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..... and he was the associate coordinator of relief, rehabilitation of the entire church of Uganda. So he was still the Provost of the cathedral, as well as sitting and doing the very good job of administering medicines, where the medicines were needed, food, in the starving areas of Karamoja and elsewhere, blankets for those who have nothing to cover their bodies and so on and so on. It is just recently that we allowed him to take studies as a break, so he is now studying at Fuller, but ~~he~~ ^{he} is a man whom God has greatly used as I say always with thanksgiving. Now today, I have a short message to share, but think what you have just done in the gift of expression of your concern over Karamoja, is a very suitable gesture, and in line with the message that I felt as I was praying that we will share together. This is going to be an informal meeting. Let me just read you one of the most beautiful passages, as an expression of the faith as well as the expression of our ministry, our concern as St. Paul expressed his. in 2 Cor. this is what St. Paul says about the ministry/which he was actively involved. And Paul's ministry, was not just a preaching ministry, it took the whole man, here are some of the words, and particularly I want to address you as a family of St. Patrick's church. And here is the passage, 2 Cor. 2: 14. And St. Paul begins with, but thanks, that is right down in the middle, in order to get the meaning

revised

Expression of faith & ministry

"you have to read what caused but. It was because he writes verse 12 so I will write, I will read to you verse 12 and then gives meaning to verse 14, he says, when I arrived, very simple passage you see, when I arrived in Watts to preach the Good News about Christ, I found that the Lord had opened the way for work there, wide open door for the ministry of preaching, but I was deeply worried, isn't that beautiful to hear it from St. Paul, how worry, not him. (laughter) and when you worry, and when you worry

here is a great apostle, tremendous success in the ministry, a wide open door at Troas, and he says, but I was worried because I could not find our brother Titus. You see this worry was not a selfish worry, it was a worry of concern for a brother. He was expecting some news from Titus to refresh his mind so that he would go preaching at Troas and he didn't find Titus there, and so he became worried. Let me just go on reading and we hear, so I said good bye to the people there, in other words on to Macedonia. That is a bit strange isn't it, wide open door to preach the News of Jesus Christ in this place called Troas, and then because you didn't find your brother, you say good bye to the people there, and you are going to Macedonia, just as you had invited me to the valley and I came here and I didn't find my brother Keith Jesson and so I become terribly worried and said good bye to the people. (laughter) And go on to speak in Pasadena. (laughter) That is why we are you see, it is very human, very nature but then listen, it wasn't a catastrophe experience, as mine have occasionally been. He says, but thanks be to God, with this sense of attachment, but thanks be to God he says. Christian ministers, people like St. Paul knew the secret of excitement did not come from your success, it lay elsewhere. Thus why this man having as it were had such a

*Paul
in Troas*

, smashing failure, because when a preacher meets an opponent simply because he is worthy, you can't call that childish, you can call that a failure. He knew what to do with this failure, and he did not allow this sad experience to stand in his way, in such a way that the rest of the ministry suffered. So he says, but thanks be to God, for in union with Christ, mark those carefully, for in union with Jesus Christ, we are always led by God thus our weakness is Christ's victory and succession. We don't sit on failures, we take failures, we put them in the victory procession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we move on. So listen to the words of St. Paul, God use us to make the knowledge about Christ spread everywhere like a sweet fragrance. We live prayerless feeling rather dry, but we don't take our worries as the message straight, isn't this the problem with us? You worry, about something, and then you leave the worry there and then carry the message off your worries to next feelings, not hope. He says, we are like prisoners in the victory procession of Jesus Christ and God be thanks, be thanked because He moves us on not carrying the rather polluted message of worry, no, no, this is what is wrong with us. He says, God uses us to make the knowledge about Christ spread everywhere, everywhere like a sweet fragrance, if we give Him a chance, ~~if we are not afraid to~~ what we take is our knowledge about Christ, or the experience of Christ, and he becomes like a sweet fragrance spreading every where, and so let me just finish this little, for we are like a sweet smelling essence offered by Christ, we are like a sweet smelling essence offered by Christ to God, which spreads among those who are being saved and those who are being lost, those who are being lost, Those who are being lost, it is a ~~stage~~ stage that kills but those who are being saved, it is a fragrance that brings life, that is the message. Now of course the picture he uses is a picture of a Roman soldier or commander general, who has had a tremendous success in defeating

