

Believers Christian Fellowship Scottish Annual Convention

22 August 2008 – 24 August 2008



*Report from the chilly
summer in Scotland UK
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It was that time of the year when there is no snow in the Scottish city of Glasgow. Eagles gathered from as far as London, Wales, Sheffield, Manchester and all around the UK for their portion of God's menu at this 19th Scottish Annual Convention. This was a summer to remember



Friday the 22nd saw the brethren from around trickle in the Milngavie Hall. Some had spent more than 12hrs driving just to be at the meetings.

Brethren enjoying fellowship after service

Friday

Pastor Ron Borthwick (last minister) welcomed every believer and made a special welcome of our visitors Bro Blessing Chesa and his wife from Zimbabwe, Bro Dixon Kandonje from Malawi and Bro Jim Nyamakye from Ghana. We all could not wait to get into the main course menu as Pastor Chesa came up to speak.

1st service:

Pastor Chesa took his scripture readings from Gen 2:21 – 24 and Ephesians 5:29 – 32.

He titled the sermon: **They shall be one flesh.** What a title for a convention, one would think it is more common to married couples meetings to talk of becoming one flesh. Alas, God is rich in symbols; it was made clear how we all have to be one with Jesus Christ our Husband. What struck me as a newly married was a comment made by the preacher and I quote "brothers imagine you

visit a married couple and while you are around, the wife is always asking.....can I do this? Can I take this, is it okay if I eat this... sure everybody enjoyed the illustration. It was emphasised that we should know who we are, the wife of Jesus Christ, and one flesh with Him. It is no longer time to keep asking questions such as ... is it okay to pray for the sick, must I receive the Holy Ghost ... we definitely must become one with Christ. The man of GOD closed this service as time constrained us. An altar call for those seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost was made and the ministers prayed with them. Some brothers had already started asking if the meetings could be declared an all-night meeting and one such was an old timer from Zimbabwe Bro John Mukanganwa. No man in his normal senses would want to leave such a presence of the Holy Ghost.

Day 2

Saturday morning was slightly different as it was a missionary display and report day. Pastor Ron opened with a very short song service and commented on the need to remember the Missionary. He reminded the believers a very powerful quote from by Br Branham that we cannot go wrong if we remain in the mission fields. He also reminded the congregation of the great commission in Mark 16. He took the first round of the presentation by a report on a day in the life of a Missionary, narrating the journeys, difficulties and challenges faced by the believers given to labour in the jungles of the Amazon and Venezuela.

This was going to be a marathon relay, as it was time for Br Mekwi from Glasgow Scotland to take us through some short video clips of Mission work in Tanzania (how that former desert herdsmen have become message believers – the Masai and Mwangati believers) followed by an explanation of the dark world covered by Islam showing us the need to pray to God to do something for this part of the world. He concluded by showing us the wonderful work done by some believers in Canada on bringing the Hub (a machine that can be used to print a message book in any language instantly if the message has been interpreted into that language) to the believers in Philippines.

Time was as jealous as the brother had to stop. Br Dixon Kandonje from Malawi brought his report on Mozambique and Malawi missions. Truly God bless these brothers for their labours, not only them but their wives too. Interpreting the message into another language is a very strenuous work, yet alone to have services to hold everyday of the week, house the different missionary preachers from the jungles of Mozambique who come to help with interpreting the message. Talk of the Message on the air (radio broadcast); surely God can use anything given to him for his glory. Wonderful testimonies accompanied this report from Malawi.

Just to spice these efforts, the writer had an opportunity to sing with Believers Christian choir two songs (Little is much when God is in it and Thank you for giving to the Lord). Words cannot explain the power that was overseeing this meeting. The relay button was given to precious brother Jim Nyamakye from Ghana. He took his time in summarising all that was being said to the congregation. Something very striking was said here...as people were challenged to stop thinking that Africa was poor, he encouraged believers to do what God is placing on their heart, some are given to PRAYER , while others are given to giving, but all work wonders in the Lord.

A report from India was delivered to us by Br Joseph who is a son of a Pastor in India. The brother made it clear that the message is moving in and Hinduism is cracking down. His conclusion after his report was a big request for one thing **PRAYERS**, prayers to God for protection from unconverted government authorities who are always seeking an opportunity to pass repressive laws on gospel preaching. Who can fight and win against the prayers of Daniel...

Pastor Chesa was then asked to come and run the final lag for this meeting with his report from Zimbabwe which I entitled **A day in the Life of a Missionary**. The congregation was taken into a typical day of a missionary as he goes to the jungles. It was so touching to see and hear the distances these gallant men have to walk, sometimes using donkey driven carts, sometimes on bicycles and such like. It was worth all the effort, just to put the story to the pictures on a well done PowerPoint presentation; no one would talk of time in such circumstances. This report will live in many believers' memories and we believe the prayers of the saints will be going around for the work to continue.



Pastor Hama Blessing Chesa presenting the Missionary Report

Saturday evening service

Living in the meaning of his name Pastor Hama Blessing Chesa came to bless the congregation once again. This time it was time for the believer to go right into God's granary and Recognise God's seasons. The scriptures were taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Genesis 1:14; Proverbs 15:23 and Isaiah 50:4. We do not set seasons, summers comes and goes, winter comes and goes such is the working of God. Certain things must happen in certain seasons. As Daniel recognised that their time was up as said by their prophet Jeremiah, so must we recognise and accept our season as prophesied by Br Branham. Look at today's world, God's word can fail.

Day 3

Sunday service

As is in the natural, we save the best meal for the last, Oh my, what a glorious time we had on Sunday the 24 of August 2008. The sermon was entitled **A Kingdom of Priests**, with scriptures taken from Exodus 19:6, Hebrews 7:4-10 and Revelations 1:6. We are in our own kingdom, inhabited by priests with our Lord Jesus Christ as the High Priest. A priest must not lose his qualities lest he is removed from the priesthood. Moses had a temper which made him to break God's laws written on the stone, yet we have become priests because that old priesthood was also broken. How we are to be interceding and petitioning all the time. Live a life that is filled with the priest spirit all the time, then are you in the kingdom of priests. And yet we must need to meet these qualities of this priesthood through receiving the life of the high priest himself.

Time fails us to speak of the fellowship found in this kingdom. It was indeed time to remember, a revival spirit has been left in our midst...and God bless his ministers for their labours in perfecting the saints. A thank you and God bless from Pastor Ron Borthwick and the Church in Scotland.

Reporting from the cold summer in Scotland

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