



BETHEL APOSTOLIC ARK CHURCH
CELEBRATING OUR 30TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



THE OVERCOMERS

1 SAMUEL 18 & 19



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AND SAUL SOUGHT TO SMITE DAVID EVEN TO THE WALL WITH THE JAVELIN: BUT HE SLIPPED AWAY OUT OF SAUL'S PRESENCE, AND HE SMOTE THE JAVELIN INTO THE WALL: AND DAVID FLED, AND ESCAPED THAT NIGHT

1 Samuel 19:10 (KJV)

Welcome

Greetings from Bishop

Holy conference greetings,

Hitherto has the Lord brought us to this milestone; on our journey of mission towards being kingdom builders of the Lord. He has brought us from a mighty long way. We thank God for his grace and favour, taking us, The Elect Lady Michelle and I, with our four children and a few brethren over the years to this point.

So we, welcome you to The Ark, where God is good and we prove him every day (Malachi 3:10)

I must first give God thanks for all that he has done. The support and prayers of my family, especially the directors here at the Ark, their wives and children have helped us reach this great milestone. 30 years is a milestone for any mission and it is a remarkable number and landmark that Christ has brought us to. There have been pivotal individuals who have counselled me and helped the vision, namely; my parents, Overseer Daniel (Raphael) Williams and Mother Gwendoline Williams. Along with many others whom I will list at the end.



As I reflect on the scripture,

- The Aaronic priesthood started at the age of 30 (Numbers 4:3, KJV),
- Jesus was 30 when he started his public declaration of this glorious gospel out loud to the world 'But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost' (2 Corinthians 4:3, KJV).
- King David, Joseph and John the Baptist's leadership roles started also at this age.
- It was at the age of 30 that Ezekiel wrote a book, sharing the vision of the wheel in the middle of the wheel.

The number thirty represents maturity, loyalty, dedication and a deeper understanding of responsibility.

I want to thank God for all the leaders of the various organisations across the country and worldwide that have sown seeds of love into Bethel Apostolic Ark over the years to God be the glory and great things he has done.

- Bishop S. A. Dunn, former Presiding Bishop of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic
 - Bishop C. T. Richards, the National Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic here in the UK
 - Bishop K. M. Linton, the National Bishop of Beulah Apostolic Church here in the UK,
 - Dr Deilton Parkes, Pastor of Bethel Temple of Christ
 - Bishop L. C. Curry, CJCA
 - Bishop L. Palmer, CJCA
 - Elder O. McLean, BUCJCUK
 - Elder G. Peterkin
 - Elder Dawes
 - Elder and Mother Gardner
 - Overseer and Mother Linton
 - Pastor Harris
 - Elder Raymond Miller, 393 BUCJCUK
 - Elder S. McFarlene
 - Elder I. Beckford
 - Elder Colin Adlam
 - CJCA Family
 - Hackney Pentecostal Church
 - Shiloh Family
 - NTCG Faith Tabernacle
 - COGOP
- and many more.

The theme over this weekend is simply The Overcomers.

We are looking at the deceit, attempted murder, marital issues, jealousy, premeditated revenge, fears and treachery.

This Conference declares that in the Scriptures that is before us; we have King Saul, who is jealous over little David because he behaved himself wisely in the sight of God, and because Jonathan favoured David, David was sent out to battle against the Philistines. On the their return, the ladies of the time came back singing saying Saul has killed his thousands, but David his 10,000. On hearing this, King Saul was angry and rough with this saying.

Today we have individuals that are jealous of the anointing that the Lord has placed in your lives, simply, who God bless, no man can curse you. King Saul had animosity in his heart for the young man yet his son Jonathan loved him with all his soul.

Please note that according to the text, the evil spirit that came upon Saul, came from God. Beloved ones, sometimes God places people in our lives, that may have an intention to steal, kill and to destroy you, but God can turn it around for the good, he can orchestrate situations to make us, not to break us.

