

Dear Friends,

We want to greet you and thank you for standing with us in prayer for our teaching mission to New Zealand, which took place Sept. 21 - Oct. 16. The Lord went ahead of us in a very clear way; our travel was pleasant, though tiring, and without complications. The ministry which we carried out was with God's presence and anointing, and was received with great hunger and enthusiasm.

We first went to Great Barrier Island; this meant a three hour ocean ride from Auckland on a beautiful catamaran. Here is a YWAM base dedicated to training families for serving the Lord. We taught the parents in this Family Discipleship Training School (DTS) for one week on the subject of Intercession and Spiritual Warfare. Several hours of classes per day plus considerable counseling and prayer with various students make it a busy week. We were glad that we had arrived a few days early to rest and enjoy the great beauty of the mountains and valleys beside the sea. We had the privilege of leading several students into the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and ministered deliverance and inner healing to some of them. This student body of 30 parents were mostly New Zealanders ("Kiwis"), but one family was from Fiji, and two from Canada.

From there we went back to the main north island of New Zealand, into sheep and cattle country. There, at the end of a peninsula in an inland ocean waterway is Pahi, with a YWAM facility in a small 100 year old hotel. The "DTS" here was for single young adults -- mostly "Kiwis", but also one student from Germany, one from Great Britain, one from Switzerland, and one from the USA. Again we had a busy, really exhausting week of teaching on Intercession and Spiritual Warfare, with even more personal counseling and prayer with staff and students. In addition, four evenings and a full day were given to a conference on Spiritual Warfare with 12 area churches and me as the speaker. We had a great time learning to intercede together, and going to various "high places" -- mountains where we prayed over towns and valleys.

We left feeling tired and wonderful! We were asked to return to teach again in February and September of 1991, to new groups of students. WILL YOU PRAY FOR GOD'S WISDOM FOR US IN THIS?

Upon arriving home, I was asked by Gary Bergel, president of Intercessors for America, to attend a conference in Germany with him, which is being hosted by Intercessors International. Beginning Sunday, October 28, and ending November 4, it needed a quick decision. Not until Monday, October 22, could I even begin to see if God was in this. By the end of the day, my airline ticket was purchased at a miraculously low rate, and the rest of the finances had come in to cover the other costs! So I am leaving Saturday, October 27 for Altensteig, Germany, and will return on November 5. This conference will bring together 100 or more national prayer leaders from many nations for 8 days of intercession for the world. PRAY FOR GOD'S PURPOSES FOR THIS MEETING TO BE FULFILLED!

Our house is still for sale; many have looked at it, but no one has offered to buy it. WILL YOU CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR GOD'S RELEASE IN THIS MATTER? Some have felt that it may not be God's time for us to move. This may be true; but the release from our indebtedness must happen, so we will proceed with the sale unless God provides in another way. I BELIEVE THAT YOUR PRAYERS WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

We want to say a special thank you to those of you who have given financially this month. The unexpected gifts not only helped with some immediate needs; they have also encouraged us to keep pressing on in the two "mandates" from God that have been made increasingly clear to us: 1) Serve our own city and state in the ministry of prayer leadership; and 2) Go to the nations to build up the body of Christ there and help break spiritual bondages.

Your partners in His service,

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