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DIVINE PURPOSE OR RELIGIOUS MEDIOCRITY?

TREASURED PARTNERS AND FRIENDS,

There are strategic landmarks across our planet. I often wonder whether God did not specifically design such places for the rulership of nations. Nothing God has done and created is without PURPOSE. There are places like Gibraltar that oversees the Mediterranean Sea flowing into the Atlantic, the Suez and Panama Canals, the Straits of Hormuz around Saudi Arabia and Iran and the Straits of Malacca that directs all Asian shipping through Singapore. Perhaps one of the most significant and often forgotten waters are the straits between Asia and Europe through Turkey, namely, the Bosphorus Strait which is the narrowest strait used for international navigation in the whole world. The increasing number of vessels passing through the Bosphorus strait makes it one of the world's busiest maritime passages. It is estimated that the strait makes way for around 48,000 ships annually, which is reportedly three and four times denser than the traffic of Suez Canal and the Panama Canal respectively. The Bosphorus strait is one of the world's important maritime routes for the transportation of oil from the Caspian Sea region and Russia to regions including Asia and Western and Southern Europe.

Having just made a somewhat lightning trip to Istanbul I was blown away by this cosmopolitan city of 18 million people. It seemed as if every other person was an avid smoker. The friendliness of everyone was touching and for a Moslem country I saw people – including women – touching each other, holding hands and hugging each other including men. But, where was the Christian witness?

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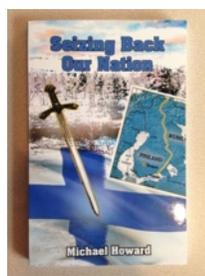
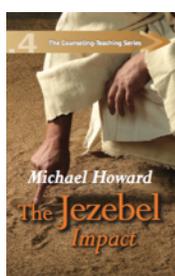
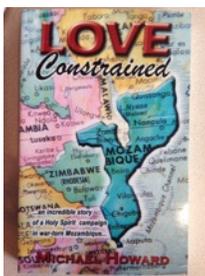
DIVINE PURPOSE OR RELIGIOUS MEDIOCRITY? (CONT.)

In such a strategic centre I saw only one Methodist guest house that indicated anything at all concerning Christianity. And here is the great irony. The gays are allowed to operate throughout the city as long as they are “not in your face” aggressive. What an indictment against believers who ought to be having centres of Christianity throughout this vast sprawling city. He was the power of the blessed Holy Spirit who made such enormous impact in this exact same region two thousand years ago. What a testimony we find in God's Word. “So that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.” One of the great tourist attractions in Istanbul is Hagia Sophia which is the great Christian church built to the glory of God. When the Moslems seized the city of Constantinople in 1452 they turned Hagia Sophia into a mosque. What a huge travesty this is and such shame to the name of Christ. Whilst we are asleep, the Moslems today are on the march coveting and taking more and more territory and people for their cause. There is no doubt that such a strategic place had a destiny to be a great centre and launching pad for the Gospel to the whole of Asia, India and beyond. But, we the church have lost our legitimacy and Divine purpose because we have settled into religious mediocrity.

Each time I read the Book of Acts I am stirred and inspired to do more for Christ. It is NOT about our abilities, gifts or finances but about His power to not only inspire us and to stir us to greater vision for the Kingdom but to go and do. Here is a vast city straddling east and west with little Christian impact if any at all. The children of Israel were commanded by God to go up and take the land for He had given it into their hands. We need to do exactly likewise, GO UP AND TAKE THE LAND. As I am writing this, I am mindful of our new endeavours in storming into the Congo. Soon we will be making a trip into the Congo to take that land for Jesus and set up a new ministry there. Perhaps I need also to look at Istanbul and some other Asian cities and go up to take the land. What does it take? It requires men and women of vision and obedience and above all, sacrifice. We are certainly lacking these qualities in the 21st Century Church.

We are living in a country that is currently so at war with itself that the very nature is in rebellion. Malawi has had no rain and there are no crops. The heat is scorching and the rivers are drying up. Do pray for our cattle. We have water but no food. The animals in the game park are getting thinner and thinner and many are already dying. This is a catastrophe and the politicians play their silly political games while Malawi burns. I have never seen things so critical and running the Academy this new term is going to be a daunting task. Please pray for us as the Lord brings us to your mind. The situation is, indeed, critical. The resources with which the Lord has blessed us can be wiped out in days. It has taken us years to build up our herd and to see them demolished in a season is heart breaking. Ask the Lord to open His supernatural doors and send rain and give us Divine insight as to how to operate.

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POWERFUL APOSTOLIC CONFERENCE



Cold Winter days arrived to Sakyla as our Apostolic Conference started there. It reminded me of the purity and cleanliness of God's Word: "Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Ps. 1:1-2 KJV).

"Taking up the land" gave us a lot to ponder and pray before the Lord. First you have to take up your own land, after that God calls you to a task that He will give you. As He did with Joshua, who had been prepared for the task when he was

walking alongside with Moses.

