

# Touch Me or Die

The Lord blessed me with a very powerful testimony. I hope anyone who hears it would learn a very strong lesson from it. The Lord brought me to a point where I was dying at the age of sixteen. A lot of people think that at sixteen you're still a kid, you still have your life to live, and you can't make decisions in your life. But I was born and raised in the Alamo Ministry, and I was taught the Word of God all of my life. Ever since I can remember, I sat in services. I was never taught that I was going to make it into Heaven just from sitting in this church. In fact, at different times when I would get in trouble, I would be told, "The Lord could take your life at any time," and I knew that He could, but I didn't think that He would. I thought, "I'm one of the Alamo church kids so nothing could happen to me as long as I don't do anything too terribly bad," and I didn't.

I lived a healthy childhood. I was rarely ever sick, maybe a cough now and then and chicken pox once, but all of a sudden one day I was so sick (I thought it was the flu) that I had to crawl up the stairs because I was so weak. I had never experienced anything like that in my life. My fever got up to one hundred and four, and all in one night my fever came down and I woke up gasping for breath. I was rushed to the hospital, and the doctors put me into one machine after another, but they couldn't figure out what was wrong with me. They called in specialists. I remember waiting outside of rooms, laying on a bed hearing, "The specialist is coming" or, "We're flying him in from such and such a place. He's the only one that can run this particular machine." It was one machine after another, and they still couldn't figure out what it was, but they admitted me to the hospital.

One night was worse than all the rest. I was in excruciating pain and screaming. My bone where my heart is felt like there was a knife in my heart, and my back felt like someone was beating it with a hammer. The doctor came in, and I spent the entire day in the CAT scan machine over and over again, until they found out that I had an infectious disease that was eating my heart. It had already eaten through the protective covering around my heart, and my whole chest cavity was filled with infection. They couldn't figure out how I got it. It's a very rare disease.

They took me into emergency surgery and told me I had a ten percent chance to live. They cut me open, took my heart out, and cut the protective covering off around it. They took all the poison and the infection out. They put five different tubes into me, one going down into my chest from my neck to draw infection, and they put me into the surgical intensive care unit.

A day and a half later, all of a sudden, my left lung collapsed and my right lung was rapidly deflating. They rushed me into surgery again. All I remember is hearing all this commotion around me. I don't think I was even conscious. They had to build up my lung, put tubes into my back, and put me on a life support machine, and they said I wasn't going to make it through the night. No wonder. My heart and my lungs, the two most important organs in my body, were very badly damaged and not functioning normally at all. No one believed I would live, to them there was no way.

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## According to Expert Aramaic Translators, Jesus Never Said, "My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?"<sup>1</sup> By Tony Alamo

The four first Gospels were written in Aramaic, not Greek. Jesus and His disciples spoke

Aramaic and Hebrew, not Greek. Here are the true Words Christ spoke on the cross: Jesus really cried out, "My God, My God for this I was kept" (Matt. 27:46, Orig. Text).

"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the

ninth hour, Jesus cried [out] with a loud voice, [and said], Eli, Eli, Lemana Shabakthani! Some of the men who were standing by when they heard it, said, this man calleth for Elias" (Matt. 27:45-47, Orig. Text).

All versions of the Gospels have retained these words in the original tongue. They have, however, given them a different meaning. Matthew, according to the Eastern version, does not translate them. This is because he wrote to the people who had seen Jesus and had heard Him preaching. It also seems prob-

able that the later writers did not agree on the exact meaning of these words when they translated them into Greek. Aramaic is a very obscure language, and they didn't know it as well as they should have before they laid their translation into the scriptures. This term, even at

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present, is only used by the Aramaic-speaking people in Assyria, who speak the same language the Galileans spoke at the time of our Lord. This phrase in Aramaic means, "My God, My God, for this I was kept [this was My destiny–I was born for this]."

David did not quote Psalm 22:1 as a prophecy of the Lord. He spoke those words for himself (because he had many enemies). David was foolishly (continued on page 2)

**1** Holy Bible from the Ancient Eastern Text, George M. Lamsa's translation, Harper Collins Publishers; The Messiah, by Tony Alamo

## Pennsylvania

M.C. called our twenty-four hour witnessing line. She wants permission to put your literature entitled, *The Pope's Secrets* in the book she's writing because it's so true. She's been trying to tell the Catholics this. She says she loves you, your literature, and this ministry, and prays very hard for you. She says, "The Lord bless you. Continue on, the Lord has many crowns awaiting you."

She is a street evangelist and sees your literature on all the cars all the time. She said, "You're doing a good job, keep it up!" Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## Jesus Never Said...

