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This is a Report of the South & Middle Georgia ministry that took place Sunday, March 23 through Monday, March 31 as the Lord continued to unfold His “New Day” in Cordele and surrounding areas. We are reminded that while the Cordele work is one that the Lord, through the K&A Brown Corporation, has purposed to establish the two-fold ministry of character & economic development in the Crisp County ~ Cordele area, we mustn’t forget that this work is an extension of the ministry of our Pastors Ozzie & Lillian, whose faithfulness is rewarded by the many souls that were saved during this trip. The K&A Brown Corporation was represented by Ken & Alicia Brown, owners, along with two board members, Ozzie Ritchey and Karen Lundy, as well as our Business Consultant, Dr. Deryl Hunt, all of who at different dates traveled to Cordele, stopping along the way at major points and cities to witness and continue to build on the foundation already laid by the Christ of God as the Servant, Pastor Deryl Hunt.

To capture the important aspects of the work, I use sub-headings, which represent the themes of what the Lord was doing at various times. Please be advised that this Report is not intended to glorify the flesh of any man, but to God be the glory for the great things He has done! He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying unto the Church.

Theme#1: Then Jesus went up into the mount to pray, and when He was come down the multitude followed him. The *multitude who followed Jesus* represented the many sponsors of the work. In this case, the work is the Cordele Youth Summer Institute (CYSI) 2008. Every place we went, we heard the testimonies of individuals who now support the work by their confessions, their donations, and commitments to offer volunteer services. Examples of sponsorship include: donations from a group of emergency room staff at Crisp County Regional Hospital, the Funeral Home Director; local banks, churches, businesses, and individuals to name a few.

This theme of the multitude following Jesus could not be realized except Jesus had gone up into the mount to pray. Jesus’ *going up into the mount to pray* meant that he had to at times separate himself from the people. Interestingly enough, *going up into the mount to pray* is a major characteristic of Dr. Hunt’s life. At times, we don’t see him, and may wonder where he is. Some may say, “He’s gone from the work.” Others may say, “He’s shy, anti-social, emotionless, or perhaps he doesn’t care about the concerns of the people.” Let’s understand that when we don’t see our Pastor, at the parties, at the funerals, at the graduations, it is true that he has stolen away; he’s *gone up into the mount to pray* . . . away from denominational religion; away from the inclinations and aspirations of money, power, status, and fame; away from the cares of this world; he’s stolen away to pray, all toward the end that the multitude might follow the Lord. This is the Central Theme of this Cordele work.

Theme #2: I became all things that I might win some Ozzie has every month been favored to minister at Greater Morris Tabernacle Baptist Church in Cordele. Greater Morris is also a CYSI Sponsor. Last year, they provided transportation for students to attend the Institute, as well served as the Host for our student orientation. On this trip, Ozzie attended the Baptist Union Convention held at Greater Morris. This was a convention of Baptist churches in the southern and middle regions of Georgia. At the convention, Ozzie was called to share about CYSI, after

which, many of the local pastors agreed to sponsor the youth of their church to attend the Institute. In addition to gathering the support of the local pastors for the Institute, the Lord favored Ozzie to enter the Church of Christ Apostolic Nondenominational as a member of the Baptist Union. That’s our Sister Ozzie. Isn’t that something that we should become Baptist so that all in the Baptist Union might become one of us, more specifically so that the whole of the Baptist Union might be won unto the Lord? What a “New Day” work!

Theme#3: The little white ball On this trip, Dr. Hunt, Ken Brown, Tom Ellison, and Tommy Ford played golf in several cities, including: Warner Robins, Albany, Cordele, and Tifton reaching many that they too might be among the multitude who follow the Lord. The Lord used the golf ministry for at least two major purposes: 1) to emphasize withstanding and standing in the evil day; and 2) to reach the acclaimed of this world; that the *Jews* might be provoked to jealousy. Withstanding and standing in the evil day, in the power of Christ, is a teaching where Dr. Hunt was tested in obedience, at the beginning of the golf ministry, to use certain clubs, and maintain a certain swing as the Lord directed him. Despite the advice of others, who thought to know better about the game of golf, Dr. Hunt held fast to the direction of the Lord. After withstanding the fiery darts, the test intensified, but the Lord’s grace abounded the more; and Dr. Hunt stood in victory though the enemy desired that he should forsake the Lord and play golf man’s way. With this victory, the Servant of the Lord continues to play winning golf.

