

Zimbabwe Christian Hospital Gets Extreme Makeover

The Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Zimbabwe is a 60-year-old icon of Southern Baptist overseas work that has fallen into serious disrepair as that country's economy has collapsed.

On average, this bush hospital sees about 35,000 outpatients, cares for 1,800 inpatients, assists in 1,800 child births, and performs 1,000 minor surgical procedures and 240 C-sections.

Funds and resources weren't matching the increased patient load, which is putting the hospital in crisis. There has been a limited supply of drugs and supplies while AIDS, TB, cholera, and malaria have risen. Baptist Global Response, partnered with Samaritan's Purse, stepped in and helped provide needed medicines and clean water to help keep the doors open.

Fellow Dems Attack Florida Rep on Pro-Life Stance

✘ Abortion is ugly—and politics can certainly get nasty. When the two intersect, the behavior of some politicians is, well, un-American.

Daphne Campbell, a freshman Florida State House Representative from Miami, experienced an un-American attack firsthand last week during her first legislative session—and the attack came from her own political party.

Here's the background: The Ultrasound Bill came up for debate

and a vote on the floor of the House Chamber on April 21. Campbell, a wife and mother of five children—who just so happens to work as a nurse—rose in passionate support for the pro-life bill that requires ultrasounds before abortions. She quoted from the book of Ezekiel and admonished members with the commandment “Thou shalt not kill.”

Republican members in the Florida House stood to their feet in a standing ovation as other Democrat members protested with arms folded, standing in the back of the chamber. That’s when one member of her own party viciously attacked the young representative.

Al-Qaida Vows Revenge for Bin Laden’s Death

- ✘ Few expected radical Islam to take Osama bin Laden’s death lying down.

Prophetic

voices had warned of the obvious: retaliation from al-Qaida. It didn’t

take long for that prophecy to come to pass. The SITE Intelligence

Group’s monitoring service is reporting that al-Qaida has confirmed bin

Laden’s death in an Internet message. The terrorist group also vowed to

take revenge on the U.S. and its allies.

Al-Qaida released the statement on May 6 to jihad forums. SITE translated letter, which glorified bin Laden with a vengeance.

Will Arabic Christians Face Revenge in Wake of bin Laden Death?

✘ Secular and religious sources alike acknowledge that Arabic Christians may face the brunt of revenge attacks following Osama bin Laden's death. The current debate over the release of photos to prove the al-Qaeda leader is dead is littered with concern over what kind of backlash there will be.

Radicals are already outraged by bin Laden's death. Anything that stirs the pot more in the slightest could heat things up for Christians, who are likely to become the scapegoats.

"There's concern that if we post pictures, or if we over inflate this whole situation, there will be tremendous implications for our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world," explains Paul Estabrooks with Open Doors, USA.

Are You Positioned to Receive a Double Portion Prophetic Anointing?

Picture this: Elijah was running for his life—from the wicked queen Jezebel.

At a time when he needed all the friends he could get, Elijah

found himself isolated in the wilderness battling fearful imaginations of Jezebel's henchmen making good on her death threat. His servant was supposed to protect him, to stand with him—to run with him if necessary. Instead this unnamed servant stayed behind in Beersheba (1 Kings 19:3). The Bible says Elijah left his servant there, but there's no indication that the servant even so much as tried to stay by his side.

That has always puzzled me. Elijah's servant had just watched God bring rain to the land at Elijah's word after a long drought. This servant had just witnessed Elijah call down fire from heaven. Elijah's servant had witnessed the man of God defeat 850 prophets with his sword. God only knows how many other miracles Elijah's servant witnessed. Yet at the first sign of trouble, the servant stayed behind in Beersheba, a fertile land of plenty, while Elijah isolated himself in the wilderness.

Well, Elijah's servant missed out—that's the last we hear of Elijah's servant. He could have been in line for a double portion anointing, but he forfeited it by not sticking with Elijah through thick and thin.

God gave Elijah a new servant not too long after this. God gave him Elisha to carry on his ministry. In contrast to Elijah's first servant, Elisha refused to leave his side. Elijah even commanded him more than once to stay behind and Elisha refused to leave him.

From the beginning you can see Elisha's fervent spirit for the Lord. Elisha was plowing with 12 yoke of oxen when Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him. Let's listen in to the chronicle: "And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the

people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him?" (1 Kings 19:20-21, KJV).

Elisha served Elijah faithfully—and fervently. He was widely known in the kingdom of Israel as the one who poured water over Elijah's hands (1 Kings 3:11). Through his faithful, fervent service to Elijah, Elisha was actually serving God's purposes in the earth and being prepared to do even greater works than Elijah.

But when Elijah's time was drawing to an end, would Elisha stick with him or rush out to launch his own ministry before God's perfect timing? Would Elisha hang tough with Elijah no matter where he went or what he did? Or would he take any excuse to bail out when the warfare got intense like Elijah's other servant did when Jezebel came calling? Elijah gave his apprentice three chances to leave his service.

It reminds me of when Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" three times. Jesus was giving Peter more responsibility for the Church in that process. Elisha may or may not have realized it, but Elijah was about to give him a great responsibility—as his successor. Elisha had already been anointed as his successor, but now it was nearing time to take the mantle of responsibility and carry on where Elijah would leave off (1 Kings 19:15-16).

