



# Seed For Living

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## God YOU LOVES YOU

He wants you  
with Him forever...

Every human has sinned against God and fallen short of His standard (Romans 3:23). And we cannot earn Salvation by simply adhering to the Old Testament Law or by being a good person. Anyone taking that stance is bound to fail every time because it is inherent in our nature to sin.

The only way to gain complete forgiveness is to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and acknowledge that He shed His blood to atone for the sins of all who repent. Not acknowledging that

is like telling God, "I can make it to heaven on my own. I don't need Your help."

Think about it. Can any of us really atone for all our sins? Can we really live a sinless life? Are we prepared to suffer and give our life up like Jesus did?

God understands our shortcomings. Therefore, He sacrificed His Son Jesus on the cross as the only acceptable payment for our sins. 1 Peter 1:18-19 says, "...you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious Lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God."

In retrospect, the Blood of Jesus Christ is absolutely the most precious thing God has offered us. And the best part is that anyone can claim the protection and forgiveness the Blood of Jesus provides. Regardless of our sins, God offers this gift to each of us because He did not send Jesus to condemn the world but to save it.

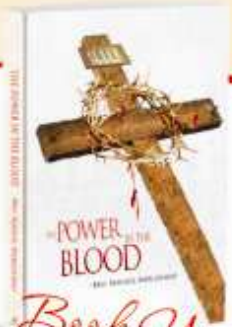
The Bible says no one can enter heaven or get to the Father except through the Son (John 14:6). And in John 6:40, Jesus says all who believe in Him will receive everlasting life — with Him! We are only asked to believe (have faith), repent (turn from sin), receive salvation through Jesus, confess Him, and transfer ownership of our lives to Him.

1 John 1:7 says the Blood of Jesus cleanses us from every sin. In other words, even if the heart of a child of God is stained inadvertently, the Blood of Jesus immediately washes it away. And for those called according to God's purposes, this process of cleansing is continuous and ongoing.

My friend, whoever you are, wherever you are — you need to hear this: God loves you. He cares about you... a lot. When you see the cross, remember why the Son of God hangs there. He died so that you may live — forever. Amen!

— Bro. Manuel Mergulhao

*Read this book, which comprises three parts - The Blood of Jesus, Power in the Blood, and Eternal Life in the Blood. It will renew your mind and encourage you to live life to the fullest by helping you to unlock the life-redeeming power in the Blood of Jesus.*



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# YOUR CALL...

## So, what cause would you be willing to let your child die for?

Simple question.

Many take pride in a loved one who dies fighting for the country. Yes, that is a huge sacrifice. But I am not talking about the kind of sacrifice where your grownup kid joins the army, is sent to war with the hope that he'll return soon, but does not. I am talking about the kind where you have to send your kid to war with the understanding that he's never coming back. Like a suicide mission. Except the decision is not up to your child – it's up to you.

**What cause would be worth that kind of sacrifice?**

Turn around one time and look at your kid or loved one before you answer this. No need to hurry. Take your time.

There's one more catch though. What if I told you the enemies are savages. A bullet to the head won't do it. They'll beat the living daylights out of your kid before they let him die. They'll skin him alive. Torture him. Pull every bone of his body out of socket. It's going to be gruesome.

**What cause would be worth having your child go through that?**

Come on now. You can decide. It's your call after all.

What if your kid calls you from the warzone the night before his unit is about to be ambushed. He says, "Dad, they are closing in. I can turn back now while there is still time. But you asked me to be here and I won't retreat until you say so. Please Dad. I want to come back. Just say the word. We can worry about this later. They are gonna kill me, Dad. And I want to live. I want to come home. Please let me come back..."

**What would you say in response?**

If it was me I'd tell my child to get the heck out of there and keep running till he got home.

**But I am asking you now. What would you do?**

While you are thinking about that I want to tell you about a remarkable dad who took a similar call from his son. The amazing thing is this dad did not back down. Neither did the son. When the enemy was within sight, his buddies retreated and ran for their life.

But this kid did not.

He stood there... alone... because his father told him to. And he went down.

You've probably heard of him. His name is Jesus.

PS: I didn't tell you the cause he died for. It was you. Funny thing is all these years later both Father and Son still think it was totally worth it. And they would do it again if they needed to. As far as they are concerned, you are absolutely precious, someone to be held close and loved unconditionally. Yes! God still believes you are worth dying for.

