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ABI IS IN RUSSIA NOW

Russia needs workers.

The Lord has opened a door that has been shut for decades.

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HOLD FAST TO THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS

Reverend Gerald Grant, President

I remember, some thirty-two years ago, standing in the church where Reverend S. G. Norris was pastoring. There had been a tremendous move of the Holy Ghost in the altar service, and a business acquaintance of Reverend Norris', Mr Walterstorf, a man of about seventy years of age, was present. He stood in the balcony of the church and observed the waves of the spirit of the Lord. He came to Brother Norris in tears following the service, "Reverend Norris, back in the 1920s in the Methodist Church, we had this."

My parents brought me up in the Pentecostal church. There were not many Oneness churches in that area, so sometimes my parents would visit a trinity Pentecostal church. Forty-five years ago, they were much like us - looked like us, and had the move of God like we do. I was young, but I recall this vividly. The standards were there.

We learn from history, however, that the standards were gradually abandoned. Worldly styles became acceptable. Recently I sat at a local restaurant with a couple who grew up in the trinity church. The wife has spoken with tongues. However, the church they attend no longer believes that speaking with tongues is necessary. The lady said to me, "I was in church yesterday. There was no worship: it was dead. I wanted to scream, 'Why won't anyone praise and worship God?'" First the standards went, and then the doctrine. It's that simple. I don't want us to reach that place.

Change, we live in a world of constant change. There is pressure on apostolic Pentecostals to change.



Rev. Grant
with Tupelo
Children's
Mansion
representatives
Rev. & Mrs.
Jerry Sechler

At the turn of the century, there was a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost. There was conviction in religion, and sinners were saved. That revival resulted in our movement.

Today, there are those in our fellowship, ordained in the ministry, who are infiltrating our ranks with a desire to let down the standards. There are those who are moving among the ministry to influence ministers to let down the standards. I am challenging you to keep the distinctives of old time apostolic Pentecostalism. We must stand on the Word of God. We are a separate people from this world. We need to live for God like never before. In this hour, we must not "forsake the assembling of ourselves together and so much the more as we see the day approaching." We need to hear the preaching of men of God, committed to the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to take a strong stand for what is right.

In II Kings 18:28, we read about a challenge from a person who represented a worldly power made to a person who represented the power of God. It was a challenge to a man who had committed in his heart that he was going to serve the Lord, a man who had led Judah back to the Lord when they had gotten away.

Assyria, in 715 BC, was a great power. Rabshekah was a prime minister sent by the King of Assyria, a paganistic,

worldly, and wicked nation. Rabshekah came to the walls of the city of Jerusalem and told the Jews of the Kingdom of Judah, "Don't listen to your king Hezekiah. Surrender and let the King of Assyria take you to a land of corn and wine, a land of olive oil and honey. Don't let old-fashioned Hezekiah convince you that God will deliver you."

The King of Assyria was a liar. He had no intention of giving these Jews of Judah favorable treatment. Just a few years before, the Assyrians had taken the ten northern tribes of Israel out of their land and so scattered them among the Gentiles that they completely lost their identity.

The setting is similar today. Around us are ministers who are trying to influence us that traditional standards taught by God-fearing elders are no longer necessary. They want us to leave those old-fashioned beliefs and enjoy greater liberty and increased church membership. The devil wants us to let down our standards. Remember, the King of Assyria was a liar, and the devil is a liar. He knows that if our standards go, the doctrine will also go.

What did Hezekiah do? He encouraged the people with these words, "With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles."

Hezekiah had the real life example of his own father to influence his decision. His father, Ahaz, had been invaded by Syria and the Philistines. Isaiah pleaded with Ahaz to turn to God for help, but instead, Ahaz looked to the world for help.

He saw an altar in a pagan temple in Damascus that pleased him, so he had one like it built in the temple in Jerusalem. He went so far as to move the brazen altar that represents repentance off to the side. The laver of water for the washing of the priests which represents baptism was also removed from its traditional place in the temple. Ahaz invited the world into the church and instructed the priests to sacrifice and worship like the gods of Damascus. He also asked the King of Assyria to help him.

Did this deliver him from his enemies? No! The King of Assyria distressed him, but strengthened him not (II Chronicles 28:20). The gods of Damascus were his ruin (II Chronicles 28:23). Ahaz died at age thirty-six.

So when Hezekiah was faced with the same problem, he reached back eight hundred years to the old-fashioned Law of Moses. He instructed the priests to return to the basics of the Word of God, and Judah had revival. The world says we must accept charismatic ways to build our churches. No. The way to build a church is to build it on the Word of God with old-fashioned preaching, prayer, and fasting.

In answer to the challenge of Rabshekah, Hezekiah encouraged Judah with these words, "With him is the arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us and fight our battles." God performed a great deliverance for Hezekiah. He will do the same for us. We need to hold on to the truth...this doctrine...the Word of God...the standards. He will deliver us. Let's hold fast to the ancient landmarks.

ABI STUDENT ACTIVITIES



The ABI choir presents "O What a Love" cantata to a capacity audience.



S. Long, PA; T. Franks, IL; Mrs. H. Foster, ABI; K. Coates, KY attend an anti-abortion rally at the MN State Capitol.



The Upper Room Experience performs at ABI



Ready for a skit: V. Slagle, WI; T. Miller, IL.

ABI HOSTS YOUTH WEEK:

March 1-7.

Rev. Norman Paslay II, speaker



ABI student activities, whether in the classroom, in the dormitories, on the spacious 40 acre campus, in our beautiful church, or on field trips, are designed to prepare students for a ministry.

