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"I now send you to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light" (Acts 26:17-18)

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Faith Revival Temple Church Celebrates Silver Jubilee

The birth of the Faith Revival Temple Church in America happened in an untimely manner. The Reverend Yalartai, although he and his ministry had suffered a great loss and a setback through the sudden passing of his wife, Henrietta, he received strength from the Lord to press on. Hence, he came on his third visit to the United States for the development of the work in Liberia, West Africa. Specifically that mission was geared toward fund raising, purchasing of musical instruments and other equipment for church, and to find persons who will want to go to Liberia as Missionaries.

January 1990, Rev. Yalartai and his youngest son, Elijah (a year old toddler) arrived in Connecticut and began to embark on the mission. By the grace of God, the mission was succeeding: he found some supporters, got some equipment, musical instruments, and a young lady from a church in Michigan who wanted to be a missionary to Liberia. Well, by the middle of 1990 the civil war in Liberia heightened and there was no country to which we could return. Having that mission in the depth of his heart, he traveled primarily between Connecticut and Michigan as an itinerary evangelist

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Esther Yalartai & students





Help for Schools in Liberia, West Africa

After fifteen long year of civil war the country is trying with meager resources to get back on its feet. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is doing her best to have the country moving again. Government public schools cannot handle all the educational needs, and along their side come private

schools, which are mostly owned and operated by churches. Most of these church owned schools are tuition free, or very minimum fees are charged, not sufficient to pay teachers or operate the schools

The faith Revival Temple Church in Liberia, apart from ministering to the spiritual needs of the people, has reached out to them with food, clothes, and others. The pressing needs of the children/young people compel the church for further involvement. Hence, Faith Revival Temple Church started three new schools: the

Knowledge is feeding, independence, strength, community, and appreciation

"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace, and good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

Happy Hanukkah!

Merry Christmas!

"Verily, verily I say unto you except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24)



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Help/Donations for Schools in Liberia, W. Africa (from page 1)

The Chris Wickey Academy at Morris's Farm, Esther Yalartai Academy in Browerville, and the third school in Congo Town, Liberia. Please help with educational and building material, monetary donations to operate the schools

Mother Esther Yalartai, wife of Bishop Harmon D. Yalartai, visited the two schools in October 2008, they did not only present their needs, she herself saw them first hand. Like any person with a true loving heart would

do, Esther was moved with compassion; she promised to help and extend their appeal to caring and God-fearing people in the United States. Since her return, she has been making and selling dinners and was able to send \$3500 to Esther Yalartai school and Chris Wickey Academy. By the latter part of 2014, Esther would like to raise more support for all the schools. There are still two other schools which we have not mentioned above. The school in Buchanan and the one in Baye's

Town which is the oldest of the Faith Revival Temple Church Schools; their needs are even greater: (difficult to get teacher from the city to the country), material and money. We have the Harmon D. Yalartai Academy in Congo Town that needs help also.

Please help us to educate these precious children and young people. In the name of Jesus and love invest in them: textbooks, notebooks, pencils, uniforms, stipends for teachers.

Special Greetings from Mother Esther Yalartai

Greetings Dearest Beloved,

It is a great blessing once again my beloved friends, because the Lord has been good to us all these past months since my last greetings.

I want to first thank all of our friends and supporters for your unfailing love and prayers for the Faith Revival Temple Church and its 25th Anniversary celebration held October 31st, 2; yes it was a wonderful evening of spiritual fun, praise and worship not forgetting the good food. Your attendance reminded me of (Psalm 133: "1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"!); it was beyond everything else and does show your love for Christ, and I want to thank you for your support. May

the Lord multiply it a thousand fold for your giving. It was a successful event.

Now as we enter the Holy Seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let me remind you to continue in the spirit of love and sharing with those that are less fortunate by dropping something by the bell ringing Red Bucket or at the grocery counter taking donations for the Food Bank .And remember (Eccl. 11:1, Cast your bread upon the waters, for you shall find it after many days. Also (Luke 6:38-39) says; give and it shall be given to you... Jesus promised that the Father is the rewarder of us all. Not man, Friends! It is only God the Father.

.I want to also inform you that the FRTC mission team is preparing to travel once again after the New Year to Liberia, West Africa; our last trip in 2014. The team will be departing January 28-Feb- 12, 2016 for a period of two weeks by God's Grace. We are, therefore, asking for your constant prayers and support for our brothers and sisters in Monrovia and its surroundings, that their needs will be met, and that their desire to encounter the Holy Spirit will be fulfilled during our stay. Pray for US that His Grace will direct us in every area that will help change peoples lives.