(continued from page 1) saying that God had forsaken him. This part of Psalm 22 was not a prophecy of Christ's death. Jesus did not quote this Psalm. If He had, He would have used Hebrew instead of Aramaic, and if He had translated it from Hebrew He would have used the Aramaic word "nashatani," which means "forsaken me," instead of the word "Shabakthani," which in this case means, "kept me." Even the soldiers who stood by the cross did not understand what Jesus said in that hour of agony and suffering. They thought that He was calling on Elijah because the word "Elijah" in Aramaic is "Elia," which is similar to the Word for God, "Eli."<sup>2</sup>

In His last minutes of suffering, Jesus watched the crowd of Roman soldiers, Pharisees, Jewish priests, and the men and women of Jerusalem, who had come to watch Him suffer and die.<sup>3</sup> Some insulted Him. Others spat in His face.<sup>4</sup> Some called Him a sinner, a cult leader, or an evildoer<sup>5</sup> when in reality He was Christ, the only begotten Son of the living God, God Almighty Himself,<sup>6</sup> our Lord and our Savior, the first of an entire new creation of God-men who would carry God's unchanging message of eternal life through salvation in Christ in every age.<sup>7</sup>

The statement, "My God, My God, for this I was kept" was plainly spoken in Aramaic by Christ to His Father. He spoke loudly enough that His disciples, who understood Aramaic could hear His words, which confirmed the reason for His crucifixion.<sup>8</sup> They would pass the message on to the entire world.<sup>9</sup>

The book of Joel states that the Word of God would be restored to its original meaning in these last days by the true messengers of God.<sup>10</sup> The King James Version of the Bible is the Bible I use most of the time, but this statement, taken from the original Aramaic text, of Christ dying on the cross, is incorrect in the KJV, probably because of the Greek translators.

Many scriptures plainly show that Christ was born for that hour so that He might save the souls of those who believe the Gospel and so that they, following in His steps, could continue bearing witness to the truth of His living in them. In this way they continue His incarnation, ministering His life into others through them by the power of His lifegiving Spirit living in them by the power of His resurrection Spirit living in them, and by the power of His Spirit of ascension living in them, which is evidenced by spiritual gifts given unto them.

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## TEXAS

#### Pastor Alamo,

I'm writing to you with all respect and congratulating you for your endless labor which is to take the gospel to every person in the world, thus fulfilling the commandment of Jesus Christ, our Lord. I also would like to congratulate you for your book, *Messiah*, which I read and was very impressed with the splendid explanation of the revelation of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. Through this letter, I'd like to request some more information on your work, books, literature, and Bibles. I want to take the gospel of Christ to the world. Attentively, your brother in Christ, J. A. Beaumont, Texas

If you need a Bible let us know, and we'll ship one to you free of charge. -Pastor Alamo

#### **Mexico** Translated from Spanish

#### Tony Alamo, World Pastor,

Greetings in the holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brother, through your testimony I see that you are a true Christian. My daughter found pieces of your literature thrown on the ground. She said, "This is the Word of God and cannot be thrown away." The ignorant that don't have the wisdom of God throw His Word down.

I also have a testimony. I came to know about the gospel through my uncles (my dad's brothers) when I was seven years old. Since then, I've been fighting to be a Christian. My parents didn't like the gospel, and I went through a lot because of them. They were rude and would say bad words, but I would pray for them. I went to live with one of my aunts. When I was living with my aunt, I used to work very hard to earn my food. Whatever job I would do, I would do it with love.

While growing up, a man talked to me about matrimony, and since he went to church, I thought he was a Christian. Five years later, he left me to go with other women. He has other brothers and would see them going out with other women. He also got tempted and didn't resist temptation, because he lacked prayer. The Word of God states, "watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." God helps you not to backslide, brother.

The man that was my husband left me with four children to go with other women. When he left me, my kids were young (four years, three years, twelve months, and fifteen days old). He never sent any money for anything. I had to work to support my kids and pay the utilities. When I would come from work at night, instead of going to bed, I had to wash their clothes. This went on for a long time, but after so much hardship, I got sick. I was hanging between life and death for a long time. In 1968, I felt I was going to die, but I cried out to God with all my heart to let me live while my kids grew up. God heard my prayer and has let me live many more years.

I would like to let you know, that although I've been through a lot, it's been with joy in my soul. I don't complain, instead I cry to God. My eyes are like a turbulent river filled with much water. I pray to God that with joy I'll enter Heaven.