He's the one that can fix it for you. He's the great master builder and he creates situations so that we can be more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. Saul knew he wouldn't be able to win against this young man. The people was on his side, both from Judah and Israel. Yet through all of this, David overcame all these issues surrounding him, you also can become an Overcomer and stand when the fiery darts of this life. Yes, let's put on the whole armour of God and stand.

ARE YOU AN OVERCOMER?

Order of Service



FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024 Testimony Service

Moderator

Elder Lenmour Kerr

Praise and Worship

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading
1 Samuel 19:1-24

Testimonies

Offering

The Word
Guest Speaker
Minister Shamar Evans

SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2024 Appreciation Service

Moderator

Missionary Carlieth Kerr

Praise and Worship

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading
1 Samuel 19:1-24

Testimonies

Appreciation Ceremony

Bishop's Remarks

The Word
Guest Speaker
Minister Luke Francis

Order of Service

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SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024 Family & Friends Service

Moderator

Elder Lenmour Kerr

Praise and Worship

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading
1 Samuel 19:1-24

Testimonies

Offering

The Word
Bishop Raymond Williams

Baptism Service

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024 Thanksgiving Service

Moderator

Sister Lashay Williams

Praise and Worship

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading
1 Samuel 19:1-24

Thanksgiving Service

Offering

The Word

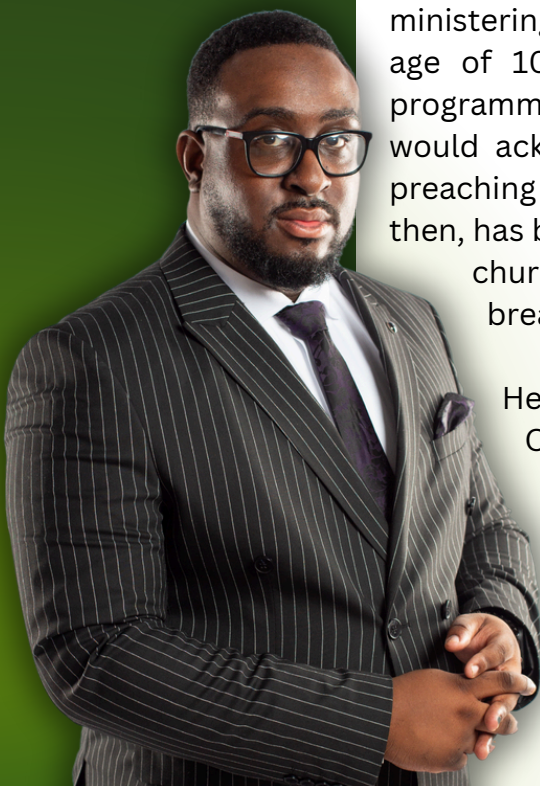
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Minister Luke J Francis was born and raised in the faith under the tutelage of his mother and father and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into his life and shortly after was filled with the gift of the Holy Ghost. Whilst he is known as a musician/producer, he answered the call to ministry and has been preaching and teaching the word of God.

As a musician, he has won multiple awards and accolades for which, he gives all honour and glory to God, as he recognises that he would not have the gift, if not for the giver. Luke has been blessed with the opportunity to have played for many church organisations and gospel artists.

*Minister
Luke Francis
Saturday Night's
Guest Speaker*



As a child, he would often mimic preachers such as Bishop Norman L Wagner and Bishop Noel Jones, using his fathers dressing gown as a robe, not realising that God was shaping him into a preacher himself. After ministering his first ever sermonette at the age of 10 years old at a Sunday school programme entitled “run with patience”, he would acknowledge the call of God to the preaching ministry at the age of 16 and since then, has been blessed to minister for churches across the length and breadth of the country.

He is married to the beautiful Chevanese Mcleish-Francis.

He serves the Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ on both local and national level, under the leadership of his Pastor and spiritual Father, Presiding Bishop Dexter Edmund.

I am Shamar K. Evans, the 4th of 6 children to my mother. I grew up in the beautiful hills of South Manchester, Jamaica. Whilst working at a church event in 2008, I was filled with the Holy Ghost, then baptised the following day. Since then, I have had a passion for Jesus. I was a member of the Pratville Shiloh Apostolic Church until I migrated to the United Kingdom 6 years ago, where I am now a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic (Bradford), under the wonderful leadership of Pastor H Brooks.

