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Hello,

I started this year challenged through a podcast as to whether "I loved the work I do for the Lord more than I love Him." I had to really check my heart; I am still a work in progress. I do love the work we do for Jesus, but I am intentional that I must love Him more! I am telling you this because so many people have said to me, "Yes, I might do that too!"

We have had a fruitful time on the Forges and on missions in the previous four months and you will see more significant testimonies in this edition. We had great reviews following the last Burning Issues, and I hope you find this edition helpful too. The Burundi Field Report is very exciting with opportunities opening with significant leaders plus an amazing testimony.

We were teaching into Healing of the Land on the Fireside in October, followed by a well-attended prayer event on Zoom in November. We concentrated on prayer for the United Kingdom, and we have two great articles following on from this which I hope will be a resource you can use as you pray for your homes, towns, cities and churches. We are hosting more prayer events, please join us if you can.

Tristan has recently written a book, *Made Ready in the Fear of the Lord*, and there is a great book review of it by Rob Barton. The book is so worth a read, and it will prepare you for the return of the Lord and challenge you to holiness.

We remain expectant for all the Lord will do in 2026 and we thank you for your prayers, your financial support and your love.

Blessings Galore!



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Healing the Land

By Tristan Stevenson

It was in Juba, South Sudan, whilst ministering to a group of South Sudanese Army Chaplains at a Flame conference that I witnessed my first miracle as a result of this teaching, *Healing the Land*.

It was the final teaching of the conference, and after the teaching we gave space for the Chaplains to respond in prayer. These large, strong, and godly men humbled themselves, kneeling to pray and formed a large circle where they interceded and upheld one another's hands in unity. With deep and heartfelt cries, they stood in the gap and repented of the sins that had happened on their land and pleaded in Christ Jesus to turn things around; to turn curse to a blessing.

That evening Jan and I sat on the pavement of our accommodation with the view of dry, dust-capped grounds all around us as this part of the country was experiencing a drought and the people were eagerly awaiting the rains to come. Almost out of nowhere, the heaven's opened and the rain thundered out of the sky. Jan leant over to me, "That's as a result of their prayers this afternoon". I agreed, and we both continued to sit there in awe of the God whom we serve!

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 says, "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,

then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

This is a well-known passage, but before we dive into the application on how to pray, we have to first grapple with a really important question: What would cause God to "shut up the heavens", and bring things that seem destructive to impact the land? The answer: mankind's sin! This might sit uncomfortably with some of us, as we wrestle with the concept of divine discipline versus total forgiveness. But God doesn't want us to be ignorant of the reality that our sin can bring direct implications to ourselves, others, and to the land in which we live and work on. Derek Prince wisely said, "It is important for all of us to remember that God's forgiveness does not necessarily cancel all the consequences of our sins".

On one hand, this could seem discouraging, mean, and disappointing, but when we delve deeper into understanding why this is the case, I do believe it is one of the most encouraging things we can hear! Why is it then, that our actions can bring direct implications (both good and bad) upon the land? Quite simply, because God has given us the awesome role and responsibility to represent Himself on the earth. We are God's co-workers, His ambassadors, *His image bearers* on the earth and therefore, we have been given the authority to rule over the land and steward it. The purpose for



^ Pastors praying over the land in Rhino Camp, Uganda

us being made in the image of God is to be bearers of divine authority so that we can effectively rule on the earth, *Genesis 1:26*.

As God has given us His authority to act as gatekeepers to the land, we have the power and authority to allow things into the land or drive things from the land. As it was in the beginning, in order for Satan to attain a position of authority over the earth, he had to go through humanity who had the authority to let him in or drive him out. Unfortunately, Adam and Eve's sin let him in and gave him authority and power over the earth. It is simple yet profound; our actions as *gatekeepers* can bring direct implications to the land; blessings because of our obedience, and curses because of our sin. To Adam, God said, "Cursed is the ground *because of you*", *Genesis 3:17a*. ▶

What sins in particular then, does the Bible tell us can bring curses on the land?

