BOLT FROM THE BLUE

----Rev. John Mark (Wahab)

What does 'bolt from the blue' mean? Is it sad news of defeat from the battlefield? Is it death news of husband to a wife just married? Or thunder and hailing stone without warning or sign in the sky?

When financial authority serves any letter to the recipients stating budget cut unto 56%, undoubtedly that would be real and inexpressible bolt from the blue for them.

Masihee Jamat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, has received such an astonishing letter from the supporters. In the sense of human limitations, such a letter may be the cause of severe shock, but if someone perceive it in the light of the mercy and miracle of the living Lord, and then he can breathe with thankfulness and mental satisfaction. In any case we should not forget the story of the miraculous feeding of five thousands of people by our Lord with only five loves and two fishes, that was a mere lunch box of a small boy. That box was handed on to the Lord and He did blessed it and that were multiplied enough to feed the multitudes. We also must hand on all the gifts and blessings in the powerful and merciful hand of the Lord Jesus Christ to make it good enough for our satisfaction.

Masihee Jamat is a faith organization to manifest the love and compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ to the un-reached world. Through the path of serious persecutions and bitter experiences the living Lord has brought us up to this position. He has been using the Overseas Social Services to finance the works of the Lord being done here in Bangladesh.

Is there anyone, among the fallen men, strong enough to seal up any severe volcanic eruption? In 1981 the miscreants mercilessly damaged our whole projects and activities. In that time we had fallen in a perplexing crisis. But the hands of the living, loving and powerful Lord has been holding up and continually using us to herald the message of salvation to the lost world. We don't see anyone or anything mightier to snatch us out of His most powerful compassionate hands.

We, Masihee Jamat, are thankful to OSS, for quite long successive years they have been providing charity, as living allowances to the believing families in the living Lord Jesus Christ. That has enabled us making the witnessing easy for Him here in Bangladesh. We have been praying for them as well as for the individual donors that the resourceful beloved Lord may enrich them to invest more in the deserving fields of the Lord all over the world.

It is for your kind information, our dear esteemed prayer warriors; we like to add that most of our brethren were driven away from their old relatives and fellowships leaving all belongings behind. Conversion to Jesus Christ is, in the eyes of the non-believers, an unpardonable crime in the countries predominant by the Muslims.

In 1981 I was driven away mercilessly from our ancestral personal properties, because of my faith in the Truth of the world- Jesus Christ.

In the year 1986 some Mr. Hossain was driven from his ancestral personal properties mercilessly, because of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We can mention that Mr. Salam of Meherpur, Razu of Narshingdi, Enam of Gangni, Nurmohammad of Pirojpur, Wahab of Kurigram, Razzaque of Swarupkati, Habib of Barisal and Hannan of Bogra were driven from family and even the prevailing societies.

The prevailing hostile situations have compelled them to live on the charity as living allowances available at the end of the donor agencies.

There is a saying that one stitch in time saves nine. It is the right time to saturate our country with the living powerful saving message of the Lord. Most of the doors are kept receptive. God has granted us profound and effective media to herald the Gospel to the un-reached people. The Gospel based tracts printed in our weekly entitled ***The Alor Foara*** goes easily to all of the readers without any bar.

We have open doors and opportunities to conduct seminars, workshops and all sorts of Biblical activities with the believers and the inquirers anywhere in the country.

The people of Bangladesh enjoy fundamental rights under this Govt. to follow, practice and propagate their own faith without any official bar. But the public sentiment does matters.

The level of the Biblical education in our society is very low. We need to mobilize them on to the study of the living Word of God for spiritual outgrowth and edification.

If the plea of financial crisis, we fail to use these God-given-opportunities to bring His glory, once we would be seriously called in question before the Supreme Throne.

At the moment we have fifty thousands of inquirers scattered all over the country. We also have inquirers even in West Bengal of India. We must teach them continually the living, shining and decisive Words of God for their onward spiritual strength and growth.

As St. Peter was asked by our Lord to feed the lambs, so the same compassionate Lord has been urging us to lead, rear and feed the lambs that have fallen in financial and spiritual crisis.

Though Bangladesh is poor or a developing country yet our people are created in the image of God, the Creator of the Universe. Since our Lord Jesus Christ died for us, rose up from the grave, stands by our side and defending always for us before the High Throne, we can easily cast off all of our cares and anxieties upon Him. But, sincerely speaking, our worries prove that see anyone or anything mightier to snatch us out of His most powerful compassionate hands.

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Please give thanks to Him with us for granting His best gift- the Holy Spirit to counsel, comfort and guide us for His glory.

Please also pray for us that we might be constantly used by His powerful and merciful hands to establish His heavenly kingdom and righteousness in the hearts of our people.

Hello, dear committed and sanctified brethren in the Lord; we need your prayer and financial support. If God is speaking to your heart, please send your financial support for the suffering people of Bangladesh at the address mentioned below. We are grateful to all of those who have been supporting our ministry till today. Please write to us if you want to know more about our ministry.

Bangladesh is a country of bumper harvest. So we invite you, please come to Bangladesh, enjoy and perceive the opportunities in serving the Gospel. Wide receptivity at the end of the listeners awaits you. We can assure you, in His name, when you would be here, you would be richly blessed, encouraged and inspired by the living Lord Jesus Christ to join harvesting for His glory.

May God may richly and eternally bless you. Thank you for your prayer and practical involvement in the vineyard of the living Lord Jesus Christ.