

APRIL 2018

Dear Friend,

With gratitude to God for the successful hosting the 2018 camp meeting. The Lord has been good to our country for the permit to hold the meeting in spite of the epidemics and social instability that had prevailed in the country in recent months. The grant of a permit was the first miracle of the meeting.

The preparations weren't easy either. Funds to finance basic requirements in appropriate times as anticipated by organisers became a riddle but the church continued praying that the meeting be held. Our Great God miraculously provided the resources to see us through to the end. Combined choir practices were a part of preparations. As a result, a cross section of singers from urban and rural branches converged at the Headquarters church to polish their concert renditions. Pitching of tents, construction of temporary kitchen and ablution blocks and a dumping pit at the new camping ground was the last of assigned physical works done to accommodate campers.

We had spiritual preparations running along side the physical. We had the customary one month prayers which ended on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. On the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, the workers were being arrayed for the start of camp meeting through a lesson entitled: **"WALKING AND WORKING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THESE LAST DAYS"** In this lesson workers were reminded that if workers are to be effective in their servitude they need to "Walk and Work" with Holy Spirit in these last days having the anointing in all they do for the Lord. The starting point to walk with God is when we are born again, we press higher to the experience of entire sanctification when we consecrate our all on the altar of prayer and strive to maintain a life without blemish as we walk circumspectly in this vile world. Walking with God comes first then working for him follows when our lives please Him. The admonition was to go into the meeting having that closeness with the Spirit of God. " This year's camp meeting was graced by the presence of the Superintendent General of the Apostolic Faith Work at International Headquarters in Portland, Oregon U.S.A. He was accompanied by his son Randy and grandson Oscar. We had good fellowship together. These went sight – seeing to view Zambia's tourist attractions in Livingstone, the tourist capital.

This year is one of these lucky years; for Africa's District Superintendents and the Superintendent General were all present among notable dignitaries. A real demonstration of unity of purpose and harmonious living by our leaders as is described by King David in Psalm 133. Our foreign delegates came from eight neighbouring countries and overseas totalling 73. We had 03 from U.S.A, 02 from U.K 40 from Zimbabwe, 04 from South Africa, 03 from Malawi, 05 from Burundi, 06 from Tanzania, 02 from Angola, 05 from Botswana and 03 from Nigeria. The great day, the day of "Breaking the Gourd" came with the beauty of the Spirit of God amid much expectations of having the leader of the Apostolic Faith work worldwide visiting Zambia for the very first time. Reverend Darrel D. Lee and his escort arrived after Sunday school and were met by the Zambia District Reverend Timothy H. Kaibula and the National Board of Trustees, District Superintendent for Southern Africa Region Reverend O.Z. Gumbo, Provincial Overseers, Heads of Departments and members of the National Camp Meeting Organising Committee. After a brief welcome and interview in the Head Office the visitors joined workers in the prayer room.

Devotional Service began with a well organised presentation by our Sunday school children to welcome our leader who came for the historic pastoral visit to Zambia. We had seen Rev .Lee's face in Higher way magazine and other publications he was presently live in camp. What a privilege we had to have him!. A lively presentation by our little children to welcome the visiting three Superintendents and their escorts pronounced the unity of Africa and the desire to make heaven. The presence of the Spirit of the Lord was heavy upon us. The opening devotional message by Reverend Darrel D. Lee on the Camp meeting theme lasted only twenty two minutes!! While people were still expecting for more, the Spirit of God descended and a rush for space at the altar to plunge into the ocean of blessing ensued. Heaven came down and we were enveloped in a mighty revival. The young people's service followed in the afternoon and in the evening we had an evangelistic service by Rev, Nkhata from Malawi. It was easy score because we had high expectations for this meeting and hearts yearning for more of the Word of God. The altar were never without seekers. The evening of the first free Monday came with our choir performing live in concert attended by 1, 278 persons and our choir and orchestra did a great job. With this year's