1. Idolatry

Idolatry is worship of other gods. We are to have no other gods before the Lord God Almighty, *Exodus 20:3-6*. Therefore, allegiance to other religions and philosophies defiles the land. This includes Witchcraft, Paganism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Humanism, Communism, and Freemasonry. *Jeremiah 16:18*, says, "I will repay them double for their wickedness and their sin, because they have defiled my land with the lifeless forms of their vile images and have filled my inheritance with their detestable idols".

2. Bloodshed

This brings death onto the land and defiles it. *Numbers 35:33-34*, "Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it. Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell, for I, the Lord, dwell among the Israelites."

There is much bloodshed on the land when there is war, conflict, massacres, genocide or ethnic cleansing and the land will be defiled. Murder, including abortion, also defiles the land as do suicides and fatal accidents.

3. Sexual Immorality

This is any sexual relations outside of Biblical marriage.

Leviticus 18 has a long list of sexual sins. In verses 24-25 it is written, "Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants."

4. Broken Covenants & Forming Ungodly Covenants

Isaiah 24:5-6, "The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse consumes the earth."

Examples of broken covenants include broken promises, agreements, and treaties. In *2 Samuel 21* God tells David that the 3-year famine in Israel is because Saul, the previous king, broke the treaty with the Gibeonites. Alliances with the ungodly have a similar effect because the covenant or promise to be holy is being dishonoured. Perhaps more relevant to our culture, another example of a broken covenant is divorce, which breaks the covenant of marriage.



"What fertiliser did you use?" He told them that he didn't use fertiliser, but the power of the Holy Spirit!

We would suggest that these four sins are the main sins that the Bible speaks of that can bring curse and defilement onto the land. There are others too though, as the Prophet Malachi expresses that even family breakdown can result in a curse upon the land. "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse." *Malachi 4:5-6*.

Flame delivers this teaching to many of the nations we go to; nations in Central and West Africa, war-torn nations in Eastern Europe and persecuted nations in Asia. One thing we have seen again and again as we deliver this teaching is the Holy Spirit descending upon the people and giving them a deep conviction of their country's sins, in the fear of the Lord. Even here in the UK, our land is filled with the idolatrous and wicked sins that bring defilement and curse onto

the land, but we, the people of God, can work with the Holy Spirit to see the Kingdom of Heaven come and transform things.

The scriptures identify several consequences of defilement on the land. *Ezekiel 14* expresses that ecological disaster, war or conflict, disease, and famine (even famine of the word of God) can come upon the land because of sin. One African Pastor, on hearing this teaching went to pray over his small holding where he grew crops. He repented of the sins on his land, asked the Lord to break the curses and bring about blessings on the land. The next harvest his crops were twice the height of his neighbours! "How are your crops so big?" His neighbours asked him. "What fertiliser did you use?" He told them that he didn't use fertiliser, but the power of the Holy Spirit!

As we resist God's commands it is possible to even give way for demonic forces to attain positions of authority and rule over the land instead. One example we have of this was in ►



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Armenia. In one of the villages there was a particular street which was an accident ‘blackspot’. There had been several fatal accidents on this bend of the road, and it was well known. Two ladies who heard Flame’s teaching then went along the road and stood in the gap in intercessory prayer. They repented of sin on the land, forgave people who had done it and in Jesus’ name rebuked any spirit of accidents that was operating along that road. A year later when the Flame team went back, they reported that there had been no fatal accidents since that time! Hallelujah!

Is this something that we can all do? Are believers mandated to go around cleansing the land? A part of the discernment to that question is, “What area of land do you have authority over?” Perhaps you own land, your own house, or you have an area of work. If you have any form of legal authority over a plot of land, you have authority and stewardship to cleanse it. You may even rent accommodation or rent an office room. Even if you rent, we would say

that you legally have some right over that area. What other areas/building do you have some responsibility or representation over? Your Church, your town, and even your nation? This is an important consideration, as in intercessory prayer for healing the land, you come before God on behalf of a place and people group that you identify with. If I were to pray for my Church, my town, or my nation, I could say to God, “We, the people, have sinned”, and I can personally identify with them. I can’t speak on behalf of people from another country and represent them, they must do it.

God says, “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” This is incredible! We, the people of God, priests with Christ, have the role and honour to be able to come before God and stand in the gap on behalf of the sins on the land, and He will do what? He will “hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land.” *2 Chronicles 7:13-14.*

How do we pray?

