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Gaining Strength

While chatting to Ps Danny Guglielmucci recently, he shared with me an unfortunate statistic told to him by author Sam Chand, and that is, 1600 ministers are leaving the ministry every month in the US.

One of the benefits of age and experience is that I have learned ministry is not for the fainthearted and the Holy Spirit will quickly challenge our motivation, agenda, and attitude of entitlement. Paul begins many of the epistles when talking about his call with the words, "by the will of God." My first recollection of the call of God was in my mid twenties and then over the years the Holy Spirit has strengthened this conviction in my life, making it impossible to walk away, even though on a bad day it has been tempting. God's call has helped to secure my identity, focus my future, and locate His grace upon my life.

I wonder if it would be helpful if we all placed the words of Jesus expressed in Matthew 11.28-30 from the message translation on the wall of our office:

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

This translation doesn't even need explaining. Christianity in it's purest sense is not a belief system, but a relationship with Jesus Christ. '*Christ in you the hope of glory.*' Its learning to trust Him when logic and reason don't add up and being content to live with areas of ambiguity when the Holy Spirit is directing our steps in faith. It would appear to me that people lose focus when

selfish ambition takes over, and an attitude of entitlement replaces a heart of stewardship and servanthood.

Perhaps we need a little more old fashion religion, like devotional journal writing, prayer, speaking in tongues and waiting on the Lord, so our strength is renewed and we learn to mount up with wings like eagles.

Unless the Lord builds the House we labour in vain. (Psalm 27)

Bruce Monk
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Missions News

The Power of Global Partnerships

Hope Village Sumatra continues to grow as recently four more abandoned and orphaned children were welcomed. One such child is Esther.

Three years previously her parents walked away from her and her sister deciding to go their separate ways and no longer remain as a family. The girls were left in the care of ill grandparents who could not continue to provide care for them.

Apostolic Churches in Sumatra know all about the mandate of Hope Village to care for children raising them to be disciples of Jesus. Fortunately for Esther and her sister they were left at one of these churches and in turn brought them to Hope Village where they found a new family and a home.

This is the power of global partnership in action, that an Apostolic church in Adelaide could birth an organisation like Hope Village in Sumatra; who also work with Apostolic churches there bringing hope and a future to the lives of children like Esther.

For further information contact - info@hopevillage.org.au



From the Office

CHURCH AUDITS

Local Church audits will soon begin. Church audits are conducted to ensure that matters related to governance and financial management are in line with both legal and Apostolic church requirements.

It is essential that each church registered under the Apostolic Church Australia Limited is compliant in all areas of the audit. All Senior Ministers will be receiving an email with further details and the audit scope shortly.



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