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"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." Rom. 13:11

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Complementing our Autumn conference, the theme of our latest magazine follows the theme "Unshaken".

No one can doubt that we live in troubled times, however, as in the words of a popular hymn, we can know our feet are upon the "rock that cannot be moved", and that we have, "an anchor that keeps the soul, steadfast and sure while the billows roll." Such steadfast assurance is known only by those who are, "grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love."

For CMFI, it has been a season of change, earlier this year we lost our long-serving Chairman, Pastor John Angliss, he is missed by many. We are thankful that Pastor Tim McIlwrath has agreed to take up the role, and he shares his vision for CMFI in the following pages. We remain committed to Biblical truth, and to our stated aim of advancing the Christian faith. We value your prayers as we seek to serve the Lord, His ministers, and His church in the coming days, and with the Lord's enabling, encourage and exhort that steadfast faith and trust in the Lord which is owned by those who, "have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us", and, in so doing, are anchored in the immutable truths and prophetic promises of Scripture (Heb.6:13-19).

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DEVOTIONAL

PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

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"Those who are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God"
(Psalm 92:13)

In Psalm 92 verses 12 to 15, the psalmist writes of certain positive characteristics which can be expected of those, who compared to palm and cedar trees, are "planted in the house of the Lord." The cedar being a symbol of strength, the palm a symbol of fruitfulness. If either tree should succumb to disease or dangerous natural elements they would lose their qualities, and become useless. The illustration is used to describe the condition of the righteous servant of God who does not wither under the storms of life, but remains strong and fruitful, even in old age, bringing glory to the Lord.

There is a simple but profound lesson for us in the illustration, for there to be a healthy tree, it must first be planted in healthy soil where the roots receive good nourishment so promoting healthy growth, and fruit in its season. Paul takes up a similar illustration when he exhorts the believers in Colosse to be, "rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith" (Col. 2:7). He is writing of the foundational truths of the Word of God, upon which the believer must build His life of faith. He knew that in Colosse, Epaphras had laid that foundation by the true preaching of the gospel, and the fruit of it was seen in the lives of the new converts, the initial fruit being the oft-mentioned trio of faith hope and love (Col.1:3-7). Paul knew too that there would be attacks of false doctrines against the church, and that the best defence against them was to be rooted in the foundational truths as presented by faithful preaching and teaching of the gospel. In another place Paul wrote of himself as a "wise master-builder", laying the one and only foundation which is Jesus Christ (1Cor. 3:10,11).

How are your roots and foundations? Are your ministers and churches preaching and teaching on the foundational doctrines of Biblical faith? Are your roots deep in the Word of God, and being nourished by reading and responding to the Word of God, through personal study and devotion, and through faithful ministry?

It all starts with the gospel of repentance and remission of sins which reveals our helpless, sinful state, and teaches of the grace of God in sending His Son to die on the cross for our sins, thus laying the correct foundation. It continues with the nourishment of sound doctrine applied to the believer's life. Thus planted in the house of the Lord, the believer will begin to grow and maintain a healthy spiritual life that is secure in the Lord who is "my Rock", and which faithfully and truthfully declares His righteousness (Ps. 92:15).

Can you say with all honesty that your spiritual life is strong, and is fresh and flourishing bringing glory to the Lord? If not, it may be time to check your foundations, and give your roots a good feeding!



GROUNDED FIRM AND DEEP

Pastor Ian Huxham



As I sit at my desk and prayerfully consider the approach to this article and whilst the news is full of reports of yet more devastating earthquakes, this time in Japan and Korea, my intention is that its content should be of much encouragement to our many members across the face of the earth. Wherever God in His infinite wisdom, may have us strategically placed, we are each fully dependant upon Him as our strength and sufficiency. And in Him we trust!

