

# MT. CARMEL AGAIN?

Something is stirring in the East African nation of Tanzania. There are some similarities to stories we have read of the power encounters of Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel; yet there is a redeeming quality about these stories which liken them more to the Acts of the Apostles.

A year ago a school teacher named Johnson Odoyo was persuaded that the Lord was calling him away from his job to full-time pastoral ministry. His wife was less convinced. In her mind, pastors were notoriously poor. Sunday offerings could hardly pay for a rental facility and would certainly not provide care for a family of five, but she agreed to pray about it and in time was also persuaded that this move would please the Lord.

The beginning was not easy. The small church was evicted from its dwelling. Drought conditions were bringing the country to its knees. But even with no salary to depend on, Johnson's faith in God's promises stood firm. Although the food on the table came only through daily prayer, he dared to increase his personal responsibilities by adopting two orphaned children and pledging to provide for two others, making him responsible for a family of nine. God remained faithful to put food on the table and Johnson remained faithful to give him the glory. His joy has been noticed by many and his church has begun to grow.



*Johnson Odoyo*

Johnson takes frequent trips to other villages to tell them of this wonderful life through Jesus Christ. Two weeks ago, he spoke with a babu (witchdoctor) telling him of the biggest God, the most powerful One, the Creator of all things. The Holy Spirit removed the hardness of the babu's heart and the babu decided that this would be the God he would serve. Johnson then took a team of evangelists to the village to share the good news with everyone there, and out they came from their dwellings to hear what it was that kept their witchdoctor from giving them their traditional medicine.

As one can imagine, not everyone was so thrilled. The elders of the tribe confronted the evangelists directly saying, "If you stay here, you will not survive." Johnson responded, "In the name of Jesus, we will survive." God responded to this word of faith with a great visitation of his Spirit.

- A woman bent over with arthritis straightened up in the name of Jesus.
- A man with polio used his weak limbs for the first time in years.
- Spirits came screaming out of people as they were set free in the name of Jesus.
- Many decided to follow the Lord Jesus and were baptized in the same day.

The tribal elders stood before the people and testified, "This IS the one true God." As I was laughing with joy over these reports, I said to Johnson, "Some pastors think that the age of miracles has passed." His reply made me laugh even harder, "Tell them to come to Tanzania." "Come and see" (John 1: 39).

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# PRAYER & PRAISE

*Student & Kids Sunday — 10th  
Christian Education Sunday — 17th  
Women's Sunday — 24th*

**September 2017**



"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."  
(1 Timothy 4:12, ESV)

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## PRAY

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1. For those doing training at the first of October for Natural Church Development.
2. As we begin a busy season of conferences and regional meetings.
3. The mission team to Croatia last month planted a lot of seeds and made a lot of contacts. Please pray for the Lord to water those seeds and for the follow-up on the contacts made.
4. For those who have benefitted from the Bread of Life donations. May they come to know the Lord through the efforts of those ministering to them.
5. For the upcoming Mission Celebration Banquet (September 23) for the North Carolina coastal churches, that many will be able to attend this event to learn about the exciting new ministries that are taking place on our AC mission fields. Praise the Lord that Blakes Chapel AC Church in Hampstead has graciously offered to host this event.
6. For the Holy Spirit to bring a deeper sense of purpose and commitment at the Mexican Conference Men's retreat at the 99 Plus 1 facilities in San Felipe, Baja California, Mexico (September 28 – 29).
7. For Oro Bible College's Foundation Day (September 22) that the alumni will join together.
8. For safe travel and good health as Jefferson and Penny Vann travel to Illinois in September to speak with churches and conferences.
9. With Kimon and Chin Lee Nicolaides (church planters in Honolulu, Hawaii) for a suitable house facility for holding regular worship services, preferably one that could later be converted to a manse or church building.
10. For the health of the Oro Bible College faculty (Philippines).
11. For the Southern California Advent Christian Conference retreat and the speakers as they present what the Lord has put on their hearts. Bonnie Gilbert, missionary serving in Mexico and co-founder of 99 Plus 1 Ministries, will be one of the speakers.
12. For immigrants to the USA that they will hear about Jesus through Christians here.

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## PRAISE

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1. The Lord for the safe trip and blessings for those who traveled to Malawi and Mozambique.
2. God that Yesuway Jeevan Mission's ministry partner, Pastor Ahaj Kumar Pani, continues with his very busy outreach ministries in Odisha (India) by preaching the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ to the poor and distributing New Testaments and gospel tracts to the village people.
3. The Lord that Liberia Conference President Moses Gbaa is now feeling better after months of pain in the stomach and sometimes within his vertebral column.
4. God for baptisms in three AC churches in the Philippines in June and July. New Life Fellowship had 13 baptisms, Blessed Hope Christian Fellowship had 17 and five from Maranatha Bible Church were baptized.
5. The Lord that the FBHC church in Ramapuram, India recently held VBS and was blessed abundantly. Led by Rev. Solomon Rajan, the church had 94 children from various backgrounds, irrespective of religion, participate in this joyful event. God organized 21 amazing teachers to lead these children every single day in love, prayer and other activities.

### Please pray for the following ACGC Directors' and Coordinators' Activities

**Meredith Broadway**, *Coordinator of Educational Ministries*

- September 7: *Darkness to Light* Facilitator Training, Charleston, S.C.

**Beth Larkin**, *Coordinator of Women's Ministries & Event Operations*

**Matt Larkin**, *Director of Student & Family Ministries*

**Steve Lawson**, *Executive Director*

**Justin Nash**, *Director of Communication*

- September 15 – 17: Missouri Valley Conference, Villisca, Iowa

**Dawn Rutan**, *Director of Finance*

**Jeff Walsh**, *Director of World Outreach*