

# GRACE CHURCH NEWS



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## Missing Something?

**We seldom miss something that we don't know is missing. Sometimes we can only fully appreciate something is missing once it is really gone.**

Timothy has found out the perfect way to make the invisible wall. He can pull it out of nothing and protect himself from being caught in games and capturing others behind it. Little did he know was, that what we can't see still has an impact on the real world. Shannan on one such occasion decided to play along and pretended to bump into the invisible wall. As she bounced off this said wall, she proceeded to slip on a floor rug which lead to an eventful landing on the floor with a bump. Timothy was so shocked that the wall worked so well, proceeded to rip down the invisible wall as fast as he could uttering his apologies the whole time saying, "Sorry Mom, see the wall is gone now!" This event has lead to wonderful family amusement. Except for Tim who hasn't put up a wall since.

There are many things out there, everywhere, everyday, all day that we just don't, cannot or won't see. Once such occasion in the Bible which illustrated this perfectly is in 2 Kings 6:17-20. The Syrian forces are coming to capture Elisha who says to his servant, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Problem was the servant couldn't see them. Elisha then asked God to open the eyes of his servant and to blind the eyes of the enemy till they made good their escape. Famously the servant's eyes are opened to see an angelic army in the clouds protecting them.

Jesus spoke on this as well explaining to his unseeing disciples in Matthew 26:53 that he had twelve legions of angels at his disposal at that very moment.

**Are you aware of what you cannot see? Ask God to open your eyes. You're in for a surprise!**

**Love & Hugs from Your Grace Church Family!!!!**





## Money, Money, Money



Pastor Don

We live in a world of money. “Money makes the world go around.” (From “Cabaret”)

The Beatles sang, “All you need is love” and made a lot of money doing so.

Dion Warwick sang, “What the world needs now is love, sweet love...O listen Lord if you really want to know...” she also made a lot of money singing that.

(Not sure I would feel comfortable advising God that way.)

Did you know Jesus was an investment counselor? He advised on how to invest our money. Luke 16:9

*“And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”*

Invest in friends so when your life runs out you will have used your money to influence people to become Jesus followers. Invest in new friends, eternal friends. Buy that coffee, that lunch – buy time to spend time with them so you can show them Jesus. Help those in need – in the name of Jesus. Be generous with your time and money with eternity in mind. Invest wisely.

*God says in Isaiah 46:10 “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.”*

Imagine an investment broker who knows what the stock market will do tomorrow – next month! We would line up to invest with him. We have a financial advisor who knows what will happen for eternity.

Consider investing with the advice of the Alpha and Omega: the one who knows the end from the beginning: the ruler of the universe.

Our ROI (return on investment) will be amazing. Guaranteed.





**Eduardo Pulin**

### **Mattapan Congregational Church (Part 1 ... Update)**

**I just arrived from three days at Cecilia's mission in Tutultepeque. There were three days in which God glorified himself, in opening the eyes and hearts of two women. I could listen again a phrase that I haven't heard for some time: Between sobs of repentance, I listen to a young wife to say: "I thought I was a Christian, but I was a hypocrite, I don't deserve God."**

**It has been a long time since I have heard someone glorify Christ with the only thing that man has to give him, "his sin."**

**But it was not only a time of joy to see God at work, making man believe, but it was also a time of reflection, because I saw the hunger for the truth, I saw people like us with telephone and access to all the preachers of Facebook, and yet they were dry, and apart from God as if they had heard the word for the first time. I saw people walk miles with a baby in their arms, because for those who are of the truth, it is not enough for them to just listen to it, but the spirit of God motivates them to live the truth.**

**When I came back to Metapan, I reflected a lot, and as always started studying. I did Study all the verses related to our lord's command to his church to assemble. Why do it? What is the purpose? Why it is impossible to live the Christian life and purpose out of communion with Christ body? You know me, few pages were fill with God word, reflections, and quotes comments on the subject from church history. But then I decided not to send them. It seems to me that the spirit of God has already given enough witness to each one of us, how far we have been from Him for a while already, so I don't think it is really necessary to do theology on the subject.**

**Therefore, brothers, I simply want to communicate the following. Starting this Sunday I will no longer preach to a camera, while I forget the faces and surnames of my brothers. I can do that from Canada. No matter how good and deep or knowledgeable of our expository sermons, it is not a substitute for communion with the Lord Jesus Christ, and communion with Him is false without communion with his brothers, and the accountability, that edified one another. 1John 1:5-10 . .....To be continued.....**

**Eduardo (Mattapan Congregational Church acting pastor).**

# wilderness



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## Walking in the Wilderness

Did you ever stop to consider the parallel between the Israelites journey through the wilderness and the human race today? God provided Moses as a leader to bring his people to the promised land.

God gave Moses divine powers to conquer the Pharaoh and free the slaves from Egypt. Throughout the wilderness journey the people complained and rebelled. They were always wanting more! They made their own idol, a calf made from gold. They forgot about God and worshipped the idol!

*Moses pleaded with God so that he would not destroy all his people. He stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights and the Lord listened to Moses.*

## Later: Another Wilderness Journey

God sent Jesus Christ to set all sinners free. God gave sinners many prophets to lead and teach people about salvation through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. People rebelled choosing their own way, making their own idols, money, material things, and fame.

*Jesus prayed to God for his people. God sacrificed his so Jesus on a cross to set sinners free to get to the promised land of eternity.*

## Is God Real

Lots of people are wondering if there is a God at all because of all this turmoil in the world. God is real and so Christ is our great redeemer and creator of heaven and earth. Read Colossians 1: 15 to 20.

There is a lot of beauty on this earth to enjoy such as the Canadian Rockies – I have seen them and many other places. The different seasons, winter, spring, summer and fall all have beauty Psalm 19.

Now if God was not real what would be the point for us to be here if there was nothing to look forward to. Some people have trouble all their lives. God made a way for us. Read Romans chapter 14 and Revelation 21. I am also glad that God is in control and know everything that goes on. I am thankful and want to praise Him for all the Lord has done in my life.



Vivian Treichler