

NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

FEBRUARY 2023

*We hope that you will take a few minutes to read what has been happening in our ministry recently. The Perspectives section reveals **that it's time for spiritual fathers and mothers to arise.***



Saint Heliers Beach, Auckland

Summer weather here in New Zealand has been mixed these past weeks. After a tropical cyclone hit the country, we have finally experienced some sunny days. Greta and I ministered in four churches during December and January, and enjoyed some time off relaxing, catching up with work around the home, visiting family, and hosting friends from the UK.

One wonderful development over summer has been how David's new book *How to Pray – and Change Your World* has begun to impact the nation of Mongolia. A NZ missionary sent a copy to Altankhuyag Hoiga, a key church leader there. He has now translated it into Mongolian and has a vision to distribute 5000 copies to leaders and Christians there. Before the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, there were no known Christians

in the nation. Today there are 50,000. Hoiga wants to see 10% of Christians there have a copy of the book, to light a fire of prayer and mission in Mongolia.



A4 draft of translation

He writes: "After the book's publication, we are planning the opening ceremony of the book's release in a church in Ulaanbaatar (capital city). We will also operate a Facebook page to communicate with churches and believers. We intend to work with the community to receive and distribute orders and share comments and testimonials. Coming spring and summer, we will also deliver the books to some city churches and remote

churches. There is a need to teach the baptism of the Holy Spirit when distributing the book. Many believers and churches are waiting for the books and they are hungry for spiritual blessings.”

Funding has already been raised to print 1500 copies and \$NZ4550 is needed to print the other 3500. If you would like to help with this project, you can donate [here](#). Please mark donation “For Mongolia”.



February 12: Grace International Church, Glenn Innes, Auckland. Sunday meeting.

February 16 & 23: Elim Christian Centre, Howick, Auckland. School of the Supernatural parts 1&2.

February 19: Elim Church, Coromandel. Sunday meeting.

February 23: Baptist Church, Morrinsville. Women’s meeting (Greta).

February 26: Living Well Church, Rotorua. Sunday meetings.

March 2 & 9: Elim Christian Centre, Howick, Auckland. School of the Supernatural parts 3&4.

March 4-5: Elim Church, Alexandra, Otago. Leaders’ and Sunday meetings.

March 12: Harvest Christian Church, Papakura, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

March 17-19: Doubtless Bay Christian Centre, Monganui. School of the Holy Spirit plus Sunday meeting.

March 23-25: NZ & Beyond Conference, Auckland. Elective on supernatural ministry.

March 26: The Upper Room, Newmarket, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

PERSPECTIVES

IT’S TIME FOR SPIRITUAL FATHERS AND MOTHERS TO ARISE!

In December 2019 (before Covid) I sensed the Lord say this:

“There will be much turbulence in the nations in this coming decade of the 2020’s. Tie yourselves to the belt of truth. Fasten it strongly. Those who stand in truth will do exploits for the kingdom. Nations will rise and fall this decade as will political and societal leaders. For a while, it will seem that evil has the upper hand, but this will be turned by the prayers of God’s people. Do not cower in the face of darkness but stand up strong. Though there will be difficult times, there will also be the greatest opportunities for the kingdom of God ever in history. More people are going to hear the gospel than ever before.”



This turbulence will continue in 2023. However, this is not a time to let darkness overwhelm us. **One of the keys for the global Church to navigate these times is for spiritual fathers and mothers to arise.**

1 John 2: 12-14 (NIV): *“I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father.*

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one."

Who are spiritual fathers and mothers? **It's those who know him who is from the beginning.** But what does this mean?

Genesis 1: 1-2 (NLT): *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters."*



The Hebrew word for formless is *tohu* and it can be translated *chaos*. So the earth was chaotic, empty, and dark. Sound like today? Then God acted. *"God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."* (Genesis 1: 3 NLT) God turned the darkness into light and as you read the rest of Genesis 1 he turned the chaos and emptiness into order and beauty.

To know the One who is from the beginning is to know unshakably that God can bring order and light out of chaos and darkness. To know that the Holy Spirit hovers over every circumstance, waiting for the command to create order and light – in your life, your home, your children, and in the nations.

Sometimes chaos and darkness are the product of our own poor decisions, or sin. So we need to examine our hearts and change with God's help. But there is chaos and darkness that is satanic and due to evil. As we resist in faith, prayer, and declaration, God will transform it. The fathers and mothers who stand in confidence in God's ability to do this, will give great security to those who are spiritually younger.

My first wife Jane battled multiple sclerosis for more than twenty-five years and finally passed away in 2007. This was a very dark time for me and the family, but I made a declaration: *“I vow to keep praying for the sick and to train an army of others to do it.”* I didn’t know how to do it at the time, but some months later God gave me the concept of running a School of the Supernatural. In the school, we covered such topics as the baptism of the Holy Spirit, person and work of the Spirit, healing, prophecy, the Father heart of God and so on. Greta and I have since taken the school all over NZ and to other nations. Thousands have been taught, hundreds healed, and many have encountered God powerfully. God turned darkness to light that has since blessed many.

2023: THE YEAR OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Psalm 23 is a relevant psalm for 2023. Our divine Shepherd restores weary souls, guides us in right paths that honour him, escorts us safely through valleys of trouble, death, and loss, and blesses those who endure with victory, favour, provision, goodness, and mercy. Traversing valleys of adversity victoriously helps fashion people, no matter what age, into spiritual fathers and mothers.

Note the three levels of increasing maturity that the apostle John mentions:

1. **Children** – know their sins are forgiven through faith in Jesus and that God is their Father.
2. **Young men and women** – the word of God lives in them, they are strong, and have overcome the devil.
3. **Fathers and mothers** – know that God turns chaos into order, darkness into light, and leads them through valleys that threaten their existence.

The key is to grow through the levels and not stay children. And we take each level with us while adding the next. The Holy Spirit journeys us into maturity. He is our helper. 2023 may be a stormy year, but those who trust in the Lord will walk with an overcoming spirit. As Saint Francis of Assisi once said:

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

Blessings,



David and Greta

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