# Report from South Africa

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## INTRODUCTION

- I would like to commend this congregation and its elders for the work you are doing here.
- One of the things I feel that more churches need to do to help young preachers get started in preaching the word of God.

## 1 In the Beginning God Created

- The Bible says, In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- He had made them to bring glory and honor to him.
- You are not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil which is in the midst of the garden, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
- He didn't know what rain was, but he trusted in God. Just like we trust in God, and we don't know what heaven's like, but we trust in God because we believe it.

## 2 God Sent His Son That Man Might Be Saved

- The purpose of sending his son into the world was that he might save the world or that man might be saved.
- For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- The devil thought he had won because Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, was dead, and he was buried, but that's not the end of the matter, for God raised him.

## 3 The Great Commission: Go and Make Disciples

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- Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- Their mission was to convert people, to teach them the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- People are converted, but what do we do after they're converted?
- Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and I'm with you always, even unto the end of the earth.
- Trying to build up that which exists, the churches that are there, and strengthen them.

## 4 The Senders Are Just as Important as the Goers

- Not everybody can go. Not everybody wants to go, just like not everybody wants to be a preacher.
- Suppose everybody was a preacher. Who would listen? Suppose everybody went. Who would send?
- The senders are just as important as the goers. Always remember that.

- What we report here tonight is your work, just as much as it is ours. And we need each other to accomplish this for the Lord.

## 5 Our Part of South Africa

- There are two full-time preachers. Now there's a lot of work that needs to be done.
- This is the congregation that meets in our house.
- We didn't want a swimming pool, but we found out that it makes a very good baptistry.
- We have two baptisms, six restorations, and eight to place membership.
- Right now while we're away there are three men that can preach and they're taking care of the preaching task.

## 6 We Forget That Satan Is There

- The two surfers represent us in life enjoying life and the good things and some of the bad problems that we have and too many times we forget that Satan is there.
- Just like the devil comes up when we think things are going so well, and he kills us spiritually, this shark will kill you physically.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So no matter where we are, we need to always remember that God is watching. God is there, and God sees what is going on.**

MY NOTES