Failure
of victory

Spreading
Sweet
fragrance
of knowledge
of Christ

"the enemies off the empire and now comes to Rome and it is his special day to march through the city with triumphant victory, procession. And in his procession there are those have been captured, the captives, some of them are kings, some off them are generals, some off them are all sorts of people, and they are in procession. Then the soldiers, proudly, they are marching home, every road and trees are covered with people like insects up to the doors off Rome who the victory to them. And then he says, in this procession some are heading for real life, and then the streets spread with sweet smelling roses off victory, the atmosphere was filled with fragrance, and then from the prisoners off war, the smell was of death, because they were heading for execution, but for others who were rejoicing because off the victory, it is like victory, they are rejoicing and so Paul says, you christians, are no longer prisoners off despair, you are prisoners off hope, you actually were picked by the Lord Jesus when you were defeated and you were ushered into this procession off the risen Christ. And circumstances cannot stop Jesus from processing victoriously through the world and you are participants in the victory off his triumphant procession. In your homes, you are there to spread the fragrance knowledge off Jesus Christ, whenever you are, whether it is in Traos, whether in the kitchen as a housewife, don't take your worries as the message, but bring you worries put them into a triumphant procession off victory and then you will see Him who rose from the dead has got the answer for your needs and then, His knowledge, your knowledge off Him becomes like sweet fragrance everywhere you go. So you see christians brothers and sisters this is what the Spirit off God wants to do in the valley, He wants to lead you into the secret off how do you deal with your feelings, what happens when you fail, like St. Paul, and you do worry, and you loose the opportunity to spread that fragrant knowledge off Jesus Christ.

Roman
soldiers /
victory /
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That life giving fragrance.. Do you see that point,, and more and more and more and ----- . So Paul knew how to take his failures to put into procession and then it becomes a life giving fragrance, you see what I am now getting at is that christians, we christians don't know how to live, we are really damn, because you see we don't know how the Holy Spirit can take your failures and change them into opportunities for Jesus to triumph, where do we expect Jesus to demonstrate His victory if it is not through our failures.. It is when the spirit of God takes the failures that come my way off course, they don't become victory until they are put at His feet , the victorious Lord changes your failures into opportunities for victories, that means we are to be a little practical, see Paul has left Thracos worrying.. And worrying is sin, (laughter) because worry means lack of faith. Faith and worries don't always run together, when I am worried, it means I am not trusting, when I am trusting I don't worry.. You see, because my trusting Him takes care of my worries, but when I am full of my own worries, it means that my faith is in, is at a low end. Now what happens St. Paul says, I left Thracos and I was full of worry about my brother Titus, I did not know what had happened to him, and I did not know, I did not have the good news or the bad news of our brothers and sisters. But when I reached Macedonia, or on the way how to deal with my wife. Put them in victory procession of Jesus Christ, and see what happens. Then he says, whenever we go whether it is in Thracos or Macedonia our knowledge of Jesus, our experience ----- into the towns and like sweet smelling fragrance, most of us Christians don't spread life giving fragrance, we spread death breathing failures, in other words we spread where we are the fragrance of -----.. Attitudes of hate, and resentment and fear and suspicion, this is the type of thing we spread. We meet friends, what do we spread?

