

NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA AUGUST 2023

We hope that you will take a few minutes to read what has been happening in our ministry recently. The Perspectives section reveals how our new book is helping to light a fire of prayer in Mongolia.

Greta and I have recently returned from a **three-month trip visiting eleven churches in the United Kingdom and one in Singapore**. We conducted seminars, leaders' meetings and spoke at Sunday services. We also took an elective session at the annual Elim UK Leadership Summit in Harrogate.



Seminar at Gateway Church, Yate, England

Some of the highlights included:

SALVATIONS

- In RiverLife Church, Singapore an Indian family attended the Easter service and the grandparents were visiting from Bombay. It was the first time they had ever heard the gospel. During the healing time someone prayed for the grandfather who had one leg shorter than the other – his leg grew out and he was then able to walk without his walking stick. Both he and his wife prayed to receive Christ.
- On the Isle of Wight, a Jewish woman and her husband walked into church off the street and were saved. She told one of the pastors that she was going home to get rid of all her occult books.

- In one church, a woman had been attending coffee mornings run by the church for the community. It was her first time in a church meeting. She gave her life to Christ along with a young man who also attended for the first time.

Over 85 people made decisions to receive the Lord on the trip.

HEALINGS

- A woman in Singapore writes: *“Four months ago I had an accident causing a **compression fracture of the spine**. After prayer I felt an adjustment happening in my spine. Now I can stand without any more pain. I have tested and tested this and yes – there is no more pain! All glory to Jesus!”*
- A woman suffering from **long Covid**, which had badly affected her with **heart pain and breathing difficulties** writes: *“As Greta laid hands on me for healing, I could feel a soothing heat coat my heart and chest and the heat lingered for the entire day. The next day I felt no pain or need for medication and still have not had any sharp pains that I was experiencing prior to the weekend conference. I have shared my healing testimony with nonbelievers, family and friends.*
- In London, Greta had **an unusual word of knowledge from a nursery rhyme**: *“Head, shoulders, knees and toes....and eyes and ears and mouth and nose,”* sensing that God wanted to heal these areas. As the people prayed for one another many healings occurred: blurred vision becoming clear, joint and muscle injuries healed, headaches healed, sinuses cleared, lungs healed, and so on.
- During a Sunday morning service in Birmingham, I happened to share the testimony of a woman **healed from multiple sclerosis** when we visited another Elim church in Birmingham in 2016. She heard from a friend that I had done so, and emailed Greta and me the following update: *“Since I've been healed my faith has gone from strength to strength. I've become bold. My husband and I went to bible college for two years and graduated in 2020 ... I have given the testimony of my healing in large gatherings four times and on many more occasions on a one to one basis.”*

Many other healings took place mostly as people were taught how to pray for one another in the seminars.

GOD-ENCOUNTERS

- In a number of churches, Greta and I taught on “Understanding the Work of the Holy Spirit”. At the end in many of these meetings, he came in such power that almost everyone prayed for was unable to stand, many encountering God’s presence with shaking, heat, wind, tears, and joy.
- We ran our new *How to Pray and Change Your World* seminar in a number of churches. In one church, a young person told Greta that she and her friends had never heard such practical teaching on prayer and felt strongly that the next generation needed this teaching.
- In a School of the Supernatural, a man, who had recently been a cessationist (the supernatural gifts of the Spirit supposedly ceased when the apostles died), said that he had never in all his life encountered God’s power as he had that day. He also prophesied for the first time ever.

LEADERS’ MEETINGS

In a number of churches, we met with the key leaders of the church, where we either shared a prophetic message for the church or taught on leadership principles. We then prayed for and prophesied over each of the leaders. One church leader writes: *“Thank you for a great evening. The team were really inspired and encouraged. Great and confirming words for the church and individually.”*

We returned to New Zealand very grateful for all that the Lord had done and thankful for the faithful prayers of friends and our home church, Church Unlimited, Auckland and Gateway Church, Yate, England who have adopted us and provided a base from which to minister next year.



