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Word to World Ministries



Israel

Israel was an amazing experience with many mixed feelings. We are extremely grateful to the person who has sponsored us to enjoy this wonderful once in a life-time experience. Some of the things that we have observed:

- One cannot but stand amazed at the way the Lord is blessing the people and the land of Israel.
- It is truly a land of confusion with so many different people groups and religions.
- According to our tour guide the city of Jerusalem has been totally destroyed 10 times. This means that there is not one site that can be definitely located. Not even one rock can be pointed out for sure where Jesus sat or stepped on.
- What He surely left us was the wine and bread to commemorate His life, death, resurrection and coming again, the baptism of the believer, the anointing with oil of the sick and of course His Word. Buildings and boulders were destroyed over a period of 2000 years, but copies of His Word on tender, fragile papyrus and skin were found in the Qumran caves in 1947. This made us to realize that He could have saved every site and building in detail if He wanted too, but I think He knew that people would have then worshiped the dead things instead of the Living God through Christ Jesus His Son.
- We realized once again that the Lord Jesus Christ is not there, but risen and ascended and living in our hearts.

Greetings!!

Pray that God's will be done in 2011. So often we consider our will above the will of God. One thing I know for sure about the will of God is that He does not want anyone to be lost but that all shall be saved.

May He grant us as believers the strength, wisdom and love to be instruments for the fulfillment of His will. More than ever my prayers are for more of Him and less of me. It is the 'I' in me that messes up His things. Let the common vision for the advancement of His Kingdom become the prime goal and driving force in our lives while we have a day in which we can still work.

As He answers the prayers of the believers to fulfill His will the results will be extremely successful. Most likely we will not see the successes while we are still here, because they are the treasures in heaven and therefore spiritual, but surely the day will come when we will see their faces. These faces will all be turned towards the King of Glory. The glory will be His because it is all about Him. His will was done.



Pictures: top – inside the Canterbury Cathedral.
Bottom - Baptising believing friends in the Jordan

England



We had once again the wonderful opportunity to visit Chrisjan and his family in France over December. We had to travel via Heathrow and took the opportunity to visit some dear friends and also to present the first KAT training clinic in UK to a small group of precious saints in Warmer, Deal in the house of Walter and Hilda Westbrook. Annemarie Pettit came all the way from the south of UK to attend, went back full of the Spirit, gathered a few people together and lead two people to the Lord! We trust that this is the beginning of a new House Church in that area.

The UK and Europe are desperately in need of men and women who

Kairos

We had the wonderful opportunity to attend the 5 day KAIROS course which was presented by ps Keith Koster and his very able team at Petra Ministries Family Church in Johannesburg. This is a highly recommended course that has enriched our lives deeply.

More info re KAIROS from: petramin@worldonline.co.za

Pictures: Top – The KAT clinic in Deal. Left – KAIROS

PICK-POCKETED!

On a very packed metro train in Delhi someone put his hand into my bag and stole my wallet with 2 credit and other cards, drivers license and cash. I was so upset but the Lord reminded me about Hebrews 10:34,35. On the Sunday I preached with dr Thomas Varghese in a packed combined service of the Macedonian Grace Assembly churches. He told them of my dilemma and many came to the rescue with brotherly handshakes containing a note or two. How awesome is the body of Christ!

INDIA

New Delhi: It was once again a blessing to work with dr. Thomas Varghese of Missions to the Unreached in Delhi in training and preparing young disciples. Part of their ministry includes the Eastern Theological Seminary which present several certificate studies as well as study opportunities up to and including a doctors' degree. They are doing great work in Northern India.

In a previous newsletter I told you about the 82 teachers at the Ingraham Institute in Ghaziabad U.P. (near Delhi) who used the book *Kindling Feeding and Spreading (KFS) the Flame* as a one year certificate course. It was a great blessing for me to visit this amazing organisation with more than 6000 students and 400 teachers under the very capable leadership of Dr Shepherd and to address about 35 of the teachers who completed the course. Their life changing testimonies of how the book helped them encouraged me greatly.