Right away I knew, that I really needed this message, that we heard in the Conference. I got answers to all those questions, I had asked the Lord. Thank you once again to all the Pastors and participants. God's guidance and blessing to all of us, and boldness and strength for the coming times!

Tarja- Finland

We REALLY enjoyed a blessed time in the glorious presence of our Lord in the Finland Apostolic Conference in the first week of December. The beautiful Center where we were gathering provided a great facility for the Conference. The topic was "Go up and take the land". The "big guns", Pastors Michael Howard and Dutch VanderVlucht were ministering about the topic. In the evening meetings we heard also touching and powerful testimonies from Pastors Jim and Eileen Kirt and Asko and Janette Pesola.



We enjoyed quality praise and worship in the evening meetings, that lifted us to worship our Lord together and rejoice before Him. In the morning intercessions we asked the Lord to explode us with His power, in order to take us all to our goal of taking the land, whatever it means in our individual lives. Pastor Howard's last lesson left us with a great challenge: Am I a lover or a prostitute? Do I love and serve God because of himself despite what I will benefit from him? Or do I try to "buy" God's favors by doing things for him?



Antti Mustakallio

Powerful Apostolic Conference (Cont.)

"It had been several years since we were able to attend the yearly Apostolic Conference in Finland. What a joy to see a faithful group of believers who are growing in Christ, going to the Nations and establishing a Kingdom work in the nation of Finland. Pastor Michael has invested in this nation, establishing intercession groups, and intercessors, teaching God's Word, and sending out missionaries from Finland for more than two decades. We could really see the fruit of that investment and labor when we attended the conference and had fellowship with these faithful servants of God.

The Conference is a challenging time for those who attend. Morning intercession with a group of more than twenty, laying a foundation of prayer and intercession for God's heartfelt desires. Teaching sessions given by Pastor Howard and Pastor Dutch fill every day. Evenings are for worship and testimonies. It is so powerful to hear first-hand of God's works and power demonstrated through His people in the nations.



Finland is a chosen nation by God to be a doorway for Kingdom power and work into the many European nations. And, God has raised up faithful teams of Finnish believers to make yearly mission trips into the Refugee Camps in Uganda, and into Malawi and Mozambique. The majority of the Kalibu University students are from Finland, and it will be so exciting to see how God uses them to establish Kingdom works in the nations of the world. The support and intercession that these believers invest into the ministry cannot be counted.

"Let Us Go Up And Take The Land, For He Has Given It Into Our Hands" was such a powerful and relevant topic for the Church today. While we witness the church withdrawing and relinquishing territories taken in years past, during this global

pandemic, Kalibu Ministries is being used of God to do just that, Take The Land! What about me, and you? Are we hearing what God is calling us to in this hour? To rise up, in the midst of the current opposition and resistance, to take the land where He has placed us, to be that living, power-filled witness of Jesus Christ."

Jim & Eileen Kirt USA

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UNIVERSITY STUDENT PRACTICALS- CHURCH PLANTING

CHURCH PLANTING TESTIMONY



“Part of the practical studies in the Kalibu Bible University of Revival and Divinity at Kalibu in Blantyre, is to do church planting in the rural villages of Malawi. I was sent out with my team (with my Finnish Bible student colleague Ms. Tanja and our Malawian Bible student Vincent Chimwemwe) to Chimpeni village in central Malawi, Dowa and also to the Congolese refugee camp in Dzaleka. For two months (September and November 2021) we have been living in our tents in the village together with the locals without electricity, proper toilet and running water; preaching, teaching and raising up the local church.

After these two months of living and ministering in the village, I can say that I have learned a number of things about church planting. First of all, church planting can never be learned by sitting in the classroom. There is no ABC, or

1+1=2, no set strategy or formula. All of my own expectations, ideas and hopes about building a spiritual/physical church were crumbled during these 2 months of living in the village. Nothing went the way that I had planned! We must remember that we are dealing with mostly uneducated, village people who have lived with their witchcraft, customs and traditions for hundreds of years. It does not work that we just drive into the village as white missionaries and start to change things. It doesn't work that way. God also showed us that His work is not about numbers or crowds, but discipleship. If I am able to raise up even 1-2 committed, faithful servants and disciples of Christ, I have succeeded! Another thing I learned is that discipleship takes time, tears, investment and effort.

I also learned that sometimes as missionaries we are not always welcomed with open arms. In Chimpeni village Tanja and I were called satanists, and in Dzaleka refugee camp we were at first not welcomed or appreciated by the Congolese refugees. This is all about dying to self, and dying to man's opinions. But we were never downcast because our focus was always on God, and not on satan or man. Tanja and I focused on prayer, praise and intercession, and through this we could approach the throne of God with boldness and authority. We understood that we are in a spiritual war, not fighting with flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers of darkness in the heavenly places. We stood unmoved, and the enemy had to flee.

During these two months in the village we saw God moving and we witnessed many healings, deliverances, baptisms (with water and Holy Spirit), and people coming to Christ. Much work is still to be done, but we have now laid the foundation for our church, and we have a small group of people who are faithful and committed. Next year we want to start building a physical church on the land that Kalibu has purchased in Chimpeni village.”

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