Ask the Lord to give you the fear of the Lord regarding what sins have happened on the land and wait for Him to speak. As we then confess these sins to God, and repent of anything we have done too, we can forgive the people (and ourselves) who have sinned and ask the Lord Jesus to break any curse on the land. In faith, plead the blood of Christ over the land to cleanse mankind’s sin and turn the curse to a blessing. Are there any evil spirits that need evicting from the land? If you have authority over that land, then command them to go in Jesus’ name. Now, let’s consecrate the land to God to receive His blessings! Remove any idols or cursed objects you yourself have put up. Stake scriptures into the land, make written declarations and actively remain keeping the land holy before the Lord. If you are praying for your Church building, your town, or your nation, then don’t go at it alone! There is strength in unity, and the Church collective are to operate together in cleansing the land. Be encouraged, be humble, and pray for the Kingdom of God to come onto the earth.

“...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14



What is God saying to the Church today?

By Di Payne

I do not claim a full understanding of the Lord's Word to the whole Church. We see through a glass darkly, 1 Corinthians 13:12, each of us part of a big jigsaw. However, I would like to share some thoughts I feel God has given me about the opportunities facing the church today.

It's His Church not ours

The church is described as God's body here on earth, constantly growing and expanding, *Ephesians 4:15-16*. We need to remember that Jesus told us, "He will build his church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it", *Matthew 16:18*. Put another way, *He will build His church. Whose church? His. Who will do the building? He will.* Will this be successful? Yes, because God has spoken. We may also need to allow the Lord to stretch our understanding of church, focusing on the body of people rather than structures.

He will do the work, but we have a part to play.

Scripture shows us much that is timeless that God says to His Church. We need to be ready for His second coming in glory, for a bride without spot or wrinkle, to be His bride, *Ephesians 5:27*. There is an urgency here to ensure our focus is on Jesus. Scripture warns us clearly that we do not know the timing of His coming, *Matthew 24:36*.

In *Revelation 2 and 3*, the Lord speaks to the seven churches, challenging them not to lose their first love or be lukewarm, not to accept false teaching, not to tolerate Jezebel [control]. Likewise, the Lord commends perseverance, richness in faith, remaining true to Jesus - including amid difficulty, hope, love and holiness.

Lift your eyes

As we lift our eyes from the busyness of living, from problems in the church and the world, it becomes easier to focus on Jesus and His Kingdom. We are told that there will be wars and rumours of wars and that we should be not troubled, *Matthew 24:6*. Focusing on the world can draw us away from seeing the Lord of Glory who will come on the clouds, and every eye will see Him, *Revelation 1:7*. And insofar as we are almost transfixed by problems and "problem" people, we would do well to remember the parable of the wheat and the tares, which were/are left to grow together until the appointed time, *Matthew 13: 24-30*; judgement belongs to the Lord, *Romans 12:19*.

Jesus Himself speaks more about the Kingdom of God, His rule and reign in the lives of His children and beyond, than of the church. Perhaps we need to look to how to build one another up in faith, *1 Thessalonians 5:11*, rather than to maintain church as we know it. Maintenance is important but can take over from the work of the Holy Spirit of God. May we learn to look for the signs of God working in our individual, corporate and national life, however small, and trust Him to bring these to completion, *Philippians 1:6*, much like looking at an acorn whilst also marvelling at the huge tree into which it will grow. Change takes place in the spiritual realm before we see it in the natural world. The Lord always retains a remnant faithful to Him.



Growth in prayer and intercession

One of the real encouragements of the day in which we live is the amazing way the Lord is growing prayer and intercession. Clearly God's people have prayed for centuries. What we see today is the growth of prayer movements across the world, with Flame International moving to prioritise intercession, including in Hubs of people praying together; if you would like to join in, do email prayer@flameinternational.org. ▶

Shalom

As we seek the Lord in the many challenges of our lives, we can speak God's shalom peace into the most difficult of situations. We can remember and pray the words of the Lord's Prayer, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven", *Matthew 6:10* and that Jesus came "that we may have life and life in all its fullness", *John 10:10*.



