MINISTRY REPORT FROM DAVID AND GRETA **DECEMBER 2017**

Thirteen men and women stood at the front of the church to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Having just trained those present how to minister this, we then asked others to come forward and pray. All thirteen were filled with the Spirit and almost everyone spoke in tongues (a supernatural prayer language mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11). Thus began the opening session of the School of the Supernatural in Kaitaia, Northland, organized by Church Unlimited, hosted by Kaitaia Christian Fellowship, and attended by folk from a number of churches.



Testimonies of healings in Kaitaia

The next day, as we taught attendees how to pray for the sick, many were healed from sore backs, knees, and shoulders, as well as arthritis (one woman could not close her hands but after prayer could freely do so). Two people with hernias claimed to be symptom free. One woman with severe upper back and shoulder pain (due to damaged discs in her upper vertebrae so that bone was touching bone), reported healing after three years of constant and debilitating pain (she could not sit, lie, or walk without pain). Someone else was healed from the residual symptoms of Bell's Palsy.

This was our tenth trip to Northland this year – God is doing something special in this part of New Zealand at present. Other

highlights from the **past two months** have included:

- Ministering in churches in Sydney, Melbourne, and the Gold Coast, Australia.
- Our first ever visit to Maungaturoto, Northland to the Congregational church, led by Paul & Natalie Chambers, a fine young couple trained at Bethel School of the Supernatural, in Redding California. Watch that space!
- Our first visit to Grace International Church (leaders' meeting and Sunday) and Hillside Baptist Church (leaders' meeting) in Auckland.
- Speaking at our home church, Church Unlimited, Auckland and a return visit to Abundant Life Centre, Wellington.

A pleasing development has been the increasing number of leadership meetings conducted in churches where, after seeking the Lord independently, Greta and I bring a prophetic word for the church and then prophesy over each of the leaders. We have watched the Lord bring great encouragement and direction to leadership teams through this and feel it is a growing part of what we do in assisting churches to move forward.

We thank the Lord for these opportunities and pray that he may continue to open doors into the right places so that we can serve him effectively.



Greta speaking at Church Unlimited, Auckland

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December 3: Catch the Fire church, Auckland. Sunday. December 10: River Church, Howick, East Auckland. Sunday. December 17: Church Unlimited, Rotorua. Sunday.

January 21: Church Unlimited, West Auckland & Auckland City. Sunday. January 28: Eastgate Baptist Church, Howick, East Auckland. Sunday.

PERSPECTIVES

Prophecy can change nations. God told the apostle John, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings." (Revelation 10:11) Currently, there is a resurgence of the ministry of prophets in New Zealand and the world. The prophetic voice to the church and to the world must rise as never before. Not only at the level of the gift of prophecy, which is to edify, exhort, and comfort, and which is open to all believers, but also in prophetic declaration from prophetic ministers and prophets that contains revelation, wisdom, direction, prediction, and brings about governmental shifts in the nations. Can this happen? Here is one testimony to show that it can happen.



Recently in Dallas, Texas, many prophets from all over the world gathered for a conference. During one of the meetings, a Zimbabwean prophet stood and shared tearfully his burden for his nation and Africa as a whole. The other prophets began to intercede for Zimbabwe and prophetically declare a shift in government within that nation. Later they heard that the military had placed President Robert Mugabe under house arrest. When they examined the timing, they discovered that the military had moved at the precise hour they prayed and prophesied. Zimbabwe now has new interim leadership and we must pray that ultimately there will be good permanent leadership. Clearly, many people had prayed for a number of years, but it took a prophetic declaration to finally shift things.

As Christmas approaches we will no doubt hear Isaiah 9:6 quoted, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." This is who Jesus is, not only when he returns, but now. Because of this, the next verse is truth that we need to prophesy and pray into being: "Of the increase of his government there will be no end." (v.7)

Psalm 75:10 is an encouragement to the praying church: *"I will cut off the strength of the wicked, and increase the power of the godly."* God will do this by dethroning powers of darkness that have governed peoples and nations for far too long. He will also deploy his sons and daughters into positions of governance and influence throughout the earth. Many who have been hidden (for protection and development) will be revealed in this next season. **Deployment** is a big word for 2018 and beyond.

In the last few years, Greta and I have noticed the release of greater **fire** in the church in three areas: prayer, mission, and the pursuit of God's presence and power. This is to the end that the first half of the Lord's Prayer will be answered. Much of the church has been camped in the second half of that prayer, praying for personal blessing and protection which is legitimate but secondary (Give us this day our daily bread etc.) But now a change is taking place so that we will pray more from the first half: Honoured be your name; Let your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In March this year, I had a vision in which I saw the Lord standing beside a huge fire in heaven. He told me that he wanted Elijahs to call down fire from heaven upon earth – men and women of prophetic/intercessory anointing and bold faith. The fire was to convince the lost to serve the Lord and not false gods (as in Elijah's day – see 1 Kings 18) and awaken many of God's people who had become ambivalent regarding evil or passive regarding the extension of God's Kingdom. The coming of the fire would be like the upper room on Pentecost Day when fire fell and transformed lives (see Acts 2). He is creating upper rooms all over the earth. Their chief characteristics are unceasing prayer and unity. They are the forerunners of a global outpouring of the Spirit and release of the Kingdom of God on earth.



Twenty years ago, there were only a few 24/7 houses of prayer or prayer rooms; today there are an estimated 20,000 globally. In 2018, let us add our voices to theirs. In 2018 may church and marketplace prophets arise and prophesy again to many peoples, nations, languages and kings (leaders in government, business, media, education, arts etc.). May all of God's people elevate their praying in this coming year. Of the increase of His kingdom, there will be no end.

Blessings,

David and Greta



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