

A VOICE OF ALL NATIONS

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JESUS WEPT



After our morning devotion, the Spirit whispered to Mary directing us to attend Westcliff Bible church which is pastored by The Rev Dr Steven Waterhouse, who is also our adjunct faculty at ANCCIU. We love this church because of their love and mission statement: *“So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for very good work”* We love Dr Waterhouse for his dedication in equipping our students for ministry and his theological education. Steve holds four theological degrees and has written 26 books one of which is *Jesus and History* which examines the historical background of the Gospels. The book is a text book in our Seminary. So, we had to attend this church which worship at 10am before attending our church at 2pm.

As we were entering the Church, we were warmly welcomed by lovely Christians and a good number of them sat with us. As usual, I had silent prayer before the service started. I was surprised by the Holy Spirit who descended on me and I found myself in my prayer language which is tear. The Spirit does this to me whenever and wherever He wills. Whenever the Spirit is doing this precious work, I feel cleansed and empowered

We were surprised to learn that the guest speaker was a Hungarian missionary. He reminded me of Dr Pasto, a Hungarian professor who taught us Contemporary theology at St Paul’s University, Kenya. Little did I know then that I will end up being a contemporary theologian. There was also a lady who had graduated from a Bible College in Australia. She reminded us of Bishop Smith, Australian, who educated me, married us, ordained me deacon and priest. So, the tears were expressing what we had to hear and remind us about the missionaries who made enormous impartation in us and our ministry.

Interestingly, Steve was preaching on John 11:1-37. This passage included the shortest verse in the Bible: “Jesus wept” John 11:35. This reminded me of the debate I had in Pastoral theology class at St Paul’s University. A Rwandese student argued strongly that Pastor should not allow people to weep during the funeral. When I referred him to John 11:35. He responded: “that was the only time that Jesus committed sin. How can a grown-up man cry in public?” Of course, there are professional mourners who are hired to weep. The Church doesn’t need to encourage this type of behavior. But with regard to the genuine tear during bereavement or other type of loses, we need to hug someone who is weeping. If we discourage the grieving persons from crying, their grieving may lead to depression or a psychological disease known as hypochondria. Moreover, why should we expect a Christian to be more Christian than Christ? Tears express feeling which are beyond words. And Jesus being truly man and truly divine shows us the right way of dealing with grief. He indeed went through what we go through, yet without sin. So, if you have lost the love one just remembers: “Jesus wept” in the beatitude he declared: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

To this end, Mary and I were edified by the love of the people of God of the Westcliff Bible Church, Hungarian missionary, music team and the message from Dr Waterhouse. We left the church our cup overflowing and had spiritual energy to minister St. Cyprian International Church. So, if you are a pastor, priest, bishop, archbishop or patriarch, we encourage you to

worship with other churches. As St Cyprian's taught, "In the deepest sense the church is one, thou she may be divided in many families."

FROM RATNA VATHI, INDIA

Praise the lord father John and mother Mary. how are you both? I feel very happy by listening mother Mary sing a song.my children are learning the song. I want to publish your book, *Christ and Roots* in next month. I got tears in my eyes when I was reading the book. just we are living under the wings of God. It is in God that we move, live and have our being. The schools are resuming and our son, John David and John Hemanth will go to school. please pray for them to get good knowledge and wisdom. We are praying for you and your ministry (Ratna in translating *CHRIST AND ROOTS* in Telugu a language spoken by over 75 million people in India)

FROM MONICA, PAKISTAN

Papa John. Greetings from Pakistan.

We are delighted to inform you that Lord is using us mightily to reach-out to the needy children in Pakistan, we gave School Bags to the poor children in a village. They are so thankful to God that he provided for them. We are so encouraged by, their precious smiles. We are thankful to you for you precious prayers & support to Pakistan Orphanage. We are praying for you every day & asking Lord to protect you & bless you more richly to serve the needy people around the world.

Many Blessings. Monica & Najeeb.



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May the Lord richly bless you.
++John Githiga