

1989

## Wrestling with a Principality

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. I John 5:4*

**B**ringing Lazarus to America. In 1988 I received a letter from a young man in Zimbabwe. He was requesting that I bring him to the United States to attend our bible training school. After considerable praying I knew it was the right thing to do. As it turned out God was leading me in a righteous path to overcome the Immigration Service of the US Government. You see it needs to be noted here that we wrestle with principalities (governments), powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. The church needs to understand it is the highest authority in the earth, with Jesus Christ being Lord and having preeminence over all things. So it was necessary that I overcome the Immigration Service of America; that was primary purpose for bringing Lazarus here.

I was warned by the American Embassy in Harare that males from Zimbabwe only wanted to come to America to marry an American woman and become a citizen. It is regretful but that is exactly what Lazarus did. This was done for me to overcome a part of the government of the United States.

First of all I asked my congressmen, Dick Army to help me. After two weeks his office wrote me a letter and said they could not help. God directed me to go to the Immigration Office myself, in the Federal Building in downtown Dallas. This was a real entertaining experience, frankly speaking. On the way to Dallas, I had a prayer, "Lord, give me an ear!" I arrived at the Federal Building and went to information. As I began speaking the person turned their head and held their ear toward my mouth, "giving me their ear". They started writing on a piece of paper and directed me where to go next. This happened in four different offices. Finally I was at the right place, made my request, and they informed me what I needed to do. They then told me to come back three days later on a Friday and pick up the necessary papers.

I went back to the Immigration lawyer on Friday and requested the documents. He told me they were in a downstairs office. I knew in my spirit he was lying and

didn't intend to give them to me. You see the Spirit of God in me knows when you are lying. God hates a lying tongue, Proverbs 6:16-19,

*These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:  
A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,  
An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,  
A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

I said to him, "You told me you would have them (the papers) so I want you to keep your promise and give them to me." I just stayed in front of his desk and reiterated, "I am going to give you an opportunity to keep your promise." Frankly he was one angry lawyer, but I would not be moved. Finally he ended up giving me what I wanted. He called someone downstairs and after some period of time the papers were prepared and delivered to me. It was going to be a bureaucratic run around, but one needs to understand I walk in the Spirit of God and whatever God tells me to do, I will do it and I will always be successful. I have over forty-one years of proof of what I just said.

Lazarus arrived two weeks later. We furnished him a place to live, clothed him and gave him a job at the ministry while he attended the Christian Training School.

Later, I called Dick Army's office back and spoke to his office manager. I told her that I was able to get Lazarus here and she replied, "How did you do that?" I told her, "God told me to do it." She affirmed, "Well, God speaks to all of us but we won't listen to him." I thought to myself, "Woman, how right you are!"

**Moving the Mission.** In August of the previous year we closed the mission in McKinney but began renovating the West Side of Water of Life Church to house it here. We reopened it this year here in Plano. We purchased a large cooler so we were able to give away refrigerated items, such as milk, butter, and cottage cheese. Clothes and other items were given away being donated by people from Water of Life and others. We served around 144 families a week, and averaged about \$75,000 in food a year.

We built a new parking lot with an additional one hundred parking spaces.