Our response becomes a life of worship, praise and thanksgiving, amid difficulty, a life of prayer and of living out the Great Commission in whatever ways, large or small, that the Holy Spirit prompts us.

What is God saying to the Church today? Go for it, live it and be blessed as you do so. Being led by the Spirit can look untidy, ridiculous, exciting

and amazing. There may be sticking points for each of us. My own experience is that every time I think I understand what the Spirit is doing, He "ups the ante". A challenging journey which can lead to amazing outcomes if we stick with it.

My understanding is that we stand at the beginning of a massive harvest, as people - particularly the younger generation - tire of the world and turn to Christ. In addition, there will be an exponential increase in healing and miracles.

Obedience

So often, we hear His call to us to respond but are slow to obey. I have recently been reminded of something the Lord told me to do some years ago. Although I had prepared myself to do this, I had not "got round" to it. When I repented and did it, I quickly received increased revelation, for myself, in ministry to others and in an opening to speak into church matters. To act "when I have time" hardly honours Jesus as Lord of my life.

As we prepare for the return of Jesus Christ, let us hold closely to Him, whatever goes on around us, obey His word and trust Him for the outworking of the manifold problems of the church and the world. "To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever, Amen", *Ephesians 3:21*.

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches," *Revelation 3:22*.

NEW AGE PRACTICE: ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION

By Rev Ian Fall

Whenever we consider any issue, asking the right question is vitally important. If we ask the wrong question, no matter how finely crafted the answer, it will always be wrong. This is certainly the case when we consider the deception of new age teaching and its infiltration into everyday life. I have to give a warning here. My aim is not to bring anyone into condemnation but rather shed light on what's really going on and be alert to the tactics of the enemy in using these practices to hold people in bondage. All I would ask is that you be before the Lord about all of this, ask for His light to shine.

It would be easy for this article to descend into a list of do's and don'ts, or more likely, don'ts and don'ts! This would leave us no better off than modern day pharisees, knowing the letter of the law but completely

missing the heart of it. This is where the question is important. The question often asked is, "What can/can't I do?". The better question is, "What honours/dishonours God?" When Potipher's wife was trying to seduce Joseph, his response was not to say directly that it was wrong, nor that it would betray his master, both of which were true. Joseph said, "How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?", *Genesis 39:9*. One of Satan's tactics is to question God's motives. This was a major factor in the temptation in the garden, "You will not surely die...God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil", *Genesis 3:4-5*. Effectively saying, "It's not that bad, God wants you to miss out." We all know the outcome! We have free will to choose, but not to determine ►

the consequences of those choices. Paul states, "All things are lawful for me", but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me", but I will not be enslaved by anything.'

1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV).

We are created spirit, soul and body, *1 Thessalonians 5:23*. What happens to one part of our being, impacts the others. I've said before that the enemy does not come with a large arrow declaring that he is the enemy, rather, "Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

2 Corinthians 11:14. So it is with new age practice, treatments and exercise regimes. They posit themselves as the answer to a plethora of ailments and maladies with little to no reference to their origins or spiritual roots, nor their spiritual impact. There is certainly no reference to sin and the need for our relationship with God to be restored.

Many new age treatments were birthed out of eastern religions, therefore, engaging in their practice puts people under submission to the spiritual authority connected to them, i.e. Satan. To be clear, not every engagement with these practices will result in demonic intrusion, but it certainly makes the person vulnerable to it. Remember the question, "does this honour or dishonour God?" God's intent is not to deny us but rather save us from the spiritual realities behind these things.

The availability of these practices, and the acceptance of them by some mainstream health bodies (e.g. acupuncture available on NHS and Yoga through social prescribing) is not a validation of the practice. The effectiveness of these techniques in providing some relief from the symptoms is not a validation of the technique. In addition, adding the word "Christian" in the title does not legitimise the regime any more than you can have "Christian Buddhism." The question is what is going on spiritually?

A casual glance at what is being held in your locality will throw up a multitude of advertisements offering alternative ways to deal with whatever issues you may have, be it stress, pain or ways of improving your wellbeing. Here's an example, "Dive into guided mindfulness exercises to quiet the mind and cultivate a sense of inner calm. Experience the gentle, healing energy of Reiki, promoting relaxation and balance within the body and mind. Explore guided hypnotic journeys designed to alleviate stress, enhance self-awareness, and foster a deep sense of relaxation."

