

# Newsletter May - June 2014

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## The Snail Crossed the Ark's Finishing Line!

The call had gone out for the animals to go and board Prophet Noah's Ark. The long legged giraffes and sprinting Cheetters with all the other chosen and ticketed animals made their way to the Ark. Chief Officer Noah did a tally of his passengers before raising the gangway. He noticed that a couple, Mr & Mrs Snail, on the travel manifest were not on board. A call was put out on the tannoy for Mr & Mrs Snail. The shouted out that they are on their way, but the noise of the jeering crowd drowned out their voices. Just then, Prophet Noah saw them snailing their way up the dusty winding road leading to the sun scorched patch where the Ark was held up by its construction scaffolds.

Prophet Noah held the door wide open until the long awaited couple arrived to a roaring cheer by all that had arrived before them. The doors were shut behind them and the splatter of rain began, the heavens and the fountains below poured their waters upon the earth. In no time, the scaffolds yielded up their grip on the Ark and bid her farewell.

Chief Officer Noah made sure that Mr & Mrs Snail freely settled into their new floating community. Charles Haddon Spurgeon once said that "It was by perseverance that the snail reached the ark."

Indeed perseverance is a vital tool that helps us run our parenting race. Perseverance in regular prayer (Luke 18:1-8) for our children is a great necessity if we are to see the full work of salvation and maturity of faith in our young ones.

Like the Snail we were never called to compete with anybody in your family's race to the Ark of Salvation.

Each person must run their own race with eyes firmly fixed on JESUS, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)! No one wins over the other! Everyone who crosses the finish line

wins!!! The supersonics and the locomotives, the 4G Broadbanders and the Dial-Uppers who make it to the finishing line receives a winning crown. This is truly sweet. Don't you think so?

Endure to the end and you win! (Matthew 10:22)

In the Lord's message to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3 we read of diverse rewards that awaits the over comer: Not to the one who gets their first. Just finish line crossers.

### Ephesus:

Revelation 2:7 "...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

### Smyrna:

Revelation 2:11 "...He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

### Pergamos:

Revelation 2:17 "...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

### Thyatira:

Revelation 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:  
Revelation 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.  
Revelation 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.

### Sardis:

Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels

**Philadelphia:**

Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

**Laodicea:**

Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

2Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

What is the Spirit saying?

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

So keep coming with your family to the Ark of Salvation.

2John 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

We must persevere in setting and maintaining godly standards in our children who are growing up in the generation still asking the scornful question of Pilate: "What is truth?" Our children should know Him who alone is True.

We need perseverance in our efforts for a heart to heart connection with our young.

Without perseverance we will never succeed in proactively training our children in righteousness.

Through perseverance we will recover and maintain one of the greatest lost assets in raising children. The Ibos say that "It takes a village to raise a child." The communal raising of children is a big loss!

Every parent need to connect with others that share common values to raise godly children. We can start with our local church community where everyone starts taking ownership and responsibility for the wellbeing of every child in the assembly and neighbourhood. This is one of the central features of our ParentingPoint Clubs. It will be our delight to work with you in setting up in your local church and community. Everybody wins in getting involved. You and your children win when others get involved in their welfare. You and your children win when you and your children get involved in the welfare of other families!

We have to persevere in directing our children's spiritual, emotional, and sexual identities towards God in whose image they were created.

Thank God parenting is a life sentence with time limited phases. We are guaranteed ocean load of frustrations if we are hasty for results. Remember your own personal journey with the Lord. He has being abundantly patient with you, or should I say with me.

Our microwave culture teaches us we must get everything we want when we want them without headache. Please note that he who would raise children without headache now will almost certainly have heartache later. So enjoy and endure the journey. There are those who will be broken hearted not because of any wrong on their part. For such, the sweet comfort of the Lord awaits them in double measure if they do not give up. Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

The perseverance that helped the snail reach the ark will also help you and your family in your Ark-ward journey.

Thanks for reading and for standing with us in this awesome work. We cannot do this work without the support of people like you.

We would love to partner with you in what the Lord is doing in your life and ministry. Please get in touch.

Attached is our Praise and prayer bulletin for May and June 2014.

You are highly favoured.

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