

# NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

## FEBRUARY 2019

*We hope that you will take a few minutes to read what has been happening in our ministry recently and be blessed. The Perspectives section also includes an encouraging prophetic message for 2019.*

During December and January, we ministered in five churches and also took a good break over summer:



- **Freedom Church, Waihi Beach** – a welcoming church ministering so well to this coastal town. Pastors Ryan and Emma Pollard are an amazing young couple pursuing God for their community.
- **Catch the Fire church, North Shore, Auckland** – a vibrant, growing church championing God’s presence and power. Our friends Stuart and Lynley Allan lead CTF, part of a global network of churches emanating from Toronto, Canada under the leadership of John and Carol Arnott, leaders of the Toronto revival.
- **Church Unlimited, Rotorua** – a blessed visit with the highlight being spending time with pastors Matt and Ailicia Gould.
- **Eastgate Christian Centre, Howick, Auckland** – a large charismatic Baptist church doing a great job reaching its community. Many were encouraged by the words that we spoke. Twelve people made decisions to follow Christ.
- **Church Unlimited, City & West campuses, Auckland** – over the four Sunday services we taught on the call to arms the Holy Spirit is issuing globally and the spiritual authority and weaponry he has given us. The Lord healed numbers in the evening service.

Another highlight was around 4500 people from churches across Auckland gathering to pray for our city and nation on Friday, January 25 - this despite it being a holiday weekend and there being a Christian music festival on. There is mounting recognition that church growth is not enough, we can’t change a city with our best efforts, and that we need God to transform the spiritual atmosphere of our land. Unity and prayer, together with anointed mission, are the keys to seeing cities and nations turn around. This was a very powerful night.

## ITINERARY FOR FEBRUARY - MARCH

**February 3:** Hillside Baptist Church, St Johns, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

**February 10:** Grace International Church, Glen Eden, Auckland. Sunday plus leaders’ meetings.

**February 17:** Elim Christian Centre, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty. Sunday meetings.

**February 22-24:** Elim Church, Alexandra, Otago. Leaders’ plus Sunday meetings, ministry breakfast.

**February 27:** St Paul’s Anglican Church, Auckland. Encounter evening.

**March 2-3:** Gold Coast Chapel, Broadbeach, Australia: Leaders’ plus Sunday meetings.

**March 9-10:** Hopepointe Church, Caboolture, Australia. Releasing Spiritual Gifts seminar, leaders’ plus Sunday meeting.

**March 15-17:** Frontline Church, Kerikeri, Northland. Afterlife Seminar plus Sunday meetings.

**March 24:** Living Faith Church, Orewa, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

# PERSPECTIVES

**Two days before Christmas 2018**, Greta and I were attending our home church, Church Unlimited, Auckland, NZ. During the worship time, we began to sing the song *Way Maker*\*. God's presence invaded the meeting as we declared the following words about the Lord:

*“Way maker  
Miracle worker  
Promise keeper  
Light in the darkness  
My God  
That is who you are.”*

(\* Song by Nigerian singer and worship leader Osinachi Joseph, popularly known as Sinach.)

Many sensed that God was breathing on these words bringing them alive to us. Then the Holy Spirit quietly spoke to me: **“You are singing the theme song for 2019.”** This was so clear and I believe that it applies to the wider church, not just our local one. In 2019, God will make ways where there have been no ways. As with the crossing of the Red Sea and the River Jordan, he will make ways not dreamed of, not anticipated, not planned. Invisible pathways will become visible.



**Consider the Red Sea crossing.** Israel had just escaped slavery in Egypt. Camped in a valley with mountains and desert either side, an Egyptian army bent on destroying them behind, and an impenetrable sea in front, they were in trouble. There was no way through humanly speaking. Yet God had a way: he told Moses to stretch out his rod (which symbolizes authoritative prayer) towards the sea. (See Exodus 14) The waters did not part immediately. Instead, God sent a very strong wind that blew all night and caused the waters to divide so that they formed a dry channel to pass through. God made a way that no human eye could see. But it took all night. Often we can be stuck in a long night of adversity with no seeming way of escape. But if we will stretch out our rod and keep declaring that he is the way maker and miracle worker, the waters will part.



**Dried Up River Jordan**

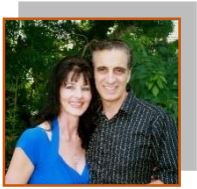
**And what about the River Jordan crossing forty years later?** This was not a duplicate of the earlier crossing. In order to grow our faith, the Lord doesn't often work miracles the same way. The Jordan was in flood, overflowing its banks and fast flowing. It was a threatening obstacle to the Israelites entrance into the Promised Land. The devil will always create intimidating obstacles as we seek to see destiny, prophecy and God's promises fulfilled for us, our families, and our nations. As the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant stepped into the edge of the water, God cut off the flow at a town called Adam, some thirty kilometers upstream (see Joshua 3). This all happened out of sight of the Israelites. Now the flow rate of the Jordan normally is about 18 meters per second or 65 km per hour. In flood it would be faster – maybe 80 km per hour. Even

at that speed it would take over 20 minutes for the last of the water from Adam to flow past them and dry ground to appear.

**The moment they stepped into the river, the miracle happened upstream, out of sight.** But it took time to reach them. Miracles aren't always instant. And that should not weaken our faith. The moment you obey God, and step out in faith, a miracle happens in the unseen spiritual realm upstream and it starts to flow toward you. He makes a way where there is no way. **He moves mountains that have been immovable. He makes roads in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. He opens doors that no one will shut. He makes the impossible possible. He saves the hopelessly lost. He heals the desperately sick.** We need to recall what he has done in the past and believe that he will do it again.

2019 will require elevated faith levels. We must not let past disappointments reduce our faith level. Believe again. Trust again. Pray again. Declare again. Stay in faith. Have bold faith. Nations will turn. People will fall to their knees. There will be breakthroughs in strongholds of the enemy. God is raising up an emboldened people who dare to believe that, as in times of old, he is still the way-maker and miracle worker, the God who keeps his promises and the one who will shine into every dark season we and the world walk through.

Blessings,



*David and Greta*

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