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This old motor came out for service when the other vehicle broke down!



The third visit to Macedonia in 12 months 'Macedonia for Jesus'!

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I went to Macedonia with John Grant, the Mission Director for the Luis Palau Association, Europe. This was our third evangelistic mission to this nation in the last 12 months, working with the General Mission co-ordinator Jimmy Polycarp Simon (pictured above), a Nigerian born Macedonian.

We held 7 meal event meetings in, Kriva Palanka, Rosoman, Marena, Demir Kapija, Prevalec, Vozarci and Pepeliste, and two Church services in Veles and Negetino. The numbers of guests attending the meetings were not as high as last March; this

because the areas visited were agricultural and many were working on the land during daylight hours. However, 359 guests were in attendance during our visit. Out of these, in just 2.5 days,

193, yes 193 recorded their decision to invite Jesus Christ into their lives as Lord and Saviour - that's 54%! 101 requested a 'home visit'; 132 requested more information



about the gospel and 166 have signed up for the 'Next Step' meetings, where the 1st step of coming to Christ is unpacked further. This is fantastic stuff - even in the last meeting Jimmy was signing up two young men

as new believers to come with him to reach more lost souls!

As I said previously this was

them in our next visit, i.e.

November to do a couple of events plus the possibility of a

without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Well here is a worker but I can't do it on my own. The only thing that is preventing the spread of the gospel is financial resources. I would ask the question, "How desperate for revival? How desperate are we for the gospel to be preached and souls saved? How desperate are we to see nations changed? How desperate are we to see, 'Macedonia for Jesus'? How desperate are we to see, 'England for Jesus'? How desperate are we to see, 'Great Britain for Jesus'?"

For many years evangelism has been a 'dirty' word, i.e. the 'E' word that not many people in churches really want to hear about. Certainly the evangelist has been seen as some sort of strange individual that just won't be quiet or just go away. You know what I'm talking about. People have been believing that evangelism doesn't work any more. Well the bible doesn't say



our third visit in 12 months - God is doing something quite amazing here; just look at these stats:

2218 men, women and children heard the gospel - 1549 were guests, out of which 823 recorded their decision to come to Jesus in repentance - that's 53%! 599 requested a 'home visit'; 693 requested more information about the gospel and 766 signed up for the 'Next Step' meetings. On top of this new churches have been birthed. Some of Jimmy's workers have only been 'born again' in this last 12 month period - what a joy to meet them and work with them!

I will keep you updated with news from the Next Step meeting as they unfold.

What next in Macedonia? As John and I sat in Skopje airport we were joined by a friend of ours we were expecting to meet and Pastors from Skopje. We were expecting to be met by two men but not this contingent of six men! We hadn't met most of them since 2004, my first mission in Skopje the capital of Macedonia. It was a joy for me as we met and talked. Without going into too many details at this stage I was asked to include

football stadium further south of the country. Then looking forward to doing a full scale mission in Skopje at the appropriate time.

This was indeed an answer to prayer and confirmation of pictures and visions that God had given me prior to leaving England and on the actual morning several hours preceding this meeting!

So now the stakes are getting higher.

Jesus said in Matthew 9:35-37 (New International Version), that the Workers Are Few - Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep



that does it? The Great Commission - Matthew 28: 19-20; Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

And again in Marks gospel; 16: 15, He said to them, "Go

into all the world and preach the good news to all creation...”.

So who is going to help me do this?

How often do we look at our own nation in despair and wonder if things will ever get better. Well there's only way it will change and that's when man sees the need for God. But a word of encouragement - I sense a change is taking place. Check this out:

During 1967, American evangelist Jean Darnall, on her first trip to England (en-route to Hong Kong) had the last of three recurring visions. The third time she had the vision she was staying in the manse at St. Mary's Church in Poole, Dorset, England.

In these visions she was looking down upon the United Kingdom, having a birds-eye view of the British Isles.

Vision Of Revival In Great Britain - The British Isles were covered in mist (a green haze), and Jean Darnell saw lots of pinpoints of light piercing through. As she looked, they turned out to be fires breaking out all over the nation, from Scotland in the North, to Lands End in the South.

As these God-lit fires were joined together they burned brighter. As she continued to pray, she saw lightning and explosions of fire and then rivers of fire flowing from North to South; from Scotland, Ireland, and Wales into England and some of the streams of fires crossed the channel into Europe, whilst others stopped.

These fires were pockets of people who had been made intensely hungry for the word of God and for New Testament Christianity, those who read the book of Acts and wondered 'where is this church?'

These people would come together to pray and extra meetings would have to be laid on to accommodate all the people. Groups would be

formed, prayer groups, Bible study groups - some would meet in churches, others would be in homes: some converted, others unconverted who were searching and seeking.

Two Moves Of God - Jean Darnall asked the Lord about the vision and had the distinct impression that there would be two moves of God.

1. Renewal In The Church.

The first would be the renewal of Christian faith and fullness of the Holy Spirit within the church.

2. National Awakening And World Vision.

This renewal of life in the church would spread outside resulting in a public awakening. The second part of the vision was the lightning striking around the nation. This move of God would be a national spiritual awakening, which would move into every level of the nation's life; on the campuses, universities, colleges, schools etc., into the media and in the government.

There would be so many conversions that it would actually change the character of the nation of Britain and determine the future move of God in Europe. Jean continued that there would not be a part of the nation's life that will not feel the impact of the spiritual awakening when God releases it to the country.

Great Preachers - The Lord told Jean Darnall that He would also raise up highly anointed preachers who would move in signs and wonders. These people would be a gift to Britain.

Communicators Reaching Britain And Europe - The word 'communicators' was strongly laid upon Jean's heart and was a word that was not trendy in those days. [The internet was not be birthed until nearly three

decades later in 1994 and Christian television first came to Britain via satellite in October 1995].

Jean explained that as the rivers of fire moved, it would produce powerfully gifted communicators who would address the nation through the media, (Through the arts, journalism, the radio and television). Actors, singers, teachers and powerful communicators (who have an anointing to work through the media) will be the new warriors that the Lord is raising up for His army [the younger generation] to reach the heart of the people on the European Continent. People with a special anointing will be sent out from these islands (of Britain) to other nations.

These communicators will be excellent in all that they do and will go into Europe and meet those of like quality (in training and abilities) and together they will work to release God's word speedily into Europe. This will result in another wave of a spiritual awakening into Europe. Also, there would be communicators in government and within the educational system and wherever people are speaking [up] for others.

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Interesting eh? - For me, this is the time to stand up and be counted. I'll preach the gospel wherever the Lord sends me - but I need help. There is a cost involved. I can't do this unless there is great financial input and release. I don't feel I can sit and wait - every minute that goes by someone is dying and en-route to hell; individuals, families, communities and nations are bound by sin and deception.

Jesus Christ is the only answer; we say we know that, but what are we going to do about it?

Let me know if God speaks to you about how you can help.

In His love - Alan