

# *Making Disciples International*

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Dear Friends,

How good is the God we adore! No doubt that you, like us, are watching and praying as news unfolds in the Middle East. There is no sharper reminder to stay our minds on God, and allow Him to keep our minds and hearts in peace. The days are growing darker. With a growing sense of readiness to come alongside workers in Israel, we have postponed plans to take the second level of debriefing training at Le Rucher, France in October. We feel God is wanting us to be on standby.

## **Discipleship weekend**

It has been a busy few months one way and another. At the end of May we led a discipleship weekend for St Johns



Methodist church in Llandudno, North Wales. The chosen theme was “Flourish”. On Friday evening we shared testimony of how God has caused each of us to flourish spiritually. Highlighting three key points, we shared stories of what we have learned walking closely with the Lord:

- Listen attentively to the Lord,
- Submit unconditionally to His Word and
- Lean in utter dependence upon Him in all matters.

On the Saturday, we drew attention to the same divine principles that Jesus taught in the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4: 1-20). On the Sunday, we shared briefly in the morning service. Here is feedback from among the 35 who attended:

- “Jan & Mintie taught us things about the parable we never knew before.”
- “On Friday night, we were so stimulated by Jan & Mintie’s story that even though we hadn’t planned to be there on Saturday, we felt we had to be there.”
- “Absolutely beautiful. Very, very special. I was prayed for and felt the Holy Spirit move me to reconciling and restoring my relationship with the Lord. I felt the warmth of His presence and was so touched by Jan & Mintie’s humility.”
- “I had an excitement in my spirit as I looked forward to this weekend. It was so fruitful for me. I feel I have moved into deeper relationship with the Lord and I want to go on and move closer to Him. It was wonderful”.

It is always a privilege to invest in the lives of others and we felt that that weekend reaffirmed the call of God on our lives to “strengthen the brethren”.

## **London-based Discipleship Group**

There has been much excitement too in the London-based discipleship group that we have been guiding through “Sow What?”—Jan’s discipleship study based on the Parable of the Sower. This is a testimony from one member who had expressed the desire to learn more about hearing the Lord through the study.

- “Last week our discipleship group met and fairly early on I had this terrific pain in my right knee for several minutes. I don’t generally suffer with joint pain so I was more than aware of this. Whilst experiencing the pain,

I asked God what this was about, and He gave me a word of knowledge that He wanted to heal someone in the group. I did not who. Wondering how I could bring this in the group, I waited until we had our prayer time. Then I shared what I sensed and was experiencing. Shalini, immediately responded. She has had a problem with her knee for a long time. I prayed and she felt The Holy Spirit upon her and a gush of blood running through her knee. She didn't think anything more of it until on Tuesday she emailed me to say that God had completely healed her, no pain after 2 years. Awesome!!! When I read her email I cried tears of joy, that God is using me in this way."

We are finishing with the group on Friday, 22 August 2014. In our last session we will share a meal and reflect on what God has done for each one during the period of study.

**Pray with us** as we consider other discipleship events for the autumn and winter months. We are waiting on the Lord to hear His instruction.

## Our Book On Biblical Meditation

*You will keep him in perfect peace,  
Whose mind is stayed on You,  
Because he trusts in You.  
Trust in the LORD forever,  
For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting  
strength (Isaiah 26:3-4 NKJV).*

During the next eight weeks we are concentrating every effort on getting the Biblical meditation manuscript ready for publishing. It is close to being ready, but the content still needs some shaping and sharpening. We're really enjoying writing about what God has taught us on this important subject. **Please pray for this project.** We do believe the study will be of enormous blessing to those who want to grow spiritually, but don't quite know how it happens.

In recent weeks, we have been reminded by the Lord that we must once again stir up the gift that God has put within and not be subject to a spirit of fear and intimidation—for he has given us a spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Love for God will find expression in bold and courageous obedience. We are awaiting His instructions for the months ahead. **Please pray:** There are those among God's people who need strengthening and encouraging—we are ready to respond to go and come alongside. Watch this space! In the last few months God has once again been leading missionaries to the door of our home for help and encouragement. Long may that continue!

**Pray:** Looking ahead, we have already booked an apartment in Jerusalem, 1-31 March 2015, so that we can be a present help to God's workers in that city. Once again we are being called by God to strengthen our brethren.

Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement along the way. We draw great strength from you standing with us to fulfil the call of God on our lives. Physical capacities are somewhat less than they were at the height of Mission Encouragement Trust, but thankfully, we are still fresh and flourishing in the Lord and bearing fruit for the glory of God. Psalm 92:12-15 says:

**The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the LORD is upright;  
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. NKJV**

With much love and grateful hearts,

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- In **South Africa** giving can be channelled through Mintie's personal account. Details are on the website.