I am happily married to one wife. God has blessed our union with a beautiful daughter (with more to come). I am passionate about the words of God and endeavour to continue to grow and learn as a student of the word.

*Minister
Shamar Evans
Friday Night's
Guest Speaker*



Ontonio Dawson hails from Trelawny, Jamaica. He is married with a 6 year old daughter and precious 3-year-old twins. Ontonio served as a Police Officer in the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) as a Criminal Investigator for nearly 6 years before migrating to the U.K in 2016.

After his degree, Ontonio has pursued two postgraduate degrees in Psychology at UCL and King's College London and became a qualified Cognitive Behavioural Psychotherapist. Ontonio is an award-winning Senior Psychotherapist working in the city of London that has years of experience working to support people with mental health difficulties, such as personality disorders, depression, and anxiety.

Ontonio is also a devoted Minister of Religion and Motivational Speaker that is passionate about merging Theology and Psychology.

*Elder
Ontonio Dawson
'Overcoming Anxiety'
Workshop Facilitator*



In 2020 during the global pandemic, he wrote his first book entitled 'God's Seed for Success', a 31-day devotional to transform minds from drought to growth. Ontonio is the founder of the #SpeakBlackMan movement which aims to support black men to speak about mental health challenges and access psychological support.

Ontonio believes that we are all seeds created by God with a tree within us to produce the fruits that will make the world a better place, and lives by the philosophy "to reach the lost at any cost".

His favourite quote is from Martin Carter, "I do not dream to sleep; I dream to change the world".

I am Elder Saunders of Calvary True Apostolic Church. I am the husband of one wife with two beautiful children the Lord has blessed me with. I give all honour and praise to the King of Kings because truly he has truly been my strength. I strive to be the man of God of the scriptures. To live and be led by the word of God.

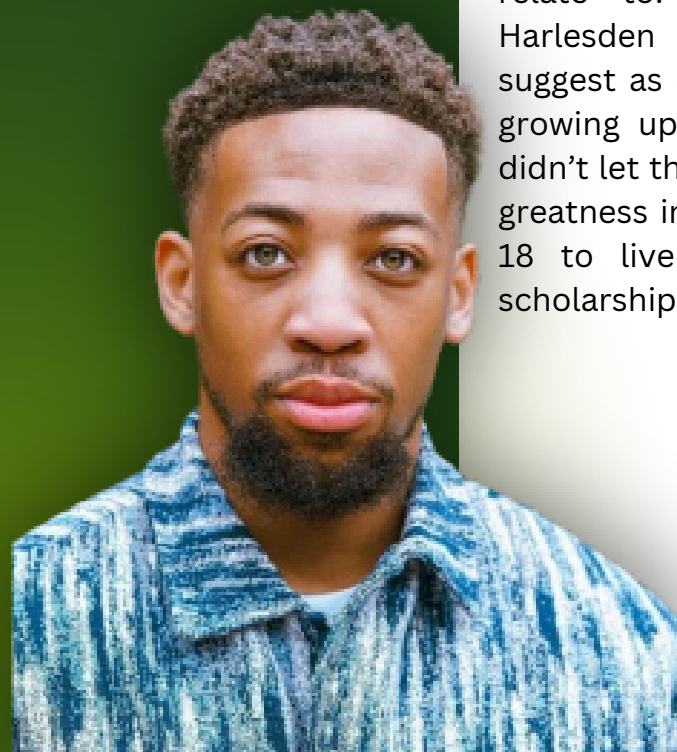
*Elder
Kemoy Saunders
Overcoming Anxiety'
Workshop Facilitator*



Lamar Russell is a man of God, that worships at Beulah Apostolic Willesden in London, Lamar is a loving father to his son Ezra, and a devout husband to his wife Jennae Russell of 3 years. An acclaimed author, community activist, entrepreneur, educator, mentor, youth leader, child counsellor, mental health 1st aider. Lamar has been awarded inspirational young person of the year and outstanding contribution to young people and community hero excellence awards finalist.

