

# NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

## FEBRUARY 2020

*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 contains amazing prophecies from the past that speak to our time.*

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

- **Freedom Church, Waihi** – a lively church ministering so well to this coastal town. We also spent time over lunch sharing with and praying for eighteen of the key leaders.
- **New Day Church, Orewa** – a new plant by our friends Russell and Julie Ballantyne. Amazing sense of God's presence. We both brought a prophetic word for the church and many were ministered to.
- **Home church, Golflands, Auckland** – part of the house church movement in NZ. It was a joy to share with the people, prophesy over them, and enjoy a wonderful meal with them all. Reminded us of how the New Testament church would have functioned.
- **Eastgate Christian Centre, Howick, Auckland** – a large charismatic Baptist church being a shining light in East Auckland. Prophetic teaching on the 2020's led many to stand in faith to believe God for supernatural open doors and miracle breakthroughs in this coming year and decade.
- **Church Unlimited, City & West campuses, Auckland** – it is always a joy to minister in our home church. The evening service was particularly blessed when we asked all those under 35 to stand and over two-thirds of the church stood and came forward. The leaders and the congregation then prayed over them as God is marking out many of the next generation to be key influencers in society in these next two decades. A very blessed day.

## ITINERARY FOR FEBRUARY - MARCH

**February 2:** Hillside Baptist Church, St Johns, Auckland. Sunday plus leaders' meetings.

**February 9:** Morning: Connexion Church, Flat Bush, Auckland.

**February 9:** Evening: Grace International Church, Glen Eden, Auckland.

**February 11:** Grace International Church, Glen Eden, Auckland. Leaders' meeting.

**February 15-16:** Good News Church, Maungaturoto, Northland. Releasing Spiritual Gifts seminar plus leaders' and Sunday meetings.

**February 22-23:** Grace Vineyard Church, Christchurch. Empowered for Greater Works seminar plus Sunday meetings.

**March 1-2:** Elim Church, Alexandra, Otago. Sunday meetings plus prophetic training night.

**March 7-8:** Renew Church, Whangarei, Northland: Good Health for Life seminar plus Sunday meetings.

**March 14-15:** Frontline Church, Kerikeri, Northland. Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

**March 22:** River Church, Howick, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

**March 24-26:** NZ and Beyond Conference, Auckland. Moving in the Supernatural elective.

**March 29:** River Church, Pukekohe, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

## PERSPECTIVES



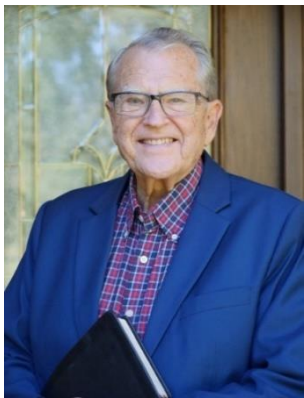
**A new decade.** A decade that will see great turbulence in the nations, but also significant advancement of God's kingdom. Numbers of prophetic voices around the world are predicting that the 2020's and the 2030's could see **an unprecedented spiritual awakening** in many nations and multitudes coming into the kingdom of God. Is there any evidence of this in prophecies from past spiritual leaders? In fact, there is. In her book *I Love Prayer*, our friend Rachel Hickson, who leads Heartcry for Change ministries in the United Kingdom, lists a number:

**Hudson Taylor, missionary statesman, 1855** – *"I have seen a vision. I saw in this vision a Great War that encompasses the world. I saw this war recede and then start again, actually being two wars. After this I saw much unrest and revolts that will affect many nations. I saw in some places spiritual awakenings. In Russia, I saw there will come a general all-encompassing national spiritual awakening that will spread to many European countries. Then I saw a global awakening, followed by the coming of Christ."*

The first half of this prophecy has been fulfilled remarkably, so we await the completion of the last and greatest part of the prophecy.

**Smith Wigglesworth, English evangelist, 1947** – *"There will be a coming together of [churches and movements] with an emphasis on the Word and those with an emphasis on the Spirit. When the Word and the Spirit come together, there will be the biggest movement of the Holy Spirit that the nation (United Kingdom), indeed the world has ever seen. It will mark the beginning of a revival that will eclipse anything that has been witnessed within these shores, even the Wesleyan and the Welsh revivals of former years. The outpouring of God's Spirit will flow over from the United Kingdom to the mainland of Europe and from there will begin a missionary move to the ends of the earth."*

Could it be that God plans a pincer movement on Europe with a move coming out of the east in Russia, and one from the west in the UK? One thing is for sure, he has not forgotten Europe. Though now largely secular, it gave the world the great missions movements of the past and the reformation of faith. Its bread will return upon the waters one day (Ecclesiastes 11:1).



Contemporary writer and teacher **R T Kendall**, in his book *Word and Spirit*, writes, *"We become salt and light when we **uphold the Scriptures** and **manifest the power of God** with equal force. The last thing we want is for those two to become separated, and yet they have been. This is about a divorce between the Word and the Spirit. I believe God hates this type of divorce as much as He hates the divorce of a husband and wife... An unprecedented awakening will come when the Scriptures and the power of God come together. When these two—the Word and the power of the Spirit—are brought back together, a remarriage will occur."*

But this prophesied great move will also attract opposition, which has been true all through history.

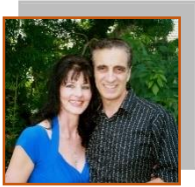
**Jean Darnall, prophet and evangelist, 2000** – *“The persecution of Christians will intensify all through the twenty-first century. The scope of persecution will be increased to the world-wide church...the instruction that came to me was, 'Prepare the people for persecution'. There will be enemies within and without the church. Radical Islam and a secular society will target Christianity as 'the enemy' and attack with a vicious hatred. Persecution will purify many believers to live for God and cause them to seek the Spirit's power. It will also force them, because of the attacks upon their institutions, to move their witness to their workplaces - thus spread their message and ministry. Tumultuous, troubled times will shock and stir up believers. Some will fall away in fear but others will stand taller than they have ever done before. Boldness will increase as the persecution increases all through the century.”*



Sobering words but we are already seeing the beginning of this. Something wonderful is afoot. The devil senses it and is trying to abort it. We believe that the 2020's will be a difficult decade of shaking in the world, but in the midst of it all, great spiritual awakening will come. Of course, as US prayer leader Lou Engle has said, **“Every prophecy is an invitation to intercession.”** Though God has spoken it, its fulfilment depends on the church praying it into being.

**God is releasing four fires into the earth at present:** the fire of prayer, the fire of mission, the fire of love for his word, and the fire of hunger for him and his presence and power. Let's ensure as we enter the 2020's that we catch the fire (passion, purity, power) that is coming from heaven. The Salvation Army of old's continual cry was, “Send the fire!” and they changed the world. For the sake of this current world, let our cry be the same.

Blessings,



*David and Greta*

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