As I contemplate my introduction, I am reminded that we are to trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding. In all our ways we are to acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths. And thus, in full confidence, we can always trust our ways to Him, safe in the knowledge that His ways are so very much higher than ours. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways" says the Lord God Almighty. Therefore, as I begin to write, the intended encouragement is this; Whatever may be happening in the world today, however severe the time of trial and testing we must yet endure for a while may be, and however great the time of 'shaking' becomes - even though we may not always understand, nevertheless, we trust in our ever-faithful God and the truth of His eternal word, secure in the fact that we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Foundations

I once saw a picture of an area evastated by an earthquake. Buildings were reduced to piles of grey concrete among twisted metal rods and splintered wood where the homes of many people once stood. There were deep cracks in the earth, fallen bridges and buckled roads, and over the entire area hung a filthy haze of dust. Among the devastation and seen through the haze, stood one lone structure, a solitary house which remained upright among the ruins of all the others. I tend to think that perhaps this

particular house had a better foundation than the others and was built not on shifting ground but solid rock. When we think of it this way, our ability to stand in times of severe shaking, is a great witness and testimony to the goodness of God in our lives and our faith in Him. Not only are we thankful that by His grace we stand, but those around us who look on may marvel that when catastrophe hits and all else fails, our foundations are shown to be strong; stronger than the alternative foundations that others build their lives on - glory be to God.

Times of shaking will reveal the strength of our foundations and expose whether they are sure and secure or, whether they being weak and liable to fail, require underpinning.

Foundations can be established in a number of ways but are usually formed by our core beliefs and tenets of faith. Hebrews 11 is full of great examples of those who had unshakeable faith including of course, Abraham. It is through the description of Abraham's faith in Hebrews 11 that we begin to understand something of the kingdom we shall receive, when in Hebrews 11:10 we are told that he (Abraham) waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And being that God is the builder; we can be sure that the foundations are reliable and strong and cannot be shaken.

Jesus told a parable about two men, one of whom He described as a wise builder, the other as a foolish builder. Both built houses, the one upon the rock, the other on the sand. Interestingly, both houses were shaken. The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on both of them, so that both sets of foundations were severely tested. The foundation of the first house did not fail, for it was founded on the rock. However, the foundations of the second house did fail - and great was its fall! Jesus said, "whoever hears these sayings of Mine, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand." Therefore, it is clear and obvious that if we want to remain unshakeable we have to build a foundation on the word of Jesus, hearing and doing His word.

What Kind of Person?

Before I conclude and having commented on times of personal shaking and great upheaval, of the type we understand many of our members around the world are experiencing (and we are praying for you that your foundations are strong and your faith remains firm), I do want to refer to the great end times shaking that will occur at the end of this world. This is addressed in 2 Peter chapter 3 which describes this period of shaking thus:

> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being

> on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Importantly in verse 11, Peter asks a most vital question. The question is not what shall we do, but what kind of person ought we to be? To which he gives a very simple outline answer which contains three elements. He says first of all, we should be holy in our conduct and godliness. Secondly, he says that we should be looking for the coming of the day of God, and thirdly, we should be hastening that day. These three should be our basic response to the time of shaking.

Interestingly, when we refer to Hebrews 12, wherein we are informed of the removal of those things that can be shaken and assured that we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, in verse 28 we read,

> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

Again, when we consider those things that can be shaken and those which cannot, the important thing for us to note, is our response. In this instance, to have grace by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

The idea that these major 'world' events should shape and form our response is consistent throughout scripture. We may not yet be in the time of the final, 'once again' shaking but we are however experiencing the birthing pangs. The earthquakes we are experiencing are contractions that will eventually lead to the seismic events foretold at the end of the world. But whilst we wait, what manner of people ought we to be? In Titus 2 and verses 11-13 we are told,

> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

And in 1 John 3:3 we are informed that, "... everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." Beloved, our hearts go out to those who are experiencing times of great upheaval and shaking, and we know that there is an even greater shaking to come. But don't give up. Though your foundations may be tested, stand firm in the might of God. Persevere knowing that the testing of our faith produces patience, and let patience have its perfect work, that we may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. Through times of shaking, God is removing the things that can be shaken in order that the things that cannot, remain. And let us respond to such times in a way that is pleasing to our God. And may the Lord bless and keep you.

In Jesus name. Amen.

Pastor Ian Huxham



Fresh Vision

It is a great honour to serve CMFI as its new chairman. I am truly humbled to take up this role and follow our former chairman, Pastor John Angliss, who has left a wonderful legacy to the glory of God. Before accepting the offer, I took some time to pray, seeking the Lord for a fresh vision for this wonderful ministry.

We are an international fellowship, with pastors and leaders representing many nations of the world. What we face here in the UK and Western nations is different from what many of our brethren face around the world. Some of them are facing imprisonment, persecution, great hardships for the faith, while we, living in the West, are surrounded by a church that has largely apostatised. We all face the spirit of this world in different forms, however what we are joined by is this one great truth found in Ephesians 4:4-6:

> There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

With this in mind, we need to have vision- this is most critical! We are a ministerial fellowship, upholding truth while strengthening one another!

