

A Report on

JOSHUA GENERATION YOUTH CONFERENCE 2011

May 5th-7th, 2011 – Chennai



Joshua Generation Youth Conference 2011 was indeed a battle fought hard. Obstacles were too numerous to count as we started preparing the ground for the battle. Starting with the dates, to the duration, lack of tickets for the participating churches, youth being denied permission to come to the conference by the employers, and the last straw that almost broke the camel's back was the refusal of visa for our Speaker and visionary, Bro. David Bryan.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed. This passage of scripture led us to believe in the impossible. Having come back from the Indian General Conference, we were aware that Rev. Prince Mathiasz was flying back to Sri Lanka on May 3. After much prayer and consideration and with the blessings of Rev. Lynden Shalm we invited Bro. Mathiasz to come and minister at the youth camp and he agreed.

Our thoughts and ways are definitely not His and His ways are perfect. This was the first time in the five-year history



of Joshua Generation that we had 216 attendees gather for the camp. The participating churches included Adoor (Kerala), Carmel Tabernacle, Athur, Periyakulam, Bodi, Theni, Kodaikkanal, Pattabiram, and the new entrant church this year was Church Of Heaven, Dindigul, pastored by Bro. Ezekiel Bose. Expectation was built around the camp as the format of the camp was changed to 2-nights and three days with the objective of conducting the Joshua Generation Training Ministry.

On arrival at the camp site, the first service on the evening of May 5th was begun with



heaven-stirring worship. Pastor Mathiasz came and ignited the hearts of all at the conference by speaking on the Nevertheless God. He spoke of the bridge word, that is different from the word But or If. He spoke on the Nevertheless God. The word reached Pastor Hobday first. As he was wondering on the night of 2nd May about the happening of the Conference, there was a Nevertheless God, who made it possible. The attendees were encouraged greatly and many

were blessing the Lord for His great works.

The second day dawned bright and clear. It was the first time also in the history of the Conference that we had a heat wave prevail over the city. After morning devotion and prayer, the morning session was something that every attendee will never forget. Pastor Mathiasz is blessed with the unique gift of letting the Word Deal with the hearts of the people. There was not a dry eye in the service after he was done. He taught about the

difference between Grace. He taught Mercy of the Lord, Hebrew as woman about to taught from Psalm hast possessed my covered me in my womb.” The most beautiful woman covers her womb comes hurtling at face. It is with the



Mercy and us that the is defined in “Racham” or a bear child. He 138: For thou reins: thou hast mother’s poignant even the most in the world when danger her and not her same mercy and

zeal that the Lord covers us with his mercy. As each of the attendees remembered the infinite number of times The Lord had covered them with his mercy, a great cry of gratitude went up and rent the air. People were crying and thanking him for his Mercy and it is no wonder that the Psalmist describes this in his Psalm of Mercy, saying his Mercy Endureth Forever.

Encouraged, fortified and strengthened, we gathered for the evening service. We knew that God was doing something different and that the people were receiving the Word with great thirst. The most ironic thing was that Bro. Bryan received a 5-year multiple entry visa to India on the evening of May 6th. We rejoiced at the fact and did not question God about his works. We knew his plan was perfect. **Another on the list of firsts at JG 2011, was Bro. Bryan greeted and saw the congregation at the evening service through Skype. For many attendees it was an unbelievable experience as this kind of technology is only heard of in the interior villages of India.** Pastor Mathiasz and Bro. Bryan greeted each other and the spirit of both men was extremely commendable. They set great examples for us by having the mind of Christ and placing the Kingdom first before their causes.



Pastor preached on Seeing through the eyes of the Spirit from the Book of Judges. "But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel." Judges 14-4. The cause was clear to Samson. He knew that he was in alignment with the will of God and he had to defeat the adversary. But he urged his parents to go on. When young people are in the will of God, even

when the adversary comes to us in the form of the lion the Spirit of the Lord comes down mightily upon them to help them overcome it. Pastor Mathiasz encouraged the young people to see through the eyes of the Spirit. And when Samson returned there was a honeycomb in the carcass of the lion that he had slain. He taught us that our problem will turn out to be the honeycomb for many of us. And he also encouraged the young people to move on, over their victories and not stay and brag about it. Many hearts that were lurking in the mire of confusion were lifted and the Lord dealt with these hearts in his way.



After the service Pastor Mathiasz met with the pastors and their wives and ordained ministers from all the churches. A good introductory meeting was held and plans were discussed and again in the list of firsts for JG, a fellowship dinner was arranged for the

pastors and their wives with the Missionary to India, Pastor Mathiasz, complete with mangoes and wonderful moments of laughter.

The last morning was dedicated to the Bible Quiz on the Book of Isaiah and the teams from all churches contented for the Isaac Memorial Rolling Trophy. Again in the list of firsts, this year's quiz was completely done using Power Point and many new rounds like Prophecies and fulfillment in the testament, reading the Bible through Pictionary were introduced. After a gap of three years, The Host Church, UPC Ayanavaram Brought the Trophy back Home. After many testimonies and difficult to say goodbyes, the conference was concluded by Giving the One who Gave it all the Praise and Glory. We pray that the Lord will lead next year. We may plan to the perfect T, but it is The Lord Who Executes these plans. We surrender everything in his Hands, He is the Potter and He is in Control. To him be the Glory and Praise. Amen.

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