



...a prayer letter from John and Jackie



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Dear friends,
Greetings again in the name of Jesus!

Thank you for praying for my travel to Ukraine, and for the main event that took place -- the annual congress of the Churches of Praise. There were six hundred official delegates that came from various regions of Ukraine. This number was doubled by members from the twenty-two Churches of Praise in Krivoy Rog. I was very happy to have pastor Roger Sutch and Ken Beaudry with me for this great event; they both ministered with power and anointing and were a great blessing to the Congress!

The atmosphere of the meetings was alive with enthusiasm, almost explosive during praise and worship. It was obvious that prayer had "opened the heavens" and we all experienced the strong presence of the Lord.

In addition to ministering in the general sessions, we three joined the Ukrainian senior pastors in doing several workshops: prayer, healing, refreshing, youth and children, small groups, teaching ministries, evangelism, etc. All of the workshops were filled up, and were a great blessing.

There were many manifested healings during the meetings, more than could be counted. At one session, pastor Gregory opened the altar for healing, asking all who felt that they had faith for ministering healing to come and form a line. Perhaps fifty ministers and helpers from their churches lined up across the front, and then the altar was opened for all who needed healing. Those whose healing had manifested were asked to come to the platform to give a report. Time wasn't sufficient for all of them to testify.

Of great significance was that when pastor Gregory asked each one testifying who had prayed for them, most of them didn't really remember; they described the minister as best as they could. Other people in the crowd then helped identify who had laid hands on the one testifying.

No one needed prayer from the special "anointed one"! God worked through the hands and prayer of the many!

I am convinced that when the body of Christ works together with corporate faith and puts ministry in the hands of many members, the number and the level of healing and miracles rise significantly. We certainly saw that during these days.

Benny Hinn had been in Ukraine just two weeks before this congress, and the Churches of Praise had brought hundreds of people to the event in Dnepropetrovsk. They had seen some healings take place at that event. However, within a few days, many more people were calling the main Church of Praise to say they were healed on the way home from the Benny Hinn meetings, or two or three days later! Some testimonies were very dramatic.

With all of that, it seemed to the Ukrainian ministers that what took place in their own Congress was even more powerful than the Benny Hinn meetings! Among the many healings there was a long line of testimonies of backs, shoulders, legs, and feet being healed and pain disappearing.

During prayer for healing, we watched pastor Galina assist a crippled young woman who had been in the church for some time. Her feet were twisted so that she had to push along on the sides of her feet; her legs were stiff and her hips almost unworkable. How did she get from home to the church on public transport and then push along on the streets with her wheeled walker?

During the prayer, we saw her feet flatten to normal, her hips start working and her legs unlock. Soon she was standing and walking straight upright, and even kneeling down by herself and getting up. Though her body still looked withered, we watched her do a slow dance of praise with her home group leader as we worshipped the Lord!

We highly value your friendship and spiritual support. For those of you who are able to support us financially, thank you. For us, every month is opportunity to experience the Lord's supply that comes through His friends like you!

With love,
John and Jackie

"Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the very ends of the earth Your possession." Ps. 2:8