

*****GOT YOUR ATTENTION YET?*****

As I write this commentary the world is reacting to the 5th largest earthquake ever recorded. Death and destruction has yet to be ascertained, but without question, it is catastrophic. While seismologists and smarter people than you and me, continue to downplay the recent flurry of earthquakes around the world, as nothing new, clearly it is. Jesus did not prophecy earthquakes to be a sign of the end times, (Matt. 24:7), because they would be nothing unusual or of normal intensity and frequency. Luke expands Christ's prophesy (21:11) with "fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven". What we are seeing now, is only a precursor for what is coming. Isaiah 13:13, "Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place"... Haggai 2:6-7a, "For thus saith the Lord of hosts, Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations"... There are many other scriptural warnings. And while many laugh and mock, it is no time for jokes. The Japan quake moved the landscape 8 feet and moved the earth's axis. Similar reactions followed the Indonesian and Chilean earthquakes. Rather, it is a time for true repentance. Beginning with the Church of Jesus Christ (I Peter 4:17-18), then to the population at large. I do trust God has our full attention. These are the end times of biblical prophecy (Matt.24:33-35).

*****ZAMBIA MISSIONS REPORT*****

Ray Allmond, Don Miller and I are fresh from two weeks in Malawi and Zambia. I'm happy to report dozens saved, Spirit filled and 17 baptized in water. We visited seven churches, and had one young lady delivered from possession of a spirit of death. We visited with the Provincial Governor, gave financial support for 914 orphans and we conducted the Earthen Vessels School of Ministry J-term semester. We had 96 ministerial students (an increase of 14 over last term) from four countries; Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and USA. Provincial Overseer, Ezekiel Sakala reports church membership has increased from 9,600 last year to 10,420 this year. We have roofed 21 churches, distributed almost 500 Bibles to ministers and lay leaders who have never had one before. We have fed the orphans and villages of the 80 churches we serve and are committed to a long term mission there. Please continue to pray for our work in Zambia as we continue to meet needs. Your prayers are effectual and necessary (James 5:16). In your prayers, ask God what He would provide through you to help meet this need. We need your offerings large or small and of course, they are tax deductible, and 100% goes to the project you give toward. We have a very narrow window of time and the Muslim, Jehovah Witness and witchcraft influence there is great. God bless you for what you do.

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