Since I was a little girl I felt a desire to preach the gospel. By God's grace, I have not turned my back on Him. Sometimes I would be very sick and without anything to eat. My kids would say things to me when I was sick. They would say, "why don't you just die." One of my sons got sick, and he just wanted to hit me every time he got mad. He mistreated me, and the things he'd say would hurt me a lot. I pray a lot, and God told me not to feel hurt because of the things my son would say to me, because it's not my son, but the enemy that uses him, and since I am a Christian, he wants to destroy me. A lot of times he would beat me, and I would shed a lot of blood, but I would reprove him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Brother, please help me pray for my son, that he will get rid of his devilish pride.

I also need a microphone. I want to praise the Lord with songs. I love to sing and I sing all day long. I have a great necessity. The government took our properties away and moved us to

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That night a message was sent to Pastor Alamo, and he returned a very severe message from the Lord to me. He didn't say, "Don't worry, you're an Alamo church kid" or, "Don't worry, you're a child of God" or, "Everything's fine, you're going to make it." He said that I had to beat my way through the crowd, and I had to touch the hem of the Lord's garment, or I was going to die, and I was going to burn in Hell; because if that woman in the Bible wouldn't have beaten her way through the crowd to get to Jesus, to touch His garment, to be healed, she would have bled to death. But she did beat her way through the crowd, she did touch the hem of the Lord's garment, and she was instantly healed.

I realized that I had to contact Jesus now before the night was over or I would be dead. I knew if I could touch Him like that woman did, I would be healed just like she was. This is something I had to do in order to live. One lung was totally collapsed, the other one was quickly collapsing, the casing of my heart was already eaten away.

The devil fought that message from God, which Pastor Alamo delivered to me. The doctors kept trying to get the members of the church out of the room, the very ones that were delivering this all-important message to me, the most important message that anyone could receive while dying. Again the message from Jesus was, "Touch Me or die!"

That night I cried out to God with every fiber of my being, and that night the Lord showed me Himself walking up to me on a beach. I was laying there, as sick as anyone possibly could be. I began feeling the Lord's presence close to me. I saw Him, I looked up into His eyes and it

#### **Dear Pastor Alamo,**

I thank God for your ministry which reaches many people every day with your testimony and the Truth, who is Jesus Christ, whom you preach. Your literature has blessed my life and the life of those around me. I distribute your tracts that I mercifully receive. Thank you for them

another place, and we don't have plumbing, nor can we install the electricity yet. We need cement to pour over the ground. I don't have money, and I need three beds, a stove, and a dining table. Since my husband left me, I haven't been with anybody because I want to have a clean testimony. I need a lot of material things, but thanks be to God, God is everything to me. God commands us to ask in faith. I've never, since becoming a Christian, asked for anything, but now I am asking for help. God told me to ask for help of the brethren, that's why I am asking God and you, was like He was saying, "I've been waiting here all the time. Just reach out and touch Me." I reached out to touch Him and saw myself a little too far away. A little too far is far too far anytime. This was for my own life and because of neglect I was at this point, too far away to touch Him. I had to touch Him now or die and go to Hell!

I did everything in my power to recollect the many powerful messages that had been given to me by Pastors Tony and Susan Alamo. I had to make a lot of promises to God of how I would never allow myself to get far away again. "Oh, God, heal me! I don't want to die! I don't want to go to Hell!" I remember crying, and struggling to reach the hem of the Lord's garment, but I just couldn't reach it!

Then I saw the Lord dying on the cross. I saw His flesh just hanging off His body, and I saw the nail going through His feet. I could see these huge drops of blood falling down into puddles, and the Lord opened my understanding. It was like a whole new life to me. "It's not going to be anything that these doctors do, but My blood is going to heal you, and it's just Me that's going to do it, I don't want anybody else to get the glory." That night I saw the Lord sitting on His throne. I walked up to Him, and I knelt down, and I grabbed onto the hem of His garment with everything I had. As soon as I did, I felt the Lord Jesus touch me! I could feel at that moment the warm presence of God's healing balm flow through me. I knew I was healed. I was every whit whole.

The doctor came in the next morning and I told him, "I'm healed! The Lord healed me, and you will know it! I couldn't talk because I was still on life support, so I had to write everything down. He took the piece of paper and he said, "If this happens, then I'm going to

#### Guatemala

once again, and I would like to continue being on your mailing list. I want to express my joy of seeing you out of trouble. We found out through your newsletters. We saw your great efforts of writing from that place just like the Apostle Paul did two thousand years ago. Glory to God for you

Pastor, if your church is able and can help me. I've given my testimony already. I have been sleeping on the floor for nine years. Please help me first of all to pray for my son, Isaac, because he's attacked by evil spirits sometimes. He wakes up in a good mood and praises the Lord, and then next thing you know, he is mad. I pray for him a lot.

