

NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

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"In January this year," writes a Birmingham woman, "I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. At first, I was in denial but then the symptoms began to increase: I had continual pain down the left side, weakness in my legs, slow thoughts and speech, giddiness and discoordination. Although I was now fearful of going out alone, I made it to the School of the Holy Spirit and went forward for healing. I was desperate as the pain down my left side was awful and I felt I could not live with it. As I walked away after the prayer, I noticed I was pain free. I could not stop praising God. The next day, as I was going to the meeting, I suddenly realized I was walking fast and my legs felt strong. The slowness of thought and speech has also gone."

Since David's first wife Jane passed away in 2007 due to complications from chronic-progressive Multiple Sclerosis, we have been especially asking the Lord to see people healed from MS. The healing above occurred when we ran a School of the Holy Spirit in Birmingham, England back in May this year. The joy of this healing is that we have no idea who prayed for this woman. We had taught the seminar attendees how to pray for the sick, someone prayed for her, and the Lord healed her! It is stories like these that encourage us to keep travelling and equipping God's people.

Since returning from the UK over two months ago, we have ministered in the following churches:

- **Church Unlimited**, Auckland (city and west campuses)
- **Hillsborough Baptist** church, Auckland
- **Eastgate Baptist** church, Auckland
- **Elim Christian Centre**, Blenheim
- **Hope Centre**, Auckland
- **Christian Renewal Church**, Whangarei
- **Life Church**, Christchurch
- **Beach Christian Centre**, Waihi Beach

Some of the highlights have included:

- Fifty people have come to Christ. In one church, three teenaged girls, all sisters, gave their lives to the Lord. Tragically, their mother took her life six years before. Their grandmother had brought them to church, and it was heartening to see what the Lord did in this precious family.
- In a School of the Holy Spirit in another church, 140 people gathered, including around 30-40 youth. Sixty people came forward for the baptism in the Holy Spirit with over two thirds receiving and speaking in tongues as people prayed for one another. Many later encountered God's power strongly – one young man had to be carried home at 10pm! Numbers reported feeling burning heat in their bodies as we released the fire of God.
- During one of the four Call to Arms seminars we ran, the Holy Spirit led us to break weariness and woundedness from people, and release a warrior spirit. People shook, fell, a wave of laughter engulfed some while others wept. Later a number were healed from various conditions: shoulder problems, a clicking neck, foot pain, knee injuries, and so on.



Greta speaking at Waihi Beach

- The Holy Spirit has given us significant prophetic words for churches and individual leaders, which has brought great encouragement to them.



Founding Pastors Paul and Jill Bennetts and Pastors Carl and Ange Crocker (seated), Life Church, ChCh.

One of the joys of our recent travels has been spending time with a number of young couples doing such a great job of leading their churches:

- Symon and Christy Drake at CRC in Whangarei,
 - Carl and Angela Crocker at Life Church in Christchurch (encouraged by founding pastors Paul and Jill Bennetts),
 - Luka and Jo Robertson at Hope Centre in Auckland,
 - Ryan and Emma Pollard at Beach Christian Centre in Waihi Beach.
- The calibre of these capable leaders bodes well for the future of the church in NZ.

ITINERARY FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October 2: Church Unlimited City, Auckland morning. Church Unlimited West evening.

October 6-9: Winepress Church, Melbourne, Australia. School of the Supernatural, leaders' meeting, plus Sunday.

October 14-16: Gold Coast Chapel, Broadbeach, Australia. Call to Arms seminar, leaders' meetings, plus Sunday.

October 19-23: Full Gospel Church, Caboolture, Australia. Leaders' meetings, Encounter day plus Sunday.

November 6: Church Unlimited, Kaitaia. Sunday.

November 11-13: Abundant Life Centre, Wellington. School of the Supernatural plus Sunday.

November 18-20: Richmond Baptist Church, Nelson. Call to Arms seminar plus Sunday.

November 27: Catch the Fire, Auckland. Sunday.

PERSPECTIVES

It is the most well-known prayer in all of Christendom. One day, when the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, he replied that they should pray like this:

*Our Father, hallowed be your name,
Let your kingdom come.
Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*



Jesus was not so much giving us a prayer to recite, but rather a pattern to follow. The second half of the prayer is about asking that our needs be met – daily provision, forgiveness, and protection. And as God is our Father, this is entirely legitimate as he loves to meet the needs of his children.

The first half of the prayer is about worship, God's name being glorified in the nations, and his kingdom power and rule influencing the affairs of humankind, bringing the atmosphere of heaven to earth. As Bill Johnson says, *"Our destiny is heaven, but our assignment is to bring heaven to earth."*

Sadly, much of the time our prayer lives become reduced to the second half of the Lord's Prayer. We seldom move beyond requesting that God meet our needs and the needs of our family or church. The pattern the Lord gave us reveals a priority: first, that the glory of his name and kingdom be manifested on earth, and then our requests be met.



At a time of such uncertainty and violence in the earth, now is definitely a time to pray according to this priority. The aftermath of Brexit in the Europe, the Syrian war and the refugee crisis it has spawned, the US presidential elections (whatever happens there will have implications around the world), and the rise of liberal secularism and radical Islamic terrorism and so on, demands our praying that God's kingdom light breaks in upon the nations of the earth. If millions of believers around the earth pray this way, God's influence will be seen. Communism fell in Europe in the late 1980's because believers around the world prayed, "Let your Kingdom come..."

"Give us this day..." is always a legitimate request. However, a more urgent request in this hour is, *"Let your Kingdom come, let your name be honoured throughout the earth."* History shows that the affairs of humanity have turned upon the pivot points of fervent intercession according to the priority Jesus taught us. May it be so in this hour too. May he light a fire of prayer in us that moves beyond the borders of self-interest and into the frontiers of advancing his Kingdom."

Blessings,

David and Greta



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