

Revival

Restoring the Faithful

MOST PEOPLE KNOW MAURITIUS AS A fantastic holiday destination, with its pristine white beaches and sparkling turquoise-blue lagoons.

Why then would some 400 people, both young and old, from vastly different nations around the world, save up every year, take their annual leave and travel all the way to Mauritius just to spend a week in what is probably one of the most unattractive towns on the planet - Curepipe? Most of them knowing full well that they would not even get to see the beach! Well, what all these Christians have discovered, experienced, and paid this price for, is **restoration**.

For pastors: It is a new lease of life as ministers of the gospel are being restored through the apostolic ministry.

For married couples: It is the discovery that their responsibility is to 'die to self' and that

marriage has only one purpose - to serve the Lord together.

For young people: It is a chance to learn that the world has nothing to offer them, but living for the Lord will bring them true fulfillment in every aspect of their lives.

This year, 1200 Mauritians from local churches, together with over 400 overseas visitors, were not disappointed and for the many pastors from churches in Cameroon, France, Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe who attended for the first time, the 19th Annual Conference of Church Team Ministries International (CTMI) was an experience that they will never forget. All in all, 21 countries were represented - a sight evident by the colourful parade and display of brothers and sisters wearing their national costumes for the 'International Night' service. The theme song was most appropriate: "From every nation..."

It was estimated that the visitors spoke up to 16 different languages back home, which varied from Swahili and Seychelles Creole, to Spanish.

Before each evening's main message, visiting pastors shared how their relationship with CTMI had changed their lives and their ministries. In addition, a number of moving testimonies were given by those who had been miraculously healed, after receiving prayer, for medical conditions that doctors had said were incurable.

The six messages preached to a packed auditorium were not only powerful and encouraging, but gems of revelation and direction for the Church today. Speaking on the theme "Revival and Sound Doctrine" was keynote speaker, Pastor Miki Hardy.

In laying the foundation for this theme, Pastor Miki said with authority that "it is through sound doctrine that the Church will

experience the revival that will ultimately announce the return of the Lord." Having clarified what he meant by "revival", Pastor Miki continued to expound on what the "true" Gospel of Jesus really means, and what it is not. He said that whatever is of man and of the flesh, is not the "true" Gospel of Jesus, and is, therefore, a false doctrine. For those who sincerely desire to serve the Lord, whether they are leaders or members of God's flock, they must first understand that, "true sons of the Spirit should not only be satisfied to carry a message or ministry, but they must live out the Gospel and conduct their lives as a demonstration of what they believe."

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In the days that followed, Pastor Miki continued to build on this foundation. He said that "the Church today is full of preachers, but it has lost ground." "The word of *Lord is becoming rare and revelation*, as it is described in 1 Samuel 3, *is scarce*." A lack of the apostolic ministry is reflected by the state of the Church today, where few Christians really trust their leaders. Saints need true role models that they can learn from, but sadly, the Church is full of men who would rather serve their own interests than lay down their lives for their flock.

Pastor Miki then made specific mention of some false doctrines. He strongly challenged the message of prosperity because it causes Christians to seek material blessings rather than to fix their eyes on Heavenly things, and they end up deprived of their Spiritual Inheritance.

Another strong warning was against divorce, especially among Christians and Church leaders. Pastor Miki reminded everyone of Jesus' reply to the Pharisees in Matthew 19:8, where He spoke about the "*hardness of the heart*". He also said that the Church has departed from God's plan and purpose for marriage.

Other Conference speakers included Neil Martin from the USA, who spoke about "Waiting for the Time of the Lord" and Stephen Gachango from Kenya, who spoke on "Being Ready for the Return of the Lord."

After a very full and exciting week, everyone returned home, edified and strengthened by the Lord, and were ready to give even more of themselves in order to see the message of the Cross spread and take root in the Church world-wide. ■

they said...

"What we heard here was beyond our understanding, the opposite of all that we have lived previously. My ministry as a pastor must change, as I am now convinced that God's church is not mine. It is not about the small vision I had. We feel a sincere and genuine love from people whose lives have truly been transformed by the message of the cross."

PASTOR PIERRE & JANNINE TSHAMALA
Villeneuve in Garenne, France

"Brother Miki's messages were spot on! There are too many false doctrines in the Church; people are confused and feel lost. They don't know how to grow in the faith."



PASTOR ROBERT BANDEKE
Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo

"What is so powerful about this apostolic ministry is that the Elders do not only preach, but they live their preaching. Everything is exposed; nothing is hidden and God has access in all the homes and families where I stayed. I see now how we are responsible for the Gospel that we carry. I am relieved that I am in good hands by being part of this ministry."

PASTOR SALOMON SHAMIBOMBO
Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo

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CHURCH TEAM MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL



PASTOR MIKI HARDY

It all started on a little island called Mauritius ...

Since 1987, God has led Pastor Miki Hardy down a narrow and sometimes very lonely road. Through this journey of revival, the Lord pointed him to the Cross, which Pastor Miki came to realise was the beginning and end of our Christian faith, and the foundation on which the Church was established by the Apostles and Prophets of the New Testament. Pastor Miki saw that the Cross is the solution to every problem that we face today, and this revelation has become CTMI's primary message to churches.

CTMI has built relationships in the Spirit with church leaders from all over the world, including Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania, France and Reunion. Through the message of the Cross, we have all been able to stand firm in our faith, despite the many trials, persecutions and challenges that we've experienced.

Today, CTMI is the product of relationships that have been built between the pastors of over 750 churches from 20 countries. What is unique is that we have no formal agreements, constitutions or other documents to bind us. It is only the precious work of the Spirit that has taken place in our hearts that keeps us so united to each other!

To find out more about this exciting ministry visit our website (see below), DVDs and Audio CDs of all the messages from CTMI's 19th Annual Conference are also available. Email us at: media@ctminetwork.org for more information.



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