

# **“Take Heed” Ministries**

## **December 2014**

**Dear praying friends and supporters of ‘Take Heed’,**

I feel like beginning this letter by saying **“Phew! What a year 2014 has been”**. For a variety of reasons that I shall outline this has been a **VERY** busy year and in all that has taken place my prayer is that the Lord Jesus Christ will have been greatly glorified and magnified.

**On a personal level**, I testified in my ministry letter in June of the Lord’s comfort and help, to both Margaret and me, in the events that culminated in the death in Canada of my eldest brother, Mervyn, in April. Once again we have known His help and comfort as we said ‘goodbye’ to my last remaining uncle, Allan, who died on 27 October. **Our experience of loss of course is by no means unique and to all who read this letter and have lost loved ones during 2014 we hope and pray that He has equally sustained you through your time of grieving.**

**On a ministry level**, activity on many and varied fronts has continued unabated. The **“conveyor belt of articles”** that I mentioned in my June letter has rolled on relentlessly and in total another **27** articles have been written and published bringing the total for the year to **39**.

Thanks to the ministry **YouTube** facility I am able to write articles and incorporate links to relevant videos into those articles. These are usually videos of programmes that I had recorded over the past 30 years and which had basically in many cases been gathering dust on my office shelves. Now they have gained a new lease of life and purpose. Examples would be articles that I have written and posted on **‘Rastafarianism’; ‘Zoroastrianism’; ‘Sufism’; ‘The Shakers’; ‘The Hutterites’**.

This year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of the so-called **‘Toronto Blessing’** and I was able to mark that by posting the video of a talk given by my invited guest at that time, called **Chris Hand**, (currently Pastor of Crich Baptist Church) who testified of his own spiritual journey **“From Toronto to Truth”**. Another warning article that was posted in October and that had a **‘Toronto Blessing’** connection concerned a return visit to Ballymena in November by a **‘Health and Wealth Prosperity Preacher’** called **Marilyn Hickey** and her **daughter Sarah**. In the providence of God I had a video that had been sent to me ‘way back when’ by a brother in Holland that showed both these ladies speaking there and relating their own then recent **‘Toronto Blessing’** experience and so I was able to incorporate that into my article.

Another item that was posted concerned the controversy that surrounded **Mark Driscoll** - a controversy that has recently led to his stepping down from the pastorate of the church he headed up in Seattle. Some years ago I wrote an article expressing my concerns and reservations about his ministry, especially in the light of the fact that he was coming to speak at a large annual “men’s event” in Belfast. **I received some adverse feedback as a result of that, but recent events would appear to have vindicated my position.** I take no great pleasure in that and simply hope that the true cause and honour of our Lord Jesus Christ will not suffer as a result of what has happened to Mr Driscoll.

This year also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first public debate I ever organised – **‘Should Protestants and Roman Catholics Worship Together?’** – And to mark that occasion the video of that debate has also been posted to the ministry YouTube site. Former priest **Bart Brewer** and **Dave Hunt** (‘The Berean Call’) did a good job on the night explaining why such ecumenical worship should not take place. **Both of them are now in glory but their testimonies and work ‘live on’** and by this video can touch a whole new generation for the cause and gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have mentioned both the ministry **web site** and **YouTube** site and I’m conscious that statistics can sometimes either be boring or appear prideful but I do think a few are worth mentioning as we seek to contend for Christ. In my June letter I mentioned how my web master had given the ministry **web site** a ‘make-over’. A year ago (and after 15 years of existence) the **web site** had received in total **304,000** visits. As I write this letter the total number of visits has risen to **526,679** – the growth in **web site** ‘traffic’ is just phenomenal and we praise God that the materials, written over many years, and exalting our Lord Jesus Christ and His true gospel, are reaching so many more new people all around the world and for His glory.

In relation to the **YouTube** site, a year ago there were **84** assorted videos/talks posted to it. That total has now risen to **143**. Viewings a year ago totalled **68,500** - today that total stands at **254,106**. A year ago the number of subscribers (those who want to be notified of new additions to the YouTube site) stood at **400** – today that number is **1054**.

Finally in this report on the ‘technical side’ of ministry activity, the ministry **Facebook** site continues to be of immense value in alerting people to **‘Take Heed’**, and to direct them to the new postings on the various other sites (The same goes for my web master via ‘Take Heed’ TWITTER – his sole demesne as I resisted personally going down the ‘twitter-line’).

Then, on another aspect of ministry activity, it is encouraging to report that there has been an increase in requests for me to speak at meetings both here and further afield. A few months ago I wrote to churches and fellowships to let them know that next September (2015) would (DV) mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of **‘Take Heed’ Ministries** and I also confirmed that despite some rumours to the contrary I had not retired from ‘front-line’ service and speaking. The resultant feedback has been most heartening and I look forward to these opportunities to glorify our Saviour.