> And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it (Hab. 2:2).

The earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ was preceded and introduced with a Holy Spirit-filled vessel, heralding the coming Lamb of God! The proclamation was boldly declared, "The kingdom of God is at hand", his name was John the Baptist. We are on the precipice of the coming of the Lord for His bride, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. We know we are in the last of the last days. We understand these days began at Pentecost. We live in a time where the signs of His return are all around. It says of John, in Matthew 3:1-3:

> In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

From these few verses I want to lay out a fresh vision for us.

John came preaching:

1. Proclamation

The hope of all nations is the gospel of Jesus Christ, "*It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek*" (Romans 1:16). Jesus said:

> Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover (Mark 16:15-18).

> And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).

The church has been given a commission- a divine command from the Lord Himself. We must contend for the faith in the face and rise of false teachers and prophets. There is no greater way to contend for the faith than to preach the truth with power and authority in the Holy Ghost (1 Peter 1:12).

John's message was repentance! A lost message - but fundamental! I encourage you, wherever you are or wherever you pastor, the proclamation of the true Gospel is paramount to fulfil our earthly duty to His great commission.

2. Preparation - Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

The apathy in the body of Christ and the indifference to the soon return of Jesus points to a spiritual slumber and is alarming, particularly in the West. We must prepare the church for His return and, until then, to stand in the evil day. Jesus said in Matthew 24:42:

> Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Some things to note about the life of John the Baptist that made him that prepared vessel that also will help us prepare:
1. Separation - he was different in dress and diet, this world is not our home!
2. Spirit Filled - he was filled from his mother's womb.
3. Word Centred - he was unashamed of the truth.
4. Christ Glorified Life - he understood, "I must decrease, and He must increase."

Revelation chapter 19 verse 7 says, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

3. Prayer

This is the most vital part of the ministry, both personal and corporate. The early church was birthed in a prayer meeting, and throughout history the church has been sustained, strengthened, and revived through prayer. Prayer is not for the work; it is the work! Therefore, we must be a praying people, "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). What oxygen is to the natural body, so prayer is to the spiritual. That is how vital prayer is to the believer and to the church. With the Lord's help, we will endeavour as a council and as a ministry to:

1. Set quarterly days of prayer and fasting throughout the year specifically for CMFI and its members to coincide with the Monday Zoom meeting.
2. Encourage our members and regional representatives to gather to pray and seek His face.

That wonderful verse in 2 Chronicles 7:14:

> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

How we need to humbly come, to pray, and seek God! What a privilege we have to approach the throne of grace by a new and living way and pray! If we know that we are living in the last days, we must pray.

These 3 simple truths, proclaim, prepare, pray, will, with God's help, strengthen CMFI and its members everywhere as we look for His appearing.

We are your servants for Christ's sake; we pray that God will use the tool of CMFI to glorify the Lord Jesus and build up the church throughout the world. We love you all.

Pastor Tim McIlwrath (CMFI Chairman)

Pastor Peter Bond

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> "And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain" (Heb.12:27).

In 1962 America successfully launched the Friendship 7 space capsule into orbit around the earth. Piloted by astronaut John Glenn, the safe return of the capsule was also secured despite a last minute mechanical failure. Crucial to that success was a brilliant mathematician working at NASA, a young black woman, a Christian by the name of Katherine Johnson. The film dramatisation of this historic event highlights the extreme nature of racial discrimination current at that period in the U.S. Nonetheless, Katherine is seen sharing the moment of triumph that follows Friendship 7's miraculous splash down in the ocean off the coast of Florida. She receives a movingly understated accolade from the mission co-ordinator, who then questions her concerning the possibility of a moon shot - an endeavour requiring mathematics as yet undiscovered. Katherine's reply has assumed for me an increasing spiritual significance: she simply says, "*I"m already there, Sir!*"

Hebrews chapter 12 verse 22 begins, "But ye *are come* ...", it encourages us to live now in the reality of a future secured by our "Forerunner ... even Jesus", who has already entered "into that within the veil" (Heb. 6:19&20).

