

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 has an exposé of the climate change movement that we urgently need to hear.

The last two months have seen us visiting some wonderful churches in New Zealand and overseas. We had a blessed time ministering at our home church, **Church Unlimited, Auckland**, bringing a prophetic word for 2019 and also teaching on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was moving to see the front of the church packed with people seeking to be filled, with the majority being so and released in the gift of tongues. One young man, a relatively new believer, received oil on his hands, a wonderful sign from God of being filled with his Spirit.



We also had the privilege of speaking at **Equippers Church, Auckland** and **Causeway Church, Mangawhai**, two significant churches making a difference in NZ. Then it was off to the United Kingdom to speak at the **UK and Beyond conference in Birmingham**, sponsored by Church Unlimited. This was a very potent conference and the highlight was Friday night when all those aged 11-30 were prayed for, as we believe God is breathing on the next generation. We have no doubt that God is positioning the UK for revival and spiritual awakening, but it will take prayer. As well as our senior leader Tak Bhana, the speaking team consisted of ourselves, **Joel Holme, Pathfinders Ministry, USA**, and **James Aladarin, Prayer Storm Ministries, UK**, and it was good to spend time with them. Next year's conference will be in Coventry, September 10-12.

Additionally, we spoke at two Elim churches either side of conference: **Ealing, London** and **Cheltenham**. At Ealing, a number of people made decisions to follow Christ, including a man who had walked in off the street with some of his drug addict friends on the Friday previously when the music team were having a practice. He came on Sunday and gave his life to the Lord.

Finally, we flew home via **Los Angeles** where we felt an assignment to pray for the USA. Some powerful times of fervent prayer ensued over the five days we were there. We also enjoyed having time with Pastor Alan Scott, the new pastor of **Anaheim Vineyard**, the late John Wimber's church. John Wimber hugely impacted both of us in the formative years of our Christian walk. Under Alan's and his wife Kathryn's leadership the church is experiencing resurgence and growth. We thank the Lord for all the amazing doors he keeps opening and the people he allows us to meet.

ITINERARY FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October 6: Church Unlimited Kaitaia, Northland. Sunday meeting.

October 13: St Paul's Anglican Church, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

October 20: Eastgate Christian Centre, Howick, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

October 23: Eastgate Christian Centre, Howick, Auckland. Mid-week meeting.

October 27: Church Unlimited Auckland City (morning) & Church Unlimited West (evening).

November 1-3: Life Church, Riccarton, Christchurch: Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

November 9-10: Living Well Church, Rotorua. Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

November 17: Elim Church, Coromandel. Sunday meeting.

November 24-25: Grace Vineyard Church, Christchurch. Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

FREE TEACHING SERIES ON PROPHECY

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PERSPECTIVES



Climate Change. It's hot news these days (excuse the pun). Young people are especially energised to try and halt it as evidenced by the recent massed marches around the globe and media promotion of young spokespersons. That the earth's climate is changing is not in doubt. But the cause is open to debate. Some scientists say it is due to human activity and have a loud megaphone of media support; other scientists say it is the earth passing through one of its many cycles and human contribution is minor. However we view it, Christians should be the best stewards of the environment on planet earth, tending God's creation with care. When God created

Adam and Eve, he placed them in a paradise-like garden and told them to tend and care for it. That mandate has not changed.

However, **something more deceptive is at work in the current environmental movement** and believers ought to be aware – the movement is fast becoming a religion. It has a god to be worshipped– planet earth – and prophets who sound doomsday warnings as well as threats of judgment if we don't repent. A growing list of commandments of what people should and shouldn't do are used to shame those who disobey. This new environmental religion touts itself as the savior of humankind and planet earth. And any disagreement with its tenets attracts the label of 'climate change denier'.

The earth is definitely in trouble. Yet **few consider that there may be a spiritual connection to those troubles.** Long ago, the prophet Isaiah declared, *"The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls—never to rise again."* (Isaiah 24:20). King Solomon understood this connection between the sin of a nation and climatic conditions: *"When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you...when famine or plague comes to the land, or blight or mildew...when a prayer or plea is made by anyone among your people ...then hear from heaven."* (2 Chronicles 6: 26,28,29)

When a nation abandons God, as many nations have, there are consequences. And when a nation turns again to God,

there is transformation. The **town of Almolonga** in Guatemala is proof of this principle. Before being visited by God's revival power that saved nearly the whole town of 18,000 people, it was a place full of fear, demons, poverty, idolatry, and drunkenness. Now crime has dropped to almost zero, families have been healed, bars closed, and prisons emptied. But the most fascinating change has been economic renewal. Before revival, the soil was very infertile. Now the crops grown there are incredibly larger in size than those grown in the surrounding villages. A US agriculturalist visited the location to study this and concluded that God had uniquely blessed the farmers of Almolonga and their crops. Today, the people are selling vegetables to all Guatemala, and exporting them to other nations.



Giant Carrots in Almolonga

If we ignore this spiritual connection, we will never see climate improvement. Not only that, the **millions of young people being caught up in the environmental movement risk being deceived by Satan with a false cause.** Don't believe it? Listen to what Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio said in a recent speech, *"We know that the climate youth movement is more important and crucial than at any time in human history."* DiCaprio concluded his speech by mocking climate change deniers for living in an "alternate reality."

DiCaprio is half right. There IS a coming youth movement that will be more important and crucial than at any other time in

history. But it's not the climate change movement. Rather, we are going to see a phenomenal outpouring of God's Spirit on children and young people globally in these next few decades. They are going to become the greatest army of on-fire harvest workers the world has ever seen. The under 30's generation will be mightily used by God to bring multitudes into the Kingdom of God and turn nations around. Whenever God is about to move, Satan will try and abort that move with a counterfeit.

Let's have our eyes open, and pray fervently for this spiritual youth movement to arise and for true salvation to come to this planet. And who knows what physical blessings will come to the earth if nations turn again to God?

Blessings,

David and Greta



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