

Changing & Affecting Lives

New Beginnings Possibilities

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"...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Philippians 3: 13b)

To the ever increasing global family of Rhema Christian Ministries, grace to you and peace from God our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to December. Winter is certainly here in spite of what the calendar says. Christmas is just around the corner and on behalf of First Lady Judith, Jalen and Jasmine Meikle; I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very blessed holiday season.

Our ministry focus this month will be New Beginnings. 2008 has been

declared as The Year of New Beginnings, however before it comes, let us reflect for a moment on the year that was.

For many of us 2007 brought with it great challenges and conflict. Even our great church went through a season of transition. Though it was for the better it was not a very easy time. Transitions are never without struggle. Looking back we can now attest to the fact that the struggle has matured our entire ministry. It has also caused me to reassess my leadership style, to prioritize the things which are truly important in life --- such as family and good friends, and to sharpen our ministry focus even the more.

Rhema Canada has been strengthened by the conflict. To paraphrase the Scripture, *"what was intended for evil God has worked for our good."* Therefore what was sent to destroy served only to develop. As a result we have moved from one level and we're now standing on another level.

I thought that I would share this with you because I know that as you read you will be able to relate to the difficulties of the journey in 2007. I pray that you have been made better by the struggle and not bitter. I confess that God has been good to His people. He has not forgotten His promises over our lives and once again He has shown Himself to be a present help in the time of trouble.

As you reflect on 2007, while preparing for the new beginnings of 2008, I want you to love God with your entire being. Serve Him with vigor while promoting His Kingdom above all things in this life. In doing this you will see yourself stepping into the greatest year of your life. I promise you that!

Rhema global ---- members, partners, friends and supporters, another year is ending and we are still standing. I want you to know that I love you and I am committed to serving you and the vision more than ever. My focus is sharper than ever before and my drive has been reinvigorated to see us through to the end. Let us never forget the reason for our existence --- *To change & affect every life!*

Have a wonderful Christmas, make a great leap over into the New Year and let 2008 be the best year of your life --- I'm believing this with and for you, in Jesus name!

Advancing the Kingdom Vision,

Your Pastor, Orim M. Meikle

Your Transition - Time For Reflection

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As we stand with the vision of promise set before us, we have been living in that place of preparation for some time now. We now continue to move deeper into this season, where it is vital that we take time to pause and reflect on our progress.

In this reflection there are a lot of questions to ask; one of the first being, 'what has changed in your life in this season?' Look back to the summer that has passed, the spring before that, and even last winter - is your life different now than it was at those points?

For those who can see transformation, it is important to give thanks and keep seeking Him, as the transformation is never complete. For those who don't see much change, it is imperative that you commit to the requirements of this season - learning to seek Him first, to invest your hope in Him, and to be transformed in the likeness of Christ daily.

Just as those who do not plant do not see fruit at the time of harvest, those who do not embrace the challenge of daily transformation in Christ's likeness in a season of transition will be unprepared to remain in the place of promise when that door is opened.

For a practical gauge, Galatians 5 can be used as a mirror, reflecting back to you your current position, and what areas need to change.

Are the works of the flesh as described in this chapter showing up in regularly your life? Are the fruits of the spirit a description of the daily expression of your being? In this regard, we all have points in our character that are addressed by this word. For an even more empowering experience, explore the definitions of each of those attributes.

We also need to take time and look at ourselves asking the questions - 'am I seeking God first in all that I do?' (Matt. 6:33) and 'Is His word being stored in my heart daily?' (Psalm 119:11).

Another important question to ask for this season is regarding gifts, skills and capacity. Are you aware of your giftings? If not, are you seeking them? If so, are you developing and growing in those gifts? And of your skills - are you using them to advance the Kingdom and as a blessing in the lives of people? Are you operating with those skills in excellence? Lastly, is there an increase in your capacity to give and to receive, to touch lives and to affect change?

Just as an athlete commits to the rigours of training camp to be made ready for the beginning of official competition, we have the chance and great challenge of being made ready for the next level that is set before us.

Remember, God is sovereign over time - don't look back at what has not been done in discouragement and miss what great things can be accomplished. Commit to the call of this season, and see that God is faithful as He moves in our lives.

Debunking the myth of location

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When the Spirit of God prompted Solomon to bless everyone who had helped him erect the new temple, God meant good not evil against the honorees. Yet, as Solomon proceeded to bless Hiram with a piece of land, King Hiram focused on the trash around the land and concluded that the twenty cities in the north of Israel were useless. He looked at the blessing and saw it as a negative gesture. He even called this land 'Cabul' which meant "good for nothing" in his language.

Hiram was a man of great insight who could see potential in people long before the fullness of time. In 2 Samuel 5:11, we see that King Hiram was

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Join Pastor & First Lady Meikle for
Sunday worship service at Parc
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Studio 3, Toronto

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among the first to honor David as a King when he was crowned king. Given the timing of his gift, we can assume that he was used to separating the wheat from the chaff. Yet in his own analysis, he failed.

Years later, God showed that there was more to the land than it seemed to King Hiram. Out of the same land that he then rejected, Jesus Christ revealed God's glory in unprecedented ways and showed that what seemed to be a bad deal to Hiram a few years earlier was actually the place from where God wanted to change the foundations of the world.

In real estate parlance, the above story reveals that what may seem to be poor investment today based on location alone could also turn out to be the best investment one can make when we consider time as kronos and as kairos. What may be a poor location today may be the site of great future investments in the fullness of time as someone decides to seize the opportunity and do something that draws attention on a land that once used to be overlooked.

As real estate value is not contingent on location alone, especially when we consider other hidden factors (time chronos and kairos); so also is our human potential in God. Where we are today doesn't determine how far we will go in life. Remember; the process never truly dictates the entirety of promise.

Holiday Calendar of Events

Pastor & Lady Meikle invite you to join us nationally this holiday season as we celebrate:

Christmas services - Sunday December 23, 2007

RCC Toronto- 8:30am/10:00am/11:30am

RCC Ottawa- 11:30am

RCC Calgary - 12:30pm

Rhema Today - Saturday December 22, 2007 on CTS @4:00pm, Monday December 24, 2007 @ 6:00am.



Welcome the Year of New Beginnings in worship

New Years Eve Service December 31, 2007

RCC: Toronto-Ottawa-Calgary

10:00pm - 12:00am

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