I would like to record some songs and messages from the Bible before I die. The only thing is that I don't have a tape player. I like to pray for the children and the big ones also. Brother, as a good Christian, exhort the give this back to you. It needs to be framed." I said, "You say I'm not going to make it, but if I do, what will happen?" He told me I'd end up being in the hospital for another three months or so, and when I did come out, I would be like an old woman in a young person's body.

The Lord was rapidly moving one day after another. I had so many tubes in me at one point that they couldn't even let me sit up. I was just surrounded with tubes. I was hooked up to everything. One day after another every tube was being taken out of me. They took the tubes out of my body that were draining the infection. Then one day they took me off the life support. I was moved into another room, and within two weeks I was out of the hospital and I was sent home to recover.

The Lord blesses our church, and Pastor Alamo made sure that I received plenty of good nutrition in order that my body could recover more quickly. He didn't just say, "Oh, you are healed now. Be warmed and filled." But true Christians do as Christ shows us the good Samaritan does. They take you to the inn and make sure there are people that will help you recover. We cannot just pray for people, see them healed, and then not help nurse them back to good health. Otherwise we are not doing the will of God. Serving God is more than reading and praying. It is also doing what the Word says.

In three weeks I was told to go back for a check-up. When I walked into the doctor's office, he looked at me and wanted to know who I was. I said, "I'm Jennifer." He couldn't even believe it. He was dumbfounded. He said, "I just can't figure this out." Just like the Lord told me, He wanted all the glory for Himself. I told him, "God has healed me!" And people throughout the whole hospital, everybody knew who I was, because I was such a rare case. It was such a (continued on page 6)

and your ministry, Pastor Alamo. May God continue to bless you and prosper your ministry. I would like to know if you could send me a Bible and please keep sending me more of your literature and also some messages on cassette. Fraternally yours,

R.E. Justo Rufino Barrios, Guatemala

men and in another preaching exhort the women. Read to them the epistles of Saint Paul. Exhort the young ones also. May God bless and keep you in His way. A.M. Tijuana, Mexico

The Lord has led Pastor Alamo to send some Christian workers from the Church to visit this sister in Tijuana and invite her to our church, and if this is not possible, we will rebuild and furnish her house for her and minister to her with food, clothing, and the necessities of life for as long as she lives.

## INDIA

## Andhra Pradesh

#### Dear World Pastor Tony Alamo,

Holy greetings in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus, who loved us much in this spiritual age.

We have received four audio cassettes from you. With the money you have sent with love, I have constructed a church, and we are in it now for all our

services. We have been indebted to you for your kind help.

In my daily services, I have been among Hindu brethren and sisters, teaching the Word of God. It is my routine work, and some Hindu families have accepted our Redeemer, Jesus Christ as their only Savior.

Dear Pastor, we are daily praying for your services among many nations. We are earnestly praying for your outreach services. Please be kind and pray for my services and for the children and aged believers at our congregation.

Please accept me as your co-worker and help me to promote this ministry. With these needs of the ministry I have approached you for your kind help. Your associate in Christ Jesus,

K.N. Mamidikuduru Mandal, A.P., India



Pastor S.C. with Church believers – Invenkayyammpeta, India





Pastor K. P. – Poduru, India

## Adavipalem

#### Dear beloved brother in Christ,

I am in receipt of your beloved letter, literature, and World Newsletter, for which I thank you very much. I have read them and found them to be of immense value to me and other Christians. By reading your literature, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Amen. I have received the following literature: *Troubles, Thanks, Convinced, Satan's Secret Agents*, and many others. We are praying to the Lord to convey His choicest blessings for bringing out such wonderful literature. We are strengthened spiritually by reading them. We are also praying that

your work shall expand in leaps and bounds. A team of twentyfive preachers, including myself,

> have been carrying on preaching work in the villages by visiting door to door, meeting every person, conducting street rallies, convening prayer meetings, and distributing gospel literature. We

are able to win many souls for the glory of the Lord.

We are very eager to work as your Indian representatives on behalf of Alamo Christian Ministries, and to expand His service in a big way by abiding by your rules and regulations in West Godavari District. This is a very big district, and there is a lot of work to be done here. Please send not less than one thousand copies of your literature for free distribution for the winning of many more souls.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. T.K.R.

Adavipalem, India



*Rev. C. L. preaching at Alamo Christian Church – Amalapuram, India* 



Pastors' meeting – Amalapuram, India

#### Today's Great World Reformation

## Nigeria

#### Dear Pastor,

Calvary greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ. How is the ministry of God? It is my prayer that God will surely reward us, and God in His infinite mercy will uphold us with His mighty and victorious right hand in the name of Jesus Christ.

