

NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

AUGUST 2016

Greta and I have recently returned from visiting 12 churches in the **United Kingdom**, plus 3 in **Singapore**. During the 14-week trip, we ministered in various seminars, Sunday meetings, and a number of leadership meetings. The UK included churches in Bude, London (Ilford and Ealing), Bristol, Derby, Coventry, Birmingham (two churches), Plymouth, Burntwood, St Helens, and Northampton. Some of the many wonderful highlights included:

SALVATION

More than 167 people made decisions to receive Jesus. In one church, a teenage girl profusely thanked her friend for bringing her to the meeting so that she could become a Christian!

HEALINGS

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

- The Lord healed a man with a **permanently painful knee**, damaged in a motorbike accident 20 years before. He later tested it out by climbing a steep hill effortlessly.
- After prayer, a woman was instantly healed from a **painful back injury** sustained seven years before, when she had fallen through some flooring.
- On the prayer line, a young woman fell over under the Spirit's power and was healed of **joint hypermobility syndrome**, a condition where joints move beyond the normal range of movement. Her symptoms included continual pain in most joints. She stood up pain free.
- We demonstrated healing on a young man who had suffered **lower back pain** for ten years. He could not even bend and touch his knees without pain. After we prayed twice for him, all the pain left and he bent down and touched his toes, much to the delight of the people.
- A woman with **facial nerve damage** on the right side of her face was healed- the numbness which she had experienced for years disappeared completely.
- Another woman had suffered from **diverticulitis** for more than 35 years. Each day she endured severe abdominal pain and frequent trips to the toilet. After prayer she felt different and the next day reported no pain and normal frequency for the first time in years.
- In one church, the Lord healed three people with **painful knee conditions**. Greta had had a word of knowledge about this and all three were healed. One of them was a lady who had had a knee replacement operation ten years before, with metal in her knees. It had not worked and she had suffered pain for all those years. She was facing an imminent operation to try and correct this. After prayer, the pain left and she knelt for the first time in a decade.



Plymouth Christian Centre

A pastor's wife in Plymouth explained that we had prayed for her six-year-old daughter the year before. The little girl had been suffering with **hearing loss** (due to repeated ear infections and holes in both eardrums). She had to sit at front of class to hear the teacher. That coming week she would be having hearing aids fitted. When the appointment came, the mother asked for retesting. Her hearing was completely normal, the aids were not needed, and she has been fine ever since last year.

Many other healings took place as the seminar attendees were taught how to pray for one another.

GOD-ENCOUNTERS

- More than 110 people sought prayer for the baptism in the Spirit during the seminars. As other attendees prayed for them, more than 80% of them were filled, and spoke in other tongues. Some fell to their knees praising God with tears.
- Many encountered the Holy Spirit powerfully in the seminars. In one church, a wave of laughter and refreshing touched many. Unusual signs, such as oil appearing on people's hands, occurred in other churches.
- In another church, as we explained about manifestations of the Holy Spirit, including falling over, Greta shared about a woman in London falling and being healed of broken ribs a few years ago. Later, as we prayed for the release of the Holy Spirit's power in the meeting, a woman went crashing through the chairs onto the floor as God touched her. She had swelling of the right ankle and lower leg and had been hobbling around for weeks unable to put weight on her foot. She got up completely healed - no pain, no swelling.
- In Birmingham, an Afghan man lay on the floor under God's power for over an hour. Clearly impacted by God, he later told us that he was once a Muslim named Muhammad but changed his name to David after becoming a Christian.
- One elderly lady fell under God's power and rested on the floor for a good twenty minutes. As she got up, she realised that the Lord had healed her two arthritic knees and her loss of balance. She was pain free and no longer needed her walking stick. We had not even prayed for healing!

This sign of people being unable to stand when God's power came upon them was strong throughout the trip. It is something that has been noted throughout church history, especially in times of revival, and is a position of humility and rest, where God can do deep things in a person. We teach that if people get up too quickly, all they will have is an **experience** of falling over. But if they stay down a while, they may have an **encounter** with God. Experiences seldom change us; encounters do.

Conversely, others received just as powerfully standing up. As we often say, *"You can have a bath lying down, or a shower standing up!"* We try not to seek for manifestations of power in the meetings. Rather, we want to pursue the presence of Jesus and stay focused on him. However, if in our pursuit of his presence, displays of power happen, we welcome them.

One of the highlights of the trip was speaking at a combined Elim churches meeting on the evening of Pentecost Sunday at Birmingham Christian Centre, a large Elim church in the city centre. 10 -12 Elim churches from across the city and area combined together for a time of celebration, testimony, preaching, and ministry. The Holy Spirit came powerfully at the end of the meeting. Many experienced God's fire (a literal heat in their bodies) and hundreds were prayed for. One recently converted Muslim girl told us that she had never experienced anything like it before.



Combined Elim Churches Meeting Birmingham

Another highlight was the valuable time spent with pastors and leaders, fellowshiping with them and inputting into their lives. We are extremely thankful to the Lord for all he has done on this trip and to the leadership and people of Church Unlimited, Auckland, our home church, many of whom prayed for us and contributed towards the airfares.

ITINERARY FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

August 5-7: Hillsborough Baptist Church, Auckland. "Call to Arms" seminar plus Sunday meetings.

August 9-10, 16-17: Eastgate Baptist Church, Howick, Auckland. Midweek "School of the Holy Spirit".

August 12-14: Elim Christian Centre, Blenheim. "Call to Arms" seminar plus Sunday meeting.

August 24-26: Attend Manifest Presence conference, Auckland.

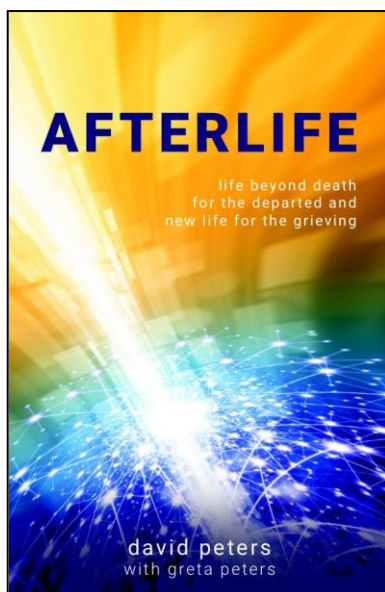
August 28: Hope Centre NZ, East Tamaki, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

September 9-11: Christian Renewal Church, Whangarei. "Call to Arms" seminar plus Sunday meetings.

September 16-18: Life Church, Christchurch. Seminar plus Sunday meetings.

September 23-25: Beach Christian Centre, Waihi Beach. "Call to Arms" seminar plus Sunday meeting.

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...Tak Bhana, Senior Pastor, Church Unlimited, NZ

Well, that's all the news for this time. Please pray for us as we minister around New Zealand in the next few months.

Blessings,

David and Greta



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