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“What Do We Do Now?”

by Dr. Missionary Iris L. Jenkins, PhD

I Corinthians 15:58 (KJV) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

When I was a little girl in church in the 1980s, I would hear the older folks talk about the signs of the times. They talked about how love was waxing cold, how there was hatred in the land, and people seemed to no longer consider human life valuable. They talked about so many bad things that were taking place...the lack of respect children showed to elders, and the lack of respect people had for one another. They said that Jesus was soon to come. They talked about what the Bible says in **Luke chapter 21** and called it our daily news, sure signs that Jesus would be returning soon.

Now, decades later, many of us would agree that we live in a world that hasn't gotten better. In fact, it's gotten worse. We are much closer to Jesus' return. There is so much pain and suffering, so much discord. There are nations against nations, parents against children and children against parents. There are attempts to remove God from the places His presence was previously welcomed. What we see in our world, our daily struggles and feelings of uncertainty, have caused many of us to feel overwhelmed and discouraged. Many of us are asking, “What do we do now?”

As believers we must remember that God does not change (**Malachi 3:6**). He is consistent. He remains the all-powerful protector and provider. He remains the master healer, our savior, and the lover of our souls, no matter what the situation or circumstance. So, in these difficult times, we must follow His example and remain consistent. We must continue to be God's faithful servants, living lives that are pleasing to Him. We must continue in prayer, giving God glory and seeking His guidance. We must continue doing the things that God has assigned us to do. There is a promise from God linked to our continuing to do the work! (**Galatians 6:9-10**) If we are not weary and well-doing, we are going to reap! If we can hold on and not faint, if we can continue to do the work despite what is happening around us, we **WILL** reap a harvest.

All that's good and perfect comes from God. So, when we begin to reap that harvest, we know that it's going to be good and we know that it's going to be perfect for us! It doesn't matter what the world is doing, our God continues to reign supreme! It doesn't matter what our present troubles are, our God continues to be a present help in the time of trouble. It doesn't matter what people have said might happen; we know that what God has spoken **WILL** come to pass. Yes, even in these difficult times, the faithful children of God will reap a harvest of abundance. We only need to continue moving forward in faith. Our labor is not in vain!

Faith and Health Community Expo Honors Locals

by ***Roberta D'Amico***



On Thursday, May 15, 2025, Pastor Daniel Torres and Mission Pioneer Valley hosted a Faith and Health Community Expo in Chicopee Massachusetts at the Chicopee Adult Day Health Center on Chicopee Street. This event was organized to show some of the resources available to people in the Springfield and surrounding area. Their goal is to increase the cooperation between spiritual resources and the community.

Featured were many organizations concerned with various health issues, medical, mental, and behavioral, including autism, HIV testing, diabetes, deafness, and many other needs including spirituality. A sumptuous buffet lunch was served by Latino's Cuisine located on Boston Road Springfield.

Two people were honored for their service to the community, Mr. Tobias Billups, owner of Springfield Pharmacy, and Dr. Steve Cooley for "faithfulness in the advancement of the Kingdom of God and His Church." He is the pastor of Holy Grounds Coffee House and United Temple C.O.G.I.C. and is dedicated to bringing together people of different denominations and nationalities. He says, "there is only one race of people, the human race!"

Pastor Renzo's Report – April/ May 2025

Dear Dr. C. Steven Cooley and RGMS Board Members,

I am submitting my Monthly Ministry Report for April/May 2025. I've emailed my Ministry Cover Letter, Résumé Letters of Recommendation and other documents to 4 more new pastors from Western New England and worldwide. As an Evangelist and Revivalist from RGMS, I'm establishing contacts and sharing my vision of the urgent need for NE churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. Having forged new relationships with 321 pastors since August 2020, our hope is to preach Revival, teach Christian History Seminars/tours together in New England after I secure enough commitments.

On April 27th, we visited my colleague, Pastor Mark Ellis at Shutesbury Community Church and had a wonderful time of fellowship praying and planning for a potential evangelistic concert in Greenfield, MA soon. On May 4th, we visited our Italian friends: Pastor Joe & Mrs. Pennella from the Evangelical Christian Church in Waterbury, CT. and purchased 3 Italian Bibles. Later we gave my Conversion Testimony, Italian translation of “God’s Simple Plan of Salvation”, 3 Italian Bibles, Italy for Christ, List of great Churches, Testimonies of former Rock musicians who are now Born Again in an envelope to an Italian Rockabilly band named Lovesick Duo after they finished their concert in New Haven, CT. They were so excited and gave me a hug! On May 7th, I was asked to pray before Archbishop Timothy Paul Baymon’s sermon at The Eagle’s Nest in downtown Springfield, MA. On May 13th, I prayed for Psalm 133 Unity at the Ignite the Wind Men’s Barbecue Fellowship at the Rise Up New England office in Agawam, MA where the gathering was multiracial. On May 11th, I preached at Greater Grace Church of Enfield, CT. My sermon entitled, “The Great Mother of Shunem” and the text was from 2 Kings 4:8-37. I distributed “Aggressive Christianity” by Catherine Booth and “Mother’s Day & the Christian Connection” by Graham McDonald to encourage the Mothers. On May 10th, I was asked to do the Opening Prayer and read the Poem “Only One Life Twill Soon be Past” by Missionary CT Studd at my friend, Pastor Steve Chase’s Funeral a Living Waters AOG Church in Greenfield, MA. On May 16th, I was asked to pray during the Evangelism segment of the awesome Great Awakening Foundation of New England Zoom meeting sponsored by Pastor Brad Whipple of Seacoast Community Church of Groton, CT.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Renzo Ventrice

***Weekly Event: Morning Bible Study Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30
455 State Street, Springfield MA, 01105***

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Unity Service, June 6, 2025, 6pm-7pm

Location: Lighthouse Christian Church, 522 Springfield Street,
Feeding Hills MA