*Failures /
Victories*

'Talk about the joy of how He overcame your worries this morning ----- (laughter)
or we talk nothing but always bible (laughter) and you meet a christian
brother and poor him or her she has no peace off the Lord so you read a
whole ----- . This is what happens with christians, with christian
people, but you know, christians when we are in the spirit of life in
Christ Jesus, when the Holy Spirit leads us, with Jesus Christ in procession,
triumphant procession off our who rose from the dead, not just, what people
call triumphantists, people will simply say, oh yes let's triumph over
of life realities, am not talking about that. Jesus Christ is in the possession of
triumph. And not because he is ignorant of what is going on in the world,
he knows from the day, who can hit that (laughter) If you really want to
know, in our physical life, it is where someone is in the ----- that
is, the darkest point in that, because, think of that, having had a three
day conference, three days, how, what is it, that is ----- three
days into grace, (too much noise can't understand) so that sin should never
sit on a believer, the believer should sit on the sin. Why? Because
his Lord conquered those miserable things, and when he had defeated
them, his gloriously came out as he prepared his triumphant march to
this miserable world, you know, no power can stop him. I had, I have
a friend by the name of Esau Jacob he took the food (laughter) the son ~~Esau~~ Saw
of Isaac and was a channel a little man off about 5 feet in height, and
this little man most of his time, he so impressed me that had a chance
to speak in his church who is now the pastor in West Germany, near Kassel
this man was a committed christian in Russia, ----- way way and
he tells his story and he said, he spent 8 1/2 years in prisons in Siberia
(too noisy I can't understand) and while he was in prison for a year, the
congregation would gather, then they would chase him out, and allow:
him to go back to his congregation. Then after sometime, he would be
rearrested, back into the prison, He was willing to die, what a story!

"So the congregation and congregations kept multiplying as he went in and out and in and out 8 1/2 years, miserable trials, tortured, and he tells me he was nearly arrested in West Germany, I said, then you come to Uganda. And in 1975 he came and we, he spoke to thousands of christians at a stadium in my diocese. We have this every ten years and I am going to invite you to help us ----- every ten years we have got a celebration, ten years we celebrate, we did it in 1975, we are waiting to do it in 1985, and that will be, in 1975, it was 144 years of renewal because renewal hit the church where I am in 1935, we are real grateful and it has continued, continued and every 100 years we celebrate, it was a wonderful movement of God, it reached most of us, we will never go back. And back to Esau Jacob, and he stood before 20,000 African christians and he gave his testimony, and I would like to tell you there was no dry eye in that 20,000. When this little man who said, in my time, he said during the time of -----, he said, "I became too big for Russia", "The government could not put up with it, they didn't want to kill me, they kept putting in and out, and making me suffer, and in the end they said, "Esau Jacob is too much", (laughter) so they decided to keep me out or murder me." I look at my stature, I am only a little man, but I was too big for big Russia, and then he said, what he said to us, In 1971, I will show you on the revision, the last christian, the last christian in Russia, and he said, by 1971 actually, there were now millions of christians some were, Russia being communist, we had no permission to build churches, so on Sunday we would gather in posts 3000 and said I will tell you, and introduce you to the southern Russians worshipping God in the Open Air in the forest, because no one can stop us from worshipping like that. Although they do not give us permission to worship in the churches. And there are very few churches in Jail and

" Jacob would say, instead of showing us the last christians in 1971 there were so many ----- and christians actually died and continued to multiply, that is this little man, and when he was speaking, you could see a man committed to Jesus returning a life giving fragrance. And people loved him and they came and embraced him, the little Esau Jacob. And it was marvellous, because he had suffered so much, when he looks at people he just weeps, suffering has that kind of effect on people. And then we went to church and when he came to speak in the evening, we had 3,000 worshippers, you see in West Germany, 2000 ----- they are mainly christians called mennonites, they have suffered for Jesus, but they have multiplied and so you see my dear friends, what I want to say before I finish, when the Holy Spirit comes, and penetrates a community as he has done you, that is a fragrance, and I rejoice to be here and talk with you mostly this weekend. Because, the church has a reason to start with the established churches. It was the Anglican church, the church of Uganda Anglican which was designated in spreading revival in East Africa, I don't know how God did it, but he did it, (laughter) it was not easy, it was not easy to break through anglicanisms and ----- (laughter).. But gently without battles, no battles of resistance, you cant imagine respectable anglicans just too give an opening to the working of the Holy Spirit.. They prefer respectable christianity, the kind which ----- (laughter) you can go on in the church, singing nice hymns, praying a beautiful prayer and go home, same person you came (laughter) you know what happens, under such circumstances, there is no possibility of the fragrance of life spreading. People pass by the church is there, people go in and out, they have no effectious contact but when the spirit of God breaks through, it will reach them, (too noisy I cant understand)..