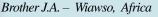
However, it has been a pain in my heart when I see a lot of people having or carrying New Testaments to the church, then when there is a need to open to Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, etc. to search for the Word of God, there is no way for them. Therefore, one good evening in my school fellowship after the Bible studies, I came across a handbill with the heading, *Wait*. Well, when I read through the handbill, all my orientation about the Holy Spirit baptism changed to good, and God has been watering it.

I read in your literature where you say, "the Alamo Christian Church provides room and board to all those who truly want to serve the Lord." I don't know, and I cannot explain how it pleases my heart when I read through it, and a desire to communicate to you rose within me. I really want to serve the Lord, and the second caption read, "Bibles are available for those who cannot afford them." In fact, I have a Bible, but a lot of people in the school still do not have a Bible. Therefore, it has become mandatory for me to find a means of getting one for them. Since I cannot afford to buy them one because I am still a student, if it pleases you to send those Bibles to me, I will deliver them to those people that are concerned. Please do so in the mighty name of the Lord, and if you have a reference Bible, I personally need it for easy reference in the Word of God, and for deep studying of the Word of God. I also request for other literature you've written, and the eighty-five page book, Messiah, showing Christ from the Old Testament revealed in over 333 prophecies.

In fact, my heart's desire is that you make me to be your distributor in my environment here by serving the Lord. God will surely help you, as you are trying to source out the potential which God has deposited in me.

I am looking forward to hearing from you very soon. I don't have a phone or I would have called the twenty-four hour prayer line. Join us in prayer for we that are in Nigeria, that God, in His infinite mercy, will not permit any unfortunate things to happen to us. All our opposition that rises against us shall be condemned in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Yours in the vineyard,





Pastor F. N. with some of his family – Malawi, Africa

## Ghana

Dear Pastor Alamo,

I was extremely happy when a friend of mine, an evangelist from the U.S.A., who paid me a casual visit, presented to me some of your gospel literature for my evangelism work. Actually, I appreciate your teachings and have enjoyed the contents of all your writings tremendously. They have also broadened my knowledge to know an in depth study of Bible doctrine, and have opened my eyes to know that God is doing wonderful miracles somewhere through a certain man of God, Pastor Tony Alamo. Please, with effect from today, I want to regard you as my sole pastor/evangelist abroad, and study direct from your pulpit. You must also count me in, as a member of your local church. I don't expect to be a ninety day wonder, but hopefully, through my communication with you, I will be able to continue to grow in the Lord by messages from you on how to commune with God continuously each day. In this way, Christ's life in me will be preserved till the day of the rapture.

Pastor, I hope you would be happy to hear from me today that I am working with the Ghana Ports and Harbors Authority. I am with the Marine Operations Department. As a shift worker, I use all my "off" time to go out with gospel literature, pamphlets, and booklets, to pass from door to door, into the hands of those who want to know the true Word of God that sets man free. I also visit crews and sailors on board ships, which call in our local ports to study with them. I distribute some literature to them and play gospel tapes, as usual. They all rushed for yours as a "hot cake." Praise the Lord!

In light of the above, I am appealing to you to come to my aid by sending me the below soul-winning tools for my evangelism work: one hundred copies of *Troubles, Salt, Biting the Bullet, Steamed Abominations, Satan's Secret Agents,* four copies of *The Messiah* book, and four Holy Bibles. Pastor, in the near future, I shall be grateful if you could send me some of your gospel tapes (any quantity), and a portable tape recorder for my tape evangelism. Tell the Church to keep me in their prayers because I got to know from your literature that spiritual growth is encouraged through Christian fellowship. I am strongly and hopefully praying for the growth of your ministry in Africa. Hope to hear from you soon. Yours for a full cup,

G.M.

B.T.

Oyo State, Nigeria

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testimony for the Lord, and the Lord made me promise that I would always, always give glory to God, and I would never fail to tell what the Lord has done for me.

Also what the Lord showed me through Pastor Alamo was, that night when I was reaching out and I could not touch the hem of His garment, it was because I was too far away from the Lord, and again a little bit too far is far too far. The Lord requires all the heart, all the mind, all the soul, all the strength. Anything other than all is too far away from the Lord. A little bit too far breaks the first and most important commandment, and it is because it is not ALL. Yes, I was born and raised in this church. Yes, I was still in the church buildings, but I didn't realize that my body is the temple of God. My body must be the church. My body must be a functioning member of Christ's body. A branch from a vine cannot be a little bit too far from the vine. If it's a little bit too far from the vine, it's broken from the vine. I had to get grafted back in and stay there somehow, and only the Spirit of God would get me there. Attending services in a church won't do that. Christ must live within our spirits, our minds, and our bodies. My many hours in the prayer room are nothing if Christ is not living and working within my spirit, my mind, and my body. I had to give my entire life, my entire will to the Lord, and totally surrender to the Lord, and that was when the Lord healed me.