As a whole the book of Hebrews portrays a striking contrast between the Old and New Covenants. The undoubted superiority of the New is repeatedly affirmed. In Hebrews 7:22 we read, "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a *better testament*" while Hebrews 8:6 avers that Jesus "is a surety of a *better covenant*, which was established upon *better promises*." The word "established" here points us in our text to those things which *cannot be shaken*." "Believers may wobble, or indeed lose their balance, under the buffeting of Satan. But the "covenant" and "promises" of God "*cannot be shaken*"! To these we must cling by faith at all times.

But there is also a vital and eternal underlying principle in all of this that merits our closest attention. Hebrews chapter 10 verse 9 declares, "He taketh away the *first*, that He may establish the *second*". We notice again here the word "establish". Clearly the Lord never intended the two covenants to coexist. If the New Covenant is to be established - and established *unshakeably* - in the hearts and minds of believers, then all tendencies towards the Old must first be removed. "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). This, of course, is what the enemy wants! He delights to watch as impressionable Christians are "tossed to and fro, and

carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Eph 4:14). As in our time, Paul had to face the same challenge, dealing with the issues at hand comprehensively in his epistle to the Galatians.

"I"m already there, Sir!" Katherine Johnson was neither focussed on the mathematical complexities, or the huge, practical difficulties contingent upon flying a man to the moon. Instead, she was sustained by the vision of a mission already accomplished in her own mind, to which all other factors were merely contributory, regardless of the problems that might be encountered along the way.

The peroration in Hebrews chapter 12 draws the contrast between the two covenants to its climax. We glimpse, if only for a moment, the "terror of the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:11) manifested on the earth in verses 18-21, juxtaposed with the vision of our present heavenly hope in verses 22-24. Moses frankly confessed that, as a mortal man, he exceedingly feared and quaked, (or shook violently). Nevertheless, the "inward man" still held the beginning of his "confidence stedfast unto the end" (Heb. 3:14), enduring - shall we say, *unshaken* - "as seeing Him who is invisible" (Heb. 11.27).

Our presumed grasp of present and future events will not be sufficient to sustain us in them. God's sustaining power in us, must depend entirely upon where we truly stand in our daily communion with Jesus Christ. Taking our cue from Katherine Johnson, our attention is not to be fixed on the complexities and dilemmas of this present world, and their possible consequences, but on the One whose mission has already been accomplished on our behalf, and who invites us to abide by a living faith in the glory of its completion. We are exhorted in Hebrews 12:1 to "run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus [Him who is invisible] the author and finisher of our faith". As Paul admonishes the believers in Galatians 3:3, "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" It matters how we began this "race", but equally, it matters how we finish it!

When Paul proclaims triumphantly in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have finished my course", he is not suggesting that, following his life-changing encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, he at some point took over and fulfilled his calling by dint of self-effort. The "author" must also be the "finisher". It must be a work of the Spirit of God from beginning to end.

Many are placing their trust in what they imagine they have learned about eschatology, while from week to week their hearts remain untouched by the power of God. Deception wears many disguises: and there is a growing notion in church circles today that knowledge per se may be a substitute for the essential transforming work of the Holy Ghost. Consequently, much preaching that is popular carries no conviction whatsoever, and is not intended to. But when ministry does not touch the hearts, folks may attend a year-round cycle of meetings on topical subjects, without in any degree "being made conformable

unto his [Jesus'] death" (Phil.3:10) - a work inseparable from Paul's expressed desire in the following verse.

"*I'm already there, Sir!*" Thus, Hebrews 12:22 begins, "But ye *are come*". Not, ye will come; but "ye *are come*". Should the Lord Jesus, our mission co-ordinator, enquire as to our expectations of walking in the light of "the city of God, the heavenly Jerusalem", surely our reply should also be, "*I'm already there, Lord!*"

And so I trust that is the case at this present moment, brethren. For let us be under no misapprehension: Sinai's God will yet reveal Himself again. There will be "distress of nations with perplexity" (lit. entanglement with no way out). "Men's hearts" will "fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25&26). "These things" will "begin to come to pass"(vs. 28); and the promises of Heb.12:26&27 will be fulfilled.

Be encouraged, my brothers and sisters. For though even "the powers of heaven shall be shaken", we have received that "which *cannot be shaken*" (Heb. 12:27), "a kingdom" which "*cannot be moved*" (vs. 22). May we, therefore, find grace in this hour to "serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (vs. 28); looking up, as commanded in Luke 21:28, lifting up our eyes as those who, not only hasten towards (2 Peter 3:12), but also "love His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:8).