May God Almighty Bless and Keep us safe through the coming year.

In His Grace,

Mother Esther Yalartai

Words Have Power

By Pastor Nora Lacks

The Word of God tells us the power of words in Gen. 1:27 he said let us make man in our image and after our likeness and we became speaking spirits. matt.12:34-35 tells us about the heart what's in it will come out of your mouth, Prov. say's life and death is in the power of the tongue.

James 3 tells us about the tongue but what if I am just texting; well those are words and they don't go away when you erase them they are still out there on the cloud in text language and they don't go away once you speak them weather by mouth or fingers; you can't take them back as in the case of the young man that killed his parents; his erased text was retrieved and convicted him of murder

So don't speak anything you don't want to hear again.

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Community Relief Efforts

Our outreach continues to serves the community. The agencies are as follows: Columbus House, the Emergency Family Shelter (CAA), Emergency Shelter management Services, Inc, Aids Interfaith (recently closed), Forest Hills plus other families. Each organization and many of the recipients have expressed their thanks to the Faith Revival Temple Church.

GREATER NEW HAVEN

Many people have been the recipients of food items provided by Shoprite Super Market of West Haven. The owner of Shoprite has been sent a gracious thank you note on behalf of the Faith Revival Temple Church and the people we serve

For the last 12 years Shoprite of West Haven has been the provider of baked goods as well as canned goods that the Faith Revival Temple Church has distributed to the Greater new Haven Community and beyond. Faith Revival Temple salutes the former owner and now the new owner of Shoprite of West Haven for the exceptional kindness they have shown to others in the community who are less fortunate. Thanks to the Latino



Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more

Community Relief Efforts

For empowering us to minister to HIV/AIDS victims since 2007. Thanks to the Foundation for Greater new Haven for providing mini grant to help with food and bus passes

SPECIAL THANKS AND APPRECIATIONS TO: CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A special thanks goes to attorney Timothy Yolen, Robert Ross, Mark Healey, Architect John Cruet, Pastor Todd Foster and Church on the Rock, Chris & Anna Wickey, Pastor Dave Mitchell CPA Frederick Rosen, families, friends, and members whose services, contributions, efforts and hard work continue to build the Faith Revival Temple Church. Our mission is not an easy one but with your help and the help of God, we can succeed. May God continue to bless you.

Thank you for helping us help others. If you are not already a part, please join us in touching the lives of many here and abroad

FRTC WISH LIST AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Computers and printers for the church
- 2. A medium to large copier/printer is urgently needed
- 3. Volunteer custodial services for the church (1 hr weekly)
- 4. Volunteer clerical service for the church (4 hr weekly)
- Financial donations to help with Ebola victims and schools in Liberia, West Africa
- 6. Volunteers for community outreach
- 7. Commercial power chain saws and copiers to empower church in rural Liberia, W. Africa

- 8. Pray for God's mercy on the countries ravaged by Ebola
- 9. Pray that God's abundance, righteousness, mercy, grace, and love will be over this body
- 10. Pray that God will supply a need for which the church is praying.
- 11. Pray that God will bless and multiply our outreach.



We are one in Christ and need each other.

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JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Fridays at 7:00 PM Bible Study and prayer Service

Mission Statement

We have been touched, we have been helped, and we too want

to share with others that all of us may be caring and productive. In the Master's word, "I came not to call the righteous, but the

Mercy, grace favor, kindness, love, and forgiveness, not de-

served, have been extended to us from above, and in gratitude

there is an eager expectancy to do the same to those that cross

Tuesday at 7:00 PM Bible Study in Bridgeport

Fridays at 7:30 AM Community Food donation pick-up and

Distribution in the community

sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32).

our path or those we can reach.

Fridays at $7:00\ PM$ Community Food Distribution at the

Church

Schedule of Church Services

Sundays at 9:30 AM Sunday School

Sundays at 10:35 AM Worship Services

Mondays Home Prayer Visits (By Appointment)

Thursdays 6:30 PM Special Service

When God's Presence & Intervention Leaves Us Wondering! God, Where Are you?

