

Revival in Riyadh

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Are you hungry?

In a recent revival meeting we held, a word of prophecy was given through the pastor. "How dry must it become before you are thirsty? How long must the famine continue before you become hungry?" I remind you again: no earthly pleasure can meet a spiritual need. America is among the most barren nation in the world, spiritually speaking. And while the Church is crying "peace & safety", the Apostle Paul declares in 1 Thess. 5:3, "Sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; & they shall not escape." Ask God to make you hungry again: hungry for the meat of His table.

Please be in prayer for our upcoming services:

7/3—Praise Center Ministries,
Sapulpa, OK

7/10—Fairfax Assembly of
God, Fairfax, OK

7/24—First Assembly of God,
Oologah, OK

7/31—Bethesda Assembly,
OKC, OK

8/7—Hurst Assembly of God,
Hurst, TX

Continued favor with KSA Government

In July of 2008 Brandon and Misty Macal, a couple from our home church in the Tulsa area, accepted a job with the Royal Saudi Arabian Military, which required them to move to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. They and their two children determined early on to make a difference for the Gospel while serving in that land. But being an Islamic nation, they knew God must go before them & make a way for that to be possible.

Within a relatively short period of time (through a relationship we must leave

disclosed) they came in contact with Grace Outreach Church (GOC). **Grace Outreach is an underground Pentecostal church of more than 500 believers**, under the leadership of Nigerian native, Pastor Victor Aigbogun. For the past three years the congregation has been meeting in a different location each week.

Eventually the Macals became the associate pastors at Grace Outreach and are heavily involved in the inner-workings of that body. During my ministry at Grace

Outreach last fall, they received word that **they were being granted permission to host a public evangelistic crusade** in a 10,000-seat soccer stadium in downtown Riyadh! (see "Revival 2011", pg 2) Pastor Victor immediately invited me to come back in Spring 2011 to play a major role in this history-making event.

There are very few visas given into Saudi Arabia (KSA) outside of short family visits. Once again, however, the visa process

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Acts 29

A new chapter of the book of Acts is currently being penned in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The *Revival 2011* crusade (see *Revival 2011*, pg 2), while monumental, was not just a single blast of power. The "dunamis" power that fell in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost is a power that **causes continual explosions of power**.

This continual explosion of power is causing tremendous

growth to the Church of Jesus Christ. The door for the Gospel has been kicked wide open with the effects of this city-wide revival in Riyadh. **The Church as a whole in Saudi Arabia has been energized & given a new-found boldness with freedom to share this Hope like never before.** There were pastors of underground churches in attendance to the Revival 2011 who had been praying for 20 & 30 years for this kind of opportunity.

The current situation for God's Church is that of Acts chapter 5, verses 38-39. Gamaliel informed the Jewish high council that if God was behind the apostles' work, no one could stop it. The fire of the Gospel is burning up the desert of Saudi Arabia & the gates of hell and Islam cannot prevail.

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Continued Favor with KSA Government, continued



*Pastor Victor Aigbogun,
native of Nigeria*

went smoothly, thanks to the influence that the GOC leadership continues to garner with heads of state in Saudi Arabia. Pastor Victor is not only the pastor of Grace Outreach, but a scientist with an earned PhD in food science. He is the director of Marketing & Quality Control for the Almarai Company, one of the largest dairy companies in the world.

Pastor Victor's influence has reached far beyond the walls of his church and into the highest levels of government in Saudi Arabia. Because of his position within the Almarai

Company, he has direct contact with people of power—men being touched by his godly leadership.

Pastor Victor was invited to speak in an inter-faith council meeting which included leading authority figures of Saudi Arabia. In a private meeting following, he was shown a video of a GOC service. **Government informants had been attending the church's underground services!** "We don't know why, but we like you," said the officials. "We see no reason for you to be holding your services in private. Feel free

to come out in the open."

From then until now, every Friday at 9am **Grace Outreach is openly worshipping the one true God!** Not only are they "in the open", but they are the only Bible-believing body that currently owns property in the city of Riyadh.

The Bible says that the Gospel will be preached to the whole world...and then the end will come. **This is prophecy coming to pass!** We have been so humbled and blessed to be a part of this great end-time endeavor and are praying for continued favor as we walk through this open door.

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The main hall housed only a portion of the 8,000+ in attendance for each of the two services.

Despite conflict after conflict to just make it to Riyadh, I deplaned & made my way to customs, expecting another brutal process of waiting in line & questioning. To my surprise, an Indian man caught my attention & motioned for me to come to him. He introduced himself as, first, a member of an Indian Pentecostal church there in the city, but also, as a manager in the airport. He walked me past the extensive line & through customs seamlessly.

However, as soon as I reached my transportation, my contact, Brandon Macal, informed me of **drastic changes that had taken place that very day, less than 48 hours before our first scheduled crusade service.** What had taken in excess of six months to plan had been dismantled within hours. During this time, our two allies in national leadership had left the country on business & in their absence, other leaders

in opposition of our revival took over. In addition to canceling the crusade altogether, the leadership had chosen to keep the large sum of money paid by Grace Outreach Church for use of the soccer stadium.