F. A. Davis

Please do not misunderstand me, I was actually not very happy with this movement. As a young convert, I thought it was a kind of -a new religion. You see, was disturbing our services, when the priest is preaching, some people jumped on their feet weeping, these are not good Anglicans (laughter) it was also a little bit strange you see, people began to sing when they should not sing, these revival schools are not comfortable at all, young people crowded in, and in 1941, the churches were like a show people worshiped outside, so many people were crowding the church, the church buildings were not big enough, in fact quite frankly there was no possibility of building a church large enough to take them, because as Christians became a life giving fragrance, you say how, they were not all preachers, some people are preachers and others are evangelists some are teachers, some are people who don't know those gifts they are ----- what the spirit does, He makes the experience of the living triumphant Christ in the lives ordinary people, a life giving fragrance. You remember when that girl in Bethany brought her perfume at the feet of the Savior, when her brother had been raised from the dead, John 12. And the entire house was filled with fragrance, even Judas smelt it, he didn't like it but it hit him. That's why he complained that what a waste, he was economically (laughter) what a waste of money this beautiful perfume would have been sold for a lot of money, and to feed the hungry & poor and we would have used it, /St. John puts it in his own words, and he says, "he was not concerned for the poor, he was more concerned about himself," and John says, "the misuse of funds in the little bag".

I always get amazed when I read this story, you Jesus never commented about that, he never said anything about it, about Judas Iscariot. the comments come from fellow disciples, not the master, he covered Judas Iscariot with love until that man died by himself, won't say anything about the character of Judas, but John comes up who doesn't like me and you, you know Judas was not honest, He misused the funds

The alabaster

Judas Iscariot

Jesus never said that, but John did say that, my point was, Mary too brought in the perfume and brought it to the feet of her Lord Jesus Christ and the whole house was absolutely permeated by this beautiful perfume and that is you and I are supposed to be, wherever we are, wherever we are means wherever we are, in the Valley or in Uganda, in Karamoja where people have been starving, but you do find some Christians who really are a life giving fragrance to the Lord and they are attractive, so when an Episcopalian or Anglican become filled and are taken by the same ----- and are brought in the presence of this -----, then what happens how does that happen, things which used to hinder the essence are broken off, how did it happen not among us, why were the people attracted to St. Paul, because James, when you came into the congregation you did not hear unrealistic things, you heard people, you heard people, I saw a group of 4 church wardens ----- instead of making people come forward but instead indifference, they are like that in the glory of the church. For a few members, they came and embarrassed everybody, the whole church board was in tears, saying what do you want? you know good Anglicans look aside, they knelt still under a certain part of the order which we did not know very much, because there wasn't a powerful preaching that morning. And when the Eucharist was offered, they said, please give us permission we want to say something. So they turned to the congregation, one said, "This morning, for the first time, as you the priest were reading those introductory words, you who truly and earnestly have repented of all your sins, and now live a new life, and intend to live a new life and so, and so on and come forward. And I couldn't come forward the Holy Spirit caught me red handed, did what? Not only me, my neighbour not only were ----- So the church warden went forward and went through the introductory

