

NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

FEBRUARY 2017

We hope that you will take a moment to read what has been happening in our ministry recently and be encouraged. The Perspectives section also has some prophetic encouragement for 2017.

During December and January, we ministered in seven churches and also took a good break over Christmas and New Year:

- **Connexion Church, Auckland** – a vibrant church reaching many South African immigrants and led by our good friends Walter and Bev Stone. Walter is also on the board of SpiritLife Ministries.
- **Life Central, Open Heaven night, Auckland** – one of New Zealand's foremost churches, Life lives up to its name. That the Open Heaven ministry night was packed attests to the spiritual hunger in this great church. The people really responded to the teaching on "Prayer that Opens Heaven".
- **Church Unlimited, Whangarei** – previously Crossroads Community Church, this sizeable church became a campus of Church Unlimited some time ago. We brought a prophetic word for the church and shared testimonies of healings. Many reported healing as the people then prayed for one another. Bethel Church joined us in the evening and the Lord wonderfully touched many.
- **Auckland Aglow** – the presence of God was very tangible in the meeting and all were challenged about reaching their unsaved loved ones.
- **Church Unlimited, Rotorua** – our first time at this new church plant launched last September.
- **King's Mercy Church, Breakthrough Conference, Auckland** – a largely African church that is passionate about God! We opened their four-day conference by speaking on breakthrough and afterwards many encountered the power of God.
- **Church Unlimited, City & West campuses, Auckland** – over the four Sunday services we outlined some of the things God is saying in 2017. It is always a pleasure to minister in our home church, a church dedicated to prayer and mission.
- **Eastgate Baptist, Auckland** – a wonderful charismatic church reaching its community. Again, we shared some of the things God is saying for 2017.

Around 40 people made commitments to Christ over this time.

Prayer Book for President Trump – a prayer book was presented to the new US president at his inauguration. It contains 130 crafted prayers and prophetic words from Christians in the US and around the world. It is so that he and thousands of others can pray one prayer a day for the first 130 days of his administration. Greta made a submission that was accepted and included in the book. The USA and the new administration there will certainly need much prayer in the volatile days ahead.

ITINERARY FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH

February 5: Eastgate Christian Centre, Auckland. Sunday.

February 9: Northland Pastors and Leaders, Moerewa, Northland.

February 12: Church Unlimited, Kaitaia, Northland. Sunday.

February 18: Catch the Fire, Auckland. Prayer that Opens Heaven seminar.

February 18-19: Causeway Church, Mangawhai, Northland. Leaders' meeting plus Sunday.

March 4-5: Central Baptist Church, New Plymouth. Leaders' Retreat plus Sunday.

March 10: Kaiwaka Revival Church, Kaiwaka, Northland. Encounter night.

March 11-12: Frontline Church, Kerikeri, Northland. Leaders' meeting plus Sunday.

March 19: Elim Christian Centre, Tauranga. Sunday meetings.

March 23-25: NZ & Beyond Conference, West Auckland. Attend only.

March 26: Upper Room Church, Auckland. Sunday.

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PERSPECTIVES

On New Year's day, we posted on Facebook a brief prophetic word for the coming year. It occasioned numerous comments, resonating with many who read it. Below is an extended version of the prophecy:

On a personal level, raise your expectations for the coming year. Be aware of being on cruise control or settling into present patterns. Expect more from God and you will see it. *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,"* (Ephesians 3:20 NIV) Ask big this coming year. It will be a year of open doors. Journey through 2017 in faith. Let your faith be strong. Do not let fear of disappointment stop you. There will be surprises. There will be wow moments. There will be breakthroughs. God is forewarning us not to stroll casually into the New Year but rather to run into it with our spirits fuelled with the fire of faith.

And not only expect more from God but also expect more of God.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8a NKJV)

We can have as little or as much of his presence and power as we want to. He is offering us more. Ask for it. Hunger for it. Do some things to go the second mile in seeking him. Don't repeat the pattern of 2016 - go beyond it. Then get ready for him to draw near to you. *"And without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."* (Hebrews 11:6 RSV)

On a global level, there will continue to be shocks that awaken many that are the spiritually blind, and surprises that delight those that already see. It's going to be both a volatile year and an exciting year. God is shaking the Tower of Babel that the global, liberal elites have sought to build in recent decades. Jesus warned us in 2013 that ideological civil war and division would increase.

However, in the midst of it all Jesus will bring a great harvest of souls into his Kingdom. In Bible days, Jews and Gentiles hated one another. But the Bible says, *"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility."* (Ephesians 2:14 NIV) We may possibly see the greatest harvest of history in the years ahead. In these next eight or more years, God will open a window of opportunity for the church to advance the Kingdom like never before. Reformation is coming.

Let's remember that there is greater power in prayer than in protest. Whatever you do, keep close to the Lord and if you have been distant, now is a good time to get closer.

Blessings,



David and Greta

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