

Dear Friend of **Abiding Above**,

October 2006

An Evening of Inspiration. You are invited. Please let us know, if you can attend.

Letter from Kenya. Daniel Khatera, our associate who leads our **Abiding Above** Discipleship School in Kenya, East Africa, writes:

The Lord is good to us for he has lavished his grace upon us. Well, so far, those that finished New Life in Christ course 1&2 are waiting for their certificates and the next course. Thanks for helping us disciple our people and God's Children for God's Glory. There is much more to be done in that respect.

Yours "Abiding Above",
Daniel

Wonderful! Look what God is doing through us. All made possible because you pray for us and you give what God has given to you. Thank you! You are a blessing and we are grateful.

Abiding Above in October. I've been preparing for a busy October. I will be conducting two revivals and a couples conference, speaking to faculty and students at a university, and getting ready for our two week trip to Russia to minister to ministers and their wives with my dear friend Jim Wheeler. **We are offering scholarships to these pastors because of their limited income. We are paying their way round trip as they travel by train. Please help us with these extra expenses.**

The Old, Old Story. Recently, as I preached the gospel, a young man came forward and put his trust where God put his sin, on Jesus. He told me that God had been drawing him for many years. He said he could sense there was something wrong with him. Many times God had whispered in his ear, as he passed by the old church, "**Turn. Go in there.**"

He did not, however. Finally, he could stand it no longer and he darkened the door of the church, as the old saying goes.

Upon entering, he found people who seemed afraid to look or even speak to him. He said that he almost walked out but decided to stay and hear the message. The clear presentation of the gospel melted his cold heart, and he found such light and liberty in his new relationship with Jesus Christ that he had to tell his friends. When he did, they began to come to this old church and soon found the Savior.

My friend, you identify with this story. You have seen the deadness in our churches. Spiritual deadness. Even the upbeat music cannot disguise it. The answer is: Revival! The simple teaching of grace, unconditional love, the in-dwelling Holy Spirit, and eternal security. Please help me as I go about doing good and sharing these truths to defeated Christians and the simple gospel to the lost.

My Daily Prayer for You. I pray for you daily that God will bless all that you put your hands to. I pray that God protects you and your family and gives you a clear purpose for the time remaining for you here on earth. In a day of so much prosperity and entertainment to distract us from the best things. I pray for all of us and our local churches. I pray that you might . . .

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things on earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.***

In just a little while, we will see Him face to face. Whatever you are doing right now, I encourage you to take a deep breath, rest in Him, and simply begin to be who you already are -- in Christ.

I encourage you to do the unthinkable. Do what God has been telling you to do. Do something that may cause your family and friends to think you are different.

Always love and pray for your church, though it may be so much like this perishing world. Involve yourself with the masses of people who can't help you socially or financially. See to it that they are saved. Protect yourself from busy-ness that does not somehow point people to Jesus. ***Only one life.***

Seated with you at His right hand,

Chris S. Hodges
President
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Colossians 3:1-3

PS Please do not forget to RSVP for the Evening of Inspiration with

Abiding Above Ministries!

Dr. Mark Castellaw will be sharing "Lessons I Learned from Dr. Adrian Rogers" with us.