More info re Ingraham Institute Ghaziabad (UP) from: drepesh@gmail.com

It was also a great blessing to work with Rev Rakesh O Bacon of Eternal Life Fellowship Society in Uttar Pradesh. Rev Rakesh was leading the KFS program at Ingraham Institute.

(in the pictures: right: some of the teachers who completed KFS. Above: with dr Shepherd and dr Thomas Varghese in the chapel of the Ingraham Institute)





Haryana

It was also my privilege to pay a first time visit to the beautiful state of Haryana, North India. There I worked with ps Prince who directs Immanuel Fellowship Ministries in the city of Karnal. It was a blessing to have a hands-on experience of the operation and growth of the true House Church. For two days it felt as if I was back in the book of Acts where the church operated with such marvelous power. I realized once again that the West has changed much and has diverted quite seriously from the original plan. God's blueprint for evangelism has not changed and will always be used with success to advance the Kingdom of God. Haryana has more than 7000 villages (a village has 10000 or more people) and is one of the more unreached states in India with more than 5000 villages without any Christian church or worker whatsoever. Please pray for Ps Prince and his ministry in this state.

More info re Immanuel Fellowship Ministries:
<http://www.ifhm.org/>

Rajasthan

Two KAT clinics were presented in Rajasthan, one in the beautiful city of Jaipur and the other in a smaller city called Gangapur City. Camels and elephants are walking in the main streets.

Pastor Ramesh from Jaipur did a good job in organizing these two events. 35 believers attended the clinics.

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Orissa and Andhra Pradesh.

Johan Greeff and Pedro visited Andhra Pradesh and Orissa in the South while I was working up in the North. They presented 5 KAT clinics; Two in Vijayawada, AP; two in Balangir and one in Loisingha, Orisa. A total of 120 believers were trained.

The House Church Movement is taking off in Orissa like a wild fire. Nihar Nanda is the strategic coordinator for Orissa and over the past year they have planted 37 House Churches in the towns of Balangir and Kandamal with a total of almost 400 people meeting in these churches weekly and it seems God is adding to their number daily. Almost sounds like the church in the book of Acts. Hallelujah and all glory to God!!!!!!
 Love you LOTS!!

Johan and Ina

2011 is running fast. So much work to be done. We pray for a huge harvest of souls and many believers to be turned into active disciples who are unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The church must be mobilized fast and effectively. We have surely tarried long enough at this mountain..... There is a wake-up call like in the days of Isaiah: "Awake, Awake!!!!.... can you hear it?"

There is a new excitement in the air and we praise the Lord that it is all about the person, life and teachings of our Lord and Saviour of the world; The Lord Jesus Christ.

He is and should always be the pivot point of our teaching and preaching. In these last days we hear so many sermons that sound as if they have been borrowed from one or other franchise-store's free monthly magazine.

Let us never forget that we are complete in Him; meaning that we need nothing more or nothing less but Christ Jesus because He is the Bread of Life. In these last days when we are waiting with great anticipating on His second coming we should constantly remind ourselves as well as those who listen to us about the supreme authority of our Lord, His longing to see sinners saved and forgiven and about His continuous command to the church to go and find them. Seeking the lost coins and searching after the sheep that has strayed away... that has to be the driving force of His church. Time has come to just do what He said and not to major so much on the minors. Let us keep the main thing the main thing.....the winning of souls at all cost.

Once again we thank you for your love, prayers and support. (Galatians 6:6 is indeed a great blessing to us...). Thanks to those who are opening their churches and ministries and welcoming us to work side by side in fulfilling the desire of God our Father. We pray that there will be a rich soul harvest for His glory as well as for a real great spiritual revival in each of our hearts, our churches, our country and the nations of the world. Please know that we carry you in our prayers as well.