

Dear Friend of **Abiding Above**,

June 2009

**W**hen I reflect on the last 4 years, I am absolutely amazed at what has happened with me and this ministry in such a short time. It confirms for me, as always, God's call in the founding of '*Abiding Above Ministries*.'

**Here is a preview of the work God is doing through, 'Abiding Above Ministries:'**

There have been **387 speaking engagements (Seminars, Revivals, Rescue Missions, Prisons, Children's Camps, International Crusades)**.

We have seen a total of **37,414 salvations and 263 rededications!** Excluding our radio broadcasts this involves **10 States in the USA and 8 countries around the world that I have preached in!**

Our international crusades have been our greatest harvest, but our work in the local churches here in America, has also been greatly used by God.

**WE ARE FULFILLING OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person, encouraging spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.*

**Discipleship:** We know the importance of discipleship and we are personally discipling people all over the United States through the mail and also supplying lessons to disciple men and women in a prison in Russia where we did evangelistic work on one of our mission trips there.

I thank you so much for your prayers and financial support! This is what you are giving too. We are making the most of your gifts. Please continue to give as unto the Lord, for your reward will be great in Heaven! (**Matthew 5:12; Colossians 3:23-24**).

In these days in which we are living, the need for making the most of time and resources is crucial. I do believe the Lord is coming soon. ***Maranatha!***

Did you know the Bible instructs us to anticipate, and to long, and to look forward to His return? You see this in **(1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:7,12,20)**.

The word '***Maranatha***' was used as a greeting in early Christianity. When believers gathered or parted, they didn't say, "hello" or "goodbye" they said, '***Maranatha!***' "

This is an Aramaic expression. In fact, it is made up of three Aramaic words: 'Mar,' which means 'Lord'; 'ana,' which means 'our'; and 'tha,' which means 'come.' "

So, when you put it together, '***Maranatha***' means, "*Our Lord, come.*" It perfectly conveys the concept that the Lord could come at any moment.

Jesus said, "*But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*" **(Matthew 24:36)**.

*"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."* **(Matthew 24:42-44)**.

Yes, only the Father knows when His Son is coming again, but if you will notice in scripture Jesus speaks of the many signs that will be upon us when He is at the door. He wants us to know, not the moment of His return, ***but to easily see His shadow just before you see Him.*** I believe we are seeing His shadow! ***Maranatha!***

**Reaching The Lost:** Praise the Lord! I saw many come forward at the invitation when I preached at Memphis Union Mission the other day. Pray for them just now.

Please pray for me as I travel to preach in Arkansas twice in the month of June, and also to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, KY. Pray that my meetings at the convention will bring much needed encouragement to many brothers in Christ.

**Radio Broadcast:** Praise the Lord! We are now on radio in Cape Town, South Africa! God continues to move us forward in reaching people through this medium.

This will not happen without you! I'm grateful for you supporting me in this. Look! What He has done. Look at what we do together!

Abiding above,



Chris S. Hodges  
President  
Abiding Above Ministries  
Colossians 3:1-3

Dear Friend of **Abiding Above**,

We want to take this time to share with you some of the positive and encouraging responses we have received all over the world from our most recent union with 'Universal Christian Radio'. We are now sharing God's word around the world, via the Internet and satellite radio. *Because of you we are making an impact around the world and we are so grateful!* You may listen to our broadcast Monday – Friday @ 8:26 am Central Time by logging into [www.universalchristianradio.com](http://www.universalchristianradio.com)

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Dear Pastor Hodges,

I really appreciate your concise approach to teaching the important lessons of the Bible. You really reach out to people and the lessons are so important in our lives with Christ. I feel privileged to be a regular listener and I do my best to tell my friends about your program. **Paula / Boston**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

I always enjoy your Abiding Above messages. You have a direct approach that makes you a very effective communicator of God's word. **Bob / Little Rock, AR**

Dear Brother Hodges,

I usually do not write to radio programs, but I have really been enjoying your work. You inspire and encourage and do it with a style that makes the listener comfortable. I am glad I get to hear you. **Judy / Saginaw, MI**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

My wife and I catch your terrific little program every morning. You have created a compact source of learning in the Lord for us. It was an accident that we found you, but you have created a listening habit with us.

**Paul and Brenda / Iarussi Road Town, British V.I.**

Dear Brother Hodges,

We listen to UCR every morning and we always enjoy hearing you. Last week we were in Buenos Aires and we still heard your program. Our hotel furnished us with a laptop computer and we were still able to listen to you. These are amazing times we live in. Good in many ways and so frightening in others.

**Marcel / Virginia Beach, VA**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

I get a blessing every time I hear you on the radio. I know that the Lord is truly in your work. You always give me a straight to the point lesson from God's word and I feel that I have been lifted up and am living closer to God. Bless you and all you do for God's kingdom. **Diana / Glendale, AZ**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

My sister was visiting last month and told me about UCR. Since then, I have only rarely turned it off and I am really enjoying your commentary every morning. I am so pleased that I have found you and this great source of learning. **Josephine / Columbus, Georgia**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

It was cloudy when I started my day, but let me tell you, everyday is sunny for me with the Lord. I always catch your program and I always get something good from your lesson. You know how to get right to the point. I feel that being a good follower of Christ is being a good student of his teachings. Thank you for the information you so eloquently deliver to us. **Bob / Christiansted, U.S. Virgin Islands**

Dear Brother Hodges,

Your messages touch my heart with the word of the Lord. Your kindness and sincerity come through to me every time I listen. I know that God is with me more than I ever realized possible. I thoroughly enjoy your program.

**Jane / Sydney, Australia**