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Daughters of Zion Newsletter

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United Pentecostal Church International Ladies Ministries

Daughters of Zion is growing and expanding. We are thrilled and very excited to see how God is opening doors through this ministry. The Daughters of Zion newsletter is currently being translated into Spanish, Dutch and French. We are very pleased to add the German language to that list. The Daughters of Zion Newsletter will now be available in five languages. Please help us spread the word!  [Forward this issue](#)

Help, help! We need more help with Spanish translation and proofreading. If you have a burden for this area of ministry please contact me debiakers@aol.com

Christmas Joy By Tiffini Countaway

Twinkling lights, puffy red bows, and the smell of cookies, ahhh it must be Christmas time again! The world seems brighter around Christmas with carols playing in all the stores and shoppers scurrying around picking up gifts for loved ones. Laughter fills the air and joy can be seen on the face of every child, young and old. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year!



Then comes January and decorations are packed away, credit card bills begin arriving, and the joy of the season is a faint memory as if it didn't happen. We return to our mundane, uneventful lives and patiently wait for the next Christmas season to arrive to lift our spirits. I have a few friends that start the countdown the day after Christmas!

When Christmas is over I always wish we could somehow keep the joy of the season alive all year long. Of course it would be silly to have lights and Christmas music all year but if we could just keep the joy alive. Perhaps we could if the world would keep the focus on the true celebration of Christmas.

Luke 2: 10-11, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Did you notice that? Not just joy but GREAT joy! All the 'things' of Christmas are nice but Christmas truly is about the joy of a Savior coming to free us. When we look at Christmas through the eyes of the bible the joy of Christmas can and should last all year. He truly is the joy of the season and all year long.

I challenge you to let the joy of Christmas flow into every season of your life this coming year. And I challenge you to find one person this Christmas and explain to them the true reason you celebrate Christmas. Let them know that His birth was not just a nice story to tell but it was real. Let them know the joy they feel at Christmas can stay with them all year long because it's about a Savior coming to this earth to bring salvation to them. What a testimony to bring a soul to Jesus during this Christmas season...Joy to the world!

Editors Note: Tiffini is the Producer for MyHopeRadio.com. She and her husband, Andrew, attend Garry Tracy's Church in Bridgeton, Missouri.



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Joyful, Joyful Lord, We Adore Thee By Lana Adkins

The infilling of the Holy Ghost brings joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. Joy is one of the nine fruit of the Spirit. Having this experience places joy in our soul even when times are most difficult.

Many times, we expect the fruit of joy to bring us unlimited happiness and fun times. When we read the Scriptures, we are encouraged to think about what it really means to experience joy. What does it really mean to have a joyful heart? Happiness and fun are good in themselves but they come and go with circumstances. Joy however, is felt beyond our circumstances.



Joy is an experience with God that gives us promises and hope beyond this natural life. Joy is an attitude we have toward life's experiences. It is a treasure of the heart. It is a peaceful feeling when in God's intimate presence. We can choose to be resentful or we can manifest an attitude of gratitude and a commitment to joy. Joy comes when we are serving God and doing what He wants for our lives. When we learn to use joy in our circumstances, situations and the ups and downs in life, it brings glory to God.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John 15:11

Joy is both an outcome of our relationship with the Lord and our source of strength. The joy of the Lord is our strength. Nehemiah 8:9 God desires for His people to be strong in Him so He graciously gives us joy. The joy of the Lord is the source of our fulfillment.

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. 1 Peter 1:8

As a mother of three daughters, there is no greater joy then knowing our children walk with God. Prayer made from time of conception to this day has proven to this mother the power of prayer and His Spirit to work on the hearts and minds of our children.

Editors note: Lana Adkins and husband, Jim, pastor Landmark UPC in Glasgow, Kentucky. They are the parents of three daughters and have four grandchildren. Family, reading, teaching and homeschooling are her passions. Lana is Ladies Ministries president of the Kentucky District.

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Pray the Word



Salvation

Psalm 18:2 "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Taking Ownership of the Faith

Psalm 25:5 "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."

Health and Protection

Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

Choosing Friends

II Corinthians 6:14-15 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship (friendship) hath righteousness with unrighteousness..."

Finding the Will of God

I Kings 17:15 "And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days."

Moral Purity

James 1:21-22 "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Spiritual Discernment

Psalm 37:23 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."

Future Career

I Corinthians 16:9 "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

Financial Blessings

Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Future Spouse

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

From the Mailbox

Hello, I noticed at the end of your DOZ e-newsletter today that there is someone translating it into French. How would we obtain the French version? We are Metro Missionaries in Montreal, Quebec and we would be thrilled to offer this to our ladies here. Thanks and God bless, -Liane Gran

I attend a Home Missions church in Centennial, Colorado and we have our first ever DOZ prayer meeting scheduled for tomorrow night. I would like to be included in the distribution of the DOZ newsletter. We are looking forward to what God is going to do through this effort! God Bless you, -Kathy (Gordon) Hyatt

Please add me to the mailing list for the DOZ newsletter. Our church has is just starting and I am the coordinator. Thank you, -Tearsa M. Smith

Praise the Lord! These articles are always a great blessing and I am interested in also receiving the Spanish edition. We have a DOZ group of ministers wives who meet the first Tuesday of every month in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They would love to receive the Spanish edition. If I receive it I will be glad to print several copies and take it to their DOZ meeting. Thanks so much for your help. -Sis. Miriam Sponsler, Missionary - Argentina

Hello! How can we access the Dutch version of the DOZ newsletter? -The Rhoads Family, Suriname

How exciting. Please let me know when the first translation is ready. Gloire a Dieu! -Darla Brochu, France

First of all thank you so much for these encouraging newsletters! I always eagerly open and read them and feel encouraged. Lord Bless! -Meghann Spagnuolo

Editor's Note



God is doing mighty things! If you have a praise report please send it to dozupc@aol.com or debiakers@aol.com

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Thank you all for your burden and passion for the work of God and the Daughters of Zion Prayer Ministry!

1999, World Network of Prayer Director, Thetus Tenney shared an interesting article with Gwyn Oakes about the Praying Mothers of Brazil. Sister Oakes had a burden for this type of ministry and Sister Tenney suggested it as a venture for the Ladies Division. The burden was shared with the National Ladies Committee. Ruth Harvey expressed a desire to work with the program and was chosen as director. From the many titles submitted Daughters of Zion was chosen. Debbie Akers joined as editor of the Daughters of Zion newsletter.

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