But the people of God began to pray—both in Riyadh and across the United States. Hundreds of believers were sent throughout the city to search for an alternative location to house the approximately 8,000 people expected to attend. This was a logistical nightmare; thousands of believers from underground churches across the country were already en route, many coming from hundreds of miles away, to participate in this historic event.

With one miracle after another, the location you'll see in the pictures was secured. Although it was not as accommodating as the soccer stadium & limited us to one day of two services,

an army of believers banded together to move 6000-8000 chairs and sound, media, & closed-circuit television equipment from the stadium to the new location—within 22 hours!

It is difficult to describe the power of this moment, when at 2pm on Thursday afternoon, in a public setting in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, **the first crusade of its kind commenced—and made history.** More hands than we could count responded for salvation. Countless blinded eyes were opened, & people were healed of all manner of diseases. Two women in wheel chairs walked out, healed by the power of God. Approximately 16,000 were in attendance!

There is no replacement for the Gospel. When God is put to the test, He always responds to our faith. The only true God proved Himself strong once again!

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Signs & wonders were in abundance as a sign to the unbelievers in attendance. There was no way to lay hands on all who were sick. But the word went forth & hundreds were healed!



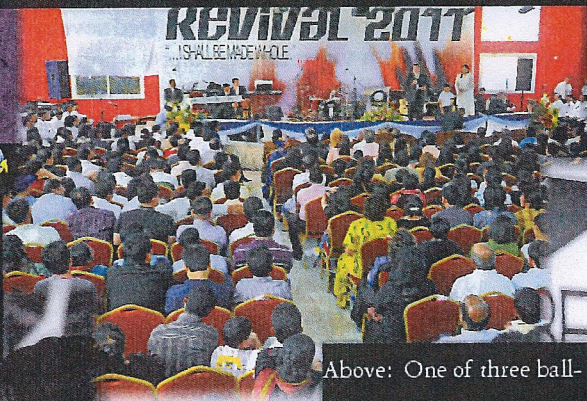
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Susan S. Dela Rosa



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The interpreter explains to Pastor Victor how God healed this Saudi Arabian boy of autism after we had laid hands upon him. His mother risked everything to bring her son to the service.



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...I SHALL BE MADE W-OLE

Above: One of three ball-rooms to house approx-imately 8,000 total people in attendance per service.



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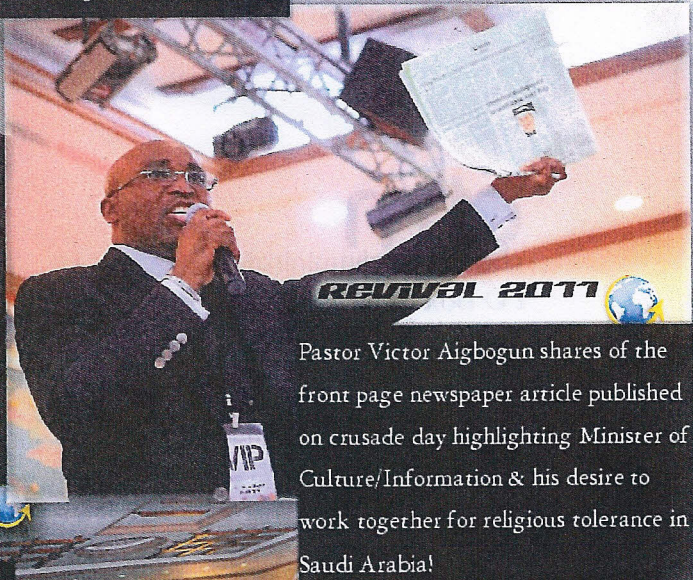


Many teams of ministers were stationed throughout this massive facility to lay hands on as many as possible. Chresten led a team in an adjoining ballroom.



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Right: Due to the last-minute conflict, three different ballrooms housed the 8,000+ in attendance per service via video streaming from the main hall. Thousands of native Saudi Arabians were in attendance.



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Pastor Victor Aigbogun shares of the front page newspaper article published on crusade day highlighting Minister of Culture/Information & his desire to work together for religious tolerance in Saudi Arabia!



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Looking for more details?



In small-town Oklahoma or the heart of Islam, the Gospel is relevant, life-changing, & always meets the need of the hurting soul.



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Please forgive us for the delay in getting this report to you! We have been patiently awaiting the photos featured in this newsletter since my tour in Saudi Arabia in April. Apparently there were some security issues that prevented us from receiving these until June. We wanted you to be able to see the many wonderful experiences that took place throughout the Revival 2011.

With the photos we also received several discs with video footage that we hope to be able to edit and upload to our ministry website. **Be looking for that footage**, as well as other reports & photos, **from the services on our website**, www.ctministries.com, this summer. You will rejoice as you see the crowds of people firsthand and see what God wrought amongst us there.

I am excited to report that **I have been invited to return this October 2011** for another similar meeting there in Riyadh. Please be in prayer even now for that evangelistic outreach, as well as the many churches who are still facing opposition and standing strong in their faith in God's Word. While the door is open for public worship, I do not believe it will be open permanently. So we must endeavor to do as much as we can, while we can.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your partnership with this ministry. **Without your prayers & financial support, we simply could not do what God has called us to do.** We do not take that lightly. Be blessed & hold fast to your hope for His soon return!

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