According to the doctors, I'm not supposed to be alive today, let alone have my five very beautiful children. They're as healthy as could be. I had no problem with childbearing, no narcotics, no drugs, nothing, but Christ was there at the birth of every one of my children. Only because I believed the message from Jesus, "Touch Me or die," and because I obeyed by touching Him I am alive today.

Hopefully my testimony will help others to realize that if you are in hopeless situations, if you'll reach out and touch Jesus you'll live, not only in this world, but in the world to come, if you'll continue on allowing Him to use your body as His temple that He might show His love through you to others. "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off' (Rom. 11:22).

#### LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA

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From the desk of: Secretary to President of the Senate Maria Tiponi Viafanua

Dear Pastor Alamo,

I have read quite a few of your Christian pamphlets that came through the mail for the senators in our local legislature in American Samoa. The Spirit of the Lord had touched my soul, and I pray that your ministry will go on until the whole world has heard! LET HIS NAME BE PRAISED AND THE GLORY BE TO HIM THE ALMIGHTY KING!!!!

It is kind of scary experiencing all the crime and hatred in the world, and your thoughts have given my inner person strength to fight against Satan and his army! LET SATAN BE SMASHED AND FORFEITED, AND LET THE NAME OF "JESUS" BE PRAISED IN ALL THAT WE DO.

American Samoa may be a very tiny dot on the map of the world, as you have a very hard time looking for us for being very small, but we are Christians and we BELIEVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN THE LORD ALMIGHTY...

Pastor Alamo, keep up the good work, and may you find more souls to win this war for our Lord Jesus Christ.

For your information, please pray for our own community here in American Samoa, to give us strength in trying to get our new chapel built. Our chapel is old since we last built it thirty years ago, and we are trying so hard to get the new one built to praise His name!!!

May the Good Lord bless you all!

Maria T. Viafanua

P.S. Can we get some Bibles for our youth at the government "Correctional Facility?"

#### Pastor Alamo's reply:

Yes, we give Bibles to everyone who requests them, and literature, food, clothing, medical, and help to build churches.

Many times God, in His severity, brings us to terms causing us to deal with the reality of death when we are broken off from Him, and then comes to us in His mercy to call upon Him. He will hear us. Get in touch with Him in order that He can hear you that you might be healed from your sinfulness and your sickness, your disease, your infirmities.<sup>1</sup>

Note: When God does something, He does it right. I'm in excellent health, and my children are in excellent health. This is astounding to doctors that I have none of the after effects the doctors stated I would have from this disease whatsoever. My testimony regarding this disease is in print in medical libraries under J.K. 6-29-90. According to doctors, I am the only one on record that has ever survived and is still living after the combination of infectious diseases I had. The only other case is a man fifty years ago in India that lived for a few years and died. This disease occurred in me at age sixteen and I'm now twenty-seven.

Jennifer Kolbek

1 Ex. 15:26, Psa. 103:2-3, 145:18-19, Isa. 53:5, 65:24, Acts 2:21, I Pet. 2:24

### Nevada

A man called from Las Vegas and asked for prayer for wisdom, strength, and guidance. He said he got Pastor Alamo's literature, *Troubles* and *Salt*, on his car, and after reading both, he took them to his pastor, who read them to his congregation. The man is now copying the literature and passing it out and requested more information and literature. He wants to be a distributor in his area. He also requested prayer for his newborn nephew, who has one ear closed. M.N. Las Vegas, Nevada



Pastor P. A. with some of his congregation – Cebu City, Philippines

## California

An ex-nun named Adema called the witnessing line from La Mesa, California to thank you for writing the truth in these dark times. She said she knew what you were saying

#### **Dear Brother Tony,**

## Texas

I'm writing to thank you for reaching out to the needy. I thank your ministry and all the brothers that, through the love of God and for the glory of God, work very hard to help the needy (which is a great amount of people). I'm a witness to your deeds and how the love of God abounds in your hearts.

I have sent in lists of my relatives and different brothers in prison into the Holy Alamo Christian Church. Our families have gotten presents at Christmas time and birthdays, etc. You have sent them in without expecting something in return because we have nothing, therefore, we have nothing to offer at this present time.

I personally am very grateful because my family has four children, and they've been receiving Bibles, presents, and literature from the Lord. I've been in prison for six years, and have only a short time left, and I honestly, with all of my heart, would like to unite myself with your church. There are many churches that preach the gospel, but don't go so far as to help the needy because they simply don't want to. I see the Holy Alamo Christian Church doing both at the same time. They preach the gospel and do the

was absolute truth. She said whoever had come through her neighborhood had done a commendable job. The pamphlets were everywhere. They left no stone unturned.