Notice that there is no mention of the deep eastern spiritual roots of all of this and the spiritual consequences of engaging with them. The roots of the practices and the beliefs of the practitioners is important to understand. Not all practitioners are fully aware of the roots of what they are engaged in, but nevertheless they still have a spiritual impact.

There is a focus on self-actualisation. You'll hear terms like unblocking, balancing, harmonising; so what is happening here?

The premise is that there is an energy in our bodies. This flows along energy pathways and if they get disrupted this leads to the

physical problems that a person is suffering from. This energy has names like chakra, chi, ki, meridians. These practices advocate that by meditation, needles, pressure, massage, stones, crystals, magnets, postures, these pathways can be cleared and the person healed.

We are created in God's image with a spirit, soul, and body, not with energy pathways. The only way to spiritual cleansing and restoration is through confession, repentance and forgiveness. *1 John 1:9*, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The alternate view of our created being comes from the enemy as he attempts to subvert God's created order for his own purposes. Denying God's created order and turning to other spiritual realities opens people up to the spiritual influences that rule over them. These things are not spiritually neutral. Practitioners of one of these alternative therapies/regimes are often involved in others. So, when someone puts themselves under submission to these practitioners, they open themselves

up to these other influences as well. This alternative "energy" does have spiritual power, but its root is demonic. Submission to it leads to greater

entanglement and bondage. One Facebook post in response to the advert quoted earlier said, "Seeing my late Dad appear from the mirror during the guided meditation and hand me a ball of light was extremely moving and powerful." This is the insidious nature of these practices and why they are so dangerous.

Not everyone is impacted to the same extent, some are more susceptible than others, however, there is a spiritual cost, and it opens a door.

Let's consider some specifics. ►

'We are created in God's image with a spirit, soul, and body, not with energy pathways.'

Yoga. The aim of Yoga is to make the body more spiritually receptive. Yoga means “yoking” “to unite”. Yoga is a spiritual act of submission looking to connect to a deity, the universal consciousness. It looks to release the kundalini spirit, which is depicted as a snake, at the base of the spine. Each yoga pose is an act of veneration to the universal consciousness and therefore worship of a false god. *Exodus 20:4-5* states, “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.” This warns us against elevating the created above the creator and that what we do with our bodies is consequential. That includes the postures that we adopt. That to which we bow, we submit to.

Acupuncture. A little research reveals that “in Buddhism, the ‘Acupuncture needle’ symbolizes the Buddha’s touch, specifically his revitalization of Ananda’s crown (crown chakra). This metaphor represents the infusion of energy and wisdom, illustrating the transformative power of the Buddha’s teachings.” This demonstrates that the heart of acupuncture is to connect with a spiritual reality outside of God. This is the root foundation of all therapies/treatments that seek to

unblock/realign/cleanse the energy flow in the body, such as reflexology, kinesiology and the like. One delegate at the Forge recalled that he had been directed to have kinesiology by his GP. During a ministry time he testified, “I was set free from kinesiology and released from a spirit during the teaching.”

Reki. Spiritual healing using the palms of the practitioner as a channel of the supposed universal healing energy. Practitioners seek to make practitioners of those they practice on. Again, this has the same demonic root as acupuncture, seeking to rebalance energy pathways. Where it differs is that there is a more overt impartation of spiritual influence from the practitioner into the person being treated. This creates a strong ungodly link between the two, and whatever is influencing the practitioner can take hold of the other.

Pilates. Joseph Pilates, after which the exercise regime derives its name, studied yoga, martial arts and zen Buddhism. The postures in Pilates are grounded in those in yoga and therefore have the same aim. A question that is often asked is, “what happens if I adopt the pose but I’m just doing it for exercise?” If I were to prostrate myself in church before God that would be an act of worship. If I were to adopt the same position in a

mosque, who would I be submitting to? Again, asking the right question here is vitally important. The enemy’s deception is to say, “this is only exercise, it’s only a pose”, the spiritual reality says differently. The question is, “does this honour or dishonour God?” If I want my life to surrender to God’s Lordship it means that I want to do that which honours Him. It’s not that He wants us to miss out, it’s that He knows full well the damage that is done to our spirits, souls and bodies and therefore we should steer well clear. There are plenty of exercises we can do with no connection to anything founded on eastern religion.