which the priest reads everytime and they had stolen a few things that they returned back and now they were just in love, and they gave their testimonies, and not only among themselves but among the whole church, in relation with the congregation and I can't tell you what happened and the spirit of God took the experience off these men into being and it was shining, and it was like a fragrance perfume in the congregation, there were many many tears, husbands putting things right with their wives, neighbors sorting out broken relationships, there was no preaching that Sunday. There was no necessity for the time, the spirit was busy healing the congregation. And you know what happened, there was so sweet singing and praising and the service was like heaven. Some people didn't like it, though there was nothing they could do, it was a powerful service, really that Sunday, I can't tell you how many people came to the Lord. Because you see these members of the church are surrounded by life giving fragrance to go out and -----

and so my dear apostolians, in your services, remember the Lord expects each and everyone of you to step forward, not from the starting point of preaching, but the starting point of our knowledge of Christ, has become a life giving fragrance wherever we are, even in the homes many people were converted literally in the hundreds in the homes, a herdsman met 4 herdsmen relatives you know they look after cattle, and these men stopped him on the road, on the path, and they just told him, he was not a Christian, he was illiterate, pagan, but these are relatives who have now come alive with Jesus and they stopped and said to him, "You know what Jesus has done, this that, that, and they put all, and they concluded by saying, you know I have a date to you, I cheated you for a calf, " that language is understandable among the cattle keepers. " I cheated you of a calf, a young calf, I actually

Church
Wardens

Shepherd's
CONVERSATION

stole it," Immediately he is going to restore it, so they went where they water their cattle and when the cows were being watered, were being watered, they reached the cow, gives it as a testimony, and the other man walks home. "It is too much for me here" This is not the church, this is where we water the cows, but you see, the beauty of the Son of God, the triumphant Lord Jesus is where people are, and when this man had restored them, the young cow he had cheated, his friend bought, you know what happened, four and tough herdsmen accepted the Lord Jesus. And they too begun to do some restoration, this is what I mean by fragrance, the fragrance which gives life is hindered when I, I am not willing to break through these phasadies, and we disobey those as extra phasadies, just in case you give a wrong impression. Just in case people misunderstand, but indeed, that has to be broken into a fragrance which has become and so they begun smelling spreading the beautiful perfume. If I brought one of them here, I know them, one of them is by the name of Jeremiah, he has brought literally thousands to Jesus Christ, his wife so nice lady evangelist, and when I bring you Jeremiah who has never been to school and -----

Jeremiah was illiterate when he was converted at the age of 45, he taught himself how to read, in order to read the bible and preach it. It took him about 6 months and he could read the book in his mother tongue, and in order to research, he would read from Genesis to Revelation, no notes and one day I took two American pastors back home, black Americans, because they wanted to be exposed to black/black brown. So we went and renewal we had a meeting, away in the little area where I live, in the evening at meal time they were praising and singing and eating. These two Americans were shocked, there was no choir leader, no organizer, (laughter) it was beautiful, these songs were spontaneous, they sung and prayed and gave their testimonies, what goes on in their homes, just conversing

Jeremiah
testimony

..normally, as they eat their food, Acts of the Apostles, see, they eat their food with singleness of heart, and rejoicing. Well, before they left they ^{gave} praised God and// few testimonies, and in the morning they were sitting praising, and one of them said, "these people, but they don't sleep", and then we went to church some time, about 7000 people turned up for that morning we had a great time. And the guests from America preached a beautiful sermon, I interpreted it, and then one policeman got up to preach and startled my American friends, and for forty minutes, you could, see the joy, in the middle of his preaching people just stand up rejoicing and it is a usual thing, and he just went on opening the word, people continued rejoicing, and when he was through, there was so much rejoicing among the saints, these American brothers came and said to me, "Tell me", "Where did he go to seminary?" (laughter).. And I said, this person has never been to school, the only school, is that book you see in his hands, that is all. He has never even read another book, that is the only book he has ever read. And he said, "I can't believe it, the way he exposes the scripture, he is a pastor, he knows the book." I said, "yes". This secret is very simple, he knows ----- (laughter) so sit it is informal. And what I am saying is that, you as members of this beautiful church don't you wait until you the law, the greatest knowledge you need is intimate acquaintance with Jesus Christ.. And the Spirit of the of God will make sure that you are intimately acquainted with him, that will be the work of the Holy Spirit. Before the Holy Spirit comes, you are of Christ at a distance, when the spirit/comes he gives an intimate acquaintance with Christ. And then things begin to change, and then gifts are used and then fellowship becomes sweeter, and then the fragrance permeates society. This is what many survived under Amin, otherwise, there would not be a church in Uganda. Because the leaders; church members had