*Brother
Lamar Russell
'Overcome By The
Greatness Within'
Workshop Facilitator*

Lamar is known for being a true inspiration and a positive advocate for the youth. Drawing from his own personal experiences growing up and struggles, Lamar allows his life to be an “open book” from which radiates dynamic and inspiring messages that many people across all barriers relate to. Lamar grew up in Harlesden as many people would suggest as a rough area but despite growing up in such an area Lamar didn't let that stop him from chasing greatness in life. Lamar left home at 18 to live in USA on a 4 year scholarship to play football.



TRIBUTES FROM OUR TRUSTEES



ELDER NEIL RICHARDS



As someone said to me, from Polaroids to Selfies, the world surely has changed.

Thanks be to God Bishop Raymond and Lady Michelle

remain consistent, constant and committed.

Sis Elaine and I have been blessed to have been part of the Williams' family for over 40 years (& the Henry family for over 50!), we have seen profound sadness and wondrous joy and through it all they have never wavered. Simply put, they are citizens of the Kingdom and we are better for knowing them. He is a Man of Faith and Michelle has the patience, Love, patience, Love to support him.

Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ has been with the Williams family and Brethren of The Ark, from a room in their house to the church we see today. The people will not perish, the vision is seen!

May the Lord continue to Bless You both.

Your 'little' brother and sister
- Our Love.



Elder Neil & Sis Elaine Richards (& children; Isabel & Adrian)

MINISTER COLIN ORR



Beloved I greet you All in the Matchless name of Jesus Christ our soon coming King.

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish...

Nearly, 30years ago I caught Bishop Raymond Williams's vision for Bethel Apostolic Ark (BAA), and along with my wife Evangelist Val Orr, became one the three founding couples.

I became a trustee/director, a role I still hold to this day. I would like to thank my Pastor Bishop Queensborough and Pastor Dr Derrick Campbell for recognising this role in God's service all be it at the Ark, whilst not neglecting my duties at home at ZCT, where God has now planted me. Transparency and communication are paramount to my role as I work closely with the Bishops maintaining my integrity at all times.

Bishop Williams and the Ark family have overcome many challenges during his 30 years thus far, and by the Grace of God, I will endeavour to for fill my role as a faithful Trustee to the best of my ability. Supporting and guiding in decisions, in the best interests of those I serve.



Finally, 30 years, has taught us much, I remain encouraged, God is still God and is assignments must be completed.

TRIBUTES FROM THE ARK FAMILY



MEN'S DEPARTMENT

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ. I am delighted on the behalf of the brotherhood department of the Bethel Apostolic Ark Church, to congratulate our Bishop Raymond Williams and Lady Michelle for 30 years of dedicated service to the Lord. The church and wider community have greatly benefited from the dedication, generosity and love that have decorated your many years of faithful service.

The Apostle Paul encourages us in 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13 “to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love, for their work’s sake”.



MEN'S DEPARTMENT

Today, the brotherhood expresses solidarity with this exhortation and want you both to know that you are loved and highly esteemed.

I am sure you have experienced many tests and tribulations along the, but with the help of the Lord, you have overcome. God has truly guided you by His spirit to be an example of patience, commitment, endurance, charity and leadership to the body of Christ.

Thank you for your labour of love. You have truly been an inspiration to many.

May God continue to shower you with His blessings. May His Spirit continue to guide and inspire you, as you continue the good fight of faith.

God bless you

Lots of love from the Brotherhood Department

Elder Lenny

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

To the two most beautiful people Bishop Raymond and Lady Michelle Williams.

On the behalf of the church and the Woman's Ministry here at Bethel Apostolic Ark. We would like to express our appreciation for you both, for leading us here for 30 long years. You could not have done it without God and we could not have done it without you. You have shown great Faith and Resilience in the face of adversity. We thank our God for both of you. It is such a privilege and an honour.

Thank you for answering the call God has placed on your lives. Jeremiah 3 Vs 15 States “ And I will give you pastors according to my heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding “.



WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Thank you both for your continuous labour of love, thank you both for your prayers, counselling, support, time and your sacrifices. Bishop Williams thank you for delivering the sermons week after week month after month and year after year according to 2 Timothy 4:2 that said Preach the word, Be instant in season and out of season, Reprove, rebuke exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. Thank you for not watering down the message, but to preached it as it is.

Lady Michelle thank you for standing not Before or Behind our Bishop but Beside him. Thank you for your encouraging words about being a blessing to others. So as we continue to pray for you both, because you have our best interests at heart. We will hear the words of God that tells us in Hebrews 13:17. “ Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief for that is unprofitable for you.

Therefore, We will stand with Bishop and Lady Williams, (No backing down, No giving up, We will Stand and Fight the Good Fight of Faith and hold on until Jesus comes). God bless you all in Jesus' name.

Missionary Sophia Simpson

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Bishop Raymond and Sister Michelle
I am grateful for all your effort in setting up these events
and helping build up the church. I appreciate you welcoming
me into the Church.

Justin

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Thank you Bishop and Lady Michelle
for giving us the chance to learn while
in church

Thank you for the songs we sing
Thank you for the joy you bring

Thank you for the instruments we play.
Thank you for guiding us, so we don't
stray

Thank you for the time you give
Thank you for the lives you live

Thank you for helping us to
understand the scripture,
Thank you for showing us the full
picture

Thank you for your encouragement and kindness,
Thank you for teaching us about graciousness

Thank you for sharing your blessings each day,
Thank you in each and every way,

We will all keep banging on Gods drum,
So that everyone can overcome!

Written by Reuben (10 Years Old)

To: Pastor + Lady Michelle

Thank you for being welcoming since when I ~~just~~ first came. Thank you for always encouraging and being there for everyone and their families and helping everyone in tough situations.

Fr: Elisabeth

The really
WONDERFUL

people in life

→ Never realise

How truly **WONDERFUL**

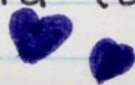


They are

Sometimes they need

a little card to tell

them that.



Ayana ☺

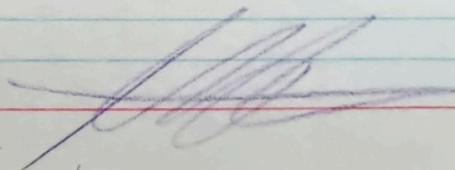
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Bishop and lady michelle ~~are~~ ^I am
greatful for your work and effort helping
me when I am lazy / un concentrated.

Daniel

~~Daniel~~ DMR
DR

I appreciate everything lady Michelle and Bishop
has done reminding bringing biscuits teaching us
More about god

THANK YOU



THE ARK OFFICERS

The race is not for the swift but to the faithful who endures to the end. I'm giving God thanks for His manifold blessings and His divine protection in my life.

God has proven to be ontime, all the time. Even at this time, I'm overcoming the loss of my mother and is supporting my family members during this time of grief, but our God always brings healing even in the time of despair and trouble.

I am encouraging myself in the Lord and through Jesus, I endeavor to overcome daily. Hallelujah.

Missionary Carleith Kerr

Praise Jesus . May He be Highly Exalted.

I overcame Death by operation, thanks be to God. Why did I say this Because anyone that has been through an operation knows that when you have a general anesthetic. It's a sleep of death. You have no thoughts, no feelings no dreams at all. Anything could have happened to you in that theatre and no one's the wiser, But God! My Bible tells me in Psalm 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee... So I had nothing to fear whilst in the operating room because angels watches over me to God be the Glory. Amen.

Missionary Sophia Simpson

I overcame when during a women's conference and intercessory prayers were taking place and a believer received her sight. I was there. I witnessed that miracle taking place. Not only did she receive her sight but God changed the shape of her eyes. She was no longer crossed eyed. They were no longer crooked. Before her miracle she could not obtain a license to drive a car. She was told she had to have a life long bus pass by DVLA, the GP and the Opticians. When the so-called experts gave up on her God didn't. Put God first and you too will be an overcomer. Don't give up on God. He is waiting for you to make Him your first choice.