– Editorial Desk



## DARK SPACES

Due to lack of knowledge, people perish (Hosea 4:6)  
But the ways of the world, people relish.

(Psa. 115:4 - Idols of silver, gold, human arts and abilities)  
(Matt 16:23 - Get behind me, Satan... Your ways are the ways of men)

People are still looking for dark spaces  
With tense, grim searching faces

Not knowing what it is  
They assume it occupies 25% of the universe

People prefer darkness rather than light (John 3:19)  
This still will be much worse.

When God created the world, the earth was  
formless  
and darkness covered its face (Gen 1:1)

When God created man, He made him in light,  
As light (Matt: 5:14) and in grace  
(Eph 1:2 to 14 & Eph 4:17 to 5:20)

Even dark clouds have silver linings,  
Sun-rays peeping magnificently and shining.

What more the Son who created all things  
Fullness of life and wisdom He brings,  
Even in the valley of darkness (Psa 23:4 - RSV)

–Benedict Vivian Fernandes

# Standing in the Gap!

## What is a long-standing ministry's secret? The backbone?

A people who are called by His name, who humble themselves, gather in prayer and seek His face. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Or a people who add to their faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. (2 Peter 1:7)

In our endeavor to be productive, to stand for the Ministry, the BMM Intercessory cell has not stopped meeting. Small groups of women are meeting in the mornings from 7.00 AM to 8.30 AM, and on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 AM. There are also youth meetings at 7 AM every Tuesday.

But we need a stronger, 24-hour interceding ministry.

Through this medium, we are sending a call to all intercessors to come in large numbers and meet at the Prayer Tower, either from 7 to 9 or 9 to 11 in the mornings.

Yes, that is the behind-the-scene power of a ministry: The victory that is won in agreement within closed rooms, before it is seen in public. I praise and thank God for those women who have been consistently gathering together for this purpose.

Whenever Moses' hands were lifted up in intercession, his people in battle kept winning. But as soon as they drooped, they started losing. Hence, Aaron helped him to hold his hands up for victory for Israel.

Where are the Moses and Aarons of today? Come stand for the ministry that God has called you in.

**– Sis. Lynette Mergulhao**

## K4C Crossword

### David & Goliath

To solve this puzzle, first read the story of David and Goliath in I Samuel 17. Then read the clues. Write one word for each clue in the diagram. If you fill in all the correct answers, a special message will appear in the yellow boxes. The message tells what helped David defeat Goliath.

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- 1) David was not \_\_\_\_\_ of Goliath
- 2) The name of the king who gave David permission to fight
- 3) The number of stones David chose from the stream
- 4) Saul dressed David in his own
- 5) David's normal duty was to keep these animals safe
- 6) The name of David's oldest brother
- 7) Because Goliath was over 9 feet tall, he was called a \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) What David used to hurl his stone
- 9) What David refused to wear because it was too heavy
- 10) Where David's stone hit Goliath?

What Helped David Defeat Goliath?  
It was his \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_!

# “BREAD OF LIFE” & “BREAKING OF BREAD” Part-2

## **The importance of the Lord's supper / Christian Communion**

Let us open our hearts to the depth of the meaning of the breaking of bread, which is a soul-stirring experience. It is a significant new fellowship meal instituted during the age-old celebration of the Passover of the Jews.

Let us understand this. The feast of Passover was/is the most sacred feast of the Jews. It reminds them of the final plague on Egypt when the firstborn of the Egyptians died and the Israelites were spared because of the blood of a lamb that was sprinkled on their doorposts! The lamb was then roasted and eaten with unleavened bread.

It was God's command for them that this feast would be celebrated throughout the generations to come. (Read Exodus 12).

During the Last Supper, which was also significantly the day of the Jewish Passover celebration, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it and gave it

to His disciples and said, “This is my body broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.” Thus, the Jewish lamb gets replaced with the Lamb of God, Jesus Himself.

In the same way, after the supper He took the cup and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.” (Luke 22:19-21).

He concluded the feast by singing a hymn (Matthew 26:30) and they went out into the night to the Mount of Olives.

It was there that Jesus was betrayed, as predicted, by Judas. The following day, He was crucified.

(Read Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:17-25, Luke 22:7-22, and John 13:21-30)

Greater significances to follow in the forthcoming bulletins. Keep breaking the bread and the word.


**–Editorial Desk**

## **BMM OUTREACHES**

We began this year with a Corporate Daniel's Fast. Giving the initial days of the year to God, opened the door for His grace and favour for the remainder of the year.