Two, 1440-44A
American's
Visit

this acquaintance which assisted them and they continued, that is my challenge too. Are you allowing the life giving fragrance or do people only get back the self scent of self-centeredness? And don't think that my complaints are no good fresh air, they simply spoil the atmosphere.

We need the christians released, whose failures can be taken by the Holy Spirit and be changed to the glory of God, and then the fragrance will spread. I wanted to make a presentation, my dear brothers this

is a little wind up which will enlighten this parish as to what ministries we are involved in, repeatedly, the concern for the body. see what we are

In this little presentation, you'll be going to do, but we are trying, not we are going to do, what we are going to be doing. As standard two, senior, high schools, under Amin which was that

society? 144 girls' high schools, one of them is called Muyebe Girls' they call it Bishop Girls' school, another one called Sessani Girls' school, it is an old one which is now 6 years old. They have to go two miles to carry water on their heads, to the school, and yet they have science labs, can you have a science lab without water? We do all sorts of things there, but now there is a project called, Water, two miles from school, 200 feet above the school, spring water, what we need is some pipes and some cement, and will not know what to do with water. Beautiful key, put that on the

so you see, we have a number of things to do in these little booklets,

There are pictures of little children being feed, in Karamoja, you know we are in the process of feeding children now. African Evangelistic Enterprise has a program to feed school children, the schools had been closed because of famine, we opened them with gifts of food from the States, from Switzerland, from the European Economic Community and these schools now are functioning. We are already feeding 29 schools with about 600 children in each.

Presentation
of Uganda
Relief
14/41

When we started last year, we could only give one meal a week to the children, that's all. Can you imagine children being fed only once in a week. And when we received more help we moved to three meals a week.....

Side B:

.....evangelists, about three of them are ordained priests, we saw how food was distributed, make sure it was good porridge, the nutrition and then we came out and started sharing with them that Jesus people loves you and gave this food, and that now makes sense. You read about how little children came to Jesus, He really got concerned, and that is beautiful program. When I was in Karamoja just before I arrived here I arrived with a group of us in a town where 2,000 people adults being fed, being given some bean, some peas too and some milk. And when we arrived in the town with our little van, these people came rushing and among them came the children and one held my hand on this side and the other held on the other side. tiny little children, two boys, very thin almost skeletons and then put their little hands into mine just to show me, "We love you", and you know what it did, just those little hands they were covered with fragrance of life to me. It is true they were starving, it is true their bodies have been rather starving, but their hearts were absolutely warm. This is what it means to serve others, that day although I was not starving, but do you know the two little things, these little children really ministered to me. I just felt their love penetrate me, released me, and opened my eyes, so here we have got things you can respond to. As part of this life giving fragrance, keep on praying for us, things in Karamoja are picking up but other areas like West Nile region, my brothers went to see this place and West Nile is near Zaire, South of Sudan, there have been another war, -thousands of people escaped from the danger, running away from the army, this was of course caused by Arabians men, coming

*Relief
Nurse*

back to attack in their area. I was in the Juba and the Archbishop of the Sudan, said to me, "I have a 1/4 of a million refugees here, most of them from Uganda, others from Ethiopia." He was a refugee for 12 years in Uganda, and you know he used to escape quietly from Uganda into the bushes to baptize people and he used to come and tell me as an assistant bishop, I baptized 2,000 a week ago, this is called, this is called in East Africa a church in the bush, (laughter) and now it is the church in Sudan. He is a wonderful Bishop, so the things are really new so pray. And then, this is going to be here for you to respond to and thank you very much for your encouragement and you see I have taken much of your time so you won't have enough time to ask me question time. (laughter) I wanted you to be informed but also have time to answer your questions, so be free to make a comment or ask a question.