F.S.

labor of love showing the fruits of the Spirit.

I have a sister who is a Christian in Fabens, Texas, and all the brothers hug her, and they tell her that Jesus loves her. She has always been very active, and they invite her to their parties and congregationals just so she'll clean up after them. All the ones that say they love her are the ones that take the most advantage of her. She's a widow, and I'm a witness to the fact that her electricity is shut off at times because she doesn't have enough money. She has a grandson she takes care of that her daughter abandoned. She can't even afford to pay for a telephone. Seeing all this happen to her, I say, if I ever become a member of any church, it has to be like the Alamo Christian Church, that serves the Lord and takes care of the needy, as well.

My prayer is that He may continue to bless you and your ministry, because it is through you that many people's lives have been changed. Thank you, and I'll never forget you. Today I received a letter from Pastor Alamo. Thank you for offering your help to me. Thank you for the time you've spent on me and my family.

Beaumont, Texas

## Pennsylvania

I have so much I want and need to say that I don't know where to begin. I was on my way to work and found a piece of your literature entitled Dry Bones on the train in Philadelphia, and it spoke to me. I feel like a dry bone. Why? I am confused and depressed because of my life. My wife and I separated one year ago, and I wanted to reconcile, but she didn't. I can't blame her. I was a terrible husband and father. I spent the last ten years using cocaine and neglecting my family. I am clean now, but

Before I go on, let me say that I came to know our Lord Jesus in 1977, and I firmly believe that He is God incarnate and the only hope for me and mankind. However, most of my teaching has been from a fundamental Baptist perspective (I even went to a private Baptist College) and I have been ineffective in life and growing spiritually. I didn't start using cocaine until after I went to a "Christian college." I was ignored there as a black man, and some of the seminarians even refused to speak to me. This caused me to reject the church, but not Christ. What happened was I fell prey to drugs and it has taken me ten years to break free.

Why am I writing to you? Your tract stated that you were involved in the entertainment business, and I am also a musician. I play guitar, and I played professionally until Baptist teachers told me it was sin, and I stopped. I have not been successful at anything since I stopped playing. Anyway, I figure you know what goes on in the music business, and understand the temptations

## North Carolina

#### To all the saints at the Church and to Tony Alamo,

To all those who heed the Word of God and speak in the name of Jesus Christ, who is God Almighty, God bless you. Glory hallelujah.

Very many thank yous for sending me all the beautiful literature that Brother Alamo has written with the power and wisdom of God and the Holy Spirit. I love to read the literature you send me. Instantly, I rejoice when I see the envelopes. I'm learning to be close to, and obey the Son of man.

I'm requesting all the saints of God to please pray for me so that I won't be weak and fall into the subtle snares of the prince of the air that he tempts us with. I depend on the Spirit to liberate me from all malice and wrong doing in the name of Jesus. Hallelujah.

In the name of Jesus,

Brunswick, North Carolina B.L.



Brother G. C.-Inacban Brother G.F.-Ayungon, Philippines

## Grenada, West Indies

#### Pastor Tony,

the damage has been done.

as well as the joys.

didn't like drugs or the Hippie movement, and I have been a part of both. I am a good guitar player, and I am very computer literate, and I Want To Find God's Plan For Me! Your literature also says that you will "provide room and board to all those who truly want to serve the Lord." Well, I do! I am willing to sell all I have and come to you to learn, work, serve and be taught, if you will have me. Sure, I could build a life here, but I want Christ to be the center of my life, and I think you may be able to help me get there. Please respond! Even if I can't come there, please respond with your wisdom and experience. Yours truly, hoping for perfection, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania N.S.

Your literature also states that you

## Jesus Never Said...

(continued from page 2) Christ's mannerisms, His life and power is alive in them, giving His life to their spirits, giving His life to their minds, and giving His life to their mortal bodies, transforming or transfiguring their tri-part human selves day by day unto the life of God until they are totally transfigured into Christ Himself.<sup>11</sup>

The scriptures show that His destiny was to become the King of kings and Lord of lords, the most highly exalted and glorious name forever.<sup>12</sup> The Bible states that God has "given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phlp. 2:9-11). Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). There was nothing else that could have given such a glorious victory as the cross for us and in us.