Homeopathy. This is where a substance that causes a particular symptom is heavily diluted, in a process called potentization. It is supposed to release healing of those symptoms in those who take the medication. In many cases there is not a molecule of the original substance in the remedy, but there is said to be the essence of the substance.

It is important to state that this is not an attack on tried and tested medication that have some element of natural ingredients in them. However, this is not what is going on here, rather it is attributing a power to something created that goes beyond its natural properties. The same is true of aromatherapy and crystals. In the case of aromatherapy, it goes beyond being a pleasant smell to being relaxing, de-stressing, calming. These are all

inner, spiritual influences. In the case of crystals, it is the resonance that impacts on the inner person. When we engage in these things we are serving that which has been created rather than the Creator and this puts us into bondage.

This is not an exhaustive exposition but rather to highlight how easy it is to be drawn in to the enemy’s deception in saying these things are harmless. A recommended book for a more detailed study is, *The dangers of alternative ways of healing* by David Cross and John Berry.

We need to be discerning about what we are involved in. Questions we should ask are: *What are the underlying principals in the treatment? Who founded the therapy, what were their beliefs? What words or phrases are being used? What is the belief of the practitioner? What else are they involved in?*

So, what can we do if we have been involved in any of these practices? I said at the start this was not to bring anyone into condemnation. This is not the unforgivable sin. Jesus stated, from the outset of His ministry, His desire to see people set free and healed, *Luke 4:18-19*. This was bought at great cost, “By his stripes we are healed”, *Isaiah 53:5*. “The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin”, *1 John 1:7*. The posture of our hearts is the heart of the matter. To confess, repent and forgive. There also may be the need for deliverance. Let’s seek to honour God in all we do.

Mary's Journey

From deliverance and healing,
to 'Healing the Land' in Kenya.

Before Jesus

Although I ticked the 'Christian box' on a form, I never knew Jesus as my Lord and Saviour until I truly encountered Him on 23 February 2023 when I cried out for help one night; and the God who hears, *Psalm 18:6*, met me there and lit a fire in my heart to love and serve Him. The next Sunday I was in church and the start of a rollercoaster spiritual journey began. Two and a half years later, with the guidance of Flame, the Lord has brought emotional, spiritual and physical healing. It has opened my eyes to the dangers of giving the devil a foothold; whether intentionally or not. What is more, by the Lord's grace I experienced the love, provision and sovereignty of God and 'that in all things He works for the good of those who love Him' with repercussions that are reaching others across continents.

Since committing my life to Jesus, it hasn't been an easy ride. We have completed three international military moves with a young family. The initial jubilation I experienced after encountering the Lord wavered as

I started suffering floods of anxiety and panic attacks whenever it came to anything to do with church. Yet the Lord kept leading me to step out in faith. A number of months later, I had a fall which led to a severe flare up of complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), causing excruciating neuropathic pain limiting my movement and setting me back using crutches, unable to walk more than a few metres, with severe light sensitivity and tinnitus. I say 'setting me back' as this all started in my early twenties after a sporting injury, which confined me to a wheelchair and took seven agonising years to learn to walk again. During this time, I resorted to all sorts of treatment, such as acupuncture, Reiki and intensive Yoga; anything to manage the pain, oblivious to the doors it may be opening.

In August 2023, having had adequate improvement in my condition we moved out to Germany for my husband's posting, though within a couple of months of our arrival things went from bad to worse after a mix up with my medication led

to severe psychosis and a hospital stay. The CRPS escalated and I found myself bedbound for three months, unable to cope with light or noise at all, spending long hours in the dark. I gradually emerged over the months that followed; my faith in the LORD more profoundly affirmed.

