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IMA Announcements

Missionary Russ Frase went home to be with the Lord on January 16, 2021. He was an IMA supported missionary and founder of Joshua Nations. Our condolences to his wife, Lana.

Natalie (Thompson) Paita, daughter of IMA Missionaries Nathan and Kim Thompson, went home to be with the Lord on January 8, 2021. She ministered with her parents at their church in San Louis, Potosi; Mexico.

**IMA 2021 National Conference
M-W Sept. 20-22, 2021**

Save
the
Date

**Faith Bible Chapel
Pastor: Jason King
Arvada, CO (Denver area)
Special Speaker: Rev. Rob Carman**

Quotable Quotes

“As I look back over fifty years of ministry, I recall innumerable tests, trials and times of crushing pain. But thorough it all, the Lord has proven faithful, loving, and totally true to all His promises.”

~ David Wilkerson

“What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Spirit can use... MEN OF PRAYER...”

~ E. M. Bounds

“Keys of restoration were given at conference to pastors, church workers and ambassadors to foreign lands... The Lord’s vision gives fresh hope for ministers; It’s a New Day for the IMA!”

~ HT; JAN 2007

“Hover over me, Holy Spirit. Bathe my trembling heart and brow. Fill me with Thy hallowed presence; Come, oh, come and fill me now!”

~ Elwood H. Stokes

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Why I Love IMA

By Rev. Sean Dudley; Little Rock, AR



Greetings from Christ Church in Little Rock, AR; home of fried Catfish and Bar-B-Q. I pray all is well with you in this new year, my dear friends. It is truly a blessing and honor to be a part of this great association alongside you. I want to share with you what the IMA means to me, and how I have been blessed through the years as a member of the IMA.

In 1954 a group of God-fearing men gathered in Dallas, Texas and wanted to form a fellowship that would be free from denominational constraints. **Freedom** was the heart-cry of our founding fathers!

Rev. W. E. Kidson said, "Freedom means exemption or liberation from the control of some other person or some arbitrary power." Since each one of us will be held accountable to the Lord for our own actions, it is very necessary that we have freedom to follow the dictates of our own conscience.



I am thankful that this same desire for freedom has never left the constituency of the IMA, and it is that same desire that presently drives the IMA on a steady course in its Godly endeavors of faith and its ministry unto the Lord and mankind.

Benefits of the IMA include ministers being empowered in their local church through Credentialing, Covering, and Conferences. I will never forget how excited I was the day I received my first Membership Card as an Exhorter; then again when I was ordained at our district conference in Texas City, Texas. I will always remember and cherish that day. I was blessed that Dr. Warner was able to attend and spoke a prophetic word into and over my life and ministry.

Now as senior Pastor, I am thankful for the covering of the IMA umbrella over our church. Providing the benefit of 501c3 tax exemption status with the IRS. Also providing covering through encouragement, prayer, and accountability.

Some of my favorite times of the year are going to District and National Conferences. **I look forward to gathering with one another and having great Spirit-filled services!** Having times of fellowship and encouragement in the Lord is like going to a family reunion. We are all part of the family of God! I enjoy being able to sit around the table and hear what God has been doing in your life and ministry.

My father George Dudley would always talk about the relationships he had formed within the IMA, and some of his best friends are part of this association. I now know how he felt. I too have formed many great relationships, and some of my best friends and mentors who I have looked to as a model for leadership and advice are also members of this great association! I am encouraged and strengthened in knowing that I can depend on you for Godly wisdom.

We have answered the call of the Great Commission Jesus spoke of in Matthew 28:19. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." We dedicate one day at our National Conference for our Missionaries. I am very proud to be a part of the IMA, knowing we are supporting Missions with our prayers and finances.

Our forefathers left a legacy of dreaming big dreams. The IMA continues to move forward and, though our methods may change, our message remains the same: **Jesus Christ is still the answer for the world today!**

Noah Looked Out the Window of the Ark



By Dr. Rick Van Hoose; Bible Center Cathedral; Evansville, IN

“Behold the face of the ground was dry” (Genesis 8:13). His old world was gone!

As I look out over America today, my old world is gone! As children, we used to ride bikes everywhere! People sat on their porches at night. Families walked around their neighborhoods and chatted with each other. We played “Kick the Can” and “Hide and Seek” into the night without fear.

Not today! Rioters, muggers, pervers and sex traffickers roam our cities with no respect for our men and women in blue. I’m like Noah; I see a barren world facing us in 2021!

