects** - The God of heaven desires to connect with the earth in a very real way. To do this, He has given us the strategy of connectivity: prayer. We're told that if we pray, then He would hear from heaven, forgive our sins and heal our land. This month we intend to connect with heaven! (2 Chronicles 7:14).

**Prayer Commands** - Prayer authorizes the believer to issue commands, not in an arrogant way, but through the Holy Spirit's leading. We're reminded of this through the Old Testament prophet Elijah whose prayer closed and opened the heavens on command. That same authority has been made available to us through prayer. This month we intend to command things to be opened and to be closed in our lives! (James 5:17-18)

**Prayer is Ceaseless** - Finally, prayer is meant to be a lifestyle of constant communion with our Maker and not a moment of speech. At the heart of prayer is an endless fellowship between

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## This Month @ Rhema



the human spirit and the Spirit of God. This month, we intend to pray without ceasing! (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

As your pastor and brother in the faith, I want to invite you to join with us for a month of strong prayer and fasting. You will see what immense power can be released into your life simply by praying. In the words of Jesus, *"This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting"* (Mark 9:29). To view our prayer and fasting schedule please [click here](#).

Now as we enter this period of prayer, I bless you to drink deeply of His Spirit, to receive more of His word, and to be covered with more of His glory!

With love while *Changing & Affecting Lives*,

Your Pastor, Orim M. Meikle



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## First Fruits Giving



We invite you to join us from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 as we present our First Fruits Offering to the Lord. First Fruits is the time of year that we:

- \* Honour the Lord with our First Fruits of 2011
- \* Secure the remainder of our 2011 income
- \* Unlock the doors to the many dimensions of giving

## The Turn Around

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*"The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering." (Genesis 41:52)*

Have you ever been in that place where it seems like everything that could possibly go wrong has gone wrong in your life? You know, that place where, like the psalmist, your tears become your meat day and night (Psalm. 42:3), and those against you seem to have the upper hand. Have you ever walked through that 'dark night of the soul', when your troubles linger and the battle grows harsher with each passing moment? If you have, then you're not alone. In fact, if you haven't then maybe you're in the wrong war.

Indeed, opposition comes to the best of us and our faith is tried time and again. But it is in these times that God glorifies His great name for He specializes in the art of resurrection. The concept of a thing living again after it had been presumed dead is a wonderful reality in the mind of God. In other words, "it's not over until God says it's over." Thus we hear God asking Ezekiel, "Can these bones live again?" (Ezekiel 37) And Ezekiel responds "O Lord God, thou knowest", and with that the Spirit of God performed a miracle through the prophetic lips of His manservant. Certainly, the very life of Christ upon the earth testifies and confirms that there is no opposition, whether it be in the form of a pit or in the form of a grave, that can stop God from reaching down and lifting a life to the place that He has destined for it...[more](#)

## Financial Corner: A Great Place To Start

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2011 has been declared to be the 'Year of Increase'. The truth however, is that there will never be supernatural increase without practical involvement; this includes prayer, reading the Bible and personal savings. This threefold cord cannot be broken.

Contrary to popular belief, buying your home will not be your greatest financial outlay. For most of us funding our retirement will be the largest expense we will ever incur in our lifetime. Due to medical advances, actuarial studies are now showing the possibility of Canadians living for 40 to even 50 years past the retirement age of 65. Imagine that! However, though living longer may have its benefits, one must be financially prepared for it.

Have you ever considered how much you will need to live comfortably throughout your retirement years? \$1M is no longer the proverbial benchmark; in fact, \$1M, accounting for inflation, will be worth a whole lot less by the time you retire. Did you know that the greatest concern of most retirees is the fear of outliving their retirement savings?...[more](#)

## Faith and Fitness



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Hands down, prayer is the most effective and precious gift that God has given to us. It is an intimate time of communication with God. The more we reach out to God in prayer, the more we experience His transforming peace. Through prayer we war against our strongholds, we replace our fear with faith and we receive His peace when nothing around us is peaceful. Through prayer God's power gets downloaded into us.

God Himself invites us to request what we need and then trust Him to meet our needs. Much to our surprise, this includes taking our health and fitness needs to God. Many of us would never consider praying and asking God to give us motivation, perseverance, commitment, will-power or the desire to achieve better health-but why not?

In Psalm 51:12, the psalmist prays for a 'willingness to obey'. The truth is that even when we are not willing, we can ask God for the willingness we need. Truly, there are no limits to what we can or cannot ask God for in prayer...[more](#)

## Honouring Marriage



Here at Rhema, we recognize the sanctity of marriage and the divinely ordained institution that it is. For that reason, we take time out in this issue to honour marriage by sharing the inspirational testimonies and insights of two of our beloved couples.

We pray for all married couples in this season, that God will increase the love that you share and that He will make you fruitful in every area of your lives. We pray that no weapon formed against your marriage will prosper (Isaiah 54:17), and that your seed will be mighty upon the earth. Now let those whom God has joined together, never be torn asunder. Be blessed...

**I Hear Dead People** (Pastor Anthony & Lady JoMarie Burke)

*"Now if we be dead in Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."* (Romans 6:8)

This July, my wife JoMarie and I will be celebrating our 13<sup>th</sup> year of marriage. Where does the time go?

The single greatest lesson that I have learned over the years is the importance of guarding who we allow to speak into our marriage. Unfortunately, I must admit that there have been many times that the predatory counsel of our marriage has not been external, but has come from the old dead and unregenerate me.

Have you ever wanted to handle a situation the way you used to before you gave your life to the Lord? Perhaps in an argument you were used to just walking away, raising your voice or maybe not saying anything at all. These are all, depending on the circumstance, possible examples of actions that come from not knowing the Lord. These are dead voices. Dead voices can only fight dead irrelevant arguments over dead issues that ultimately lead to a dead end...[more](#)

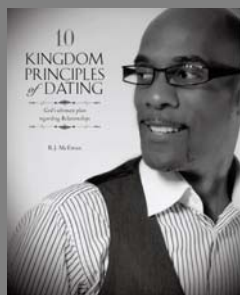
**Off to a Blessed Start** (Robert & Tanika Chambers)

We have been happily married for a year and a half; and believe that it's directly linked to how our relationship began. Having learned from past relationship mistakes, we had a different state of mind this time around. We decided to totally give this area over to God and ask Him for His guidance. His word says "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Prov.3:6). In doing so, we found that He masterfully orchestrated each season of our relationship - the season of Friendship; Courtship; and then Engagement.

During these seasons we experienced challenges, tests and learned some lessons along the way. Looking back, we thank God for them all. They only helped to prepare us for the realities of marriage...[more](#)

*Happy Valentine's Day*

## Recommended Reading



As recommended reading for this month, we introduce to you Pastor Rudolph J. McEwan's new book ***10 Kingdom Principles of Dating***. This book is guaranteed to answer many of your questions on the issue of Christian dating and courtship from a biblical perspective.

As the pastor of Rhema Christian Ministries Ottawa, Pastor McEwan promotes Rhema's mission by upholding Kingdom principles as well as delivering a socially relevant message.

To purchase ***10 Kingdom Principles of Dating***, or for more information please contact RCM Ottawa at 613-321-1781.

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