



PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES PRAYER UPDATE

"ENCOUNTERING GOD"

June 2007

Dear Friends,

We are living in key days - days filled with busyness - pressure - commitments - all fighting for our time and attention. I believe God is calling us to encounter Him in ways rarely experienced in our present day Church expression. As I write this, we are in Edinburgh, ending our Revival Tour in Scotland - and during this time here we have had various encounters with God that have challenged us substantially in what He is saying to His people in this day and age of seemingly relentless activity. Although we have not given an update for some months - here is a brief look at what has been happening in the life and times of Partnership Ministries.

THE PAST

The last few months have involved our travelling in the Caribbean - the UK - and throughout North America. Time and time again people are asking us "*what is God doing in the world....for Heaven's sake?!*" He is at work - no doubt about it. In spite of the pressing issues and violence we so often view on the media - God is clearly sifting and sorting and serving notice on many issues for those who have eyes to see and ears that are willing to listen to His counsel. However, we are acutely aware of His purifying work in the lives of His people these days. God is clearly revealing sin within His Body - and while we welcome this - it is also painful and sobering to encounter. Why is this happening? Because He is about to release a new encounter of His Presence in our midst - and if there is hidden sin - or lobbying for status and honour - this clearly will need to be addressed before we can encounter His Holiness. This always has been the way of the Lord - and personally, I believe we are encountering a season of Amos 7:7-8 - the plumb line of God! The die is cast - and God has clearly drawn a line on what He accepts and what He does not accept. How and what we choose will determine how we encounter the Lord in these coming days! This is what I believe God is saying to His Church in this reflective and yet challenging day and age in which we live.

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THE PRESENT

We are just concluding our time here in Scotland. What an adventure we have had. Our group has visited the Shetlands, the Orkneys, the Hebrides as well as Iona, Holy Island and various other areas in which God has deposited His vision and purpose in the lives of His people in the past and entrusted them with an amazing commission. Again and again we have seen how God gives a vision when He visits, and then this can release a Divine Visitation. Watch out for a coming documentary that we hope to develop based upon our filming and interviews we have undertaken while on this tour. What we have gleaned has significant impact upon what God is doing in North America at this time - as well as globally. Simplicity, purity, integrity, holiness - as well as perseverance and determination - these are key ingredients for a move of God. God is not interested in our status or position - but He is interested in our heart and our posture. These are the real "tools" for digging the wells of revival - or in some cases for re-digging ancient wells. But this must be combined with a true Biblical application of His Word - not a twisting of what we want the Bible to say to us - which is what I call "experiential theology". Our website will shortly have a video update on our time here in Scotland.

THE FUTURE

Please check our website for our future venues - Alaska in July - Ontario in August with Ellel Ontario - and various places throughout North America in September and October. We will also be teaching at our first School of Intercession for Ellel Scotland in October, and again we encourage you to sign up quickly for our next Marketplace School in November - again taking place in Scotland. Our web calendar has all the necessary contact details for our future activities. We are also hoping to complete our DVD resource for Marketplace Ministry and have exciting plans for other resources soon to be revealed. Please pray with us for the necessary finances to complete these "*tools for ministry in the 21st Century*"!

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Yes - I believe God is calling upon us to experience a fresh encounter with Him - but this is not something that is glib or full of fantasy! It is serious and demanding! When we encounter God it is not soulish - it is serious! It requires an undivided heart - and a willingness to go beyond our "comfort zone". Please pray with me that as a ministry we are willing to do whatever He asks of us - that we follow the finger of God - and not the design of man. This is my prayer for you all as we enter the mid-way part of 2007 - a year of suddenlies and transition.

Blessings,

Alistair

(for all the Petries and the Partnership Ministries board).

