



PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES PRAYER UPDATE ***FEB 2007***

Dear friends,

First of all – a very happy New Year! As always, **much** has happened since the last prayer update. This is a time of acceleration and urgency – yet also one on which we need to seek the “**REST OF GOD**” more than ever before. So many things today vie for our attention – we need to keep firmly focused on Him in these eventful and stretching times! Here is a condensed past, present and future account of our activities.

THE PAST

Since you last heard from us, both the Transformations Conference in Peterborough and the Marketplace School in Scotland have come and gone – during both venues, the Lord met with us in significant ways. The ICA meeting which was held in December further revealed the manner in which God is re-establishing the governmental positioning of the Church.... ***for such a time as this.***

Personally, I have been in a time of Personal Retreat during January. As a ministry and as a family, we felt the Lord challenge us to ask Him to cancel whatever was on our 2007 calendar that was not of Him! This sounds easy – but let me assure you, it is not a simple thing to do when so much of our activity is planned well into the future.

Nevertheless, we actually did make this prayer and within a short period of time, six major venues were canceled – and then we felt the Lord saying we were not to re-schedule anything in place of these cancellations, since He was in charge of this next chapter of our lives which would be essential for our understanding of the days that lay ahead. What happened during those weeks of Retreat?

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THE PRESENT

The Lord impressed upon me that it was time to throw out whatever books, papers, research, sermons, and other such documents, that I would never need again. Again, this sounds easy – but we can become very attached to the familiar! Hundreds of books have been given away – and over 20 bags of paper and research and earlier teachings have now gone to the recycling yard! Why would the Lord ask us this of us?

It became clear. 2007 is a year of suddenlies – a year of refining – a year in which we do not need to look for things to do – a year of hiddenness in Him - a year in which God will now bring to pass what he has promised in former years. It is a year of Recovering what has been lost – by removing what is no longer necessary! In the Hebrew calendar we have entered the season of Shevat in which God is redefining our understanding of time. There is a great deal of “seduction” around us today – and it is certainly apparent in some aspects of the church. The sifting and sorting and refining is critical if we are to enter His Rest – and receive His inheritance – especially in a time in which so much around us demands our attention and our focus.

Shortly, Marie and I leave for Jackson, Mississippi at which time we are sharing with key Marketplace leaders on the subject of Transformation through the Marketplace. We will be meeting with both political and business leaders. We will also be in Nashville Tennessee sharing with our good friends Steve and Nancy Fry – and then return home before I leave for Lethbridge for another meeting with business leaders.

THE FUTURE

I mentioned this season of “suddenlies. One of our “suddenlies” that has arisen was the invitation to speak in Southport, England at the Aglow Leaders’ Conference. Marie and I will be there in early March. We will be sharing on the theme of Transformation in 2007 and how this affects every part of our life and work as we enter a season of another new wineskin. Following this I will be sharing with pastors and YWAM students in the Dominican Republic – then joining Marie in Seattle for a Transformation Summit hosted by the Sentinel Group.

Later in April we will be in Kelowna for a short while sharing in one of our local churches before the season continues with conferences in Dauphin, Manitoba, and teaching for an Ellet School at their new base – Derbyshire Downs, near Kingston Ontario. These dates are all listed in our ministry calendar which you can find on our website. In May we will be back in Scotland for our next Reclaiming The Ground School and then our Revival Tour in the islands of Scotland.

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There is still time to sign up for any of these venues. Just check our website for details! – www.partnershipministries.org

As a family we thank you so much for your prayers for us. Our whole family is now fully involved in the ministry - Mike looks after our research and Development – Richard looks after Communications and Resources – Anna (Richard's wife) comes from a social work degree background – and helps us in many areas including graphics and design, and is preparing to work with us in developing our social transformation terracing. Dama (Mike's wife who comes from Spain) has already begun to help us significantly in some of our research – her degree in history and forthcoming Masters in Egyptology already has been of help to me personally in some of our current research of Baal and its effect upon society today. Marie has now officially "retired" from teaching and travels with us more extensively, and is developing further teaching on intercessory prayer.

A WORD IN SEASON

The signs of the times continue to engage us. The ***Doomsday Clock*** was put forward 2 spaces on January 17th, 2007. These "experts" feel Armageddon is inevitable. They are very concerned concerning the issue of the environment - global warming etc. How important we use the grid of Scripture to understand the times in which we live! On February 10th – the National Post had a headline – "Is Environmentalism The New Religion"? We are in times that require our correct **response** – but also our **posture** in the Lord as we allow Him to interpret for us these days in which we live. In other words we need to watch we do not **react** in the way the world does – but that we are **proactive** as the Lord directs. We need to rest in Him, though, in order to listen to His counsel on these matters!

FINALLY.....

Don't forget our new work book - "***Doing Business The Kingdom Way***". Stand by for more details concerning new resources in the next Update! All resources can be ordered through our website.

Please don't forget that Helen Thornton continues to coordinate our prayer ministry – please note her ministry e-mail address – prayer@partnershipministries.org

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JUNE – 2007 – THE SCOTTISH REVIVAL TOUR

As referred to earlier, if you are interested in re-tracing the **stories of Revival in the Scottish islands** – this is for you and there are still a few places left! We will be visiting the actual sites – talking with people involved in those Revivals – and seeing the significance of this for today! We are calling it ***“Retracing the Stories of Revival” (Come Along To The Isles of Scotland)***. Plan now on joining us – and see our website – www.partnershipministries.org for further contact information with the company - **Christian Journeys** - that is undertaking the planning and practicalities. This will be a memorable visit to Scotland visiting many areas of immense beauty and history – but with the added theme of learning why Scotland has experienced several divine visitations. This is unlike any tour you will have been on before – and not only will you visit key areas of interest on the mainland - you will enjoy amazing ferry trips to the Outer Hebrides, the Orkneys and The Shetlands, as well as enjoying food and fellowship that is second to none! ***We decided to re-schedule this tour for June of 2007*** in order to include a few more venues, allow time for some evening teaching –and to reduce the price – considerably! Plan on joining us now and don't forget to call Brian Watt at Christian Journeys – 1-877-465-3442 - for full details.

Thank you again so much for your prayers and encouragement – we could not do this work without your support. We live in amazing days – and we serve an amazing God. It is time to prepare for the next stage for all the Lord has waiting for us – prepare for a season of “suddenlies”

Our love and blessings in the Lord,

Alistair, Marie, Mike, Dama, Richard and Anna Petrie

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