August 4: Catch the Fire TV. Interview with Greta and David about the afterlife.

August 12-13: Causeway Church, Mangawhai, Northland. How to Pray seminar plus Sunday meetings.

August 18-20: Faith City Church, Whanganui. Leaders' meeting, School of the Supernatural, and Sunday meetings.

August 26-27: Morrinsville Baptist Church, Morrinsville. Call to Arms seminar plus Sunday meeting.

August 30: Life Central, Auckland. Staff ministry meeting.

September 10: Surfside Church, Raglan. Sunday service plus leaders' meeting.

September 14: Elim Church, Greymouth. Holy Spirit Encounter meeting.

September 15-17: Life Church, Christchurch. Leaders' and Sunday meetings.

September 24: Journey Church, Te Kuiti. Sunday meetings.

PERSPECTIVES

LIGHTING A FIRE OF PRAYER IN MONGOLIA

"Lord take this book far and wide, and light a fire of prayer in all who read it." We prayed this on last year's launch of our new book *How to Pray and Change Your World*. Copies have been distributed in New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Singapore but little did we know that God would also take it to outer Mongolia!

Marlon Stufkens, a New Zealand missionary to Mongolia, read the book and sent copies to Altankhuyag Ganbaatar Hoiga, a key church leader in Mongolia, with a view to translate it into Mongolian. Hoiga read it and he and his team worked hard on the translation. Between Marlon, Spiritlife Ministries, and Church Unlimited (our home church in Auckland) enough finance was raised to print 5000 copies for distribution to the Mongolian church.

Hoiga explains, “When communism fell in Mongolia over 30 years ago, the church was born. After years of living under a harsh regime, the hope of the Gospel fell fresh on young ears and the number of believers multiplied rapidly. **Today, Mongolia has more than 40,000 – 50,000 Christians and there are about 500 churches.**

The project objective is for 5,000 books to be delivered to 10% of all believers in Mongolia. Currently, 2,010 books have been distributed to more than 70 local churches in 8 different provinces. This book project now covers all of Mongolia and has become a great gift to Mongolian churches. Pastors are very grateful for this book and we see that believers are very hungry for spiritual words.”



The church leader in the photo above **travelled 250kms through a sand storm, a snow storm and a vehicle breakdown to obtain copies of the book.** It took her fifteen hours! Such is the hunger for God in Mongolia.

One pastor writes: “Our church is located in Bayankhongor City and has more than 500 members and there are branch churches in rural villages of Bayankhongor province. We received 100 books as a gift. I distributed this book to my branch Ger churches and cell group leaders. **“How to Pray” has completely renewed our understanding of prayer to the Lord.** I used to pray more for my needs, and now we pray for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to our land.”

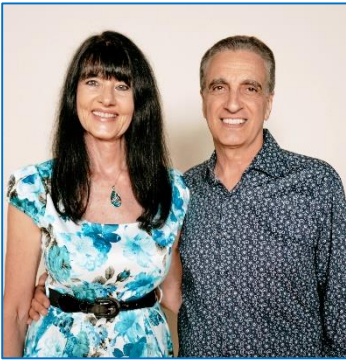
Another pastor says, “I have been greatly blessed by reading How to Pray. Our church now addresses all problems by praying and declaring “Grace, grace, grace!” to them. **After reading this book, I rekindled my prayer life and caught fire again.** Thank you so much”

This fire of prayer is not only burning in Mongolia. In many nations, believers are becoming more desperate as they see wickedness accelerating in society. Social conditions are forcing the church to its knees in a new way. Great Victorian preacher Charles Spurgeon once said, *“Whenever God wants to do a great work, he first sets his people to pray.”* This is happening now. Wherever we have travelled this year, we have heard pastors tell us that they are increasing prayer in their lives and churches.

May we all allow the Holy Spirit to release a fresh fire of prayer in us so that a spiritual awakening will come to the church and the nations. If you would like a copy of *How to Pray* to help you do this practically, you can purchase one from our website or any online store [here](#).

Blessings,

David and Greta



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