Yes, "our God (our God! brethren) is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12: 29) - a signal truth often overlooked by the comfortable preaching of our day. But this same God is also our Redeemer: loving, merciful, patient, compassionate. In warning us, He calls us by His great love to a life whose foundation must ever be the unshakeable obedience of faith (Heb.12:25). This is where our anchor holds! This is where we endure, unshaken! This is where neither circumstances nor surrounding events can remove us from our "first avowed intent" to take up our crosses daily, and follow the Master!

Amen!
Pastor Peter Bond





CMFI BANGLADESH



We have recently welcomed eleven new members to CMFI from Bangladesh. Bangladesh is a majority Muslim country with an estimated 90% Muslim population with just 0.3% of the population being Christian. While the Muslims do not allow the gospel to be preached openly among them, there are openings for outreach to the various tribal and Hindu people groups.

The following report is provided by Pastors Samuel and Philimon who are heading up the CMFI ministry in Bangladesh:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We would like to thank God for your prayers and support for the kingdom of God. The current prime-minister of Bangladesh Tariq Rahman has managed the state in a good way so that the people of the Christian religion can freely preach the gospel and worship God. Presently there is not much persecution and hindrances happening in order to prevent worship of the living God. We have been conducting church and gospel work for a long time in a self-supporting manner. We are very happy to be associated with CMFI. Your prayers and support will bring blessings to Bangladesh and our lives.

CMFI ministry in Bangladesh

Among Santali, Oraon, Garo, Munda tribal groups, and Hindu people groups the gospel service is going on. Presently we are serving the Lord in nine districts of Bangladesh out of 64 districts. In future we are planning to increase day by day in reaching the other 55 districts of Bangladesh to get salvation in Christ Jesus to the non-believers. So that by His grace we may be able to set up at least one servant of God in each and every district in Bangladesh according to the will of God. By the grace of God we have been serving the Lord through our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to establish the kingdom of God on earth among the lost souls so that they may get salvation in Christ. Today we are leading by the CMFI gospel ministry service together for the kingdom of God in various areas of the country of Bangladesh, especially doing ministry among tribal Santali people groups, also among Muslims and Hindus. There are various language, and cultural, and caste challenges in reaching the various groups, and there is a lack of of workers.

Ministry: We are doing church planting ministry, children Sunday school ministry, house to house gospel sharing, prayer

fellowship, Bible teaching among secular students, gospel outreach ministry, preaching and teaching good news in different places. We have a few churches in the country of Bangladesh in remote villages.

In present context: we are facing various problems to witness the gospel and to extend the ministry to every corner and caste in Bangladesh. Among minority people such as Hindus and other people groups we are somehow able to present the Gospel independently, and the CMFI ministry has been helping us show the living God through the Holy Spirit.

Necessity of Church Believers Growth: We need church buildings and property for believers to worship God with peace and harmony, because faithful believers are worshipping God on the mud floors of their houses. We need a children's education project for church believers, or a children's home for believers' children for their higher education. We need social development among believers to show the love of God so that people may be glorifying the living God. Many believers are living in a landlord's property as well as in government domain property to run their daily lifestyles.

Prayer Concerns:
The Adivasi people groups are very poor and needy, illiterate as well, there are many gods and goddesses. Pray for them to come to Christ for their salvation from sin.

Pray for Bangladesh population and CMFI Bangladesh ministry.

Pray for CMFI members of Bangladesh for their strong spiritual needs and anointing of the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel.

Pray for CMFI members of Bangladesh for their financial needs as they are sharing the gospel by self-support.

Pray for local church believers, for them to have a permanent places of worship. Pray that the Lord would bless them.

Pray for children of believers for their good education and good healthy lifestyles.

Pray for CMFI Bangladesh ministry to grow gradually to the entire districts of Bangladesh for the kingdom of God, so that lost souls may be saved in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.







ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND

Howard Green
(CMFI USA)

I was thinking about the CMFI & AGM conference this Autumn, and the theme, “Unshaken”. What an important and timely subject for the days we live in. For most of the people in the world, the only certain thing is the growing sense of uncertainty. Most of us have been around long enough to have witnessed seasons of relative peace and stability and also prolonged times of upheaval that eventually diminish. What I’ve noticed over the past few years is that the distress and uncertainty that came upon the world with the arrival of Covid hasn’t abated, in fact, it’s only gotten worse.

