

# NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

## AUGUST 2018

Greta and I have recently returned from a three-month trip visiting thirteen churches in the **United Kingdom** and one in **Singapore**. We visited churches in **England** (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lincoln, Coventry, Northampton, Hereford, London and Derby), **Scotland** (Dundee and Glasgow) and **Wales** (Swansea, Llanelli, and Cardiff).

We spoke at Sunday meetings, ran four Schools of the Supernatural, and conducted eight meetings where we ministered prophetically to leadership teams. Ministering to leaders has become a growing element of our ministry in the past few years. Some of the many other highlights included:

### SALVATION

Over 120 people made decisions to receive the Lord, some for the first time and some returning to God.

- In one church, a **young woman** handed us a letter, part of which said: *"You'll never know how much your visits have meant to me. The day I first met you both was the day I met Jesus too (she gave her life to Christ on one of our previous visits). You have been so honest about the struggles in your walk with God. Your story really touched my heart and I was left with no other choice than to run into the Father's waiting arms."*
- In London, we spoke at two morning services and an evening service. **Thirty-five people** made decisions for Christ over the day, and this was somewhat surprising as the messages were not really gospel oriented, except for a few minutes at the end. We put this response down to the fact that prayer permeates every part of this church and hence it is easy to see people saved.
- The Holy Spirit touched a number of **drug addicts** or recovering drug addicts on this trip. In one meeting, nineteen people received the Lord. One man, clean shaven, well dressed, and weeping, received a prophetic word that he had been through hell, had nearly lost his life, and now God would use him to tell others about Jesus. A leader told us that she had met him a week before, homeless, and unkempt, lying on the floor at a doctor's surgery, drugged and spaced out. She got him into Teen Challenge who brought him to church where he made a public commitment to follow Christ. He looked utterly transformed.

### HEALINGS



Praying for the sick in Selly Oak

- In one church, the Holy Spirit revealed through a word of knowledge, that a woman had a **painful right knee**. Turns out, she had had it for many years and on inquiring, we discovered that joint problems run in the family line. We broke off an hereditary spirit of infirmity and then prayed for healing. Nothing happened, so we prayed again, this time releasing the anointing of the Spirit. We 'saw' something like oil being poured into her knee joint. She then reported complete freedom from pain and was very thankful to the Lord.
- A woman, who had **lost the feeling below her knees** after two knee transplants, reported the return of full feeling in her legs after ten years of numbness, which is a miracle.

- Someone demonstrated how they could now open and close their **previously arthritic hands** after receiving prayer the year before.

These and other healings took place mostly as people were taught how to pray for one another.

## GOD-ENCOUNTERS

- Many encountered the **fire of God** in the meetings. This was a theme for the whole trip. We especially asked the Lord to impart a greater fire for him, for prayer, and for mission. People really hungered for this.
- In one church, we spoke on the global call to greater intimacy with Jesus that the Holy Spirit is issuing right now. The **glory of God's presence** fell and we worshipped for a long time and people were mightily touched. The meeting went for over 2 1/2 hours but it seemed like minutes.
- In another church, a young girl of around 11-12 years of age wept as she literally **felt fire on her head** and was alarmed at what was happening to her. Greta explained about tongues of fire resting on people's heads on Pentecost Day and prayed for her. We are sure she will never forget that night.
- In Cardiff and London leaders' meetings, we again spoke on the spiritual fire that the Lord is releasing. At the end of the meetings, God imparted a spirit of prayer with manifestations of groaning (an intense form of petition -see Romans 8:26) and prophetic intercession.

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

## ITINERARY FOR AUGUST-OCTOBER

**August 4-5: Waitara Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth.** Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

**August 12: Equippers Church, Auckland and Manukau.** Sunday meetings.

**August 18-19: Church Unlimited, Whangarei.** Combined churches youth School of the Supernatural plus Sunday.

**August 22-24:** Attend Manifest Presence conference, Auckland.

**August 26: Connexion Church, Auckland.** Sunday meeting.

**September 5 – October 8:** Travelling in Britain and the United States.

**October 14: Congregational Church, Maungataroto, Northland.** Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

**October 20-22: Praise Centre, Melbourne, Australia.** Seminar, Leaders' and Sunday meetings.

**October 26-28: Life Church, Christchurch.** Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

## PERSPECTIVES

**Prayer is never wasted.** Something occurred on our recent UK trip that highlighted this fact. My first wife Jane suffered for more than thirty years with **multiple sclerosis**, a disease where the immune system attacks nerve cells rendering them incapable of passing signals from the brain. Jane had the worst type of MS and it confined her to a wheelchair for over twenty-one years. During those years, we prayed fervently for a miracle. However, it was not to be, and she went home to be with the Lord more than ten years ago. I share the full story in my book *Afterlife*, available from our website.

**At the time of her death**, I said, *"Lord, I don't understand this and am disappointed, but I trust you – that you are good and what you do is good. One day you will explain this to me and I am content to live with this mystery until then."*

Gradually, God healed me of the grief of her loss, and brought Greta - herself widowed two months after Jane died - into my life. As we began our itinerant ministry together, the passion to see people healed began to find expression in the Schools of the Supernatural that we ran in many churches. Here we would teach on God's healing power and equip people to minister to the sick successfully. As more and more people reported healing, **I prayed that the Lord would not waste all the years that we prayed for healing of MS and that he would heal others with that disease.**



**Healed of multiple sclerosis**

This year in Birmingham, we met Monica, an African woman whom the Lord has healed from multiple sclerosis. She had had many symptoms: incoordination, slow cognitive function, pain, fatigue, difficulty walking and was headed for a wheelchair. At a School of the Supernatural two years ago, where we taught how to minister healing, someone prayed for her. She noticed she was walking better as she returned to her seat and by the next day all the symptoms had disappeared, except the fatigue.

As she kept praising the Lord for her healing, that disappeared too. **When she met us, she had been symptom free for two years.** Neither she, nor we, know who prayed for her, and I wonder if that doesn't demonstrate how God will use a nameless, faceless army in the coming days to do great works for him. The person who prayed for her may not even know that God healed her. We may not know the outcome of some things we do for the Lord until eternity, when God will bring to light every hidden thing.

A key here is that Monica had faith to ask for prayer. So often, we **put up** with circumstances and live with them. It's when we become **fed up** with them and pursue breakthrough that things change.

If decades of praying for healing for Jane somehow contributed to Monica's healing (and we have heard of another woman healed of MS in a UK church where we ministered) then God wastes nothing. So take heart today. **Keep praying for your breakthrough.** And if perchance you haven't seen the answers to your prayers the way you wanted to, ask that the Lord will answer those prayers the way he wants to.

Blessings,

*David and Greta*



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