And each day that we awaken this year is certainly a glorious and a blessed day given to us by the Lord our Father. This month, the Lord took Bro. Manuel Ministries to Italy and the UAE (Sharjah and Dubai). God answered the desires of many hearts that waited patiently for the opportune time to have Bro. Manuel bring the message of healing and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The praise and worship at Italy, Sharjah and Dubai touched the hearts of the people, even as Bro. Manuel delivered the message of achieving eternal life through the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. There were testimonies of healing and deliverance as Bro. Manuel led the congregation towards cleaning and cleansing in the Blood of Jesus.



*I have been with Bro. Manuel Ministries for the last three years. Every time Brother speaks the Word, it draws me closer to God. I've been blessed in many ways after joining this ministry. Bro. Manuel has guided me spiritually, especially during my pregnancy. My husband was not with me during that time. In my 4th month, I experienced a lot of pain. I took Bro. Manuel's advice and went for a check-up. I kept praying in the Blood of Jesus. The doctors advised me to go in for a C-section. I told God I wanted a full-term baby. Bro. Manuel prayed for me and every check-up thereafter the doctors said the baby was fine. Even after delivery, I went through a lot of pain. Bro. Manuel prayed for me and now I am feeling great. I continuously pray in the Blood of Jesus when I am feeling unwell and even when my son is not keeping well. I would like to thank Bro. Manuel Ministries for all their support and the prayer partners whom I've prayed with.*

**– Brenda Cruz**

# The Land Is Ready. Are You?

More than three thousand years ago, God led the Israelites to the Promised Land, saying:

*See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land the LORD swore He would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to their descendants after them. (Deuteronomy 1:8)*

Today, He says the same thing to us.

Yes! The ground is ready for a Retreat.

In fact, work on the land has been going on for quite some time now. The ground has been leveled. The enclosures have been laid. Sometime in the near future, you can see the land with your own eyes and walk the ground. Until then, here are some photographs.



# JESUS ROCKS!

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

This scripture is about us. It's about you. We are the people of the Light. We are to declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness. And that is exactly what we, the youth of Bro. Manuel Ministries, did on April 18, 2013.

We worshiped. We made music. We sang. We danced. And we brought our friends and acquaintances along...so that they too would experience the "amazingness" of life in Christ Jesus the way we have. God did not put His light in us so that we would hide under a bed. No! We are going public with this. We are spreading the Good News.

And we are going to do this again...and again. Coz we are free and we just can't stop praising our God.

Come! Join the Freedom Generation.



# TESTIMONIES

T E S T I M O N I E S



I used to be a diabetic. During one of the outreaches, I told Bro. Manuel that I want to stop taking diabetes tablets. He asked me to get my file and then advised me to observe the Daniel's Fast. Soon thereafter, I went for one more test for diabetes. This time, the reports were completely normal. I thank my Lord Jesus Christ for healing me. I want to advise people to sow their seed in Bro. Manuel Ministries. Not a single penny of yours will go waste. I pray that the ministry should reach across the whole world and Bro. Manuel's programme should be telecast on every channel.

– Surekha Kowarkar



I was suffering from severe toothache and ear pain. I also used to get body aches. In the mornings, I used to feel as though someone has tied me up. However, after eating the food that was served the day Daniel's Fast ended, I never experienced any pain. I also want to testify about sowing. My daughter needed a computer very badly. But we had no money to buy one. I sowed Rs 500 in the ministry. Soon thereafter, my husband's boss gave us money to buy a computer for our daughter. Whenever I sow in this ministry, God provides for my needs somehow or the other. Thank You, Jesus.

– Jean D'souza



I am from Gujarat. I came to Bro. Manuel Ministries in 2004. Since then, I have received a lot of love. I have received everything here. In 2008, I was suffering from thyroid. Due to this, I had to go to Gujarat. The doctor in Jamnagar advised me to get operated or face more problems. However, I chose to trust God. I threw out all my medicines and returned to Mumbai for the monthly retreat. My thyroid problem disappeared completely. I could neither eat nor drink properly, but now I can. For this, I thank God. He has given me a new life.

– Rupali Chavan



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## RETREAT & OUTREACHES

**Vasai Retreat**  
May 18-20, 2013

**Ghatkopar Outreach**  
May 25, 2013

**Mumbai Retreat**  
June 6-7, 2013

**Goa Outreach**  
June 14-16, 2013

**Fellowship Meetings**  
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