Elisha knew his master was about to go up to heaven. Instead of bailing on him, he stuck closely by Elijah's side to draw everything he could to the very end. "And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so" (2 Kings 2:9-10)

Elisha was bold enough to ask Elijah for a double portion of his anointing before he went on to be with the Lord. He knew he would need it to continue the work of the ministry. Based on his service up until that time, Elijah was willing to entertain the request. But would Elisha stick by his side until the end? Elisha would have to if he wanted that double portion.

“And it came to pass as they went on, and talked...” (2 Kings 2:11)

I like that. These two prophets—younger and older—walked on together and they talked. Can you imagine what they were talking about? Both men knew that their time together was now short. This was Elisha’s last chance to draw wisdom from his mentor; Elijah’s last chance to offer his spiritual son instruction. And while they were talking, a chariot of fire parted them and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into the heavens.

And Elisha saw it. And Elisha received the double portion anointing for which he petitioned. And here’s my point: Elijah’s other servant, the one who stayed behind at Beersheba, was a candidate for this double portion anointing. At the very least, he was in line to receive a mighty impartation from Elijah.

But Elijah’s other servant wasn’t willing to go with him through the hard times, to the hard places, with the hard words. Elijah’s other servant didn’t have this same fervent spirit, serving the Lord. So Elijah’s other servant disappears into Bible obscurity, without even so much as a name by which to call him. But the Bible says Elisha, by contrast, went on to do twice as many miracles as his mentor. Elisha maintained his fervency until the end.

In fact, Elisha was so fervent in spirit that the miraculous followed him after he was dead and buried: “And it came to


pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet” (2 Kings 13:21).

How about you? Are you faithful? Are you fervent? Consider the anointing God has in store for those who faithfully—and fervently—serve Him at all costs.

You can download a sample chapter of Jennifer’s new book, *The Making of a Prophet*, by [clicking here](#).

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Syria Crackdown Targets Christians

 Human rights groups say Syrian authorities arrested more than 1,000 people in the latest sweep aimed at crushing the uprising against President Bashar Assad.

Many dozens more are missing in the latest brutal crackdown of the six-week-old revolt. Tom Doyle of E3 Partners says it’s not over yet. “They’re going to flex their muscles even more to squelch any desire for rebellion,” he says. “They’re going to try to get to the heart of it.”

The calls for Assad’s ouster spread quickly across the nation

of some 23 million. Blame for the upheaval is being laid on outside groups who have come in to take advantage of protests to stir up unrest and destabilize Syria.

Christian leaders agree. Doyle explains, "We've gotten some SOS messages from believers from Syria saying, 'Pray for us. There's so much going on right now, and believers have been targeted in some areas.'"

Jacobs Announces Prophetic Implications of bin Laden's Death

✘ While many around the world were watching President Obama share the news of Osama bin Laden's capture on Sunday night, one prophetic voice was watching through teary eyes.

That prophetic voice was Cindy Jacobs.

The news of bin Laden's death elicited memories of the national tragedy known as 9/11. That fateful day when the World Trade Center towers went up in deadly flames was of special interest to her as an intercessor. That's because she had just flown from Washington, D.C., with many of Generals International's state coordinators from the United States Reformation Prayer Network to intercede for the nation.

"Aside from the obvious joy that I felt as an American that this evil man had been brought to justice, I received two things from the Lord," Jacobs told *Charisma News*. "One brings me great hope and the other an admonition."

GOD TV Broadcasts National Day of Prayer Coverage

☒ Want to get in on the prayer action on May 5? GOD TV is broadcasting the main event of the National Day of Prayer live from Washington, D.C., at 9 a.m. EST.

The National Day of Prayer encourages Americans to pray for the nation, the American people and all in authority. This year's theme is 'A Mighty Fortress for Our God' based on Psalm 91: "I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust.'"

Celebrated on the first Thursday in May, the National Day of Prayer was established by an act of Congress in 1952, requiring the U.S. presidents to proclaim the prayer day each year.

Healing Prayer Initiative Targets Hospital Patients

☒ Like clockwork, patients, family—and even medical staff—gather for healing prayer in the Penn State Hershey Medical Center chapel every Friday. And God is also showing up.

Abby Abildness, president of Hershey Aglow Lighthouse and founder of Healing Tree International, has led a team of

prayer ministers in a weekly healing prayer service there for the past six years. Healing Tree International is a local non-profit organization that networks churches and leaders from around the world to bring positive change to the nations.

“Combining healing prayer with medical care can bring God’s healing care to society around the world,” says Abildness, who received supernatural healing from endometrial cancer 32 years ago. Abildness took God at His Word that He is, indeed, the God who heals according to Exodus 15:26. Now, she’s taking that Word—and the power of prayer—to those in need.

Here’s how it works: The hospital makes an announcement over the PA system every Friday at 11:45 a.m. that a healing prayer service is taking place in the chapel. When patients, family members (and sometimes hospital staff) arrive, a team of prayer ministers is there to meet them. They simply ask for prayer for divine direction or wisdom in making the right healthcare choices. According to Abildness, lives are transformed and healings take place.

Digital Outreach Month Equips Saints for Web Evangelism

Are you an online evangelist?

Whether you spread the gospel online or you want to get involved in fishing for men on the Internet, you can get equipped during the month of May.

Internet Evangelism Day is May 15—and the organizers have dubbed May as Digital Outreach Month. Internet Evangelism Day is an interdenominational international initiative of the

Internet Evangelism Coalition, based at the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, Ill.

Event organizers are convinced there is a growing potential to share the good news online in a variety of ways. "You do not need to be technical," says Tony Whittaker, Internet Evangelism Day coordinator. "There are many simple yet fulfilling ways of being salt and light in cyberspace."