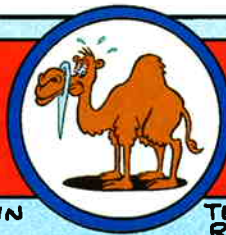


Lifestyles of the



Rich and Religious

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THIS MONTH:

KENNETH COPELAND!



PPASTOR KEN PRESIDES OVER THE EAGLE MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL CHURCH ON MORRIS DIDO ROAD.

TO MEET PASTOR KEN, WE'LL BE TRAVELLING TO THE CHARMING ... ER... CUTE... UH ... TO THE TOWN OF NEWARK, TEXAS, POPULATION 887.



THERE ARE 11 NEWARKS IN THE U.S. NEWARK, TEXAS IS 334 TIMES SMALLER THAN NEWARK, DELAWARE, 52 TIMES SMALLER THAN NEWARK, OHIO AND 308 TIMES SMALLER THAN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, WHICH NEWARK, TEXAS WAS NAMED AFTER WHEN THE ROCK ISLAND RAILROAD TOOK IT OVER. BEFORE THAT IT WAS CALLED CADDO VILLAGE, ODESSA, HUFF VALLEY, SUEVILLE AND RAGTOWN, ALL OF WHICH ARE BETTER NAMES THAN NEWARK.

NEWARK IS ALSO THE HOME OF COWBOYS FOR CHRIST. A COWBOYS FOR CHRIST GOLD-PLATED RODEO-STYLE BELT BUCKLE COSTS \$50.50.



TURN RIGHT AT THE OIL WELL AND GO 1.3 MILES... **THERE IT IS!**



KEN AND HIS FAMILY WILL RECEIVE \$100 MILLION IN OILFIELD ROYALTIES OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS. KEN BELIEVES THIS MONEY WAS PROMISED BY 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9: "YET FOR YOUR SAKES HE BECAME POOR, THAT YOU BY HIS POVERTY MIGHT BECOME RICH."

EAGLE MOUNTAIN* IS NOT MUCH OF A MOUNTAIN.
*ELEVATION: 150 feet



YOU CAN PARK YOUR CAR AT THE CHURCH AND WALK A FEW HUNDRED YARDS SOUTH TO KEN'S TV STUDIO!



WE'RE NOT SURE WHY IT'S CALLED AN "INTERNATIONAL" CHURCH. WE DIDN'T SEE ANY PEOPLE FROM FIJI OR ANYTHING. WE ALSO DIDN'T SEE ANY CADDO INDIANS BECAUSE THEY WERE ALL KILLED BY THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS OF NEWARK. THIS IS WHERE KEN PREACHES ABOUT WORD FAITH.

WORD FAITH IS A BRANCH OF PENTECOSTALISM INVENTED BY E.W. KENYON (1867-1948) WHO IS FAMOUS FOR SNAPPY SAYINGS LIKE "WHAT I CONFESS, I POSSESS." KEN IS CONSIDERED THE WORD FAITH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, THANKS TO HIS MENTOR, THE LATE KENNETH E. "PAPA" HAGIN OF RHEMA BIBLE COLLEGE IN BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA, WHO HELD THE TITLE BEFORE KEN. KEN WENT TO RHEMA BIBLE COLLEGE TO LEARN WHAT IS PROPERLY CALLED THE "PROSPERITY GOSPEL." THERE ARE AT LEAST TEN BOOKS EXPLAINING WHY WORD FAITH IS A HERESY, BUT THERE ARE TEN TIMES THAT MANY EXPLAINING WHY IT'S OK.