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**Dr. John N. Chacha**

Dear friends and partners,

Greetings in the name of our great and powerful God! Thanks to those of you who supported me, and made the mission trip to the Middle East and to Africa possible. The mission was successful and a good number of people came to the Lord.

For many years, the Church in the Middle East has tried her best to reach out to the Arab world but with limited success. However, today, the Lord is doing a new thing. Many Christians are praying for the release of dreams and visions among the Arab people. This is beginning to happen in a special way.

God is moving through visions and dreams and visiting various people. Jesus has been appearing to many Arabs as the Savior, the one crucified, the healer, and the Son of God. Many who experience these dreams have quite a journey to make in their lives as they move toward baptism and becoming established as Christians. There are many powerful testimonies of Moslems who have found joy in Christ despite enduring great persecution. Here is one example:

## **The Story of Akbar**

Akbar (not his real name) was a Jordanian of strong Moslem background. Like most Moslems, he respected Jesus but did not believe he was the Son of God. Akbar came to know Jesus as the Son of God when Jesus appeared to him in a dream. He committed his life to Jesus Christ and, through a series of incidents, became connected to a church. However, that church was scared to baptize him. They thought it was too dangerous both for him and for themselves because of the

persecution of Christians, especially those who convert from Islam.

These Christians told Akbar that if he would go to Cyprus, a place that is more tolerant of other religions, then he could be baptized there. He went to Cyprus and found a denominational church. They didn't know what to do with him because they never baptize adults, only babies. Akbar kept saying, "I need to be baptized." He finally gave up as he realized some Christians have as many problems with tradition as Moslems.

From there, Akbar went to Syria because he was told, "They will baptize you because you are not Syrian." He connected to a small church there but before he was baptized, the church people asked if he could help them because he had the advantage of not being Syrian. They asked him to take some of their needs and concerns and talk to the officials. He listened to them, wanting to help, and went to the police to register their concerns. However, the police found out, because of his Moslem name, that he was a former Moslem who had converted to Christianity. They threw him in jail where he went through tremendous torture, sexual abuse and excruciating pain.

On his 39th day in prison, Jesus appeared to Akbar again and told him, "You will get out of prison tomorrow." The next day the police came, took him from prison, took him to the border, and kicked him out of Syria, back into Jordan where he started. He went back home and asked, "What do I do?" He was told to go to Kuwait.

He was so hungry for God that he was willing to go anywhere and try anything for Him. In Kuwait, he got a difficult job doing manual labor. He lived in small room with many people. He was cautious and prayed to find somebody with whom to share his faith. One day the Lord led him to a Christian lady who took him to her church, introduced him to her pastor, and explained that he wanted to be baptized. They arranged for a

**Dr. CHACHA'S  
Itinerary**

**March**

- Fort Mill, SC March 9 7:00 pm Morningstar School of the Spirit 803-802-5544
- Cincinnati, OH March 10 Iron Sharpens Iron Conf. 513-521-6227
- Botswana - March 15 - 18  
J'burg, S. Africa - 19 - 20  
Lesotho - March 11 -22  
Soweto, S. Africa, 23 - 26  
Tanzania March 27 - 31

**April**

- Dallas, TX -April 21 Living Well Church Men's conference  
April 22 - 2:00 pm Neema Gospel Church 469-461-0060

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meeting the next day and he shared his story. Then he baptized him.

After all that he went through, Akbar could honestly say he didn't hold anything against anyone. He was not upset with the other Christians who wouldn't help him because of fear or tradition. He knew Jesus said, "Take up your cross." There will always be those who are afraid to serve God with their whole life. When asked if he was upset at those who abused him, he said, "Jesus said this might happen. It is OK."

Presently, Akbar has been approved to be a translator with a group going into Iraq. He is growing in the Lord and sharing his testimony with all who will listen. He will let anyone know that it is worth all suffering and hardship to follow Jesus. Jesus is the only way to God, the only way to forgiveness of sin, peace in our hearts, and true joy. In Jesus we have assurance of salvation because it is not based on our works (like all other religions) but on the sacrifice of the perfect lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who died in our place.



**Ministry in the Middle East**

The story of Akbar reminds me of my own struggles and the persecution that I received from my family members and friends when I made a commitment to the Lord. I look back with gratitude to the Lord for allowing me to go through those trials because through them, I developed leadership qualities and strong faith and trust in the Lord. It is that faith that has seen me through hard times in my Christian walk. As you walk with the Lord, you will be persecuted. Christians who run away from problems and difficult situations never learn how to trust God. Difficulties are a chance to build your faith. Problems are simply opportunities for God to do a miracle.

**But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. Luke 21:12**

### Are You Going through Hard Times?

If you are going through hard times in your faith, if you are being persecuted for your beliefs, then you need to:

1. check whether what you believe is biblical or whether you are being persecuted because of your ignorance.

**My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge ... Hosea 4:6**

2. make sure that the battles you are fighting are your battles and not someone else's battles. Fight your own battles with the help of the Holy Spirit. Don't let other people fight your battles for you. Pay the price for your victory.
3. make sure you have the right support base and are equipped with the right tools.
4. surround yourself with people who will support you, not with faithless people.
5. put your trust in God, not in people and/or things.

### Be a Part of the '07 Mission Trips

**Building Teams:** We need carpenters, masons and cooks for building Teamwork Children's home in Tanzania. Trips are planned for: - **May 21 - June 3 & July 29 - Aug 13** Other dates may be set as needed.

**Conference:** We need mission team members for conferences and children's ministry centered in Nakuru, Kenya. **Aug. 1- 13** Sign up by March 15

**For more information,** email or call the office.

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5**

6. expect victory and not defeat. See things from God's perspective.
7. count it all joy

**My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**

**James 1:2-4**

7. check your attitude. Stop complaining.
9. help others who are going through struggles of their own. Don't be self-centered or problem-centered but look to Jesus.

### Mission To Africa

I just came from Tanzania where the preparation is underway to break ground in April for the children's home and the hospital. We still need building teams as well as building materials.

In March, I will be leaving for Africa. I'll be going to Johannesburg, South Africa, Lesotho and Botswana. I'll also be doing a leadership conference in Soweto, one of the largest townships in South Africa. From there I will be going to Tanzania to check on the progress of the building of the City of Hope. As I will be covering several nations, we urgently need \$5000 for this mission trip because of the expense of travel within Africa. Your gift of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Small gifts become greatly multiplied when put together and given a great vision.

We are still in great need of financial support for the City of Hope. Be a part of creating history, transforming lives, and bringing hope to the hopeless.

Yours in His Service,

Dr. John N. Chacha



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