What I want to share with you is my assessment of the current shaking going on in the world, not just geopolitically, but spiritually, because we know there’s a biblical connection. I also want to encourage one another about the firm, unshakable foundation we have in Jesus, and to share this truth with desperate souls who are living their lives on sinking sand (Matthew 7:24). I know all of us might have slightly differing views regarding eschatology, including

timing of events such as the rapture, etc., and of course we don't believe date setting is biblical, and Jesus said we wouldn't know the exact day. He did say we should be able to discern the signs of the times (Matthew 16:2,3). One thing is becoming increasingly clear, and there seems to be a growing consensus among remnant believers that we are certainly living in the very last days. My aim in this article isn't a deep-dive into end-time Bible prophecy, which is a wonderful topic to most every believer. But to recognize that since the return of our Lord is near, we have an opportunity to reach unsaved people with the unshakable firm foundation of Jesus. I marvel at the paradox between the uncertainty of the people in the world around us versus the Christian's security in the Lord. It is really amazing to see how the bottom can fall out in the life of a believer, and we simply cling to Jesus and stand firm on the promises and providence of our Heavenly Father. Not so with unsaved people, because they have nowhere solid to plant their feet.

I love this year's theme for the Fall conference because the unshakable Kingdom of God stands in stark contrast to everything that's happening now. We can serve Him in all reverence and endeavor to make Him known to people who live in a world where everything will be shaken (Hebrews 12:25-29).

In my fifty-seven years, I've never seen so much upheaval, and I think I'm not alone in this. Any discerning, Spirit-led Christian can see that things aren't returning to the way they were before Covid. That's not to say that times were placid before, but there was a certain level of continuity and regularity in most aspects of life. Whether it was geopolitically, economically, culturally, or even spiritually, things were fairly cyclical, and nearly predictable (Ecclesiastes 1:9). I'm not implying that Covid began some invisible clock ticking or that it marks an identifiable point prophetically. What I'm saying is that somewhere along the line, as the world navigated the pandemic, it became clear that this world isn't returning to what we consider normal.

A Shaking World

Dear friends, this world is being shaken, and it appears to only be the beginning. Looking briefly at the geopolitical situation, the world is certainly marked by instability. Just a decade or so ago, we used to identify friend and foe. Now, with rogue nations and unstable megalomaniac leaders clamoring for more power, along with alliances which seemed impossible a few years ago, wars and rumors of war are everywhere. A powerful Russia and China used to occupy headlines; now they share the front page with Iran, North Korea, and terrorist factions wanting to create instability. I don't mention this to give a prophetic or geopolitical update, but rather to remind us that as Christians, we see where all of this is headed biblically. But lost people in the world have no idea about what lies ahead and that everything will be, and is being shaken. The current global economy is strained, interconnected, and increasingly complex. The future of the US Dollar as the world's fiat currency is in serious question. The once stable economies of the US, UK, and other Western nations are in serious debt crisis. Worse still is the fact that global finance, shipping, and distribution channels are being threatened and destabilized by numerous conflicts with seemingly no end in sight (James 5:1-6).

On an individual level, many millions of people are becoming increasingly medicated with mind-altering drugs, both prescribed and unprescribed, to help them cope with the instability of society around them. Have you noticed the absolute hopelessness of a seeming majority of our young people? Have you noticed many people, from their early teens to those well into their thirties, are confused, hurting, angry, worried, and almost in a zombie-like, lifeless existence? I see this everywhere, and I think you would agree that this isn't normal and it's worsening by the day (Luke 21:34-35). Some would blame this lifelessness on social media, iPhones, or the culture of the day, and I suppose there is some merit in that. But they mask what is really at work behind all of the hurt, despondency, and hopelessness. The enemy of their souls is on a rampage to steal, kill, and destroy our young people. Every broken person, overdose, and suicide has Satan's fingerprints all over it, as Jesus makes clear in John 10:10. Broken families are rampant, abuse, neglect, and violent crime are commonplace, and what we once called a polite society seems gone forever. People are growing a callousness unlike anything I've witnessed and on a scale unseen before. Jesus did tell us these conditions would be evident just before His return as love continues to wax cold (Matthew 24:12).

Moreover, the shaking is taking place among professing Christians and in local churches, and it's becoming more evident. We all know there is a strong remnant church that will endure until the end, walk by the Spirit, and love one another. Conversely, some claim to know Christ, but these individuals and churches have careened headlong into false teaching, ecumenism, outright apostasy, and love waxing cold. I know it's always been a thing, but the level of those deceiving and being deceived seems unprecedented (2 Timothy 3:13).