Adam and Eve woke up to a beautiful world God had prepared



for them. Wherever God creates a form, He always fills it! He made the blue sky and filled it with wondrous birds of all colors and kinds. He created the oceans and filled them with colorful fish, big and small. Then He commanded mankind to be fruitful and multiply this wondrous planet, and we have.

“And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry” (Gen. 8:13).

Noah’s ark rested on the 601 year (2349 BC), on the first day of the first month, or New Year’s Day! Here’s the good news: Noah got to landscape the new earth just like he wanted! We have the same opportunity today. We can landscape our churches with fresh, new gardens blossoming in the IMA!

It’s a New Day for the IMA! Rise, oh men and women of the living God! Let us plant the good seeds of God’s Glorious Kingdom! Let’s plant love, kindness, compassion and peace.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Galatians 6:7).

Imagine how scared Noah and his sons were when the clouds with lightning and wind came again? Wow! You see, the new seeds sown in a dry ground needed the rain to awaken them!

Don’t be afraid, IMA members! The storms with rain and wind will come in 2021.

Look up! The wind will be the breath of God! The rain will be the Former and Latter Rain! Wake up saints; we are the Storm!

How do you know this, Pastor Rick? **God gave us the Rainbow!**

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Greetings!

IMA Member Renewal season is still underway! Due to a perfect storm of factors causing delays in the US Postal Service, mail is taking longer than usual. Thank you for your continued patience.

If you never received your renewal application packet, you can either renew online at imainfo.org/renewals or you may contact us to request a new packet be sent.

Looking forward to another great year in the IMA!

Sincerely, Sean Alexander, MSC



DNA of IMA

Part 1: Our Distinctive



By Dr. Timothy L. Warner; IMA National Chairman

Recently, I was asked to give some direction as to what God is saying to IMA National, and how this applies to our Districts. Most of us want to know God’s current word for the IMA.

PROPHETIC PAST

To understand both God’s current and future word for IMA, we must understand our past. A Filipino proverb says, “A person who does not remember where he came from will never reach his destination.” Let’s look at a few statements from precious leaders of IMA:



- ⇒ **Revivals**, moves of God’s Spirit, healings, touches from God, and receiving portions of heavenly rain are experiences of our prophetic past (HT; NOV 1946).
- ⇒ The **baptism of the Holy Spirit**... standing against the weak and beggarly elements of this world... and speaking in languages which they never learned and contending for the faith... is ours (HT; NOV 1957).
- ⇒ It is not your heritage... your theological education... your organization... nor speaking ability that will bring growth, or fulfil vision... It is “His **prophetic Word**... your fresh relationship with Him” (HT; JAN 1997).

It’s plain to see; the DNA of the IMA is Spirit-filled; operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit! The dynamic of the Holy Spirit’s infilling work defines us. Flowing in God’s Spirit is our “distinctive” among other Christian organizations and churches.

CURRENT CALLING

What is God saying to IMA now? To make it simple, let’s consider ABC’s for all members. What is our rhema word for 2021 and beyond?

- ☐ **Anointing:** I John 1:27 speaks of the “anointing which you have received from Him abides in you... the same anointing teaches you concerning all



things...” Acts 10:38 refers to our Lord, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power...” IMA believes and functions in the anointing: It is not only in our statement of purpose, it is the passion of every minister! God is saying right now that He desires to fill us with a fresh anointing for a new season in church life. Amidst national challenges, God gives fresh opportunities to fulfill the Great Commission. The key is the anointing.

- ☐ **Belonging:** The IMA began as an Association of ministers who are called to stand shoulder to shoulder; heart to heart. Historically, denominationalism was minimized by IMA; rather, the pursuit of developing relationships with fellow ministers was the goal. Many organizational advancements have been made. Still, God makes our focus relational! You have a sense of belonging in the IMA.



- ⇒ Loving one another;
- ⇒ Networking together;
- ⇒ Sharing church resources;
- ⇒ Building a ministerial family;
- ⇒ Flowing in the prophetic.

- ☐ **Continue:** The Holy Spirit has given a direct word for the IMA. He said: Tell all members to CONTINUE in our calling. We are called to be Relational, Actional, and Missional. We love one another (**RELATIONAL**), work together (**ACTIONAL**), and partner laterally to reach the world for Christ (**MISSIONAL**). Our **values** are biblical, **virtues** attainable, and our **venues** adaptable!

When considering the DNA of the IMA, our distinctive gift is to be Spirit-filled. God desires all IMA members to be ministers of the Spirit. It’s who we are. More next month...