Top left - Environmental Science students learn about natural habitats of animals and how they are threatened. L-R: B. Caldwell, NY; B. Sanders, MO; R. Calderon, CA. Computer classes equip students with technical knowledge essential for the 21st century.



Second picture - Students are given "hands on" learning and teaching opportunities in the ABI classroom. Theology, Christian Education, Psychology, ACE Training, and many other courses provide this experience. L-R: L. Pederson, IL; C. McKee, ME; B. Malarz, MN; J. Bettye, ME; G. Miller, IL.



ABI students are involved in many ministries such as Bible quizzing, evangelism, Home Bible studies, practical witnessing, preaching, and Sunday School.

The children's choir is one of the many opportunities ABI students have to work with children, music, and develop organizational skills.



Social activities are numerous at ABI. At the Christmas banquet: L-R: R. McAllister, Canada; W. Starr, WA; C. McKee, ME; D. Flemming, MN; L. Pederson, IL; J. Schramm, OK.

All ABI activities are designed with one goal in mind: preparation for leadership.

ABI GOES TO RUSSIA

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nichols, AIM workers to Minsk, Belarusa, arrived in Russia in October 1992. ABI received a contract from the "School of Tomorrow" and the Russian department of education to provide education in the republic of Belarus. The Nichols are initiating the first ABI Accelerated Christian Education school in that region. They write:

...We are extremely excited to report the miracles that are taking place in the Republic of Belarus!

...I (Ray) had a meeting with the Dean and eleven department heads at the State University of Belarus (student population of about 16,000 and the best known university in the country). I explained why we were in Belarus...at the conclusion of the meeting, the Dean asked me if I would consider being on their staff to teach their students in Theology! Needless to say, I accepted.

... The next day, the Vice Director of the Institute of Foreign Languages asked if I could teach their student teachers the ACE Teacher's Training Course along with its biblical instruction. They want to work closely with us in training their students in the field of education!

...I was invited to speak at the Institute of Culture to 50 students who are training to become social workers...I explained the moral training of children...gave them my personal testimony. After class, 20 or 30 of the students asked me if I would consider giving all of them Bible studies!

...We have been given the privilege of using the school building where we are teaching ACE FREE OF CHARGE!....

On January 9, 1993, the UPCI Foreign Missions Board approved a proposal allowing a Summer Institute to be conducted annually at the Apostolic Bible Institute. The purpose of this Institute

is to train workers, like the Ray Nichols family, as educators and Christian workers.

ABI, in conjunction with the United Pentecostal Church Foreign Missions department, has designed a concentrated five-week training program, utilizing experts from many fields: the Russian language, foreign missions, health services, financial services, and educators, to give the most comprehensive training to prospective teachers. Prospective workers must make application through the **United Pentecostal Church Foreign Missions Division, 8855 Dunn Rd., Hazelwood, MO 63042.**

ABI is completing the publication of "Search for Truth" materials into the Russian language which will also be utilized in this project.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this urgent ministry, contact:

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June 15, 1993 - July 15, 1993

on the ABI Campus

ALUMNI NEWS

Reverend and Mrs. Steve Willoughby, Singapore, held revival in Jakarta, Indonesia. *Leslie Hanson* is working in children's ministries in Clintonville, WI. *Scott Hackler*, IN, is filling an interim music directorship at the Apostolic Bible Institute. *Leticia Espana* is teaching at the Calvary Christian School, Anderson, IN, where *Margot Jones* is principal. *Reverend Raymond Robinson* is actively serving as military chaplain in Hinesville, GA.

GENERAL LICENSE: *David Ferrell*, Atlantic District, Canada; *Eugene Bishop*, Tennessee. NEW MINISTERS: *Devereaux Lloyd*, California; *Raymond Kloepper*, Minnesota. ORDAINED: *Rickey Nance*, Oklahoma.

Congratulations to *Reverend and Mrs. Edward Lucas* and their congregation, IL, in celebration of their church's 75th anniversary. *Reverend and Mrs. James Kelly*, VA. were honored for their years of dedicated Christian service. *Reverend and Mrs. Derrald Hilderbrand* pastor in Wisconsin Dells, WI. PLEASE PRAY FOR...*Mrs. Michael Law*, IL - cancer; *Reverend W. C. Gleason*, OR - cancer; *Reverend Philip Eagan*, AL - cancer; *Reverend Dale Starks*, Singapore - cancer.

MARRIAGES:

Debbie Lee to Paul Eaton, MN. *Kristine Wasmundt* to Mark Wick, WI. *Richard Kepler* to Sayrui Fukushima, MO. *Tim Duffey* to Brenda Harrah, IN. *Gary Loftus* to Michelle Young, MS. *Melody Hammond* to Daniel Buehrer. BIRTHS: Tanya and *Paul Nordstrom*, LA, a son, Hudson. *Robert and Gina (Johnson) Grim*, OK, a son, Jonathan. *Steve and Kari (Montgomery) Shirley*, VI, a daughter, Kristin. *John and Jody Genn*, OK, a son, Justin. *Greg and Joanne (Norris) Reese*, MN, a son, David. *Reverend and Mrs. Tom James*, IN, adopted a daughter, Jennifer Nicole.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES: To the family of *Al Friend, Jr.*, OH, who passed away with cancer.

IS ABI FOR YOU?



Students: D. Lewallen, WI; L. Hinkle, MD; C. Laking, Canada; W. Starr, WA

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social activities at the...

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