The Unshakeable Kingdom

I have to admit, dear brothers and sisters, I wasn't planning on going in this direction when I set out to write this article. I was planning on writing something much more encouraging and not dwell on the absolute abyss our society has become. But I trust the Holy Spirit's leading and prayed about my article, so I'm laying before you what the Lord has put on my heart. So I humbly ask for Him to confirm this message if it glorifies Jesus and equips each of us for the days ahead.

In Hebrews 12:27, the writer tells us that God will once more shake the earth and the heavens. Why? So that the things that can't be shaken may remain. I thank Him so much that the Kingdom we're each a part of will remain unshaken!

Dear friends, given the heaviness and weighty things we covered so far, this is where the hope of the gospel and boasting in the cross are front and center. Everything will be shaken. Knowing this, that circumstances in every aspect of life we covered will only get much worse, people in the world will need the hope only Jesus can bring (Matthew 9:36). Here's an example: Jesus tells us there will be earthquakes, pestilences, and wars at the close of the age. As these events begin to pile up, people will be frightened. We all remember the fear and uncertainty at the

beginning of the pandemic in 2020. There was absolute fear and panic on many faces of unsaved people. There's a time coming when conditions will be so severe that Jesus said men's hearts would fail them for fear at the expectation of those things which are coming upon the earth (Luke 21:26).

We are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, so we have grace to serve God with reverence and fear. Dear brothers and sisters, let's make the most of the day and work while we still have time to make Him known. We cannot hide our light under a bushel, go with the flow, and do business as usual, church. People in the world are desperate and growing more desperate by the day, whether they know it or not. Many of them will be looking for peace and safety, albeit a false one. We have Christ in us, the hope of glory. With the Spirit's leading, we can tell them the truth of the gospel and offer them hope and true peace and safety for eternity, that only Jesus can give (Luke 14:23).

God bless you as you make Him known to precious lost souls.

Howard Green (CMFI USA)





IN-MEMORIAM
Pastor John Angliss

In May this year, our Chairman Pastor John Angliss received his home-call following a time of illness. Pastor John continuously and faithfully served as Chairman of CMFI from its inception in 2006 until his passing in 2026. When CMFI was established at a meeting in the church founded by him, he was the clear and obvious choice to take on the leadership. Recognised to have a rich anointing of the Holy Spirit upon him, and with the rare quality and God-given ability to be considered a leader among leaders. Over the 20 years of Pastor John's Chairmanship of CMFI we have benefitted greatly from his wise counsel, from his insights in and teaching of the Scriptures, and from friendships formed with him over the years. Much love and respect was afforded Pastor John by the members of CMFI worldwide, and we know widely throughout the church in the UK and other countries where he had ministered. He was a true shepherd, never lording it over others, always ready to help, and faithfully devoted his life to the ministry the Lord called him to. While he will be greatly missed, we give thanks for a race well-run, and thankful for the assurance that he has entered his rest, and in due time we shall enjoy reunion in the glories of God's kingdom. Our prayers and thoughts remain much with his wife Mary, who served so faithfully at his side throughout the many years of ministry.

Shortly before his passing, Pastor John recorded a short but poignant message for the CMFI conference, the main part of which we reproduce here:

"As I've prayed about what I'm going to share with you I wanted to share with you something from the epistle of Peter. The verse is in 2 Peter 1 and verse 4 and it says this, "By which have been given to us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." All I want to share with you is exceeding great and precious promises. It's wonderful to have a promise, its even better to have one that is exceeding great, its wonderful to have a promise, its lovely to have a promise that is precious. In order to make our final run-in we will need the promises of God, and I pray that you'll locate them in the word of God and, as the word teaches us that when you locate, fulfil any conditions there are, then enter in to those promises. So, these promises help us to be partakers of the divine nature, and that we might have escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. There must be a desire to leave aside all the ways and patterns of the world. I pray you'll all be greatly blessed, and will be praying that will be the case. So God bless you all, and may you be warmed in your hearts, Amen."



CMFI EVENTS

Events schedule for 2026/27

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 2027

Ballynahinch, N. Ireland

Time and venue to be confirmed

AUTUMN CONFERENCE AND AGM

October 7th - 9th, 2026

Evangel Church, Sidmouth



REGIONAL DAYS

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