

Report for District Meeting 26th August 2008

Held at: Handsworth Church

Christ promised us in Matthew 18 v 20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." As always, Christ delivered on that promise and webasked in his presence at our District Meeting on 26th August 2008.

We were privileged to have Bishop Robert Hawkins and his dear wife Sis. Missy with us, all the way from Alabama, USA.

Pastor Beverley Anderson of the Handsworth church moderated the service, which commenced with a devotion based on the importance of trusting in the Lord. The service was fiery and lively and we thank God for the way that he used Pastor Anderson on his programme.

A powerful testimony service followed as the ministers and pastors testified about something the Lord had done for them. The common theme of the testimonies was divine healing. The brethren rejoiced in unity as we heard our dear brothers and sisters speak about how the Lord had delivered them in their time of need. The Lord our God is the same yesterday, today and forever!

Brother Hawkins was the night's speaker. He reminded the brethren that the battle we are in is a spiritual one, which cannot be fought by flesh and blood. Bishop Hawkins conducted a visual presentation where 'Satan' was hounding a member. To fight Satan the member started punching with his arms however his bodily efforts were in vain and he was doing nothing more than merely punching the air. But, when saints were called from the congregation to come out and pray for the member, this had the overriding effect of victory over Satan. When the enemy comes to us, we are to fight him in earnest prayer and fasting. The Holy Ghost visited us during this presentation and we thank the Lord for the rejoicing, which followed.

It was a wonderful meeting. We thank God for his presence, not only during the meeting itself but throughout the time of fellowship that we experienced when the meeting was over. Pastor Anderson had a hard time getting everyone out of the building in order to lock up! We look forward to the next District Meeting where we hope for more of the same. Keep checking the website for details of the next one.

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