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QUESTION & ANSWER TIME:

- Q:your deciding to feed children in schools, what is done on the agricultural side where they can grow food off their own.
- A. We have some missionaries in Karamoja, teams from christian agents of doctors and nurses who are helping in the various areas, we have got young nurses, from Britain and elsewhere who teaching the mothers how to mix the milk and feed the babies. We have some missionaries who have been in Karamoja for quite a number of years and indeed

Feed's
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program
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- Kelves

A. ~~practicing agriculture on the island which can be~~
grown in Karamoja in the shortest possible time, so the rain comes
and you put the seeds in the ground you can have a big harvest.
This African Enterprise thing, we are not only feeding the children
we feed the school children with a daily meal throughout the week.
Because we got more food coming, and you know when it come to
Mombasa on the Indian Ocean, and then we have to take it in
land by means of trucks and that means 900 miles from the
ocean to where the food is needed. Sometimes the trucks are
attacked by thugs and the food is looted, in fact a number of our
African Evangelistic Enterprise trucks taken at gun point.
So you see when we feed the children we also want to give each
child a hoe, a hoe is something you till the ground with, and
then we go and give them seeds, and then the schools provide
a plot, a farm so that each child works on her/his plot and puts
the seeds in the ground so that he can grow his own food, we
also teaching -----.

Q: It seems to me that the work you are doing is wonderful and we
appreciate what you have done for us, my wife sends her love and
she says she loves you with the real love of Christ.

A. ----- (Laughter)
But all I can say is that, the atmosphere in which each evening
is full of expectance each night, the young people have been
responding to my message and others people who could never have
come, who sat there and said, I am with you, you are ^{with me} ~~building~~ and 3a.s.. and
that is a tremendous thing. See the first sign of blessing in
^{in America}
any community is spiritual harmony. And as you are so covered

with material things, to be able to lift layer after layer of material things so that the spirit can keep the heart, and make it hungry and make it thirsty. It takes a miracle, and praise Him because I can see that the Lord is doing is doing beautiful things, making his people hungry, and He said, blessed are those who hunger and thirst after right relationship with God for they shall be satisfied, and I have said some beautiful things, the young Chinese, American Chinese came to me last night and said, he was in tears and he said, "the night you spoke, I came to the Lord, and I want you to know it, that now my life has been restored!" and we sat there to pray, he is one among many that I suppose some quiet things happened to, even if we may give invitations in situations off 55 and 88 our experience back home is that daring step a little bit. If preaching as I have been in your parish, what I am doing? I am placing God's ----- (laughter) the typing is his own, all I want to do is just put it where He wants me to put it, and then to leave it there and go back (laughter) Any other questions?

Q: Last night the theme of your sermon was, "Love God and love neighbor, what is the reason why you love God to love someone"?

A. That is it? No, no, I took it to mean that when you discover that God loves you, then you can't help loving yourself, so you see, when I stressed this business of presenting my whole self to God, that means, once you put your whole self to the love which makes then you begin to look at yourself as miracle, to me that is what God means, there are so many people who strive with themselves because they don't know who they are. True identity comes when you stand in the presence of him, who in love created you and look at yourself, and the Psalmist said, look at your self, you are wonderfully made. (laughter) It is the presence of God, and when the Lord said, love goes like that, "Love your neighbor as

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yourself in
you love yourself." Having discovered the love of God, you discover your-
neighbour as you have discovered yourself, and when you do that, the
neighbor becomes wonderful precious. There are no insignificant people
in the love of God, all those our non-entity becomes, we become very close
V.I.P.s . Any other question? Thank you very much, it has been a
precious time, I am going to ask you to stand in closing prayer.
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