

NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA AUGUST 2017



City Gates Church, Ilford, London

Greta and I have recently returned from a 14-week trip visiting two churches in **Singapore** and thirteen in the **United Kingdom**. We ministered in various seminars, Sunday meetings, and leadership meetings. The UK included churches in Cardiff, Hereford, London (Bromley, Ealing, and Ilford), Glasgow, Bristol, Coventry, Birmingham (two churches), Burntwood, Warrington, and Bude. The Ilford visit occurred the same weekend as the **London terrorist attack**, the extremists living nearby, while the Ealing visit was just after the neighbouring **Grenfell Tower fire** disaster. God used our message of hope in adversity to bring comfort to numbers affected by these events.

Some of the many other highlights included:

SALVATION

Just over 100 people made decisions to receive Jesus. In one church, a **young woman** had received the Lord during our visit the previous year. She had known Christians at university but as they all appeared too perfect, she felt she was not good enough to become a Christian. The Lord used our story of knowing him in the midst of trials and difficulties to reveal that she did not have to be perfect to receive him. She was now radiant in her new-found faith.

In another church, a **boy under ten and a man in his eighties** both gave their lives to the Lord in the evening service. The elderly gentleman came forward, stating, *"I want to give my life to Christ."* It was the first time he had ever done this. You are never too young or old to receive the Lord!

HEALINGS

Here are a few of the many healings that the Lord released on the trip:

- After landing on her head due to a fall, a woman had sustained a **severe neck injury**. Her C5 vertebra compressed nerves which resulted in severe pain plus loss of movement in her left arm. Also, due to her C6 also pressing on her spinal cord, a specialist said that she **would be confined to a wheelchair** within 10 years. An operation to try to fix it only worsened the pain, with frequent migraines, and depression. She was unable to work or even shower herself. Morphine, antidepressants and other

drugs were ineffective. Apparently, Greta had prayed for her last year - the next day she spontaneously helped her husband lift a sofa and suddenly realised she was completely healed - all the symptoms were gone, as well as the depression. She has had no medication since. She had received a miracle.

- A nurse needed to wear a **splint on one hand**, had limited movement due to pain, and very weak grip. She could no longer nurse due to the condition. After prayer, she felt no pain, and exhibited full movement of her hand, with strong grip.
- Another woman suffered from **lupus**, an auto immune disease - the many symptoms included debilitating pain and chronic fatigue. After prayer she reported increased energy and no pain.
- A man with many years' severe **lower back pain** - he couldn't stand for long before the pain forced him to sit - was instantly and completely healed.
- In Burntwood, as we released healing corporately, the Holy Spirit gave us a number of words of knowledge including shoulder injuries and eyesight problems. A man who had a **stiff and painful shoulder** after an operation was healed. His wife had also suffered from **reduced vision** in her left eye, her frontal vision being almost completely blocked by a dark shadow. The eye specialists were unable to diagnose or help her. Her eye was immediately healed as the word of knowledge was released and she saw normally for the first time in a year. Another woman had **blurred vision** in her left eye and after we released healing, it grew worse. If a condition worsens after prayer, then you are usually dealing with a demon. We prayed for her the next morning, casting out a spirit of blindness, and then released healing. She reported instant and complete healing of her vision.
- In Ealing, London, a young woman had suffered from terrible **eczema** on her legs. Her frequent scratching to provide some relief had caused gouges and pits in her skin. After prayer, not only did the eczema disappear, but the blemishes also did, her skin being completely restored to normal - instantly! She had also been baptised in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues the night before, so she was ecstatic.
- In Bude, a woman told us that she had been healed of **multiple sclerosis** - after prayer by the church leaders two years ago, a subsequent scan showed that the lesions in her brain and spinal cord had disappeared. She no longer needs her disability aids and is enjoying full health.



Praying for the sick, Ealing, London

Most of these and many other healings took place as the seminar attendees were taught how to pray for one another.

GOD-ENCOUNTERS

- In one church, as we released the anointing of the Spirit, the Lord came with a thick sense of peace and stillness - it was tangible and you could sense the Spirit releasing people from weights and worries.
- In Glasgow, after we spoke on A Call to Intimacy, people streamed out the front to respond to that call. We then worshipped and soaked in God's glorious presence. At one point we saw God opening a portal in heaven and despatching angels into the meeting, to minister a greater passion of love for Jesus. The meeting lasted for over 2 1/4 hours and nobody wanted to leave. A young woman, newly saved the week before, sensed the angels present and all she could say about the meeting was, "That was amazing!"
- At one seminar, seven people were baptized in the Holy Spirit and nearly all spoke in tongues. Later the Spirit came powerfully and touched the majority. One girl fell over, felt heat in her injured knee and all pain disappeared. We had not even prayed for healing!
- In Warrington, we spoke on finding unshakeable hope and felt to call all those under 25 forward to pray for them that they would carry the fire of hope to their generation. One teenaged girl confided in us that due to her dad being in a wheelchair, her Nan passing away weeks before and her sister being caught up in the Manchester bombing, leaving her deaf in one ear, that she had that very morning questioned whether God was in fact a good God. Our message emphatically stated that he was and she was moved that God would care enough to answer her so directly and so quickly.

