



*"Wherever this water flows, everything will live." Ezekiel 47:9*

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

*"A year ago you preached here and gave an invitation for people to receive Christ. My daughter responded. A P-addict for two years, she was in a terrible state during the meeting. She went forward and prayed to receive Jesus. That night a miracle took place. She has never touched another drug since and is now walking with the Lord; her life is transformed."*



We heard this story from a relieved mother at our home church, Church Unlimited, West Auckland. It reminded Greta and me of the powerful truth: *"If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17) That same day one of the church pastors told us that his mother – a practising Muslim – had given her life to Jesus two years before when we had ministered, and had been subsequently baptised. Though many in her Muslim

community cut her off, she followed the Lord. A few months ago she passed away and is now rejoicing in heaven.

Stories of God working like this thrill us. Last year we saw over 200 people come to Christ, many hundreds equipped in seminars, and scores of people healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. There was more ministry to leaders and leadership teams as well. We are very conscious of the fact that, *"One sows, another waters, but it is God who gives the increase."* (1 Corinthians 3:6)

Here are a couple of other January highlights:

**Healing and Breakthrough Service, Church Unlimited.** This was a powerful night where numbers were healed and breakthroughs prayed for. One woman writes, *"Tonight I received prayer for God to restore the cartilage in my knees and I was able to do a full*

*squat without pain and enjoy greatly increased mobility. These are things I have not been able to do for over a year."*

**Spirit Sound Conference, Lower Hutt.** A conference for the Polynesian community, Spirit Sound had an emphasis on hearing the voice of the Spirit and walking with him. A major theme was that Holy Spirit power is given to take the gospel to the world. The Lord gave a very strong call to be missional. We had the privilege of speaking at three of the six conference sessions, along with Lui Ponifasio and Solomona Chand.



From L to R: Solomona & Sola Chand, Greta & David, Anni & Lui Ponifasio

This year, we feel stirred to believe God for more healings and miracles, more Holy Spirit power to touch and bless people and above all, many more people to come to Christ. The harvest is ripening and the world desperately needs Jesus.

## ITINERARY FOR FEBRUARY - MARCH

**February 5-7: Elim Church, Coromandel.** Call to Arms seminar plus Sunday.

**February 11: Northland Pastors' Meeting, Moerewa.**

**February 12: Revival Church, Kaiwaka, Northland.** Outreach and encounter night.

**February 13-14: Church Unlimited, Whangarei, Northland.** Leaders' meeting plus Sunday.

**February 19-21: Causeway Church, Mangawhai, Northland.** School of the Supernatural plus Sunday.

**February 26-28: Central Baptist Church, New Plymouth.** Call to Arms seminar plus Sunday.

**March 4-6: Frontline Church, Kerikeri, Northland.** Call to Arms seminar plus Sunday.

**March 8-10: Zeal Bible School, Hope Centre, Auckland**

**March 11-12: Hope Centre, Auckland.** Call to Arms seminar.

**March 13: The Connexion, Auckland.** Sunday meeting.

**March 20: The Upper Room, Auckland.** Sunday meeting.

## NEW WEBSITE

The SpiritLife Ministries' website has been rebuilt and has a fresh, new look. It is simpler to navigate around, and the new shop will make it easier to obtain some of the great resources available. It is also now more compatible with smart phones and tablets. Thanks to Rob Packer at Deepriver Designs for his work on this. Check it out at:

[www.spiritlife.org.nz](http://www.spiritlife.org.nz)

## PERSPECTIVE



We will need persistence in 2016. In 2 Kings 13:15-19, we read the story of the king of Israel visiting a terminally ill prophet Elisha: *"Elisha said, 'Get a bow and some arrows,' and he did so. 'Take the bow in your hands,' he said to the king of Israel. When he had taken it, Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. 'Open the east window,' he said, and he opened it. 'Shoot!' Elisha said, and he shot.*

*"The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram!" Elisha declared. "You will completely destroy the Arameans at Aphek." Then he said, "Take the arrows," and the king took them. Elisha told him, "Strike the ground." He struck it three times and stopped. The man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times."*

In this unusual story, the prophet asked the king to engage in a prophetic action. Due to his logic protesting that it was foolish, the King stopped short. The striking of the arrows speaks of persistent prayer, spiritual warfare, and praise and worship. **Breakthroughs require a fighting spirit.** God is awakening Christians throughout the earth to be vigilant and persistent in striking our arrows. The times are challenging and enemies of discouragement, sickness, lack, sin, and fearful global conditions will try to oppress many this year. But, we can be assured of victory if we keep striking the arrows through regular prayer and praise, never giving up. God will give us complete victory over all our enemies.

Often we settle for partial breakthrough or give up too soon. However, there can be more. The key is persistence even when it feels strange or our logic fights us. And there is one area that we need to be especially persistent in: the salvation of family, friends, and other people in our lives. Time is short, hell is real, and God wants all to be saved.

Victorian philanthropist and evangelist George Müller became concerned one day for five of his non-believing friends. So he began to pray for them. After some months, one of them came to the Lord. Ten years later, two others were converted. It took twenty-five years before the fourth man was saved. Müller persevered in prayer another twenty-seven years for the fifth friend, and throughout those five decades never gave up hope that he would accept Christ. Then Müller died. God rewarded his faith however, for soon after the funeral the last friend surrendered his life to Christ.



George Muller

Here is the point: there are some people in your life who may come to Christ quickly. Others may take years or even decades. And some you may not see saved in your lifetime, but you will see it from heaven. Never give up. Never stop loving, never stop believing, and never stop praying. Prayer alone may not save someone – they also need to hear the message of the gospel. However, prayer can be a powerful catalyst to open their hearts to receive Christ.

In 2016, pick up the fallen arrows, and begin to strike with them and do not cease. *"Ask, and keep asking and it will be given to you. Seek and keep seeking, and you will find. Knock and keep knocking and the door will be opened."* (Matthew 7:7-8)

*David and Greta*



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