

NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

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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 gives some prophetic insights that may explain the growing turbulence in many nations.

During September and October, we ministered in the **United Kingdom**, the **United States**, **Australia**, and **New Zealand**.



Mike Pilavachi speaking at UK and Beyond

In the UK we spoke at the first ever **UK and Beyond conference**, held in Birmingham and sponsored by our home church, Church Unlimited, Auckland. Over 500 people attended the prayer and mission-themed conference which was significant for a first time event. It was a privilege to be part of the speaking team alongside Pastor Tak Bhana, Canon J John and Rev Mike Pilavachi. Feedback from attendees was positive and this conference will run again next year as we seek to, along with many others, see God move in the United Kingdom. We also visited two Elim Pentecostal churches - one in **Eastbourne** and one in **St Helens**.

After the UK, we flew to the USA. Here we ministered at **Central Coast Equippers Church, Arroyo Grande**, three to four hours' drive north of Los Angeles. After praying fervently and unceasingly for the United States these past three years, it was very moving to be finally in the land. We found our American hosts to be extremely warm, hospitable and welcoming. They were surprised that people from another nation would so deeply love their country, pray for it, and be aware of what is happening nationally. We will return next year for a longer period of ministry as the Lord opens this new door further.

Other churches that we ministered in during September and October included:

Good News Church, Maungaturoto, NZ – a wonderfully alive and thriving congregation in this small Northland town.

Praise Centre, Melbourne, Australia - our first ever visit to this Indonesian church who were very hospitable and receptive to our ministry.

Life Church, Christchurch, NZ - we have journeyed with this significant southern church for the past nine years, helping to bring prophetic direction, running equipping seminars, and ministering to the leadership team. It is a privilege in prophetic ministry to come alongside churches and leaders and help strengthen them in what God has called them to do. Life Church has engineered one of the best successions from founding pastors Paul and Jill Bennetts to new leaders Carl and Angela Crocker, that we have seen anywhere in the world. It is a model to other churches facing leadership succession.



Speaking at Life Church

HEALING TESTIMONY

"I suffered with severe back pain for twenty years and it became worse due to working in childcare. I had been recommended for surgery to fix it with titanium rods. I was told that there would be a 6 to 8 months' recovery, the side effects of surgery could lead to paralysis, and that the surgeon was not sure whether there would be recovery or not. I was very stressed and disheartened.

One Sunday when David and Greta came to preach, they asked those with back pain, arthritis or bone problems to stand and put their hands on their bodies. My daughters and I looked at each other and thought that was for me. The girls put their hands on my back. After the prayer was over David said, "*You may not see the change immediately but slowly bone will be replaced and new bone will come and pain will go.*"

After two weeks I noticed that I could sleep well and turn in bed without support. I could feel a big change in my walking and felt a miracle had taken place in my back. I could stand straight. I cancelled the appointment for a steroid injection and stopped visiting the physiotherapist. Praise God for such a huge healing in my back. One day I prayed for my office lady who was suffering with the same pain. I told everyone about my healing and my office lady was healed. God is so good."

...woman at Church Unlimited West, Auckland

ITINERARY FOR NOVEMBER-JANUARY

November 4: Church Unlimited City, morning; Church Unlimited West, evening.

November 10-11: Renew Church, Whangarei. Business breakfast, Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

November 16-18: Church Unlimited, Kaitaia. Call to Arms seminar plus Sunday.

November 22: Equippers Church Auckland. National pastors' and business leaders' meeting.

November 23-25: Richmond Baptist Church, Nelson. Releasing Spiritual Gifts seminar plus Sunday.

December 2: Beach Christian Centre, Waihi: Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

December 8-9: Catch the Fire church, Auckland. Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

December 16: To be confirmed.

January 20: To be confirmed.

January 27: Church Unlimited, City and West. Sunday meetings.

PERSPECTIVES

By Greta Peters



Almost a year ago, the Holy Spirit highlighted Malachi 3:18 to me: "***And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.***" There have been days of distinction before in human history and I sensed the Lord say that we are coming into **days of distinction** again on a grand scale. As Jesus' return draws closer, the discernible difference between the righteous and the wicked will become more visible, more distinctive.

The preceding verses (16 & 17) expand on who the righteous are: *“Then those who **feared the Lord** talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who **feared the Lord and honoured his name**. ‘On the day when I act,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him.’”*

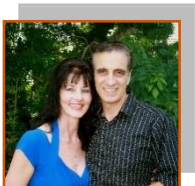
The distinctive difference between the righteous and the wicked is that the former fear the Lord while the latter do not. In other words, the righteous revere and honour him, and thus delight to say and do what is right. We know that Satan, the god of this world is the great deceiver, and unsaved people caught up among the wicked are blinded (see 2 Corinthians 4:4). However, our God of grace is on a rescue mission to open blind eyes to truth and set them free, and we are called to partner with him!

The current spiritual warfare (as seen, for example, in the bitter ideological civil war affecting the United States at present, and other nations as well) will continue to be intense, and ongoing intercession for God’s plans, unity, and peace in the nations is vital. He is calling an **international army of prayer warriors** to rise up and pray as never before.



Not only must the global church pray fervently in these **days of distinction**, God is also calling us to **arise and shine** in these Isaiah 60 days where *“darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the glory of the Lord rises upon you...”* God is calling us to be carriers of his manifest glory in these times in a variety of practical ways. We should also exercise rational calm and kindness in the face of blind rage and falsehood in all its forms, and stand our ground of truth firmly with love. **We are called to be a distinctive righteous people who uncompromisingly fear the Lord and love a lost world that he died for.** Such a people will be his treasured possession in these last days.

Blessings,



David and Greta

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