Bishop Harmon Yalartai

God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things. God is Omnipresent (everywhere present) and Omnipotent (all powerful), and at such nothing happens without Him. ³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. ⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: ⁵ But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. ⁶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? ⁷ If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. ⁸ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. ⁹ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰ And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground (Gen.4:3-10).

Abel was a righteous man; his offering to God speaks of his righteousness. The writer of the Hebrews says, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh"(11:4). Abel was a man of God and represented the Kingdom of God. Yet God did not intervene when wicked Cain lulled his brother in field and killed him. From our limited human perspective, we may say God was not there for Abel; we must remember that God is just, holy, and good. We lost Abel on earth, but heaven gains a righteous man! "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).





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Faith Revival Temple Church Celebrates Silver Jubilee!

. He was invited to speak at a church on Congress Ave, New Haven; particularly it was at the late Elder Clinton McCarter Church: there the Spirit of the Lord laid on my heart to plan a church in America. In fact the Holy Spirit reminded him, all the prayers they used to pray in Liberia about planning churches in their country and other parts of the world, this was a time to do so.

Therefore, the man without a country, without a job, without a status, yet supporting the churches in Liberia, and sending financial help to the displaced church members in Ghana and elsewhere, went against all odds to start the Faith Revival Temple Church in Connecticut. In November 1990, the church started at the YMCA, Howe Avenue, New Haven. The pioneer members are Alexander Lacks, Peggy Minottt, Nora Lacks, Delores Robinson, Dorothy Clemons, and the late Clara Woods. Later other people were added to the church such as Willie and Gladys Morrison, Cynthia Gray and children, Dedeh Morris, the late Elder Waverly Williams & Evangelist Lena Williams, Esther Yalartai, Caleb Yalartai & Rachel Chesson, Doris Dueh, Bennett Yalartai supporting from the background, and others. Then within a year the church moved to 319 York Street, West Haven. The church was here for about two years. It was a struggle and took a miracle to meet up with the bills. By 1994, the church, through its Pastor, obtained 86 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, where we remained for about 15 years. And in 2006, by the grace of God, Faith Revival Temple Church purchased 2 Elizabeth Street, West Haven, CT 06516. After the purchase, the church had a long fight with the City for approval of the

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property to be used as a place of worship, but by the grace of God, the City granted the church that approval in 2008. Now 2 Elizabeth Street serves as the headquarters of the Faith Revival Temple Church.

It has not been an easy ride, but our faithful God has been with us all the way. His Grace which is greater than every need has been lavished upon us, and seeing us through, thus bringing us thus far. We are confident He will be with us to the end!

The Bishop, Mother Esther Yalartai, staff and members would like to thank you so much for your prayers and financial support over the years. We want to say a very special thank you to Mother Yalartai, the quiet architect of this work and Sister Assunta Philips, the scribe of this Jubilee. May God continue to bless all of you.

The Jubilee celebration dinner at the Grassy Hill Country Club was well attended; it was successful. The people had a great time. Praise God!

Look Unto Me, and Be Saved (A Continuation from last issue 22)

Isaiah 45:22-25

Bishop Harmon Yalartai

Matthew 11:28

Jesus extends an open invitation to all who have labored and are heavy laden to come unto Him. You have given it your best shot; you have tried, but nothing has worked, Jesus says come unto me. Ah someone in their blindness may raise an objection. I am just doing fine; I do not need Jesus. Friend, you think you are doing fine, but you are walking a road that will end up in destruction. For there is no other way but Christ (John 14:1-6). You know sometimes life is like those who fight in the boxing ring. The match is on: fighter A is stronger than fighter B his opponent; the first round went okay for B, but rounds 2, 3, 4 went so bad for B; he has no fighting breath left in him; he knows this is fight he cannot win, but to save face and for the sake of his fans, he forces himself to the 5th round, and his opponent knocked him out to no recovery! I am not telling you to be a wimp, but it is better to throw in the towel than to let the giant beat you to death. Raise your hands of surrender; call on Jesus, and He will take over for you

Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Choose the narrow road. God is calling you!!!! Life on the broad road seems easy and pleasurable at first. It is busy road. Everyone is for himself. no one is looking out for the good of the other. Self is the name of the game, and some people managed to travel it for a long time. Without a change or direction, it is road that leads to destruction and death. On the other hand, the narrow road appears to be too restrictive and has no freedom. Yet it is the narrow road that leads to life. Choose the narrow way; choose Jesus Christ. The Jesus' road leads to eternal life.

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