The second purpose of the golf ministry is for the sake of the *Jews*, who, in this instance, do not refer to those born of an Israel heritage. In this case, *Jews* are those who are considered “chosen” or acclaimed in the sight of the world. For example, the world has *chosen* Aretha Franklin as “the Queen of Soul” and James Brown, “the King.” Oprah Winfrey, Tiger Woods, Elvis Presley, Bill Gates, Michael Jackson, Jay-Z, and Shaquille O’neal, are others whom the world has *chosen*. These are the *Jews* within their respective fields, who need to be provoked to jealousy, to love and to the good work of God. In a nutshell, the *Jews* might represent the wise, the noble, the wealthy, and the talented of this world. While they are considered to be *chosen* in the sight of man, they are not considered *chosen* in the sight of God, for they trust in their wisdom, their nobility, their wealth, and their talents. Very often, the golf course is where they, the wise, the noble, and the wealthy gather to transact negotiations on behalf of themselves and the world. So the Lord, in His wisdom and mercy, would have Dr. Hunt and others with him, in a golf ministry to reach the *Jews*, the acclaimed ones, the wise, the noble, the wealthy, and the talented; to provoke them to godly jealousy.

Theme#4: God’s Community Builders dismantle the master’s house Since 2006, the Lord has been ministering to a group of individuals in the Cordele community about character and economic development. This ministry was introduced as part of preparing the people for the housing development project of Ken & Alicia Brown. Dr. Hunt prophesied that there would be a Community Center as a major attraction of this housing development, where people of all walks of life would come and share and grow. K&A Brown asked Dr. Hunt to conduct a study of the Cordele community. The results of the study revealed that before any physical construction proceeded, there needed to be what Dr. Hunt coined as “internal economic development,” where first the character of the people would be refined or re-produced into qualities that could be appreciated, distributed, and consumed by others. We then set out every month to visit Cordele toward the beginning of our inward economic development work, advising the people that the

land development project would be forthcoming. This monthly work was led by Dr. Hunt, as Executive Mentor, and Alicia Brown, as mentee. These two engaged the Cordele people in a profound lecture series on economic development using language and stories to which the people could relate. It was clear that the Cordele citizens were buying into the idea that the Lord was proposing. This group was later named as the Steering Committee for the Cordele Youth Summer Institute, which represented the launching of K&A Brown's Community Center, to be named The Ozzie Kinchen Ritchey Community Center.

On March 29, 2008, this same group has organized to establish the Crisp Area Character & Community Builders Organization. This is the Community Center that the Lord had prophesied two years ago; the Center that should be built before any physical construction would begin; the establishment of the Church of Christ built in the hearts of the people. A writer once declared, “The master's tools will never dismantle the master's house.” The master represents those in power, and his house is represented by the institutions of society, such as, business, education, government, and religion. The Lord has shown that the master's tools are hatred, fear, disrespect, dishonor, distrust, and other things used to ensure that certain groups benefit while others are pushed to the outer margins of society. Truly, it is not the intent of the master of this world to use his own tools to destroy his own house. Instead, he will use these tools to make certain that the structure of his house remains sound and in tact. The Lord, however, has purposed to use this Community Builders Organization in Cordele and empower this group with tools of trust, honor, and respect; caring, sharing, loving, to destroy the house of dis-community building and to build the Lord's inclusive community building house within the institutions of Crisp County ~ Cordele. This Organization will serve as the official host of the K&A Brown Initiative, CYSI.

The Lillian J. Hunt Teacher Education Academy K&A Brown launched another initiative in Cordele, The Lillian J. Hunt Teacher Education Academy. The academy was named after an outstanding model teacher, Lillian J. Hunt. This Academy with its child-centered focus is designed to educate individuals, who work with youth in schools and community programs. The twenty-four teachers, performing artists, and teacher assistants who will work with CYSI, will all receive certification from The Lillian J. Hunt Teacher Education Academy as Goma Educators. On Saturday, March 26, 2008, five individuals of teachers and co-teachers, most of who work in the Cordele public school system, attended the session. The next session is at the end of April, where additional Georgia teachers will attend. These sessions will be held monthly, and teachers will receive credits toward education in a) The Ellison Model ICB theory; and b) Goma Curriculum and instructional practices. It is expected that these educators will return to their respective schools and job sites to employ The Ellison Model and Goma philosophy, so that students throughout the nation will be impacted by an inclusive teaching and learning framework; one that provides learning opportunities of hope for all students, even the most difficult and reluctant learners.

Student Registration on the Rise CYSI has expanded from 7 days to 12 days and from 84 students to 150 students, signifying the souls added to the Church such as have been saved. So far, at least 75 students have registered. We hope that you will seek God to know how you too can be a part of this great work. We are presently accepting sponsorship donations. Launch with us out into the deep! We expect the abundant blessings as the Servant of the Lord go up into the mount to pray. Please remember that the jet has taken off. Be sure you are on board. Peace.