Missionary Valreta Blake

I'm thanking God for helping me overcome a broken arm when i was a child. The doctors thought I would never be able to use my left hand, but after the prayers of the saints, and my mother, God miraculously turned it around and I was healed. So thanks be to God I have overcome the report of the doctors.

Now, whose report will YOU believe. Because I WILL believe the report of the lord.

Minister Lenmour Kerr

To God be the glory Great things he has done, the God that I serve help me to overcome been broke, with £5 help me walk into getting a job in the heath sector, and to buy my own house. This is me walking into the blessings god has provided for me. Hooray for Jesus!

Missionary Cassandra.

Tribute to Bishop Raymond Williams and Elect Lady Michelle Williams

Bishop Raymond and Lady Michelle were such a precious and stable part of my mother's (the late Mother Evans) life. They looked after her attentively by inviting her to their home for dinner to avoid her long journey home between morning and evening services. They also checked in on her frequently at home and gave her much joy and happiness as a member of Ark. Also, the other saints in the Ark have always so carefully tended and overseen to my mum too.

Throughout the last few years of caring for Mum, I knew I was never alone, or too far away when I had to go back to London, because Sister Michelle was always there supporting and looking out for Mum. I sometimes wondered how they found the time between travelling nationally and tending to their own lives or other duties but they never forgot Mum, treating her with patience. I know she would have loved to have been here to celebrate with them 30 years in pasoral ministry.

After my mum went home to be with the Lord, Bishop Williams and Lady Michelle made it possible for the family to be able to move forward and get things done, with their watchful presence and counsel.

May God bless this beloved couple, and give them and their extended family many more years to continue their calling. Thank you Bishop Raymond and Lady Michelle.

Blessings to you all.

**Merrie Williams daughter of/on behalf of the late
Mother Sis C. G. Evans**

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Special Greetings from Overseer Dr Deilton Parkes and Evangelist Parkes and the Saints of Bethel Temple of Christ Newtown Birmingham.

Congratulations to you Bishop Raymond and Lady Michelle Williams.

Also, to your church family in Manchester on achieving this wonderful milestone of Thirty Years of ministry. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless and prosper you in every way. This race is not for the swift, nor this battle for the strong, but for those who endure to the end. Please accept our warmest congratulations as you celebrate another year of victory at your annual conference.



I thank God for you as over the years you have always been there for us and given us great support in the ministry. We know you as a man of honesty and integrity. You are a wonderful, committed and dedicated man of God. Sister Michelle likewise is a wonderful woman of a great God, and we thank God Almighty for taking you to this fabulous achievement of ministry in the vineyard of Manchester.

I am very happy to have been a part of the journey from the early days and able to see the various transitions that have taken place in Bethel Apostolic Ark so that you now find yourselves moving forward with a positive outlook and great passion for souls to be saved.

On behalf of my family and I, and indeed Bethel Temple of Christ Family I wish you every success and blessing and that you will continue to keep upholding the faith. May God grant you much abundance in everything you do, and we look forward to many more years sharing your celebrations as you continue to lift up the banner of Gods Glory.

Yours Sincerely in Jesus Name.

Overseer Dr Deilton Parkes.

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BISHOP DR., C. T. RICHARDS

To the honourable Bishop Raymond Williams MBE and to Lady Michelle Williams and to the church family, Holy greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ our soon coming King. It gives me great pleasure to recognise, by the grace of God, your work in Christ that has brought you to this milestone in reaching 30 Years in the Ministry.

I can recall when you first started out at Tetlow Road, and to see how God has blessed your ministry is truly amazing. We are aware that we cannot achieve anything by ourselves, but by the grace of God assisting us.

However, there is still work to be done. The Lord said, 'look on the fields; for they are white, already to harvest'. Your ministry is not just for Salford, Manchester but wherever the Lord sends you to do his good will. Continue to trust in Him, depend upon Him, and remember, as the Lord said unto Zerubbabel 'not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

May the Lord God Almighty bless and keep you as you labour for him. You may not be rewarded by man, but your reward is in Heaven.

Bishop Dr CT Richards,
General Overseer of Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic UK



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