We returned to New Zealand incredibly grateful for all that God had done and thankful for the prayers of friends and our home church, Church Unlimited, Auckland.

ITINERARY FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

August 4-6: Hills Church, Hillsborough, Auckland. "Father Heart of God" seminar plus Sunday meetings.

August 11-13: Church Unlimited, Whangarei. "School of the Supernatural" plus Sunday meetings.

August 18-19: Causeway Church, Mangawhai. "Call to Arms" seminar.

August 20: Connexion Church, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

August 23-25: Attend Manifest Presence conference, Auckland.

September 2: Charisma Ministries camp, Moir's Point Christian Centre, Mangawhai Heads

September 10: Hope Centre NZ, East Tamaki, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

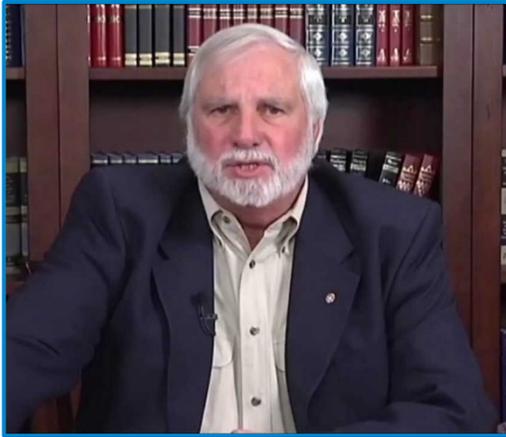
September 15-17: Life Church, Christchurch. School of the Supernatural plus Sunday meetings.

September 22-24: Christian Renewal Church, Whangarei. Seminar plus Sunday meetings.

PERSPECTIVES

Fire is falling. God is releasing fresh fire for prayer and mission across the nations. It was evident in the United Kingdom as church after church we visited was sensing a greater call to prayer and reaching the nation and nations with the gospel. The same is happening in New Zealand. Someone once said, *"When God wants to do a great work, he first sets his people praying."* There is more prayer happening now in the earth than at any other time in history. And prayer and mission go hand in glove.

In 1727, the Moravian Community of Herrnhut in Saxony commenced a round-the-clock or 24/7 “prayer watch” that continued nonstop for over a hundred years. By 1791, 64 years after the start of that prayer vigil, the Moravians had sent 300 missionaries to the ends of the earth. There is no doubt that there is a link between fervent intercession and world evangelization. We see this in the formation of the Christian church. When Jesus’s disciples met to pray unceasingly after his return to heaven, God responded by pouring out the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day, with tongues of fire resting on each of them. They became fiery proclaimers of the gospel and multitudes came into the Kingdom.



Recently, US prophet Rick Joyner wrote, *“At the present time we have some of the greatest prayer movements in history. When Mike Bickle started the International House of Prayer in Kansas City [in September, 1999], there were only a handful of places on earth with 24-hour intercession and worship. In the last two decades, the number of these places has grown to over 20,000. Now there are 24-hour prayer meetings in possibly every nation on earth, and in most nations, more than one.”* (Not only this, but there are other major gatherings of thousands and hundreds of thousands of Christians at prayer events in many nations.)

Joyner goes on to say, *“Most of the great prayer ministries that have been raised up started out dry and laborious. The faithful persevered...until now, there is such fire on these altars [of prayer and worship] that it is not hard to imagine the smoke from them filling the throne room of God. They are not only capturing the attention of the earth, but of heaven as well.”*

There has never been a time of prayer and intercession like the present. And it is releasing a fire for mission more than ever before. 35,000 people are coming to Christ in China every day. In Africa, it’s 33,000 every day. Millions of Muslims are coming to Christ around the world, many as Jesus appears to them in dreams and visions. Untold thousands are being saved in India and other nations. And now the fire is starting to burn in the western world. We pray, and God sends the fire, then the fire sustains more prayer and more mission.

It only takes 168 people praying for one hour a day to create a 24/7 prayer room. Any moderately sized church can do this. Smaller churches can combine with other churches in a location. Whether its 24/7 prayer or merely an increased fire for prayer and mission in our own lives, let’s help Jesus see one of his greatest prayers answered: *“Father, give me the nations for my inheritance.”* (See Psalm 2). May the fire fall on your life!

Blessings,

David and Greta



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