The Aramaic speaking disciples and women who were from Galilee never for a moment thought that Jesus had said God had forsaken Him. How could He say that? He had told His disciples that the world would reject Him, and that they, His disciples, would lose faith for a short time, for three days.<sup>13</sup> Our Savior let His disciples and the rest of us know that the Father would be with Him always, because He and God were one and the same.<sup>14</sup> The Triune God was living and working in His soon to be crucified body.<sup>15</sup>

Jesus told Peter, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt. 26:53). This statement tells me that Christ had full confidence in the Father's fidelity to Him.<sup>16</sup> He also said, "O

11 Rom. 8:6-11, I John 3:2 12 Isa. 9:6-7, Matt. 1:23, I Cor. 15:24-25, Eph. 1:17-23 13 Matt. 26:31-34, Mark 10:32-34, John 7:7 14 John 1:1-3, 14, 8:16, 29, 14:6-11, 16:32, 17:18-23, I John 5:7 15 John 8:16, 14:23, 16:32 16 John 8:29,11:41-42, 14:8-9, 17:1-5

Our church receives much mail with thousands of requests for Bibles and literature. Much of our literature is printed in Hebrew, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Albanian, Serbian, Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, and Nepali. Distributors for Alamo literature are on the increase every day throughout the world. My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done" (Matt. 26:42). Obviously the Father let Him know that They would be together throughout the entire ordeal.<sup>17</sup>

These words, "Eli, Eli, Lemana Shabakthani," are even today used by Assyrians when they suffer and die unjustly. Instead of complaining, they leave everything up to God. They believe it is God's desire that they should pass through such experiences. This is the reason people do not often commit suicide in the Middle East.

True born-again Christians will never commit suicide.<sup>18</sup> They know their bodies are the temple of the living God, the Holy Dove's resting place, the place where the Triune God will rest, live and work.<sup>19</sup> We are never to kill God's temple.<sup>20</sup> "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (I Cor. 6:19).

If we kill God's temple by suicide, we will immediately go to an eternal Hell.<sup>21</sup> We have a living God who never leaves or forsakes us.<sup>22</sup> How much less would He have forsaken His only begotten Son when He with the Father by the Spirit, the Triune God, was dying on the cross at Calvary for the sins of the world? If we allow Him to live and work in us, He will heal us if we are sick.<sup>23</sup> If we have pain, He will take the pain away. Cast all your cares upon Him, "for He careth for you" (I Pet. 5:7). Let the Lord be your shepherd.<sup>24</sup> If you will, you shall not want for any good thing.<sup>25</sup> In this wicked world, where there is not much peace or joy, He will give you "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding" (Phlp. 4:7), as well as "joy unspeakable and full of glory" (I Pet. 1:8).26 Begin letting God live and work in His temple, your body, now by saying this prayer:

17 Matt. 11:27, John 5:19-29, 8:29, 12:23-32, 13:31-32, 14:9-11, 23-26, 16:14-16, 26-28, ch. 17, Eph. 2:13-18, I John 2:23 18 Gen. 9:5, Ex. 20:13, Deut. 5:17, Prov. 28:17, Rom. 13:9, Gal. 5:19-21, I Pet. 4:15, Rev. 21:8 19 John 6:56, 14:16-20, Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20, II Cor. 6:16, 4:6-7, Col. 1:27, I John 3:24, 4:12-13, 15-16, II John 2 20 II Cor. 5:6-11, Phlp. 1:21-25 21 Gen. 9:6, Ex. 20:13, Deut. 5:17, I Cor. 3:16-17, Rev. 21:8 22 Deut. 4:30-31, Psa. 94:14, Jer. 10:10, John 14:18, Heb. 13:5 23 Ex. 15:26, 23:25, Psa. 103:2-3, Isa. 53:5, I Pet. 2:24 24 Psa. ch. 23, 95:7, John 10:2-16, 27-28, Heb. 13:20-21, I Pet. 2:21-25 25 Lev. 26:3-12, Deut. 5:29, 28:1-14, Psa. 23, John 4:14, 6:35, Eph. 1:22-23 26 Deut. 29:9, Job 36:11, Isa. 1:19, 12:2-6, Hab. 3:18, II Tim. 1:7

#### Prayer

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.<sup>1</sup> I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God.<sup>2</sup> I believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my sins.<sup>3</sup> I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit<sup>4</sup> and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.<sup>5</sup> I open up the door of my heart and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup> Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.<sup>7</sup> You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus, You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible says so.<sup>8</sup> Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that I am saved.<sup>10</sup> And I thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.<sup>11</sup>

1. Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 2. Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 3. Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, I John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 4. Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 15:3-6 5. Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 6. Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 7. Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 8. Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 9. Rom. 10:13, Jas. 4:2-3 10. Heb. 11:6 11. John 8:11, I Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are necessary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up the cross daily for the purpose of mortifying yourself, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the death of Christ.

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a

position of authority to reign for God on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, then submit yourself and do what the Word says, so that the Church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord. May God reward you abundantly.

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