Again over past months some kind folks have taken time to pen words of encouragement and appreciation and herewith are just a few small examples –

Hi Cecil, First of all I'd like to thank you for your ministry, it's fantastic to see and hear a voice speaking out for God's Word in these dark times. C.M.

I was so in ignorance over contemplative prayer; thank you for opening my eyes. People at Punch in Plymouth had been talking about this. I always felt to stay away. Thank you for replying. God bless. L.

I have shared many of your videos on my blog, as well, because I have the deepest respect for you and your ministry and confidently share the link to your web site -- as well as your videos - - with others because I know you always present the truth in love and never harshly or sarcastically. The kind and genuine way you always present your information shows your concern for Catholics and others, and glorifies God, as well... Thank you for the link to your PDF concerning the unity you see taking place between Evangelical Christians and Mormons. I read briefly through it when you first sent it out on Twitter, but I took my time to read it in detail over the past couple of days after you sent me the link in your message. I *strongly* agree with you that it's very possible, and even probable that the day *will* come when there will be an EMT ('Evangelicals and Mormons Together')... May God continue to bless you and your ministry, and strengthen you for what may lie ahead as we continue to see more and more compromises take place by those who claim to be Christians...and all for the sake of 'unity' with no regard to God's truth. M.D.

Dear Mr Andrews, I just wanted to thank you for the inspiring talks you have given on so many subjects available now on YouTube. I am 55yrs old and live high up in the North Pennines in Westmorland... The state of the Churches in England is appalling and you give hope and sound teaching in a country where Latimer's candle is at best guttering if not completely out... enough people who I used to call evangelical now say continually that "the Lord told me to do this", prayer and Bible study are devalued as everyone is told directly and the evil influence of the Toronto curse and charismatic movement replace a love of Truth with silly sentimental feelings. Worse is that non Christians, who often have more discernment than many so called Christians, think that if this type of charismatic Christianity is the same as that in Acts then perhaps the original wasn't much to write home about either. People can clearly see how fake are the tongues, healings and so called prophecies of the charismatics and yet Christians fall for it and join it... Anyway I won't take any more of your time but once again thank you for all you do. God bless and keep you. S.

Hi Cecil, just a quick note to say thanks for standing for the truth. I just watched your Alpha course YouTube video and was encouraged to see someone else with solid views on this subject. I hope you'll be a bit encouraged by this email, that's our prayer. C. and family.

Thank you for your article on William Branham. I have family members who are in the Message about 34 years. Recently something happened and XXX has completely stopped phoning me. This cult is VERY, VERY strong. I only realize now HOW CONTROLLING it is. How sad... If you have any other information please print it. Thank you, thank you. J.J.

For me it has been lovely to revisit these messages as they do bring such comfort and encouragement – and I hope they have also encouraged you as you read them.

In my June ministry letter I mentioned that the video of the live **'Mary'** debate that I did a couple of years ago on Revelation TV with Jesuit priest, Keith McMillan, had been viewed over **13,000** times. That figure has now risen to **14,738**.

Enclosed with this letter is a DVD of that debate and I pray that it may be a blessing to you. For those living outside the UK it is possible that this PAL DVD may only play either on your computer or on a 'multi-zone' DVD player – I do apologise to those living outside the UK that I don't have any NTSC DVD copies. If sadly you can't play this PAL DVD, there is no need to return it to me.

For those reading this letter **'ONLINE'** you can view this DVD by going to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAgy95TMltI&list=FLY6K5SN-Z7IIOKmXcIB51jQ>

In October I read something that was simple and yet it struck me as being very profound. In the book **"Christ in the Passover"** the author wrote this concerning **"the bitter herbs"** of Exodus 12:8 –

"Jehovah told the Israelites to eat the Passover lamb with bitter herbs. The first symbolism that comes to mind is the obvious one - the hardships which the Israelites endured under the whips of Pharaoh's taskmasters. But there is a deeper lesson as well.

The bitter herbs are a reminder that the firstborn children of the people of Israel lived because the Passover lambs died. God created us humans to gain life through death, to receive physical sustenance from the death of something that once was alive, be it plant or animal. Even so, the believer in the Messiah Jesus receives new life through His death as the Lamb of God."

This linkage of our physical sustenance (particularly the 'dying requirement' aspect) that I had never before really thought deeply about was for me a spiritual 'nugget' as the author likened it to our source of spiritual life (Christ's death - which of course I have often thought deeply and gratefully about). As 2015 approaches, **your prayers** for a number of items are very much coveted. **(1)** For meetings at which I am due to speak in the first quarter, including in February, when I am scheduled (DV) to speak/preach in Grace Baptist Church in Peel on the Isle of Man. **(2)** For ongoing wisdom to write relevant articles that may utilize the collection of videos that I have built up over the years. **(3)** For continuing good health for both Margaret and myself.

I want to close by thanking each of you for your support of **'Take Heed'** whether prayerful or practical and in so many cases both. Please do continue to pray for Margaret and me and if you would like to support practically then please make use of the enclosed **\*\*'support letter'**\*\*.

Sincerely in Christ,

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