The clean-up begins

After a 'chance' meeting with Liesel & Rhett Parkinson from the Armed Forces' Christian Union (AFCU) in Germany in June 2025, Liesel kindly offered to organise some prayer ministry with Val Hall, another AFCU member who also ministers with Flame. I willingly agreed but had no idea what to expect. In July I returned to the UK for my best friend's wedding, with the help of a wheelchair because of the pain. During my short stay my health deteriorated so much I was unable to travel back to Germany. Stranded in the UK, away from my family, I completed three initial online sessions with Val and Liesel between 9 and 22 July and a further two in August with Val and Sharon Borland, also an AFCU member and on the Flame staff team. The Holy Spirit set the agenda, leading to unexpected areas long buried that needed the Lord's healing.

Val said later, "I duly dug out my Ellel notes on deliverance from the ramifications of doing Yoga ready for the first session and was all prepared for what seemed to be a fairly cut-and-dried case. I really should have

learnt by now that the Holy Spirit has His own agenda and we must not try to second guess Him!" Each session brought out something new and different, often with a lot of repentance and tears but the Lord is so good and as His light shone into darkness, the healing and freedom came. In the second session, a spirit of divination left my right leg; it was revealed that it came from an encounter with an acupuncturist just before I developed CRPS in 2011. Concurrently, I worked through the Fireside online teachings, finding them so informative, relevant and enlightening; I recommend to all.

A new season

Leading into session five of prayer ministry I was still taking the pain medication, using crutches to walk and was bound by the fear of pain. My husband had brought the girls to join me for the summer holidays but had to return to Germany for a further couple of weeks for work. Whilst things had improved a little, they were still very challenging even the smallest daily tasks caused pain, and light was still a huge problem. By the Lord's strength alone and provision through the help of people around me and local church club for the girls, I seemed to manage. I had felt prompted to share my testimony of the Lord's faithfulness during my trials with my local church in Burgh, and for anyone who knows me, standing up and speaking to a crowd is and ►

was incredibly daunting, but again with my eyes fixed on my Saviour I endeavoured to step out in obedience and faith.

The day before the last prayer session the Lord gave me the verse **Luke 1:74**, "That we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear", although this seemed so far off. Finally, during the time of prayer ministry Val brought up the Yoga and my time in India when I travelled around visiting temples, oblivious to the spiritual world about me. In Goa, I spent a month doing an intensive Yoga course, 6-8 hours a day, meditating and unknowingly devoting myself to other gods through the Yoga poses, with the aim to open what yogis call the chakras and inner eye. I now see this as the deception it is and opening of doors for the devil. Sharon and Val so gently led me through repentance, forgiveness, breaking ungodly ties and inviting the Lord in to shut what was open and bring restoration and healing.

I can thank and praise the Lord that I have had no need for the pain medication since that session. With **Luke 1:74** reverberating in my mind and the Spirit empowering me, I walked pain free for the first time in over a year and a half! Within a week I had walked 5km and within two weeks ran a 5km with my girls on a family fun run! Memories of the girl's excitement when they told daddy on the phone, "Mummy lifted us and has been dancing round the kitchen" still bring

tears to my eyes. My husband actually said, "You even sound different". What is more, the bombardment of anxiety and negative emotional assault died to a trickle. I can only raise my hands in awe and thank and praise the Lord!

And on to Kenya



So...how does this get us to Kenya, I hear you ask...

Back in 2022, during a military posting to Nairobi, Kenya, my husband and I were driving down to the Masai Mara for a weekend game drive. Three hours into the drive on a long open stretch of road, unexpectedly the back wheel of our Toyota came flying off, overtaking us and landing feet away from a man on the back of a motorbike. 'Miraculously' we pulled over safely to a bellowing, 'Praise the Lord' from the man, who I now know is Justus's father.

As we set in for a long wait whilst mechanics were sought, I was given the wonderful experience to meet and play with the children at the

teeny one-classroom mud school on the hill directly outside where we had stopped. This 'chance' encounter started a blossoming relationship between Mama Florence (now Pastor Kishoyin) and Justus her son, a young man with a passion for teaching and empowering those with physical and learning disabilities to receive an education. The school and accompanying church provide a hub serving the rural community outside Narok town.

Years later, just before I became engrossed in the Fireside teachings, Justus messaged asking if I would pray for them; the rains had failed again, and things were really bad. 'Coincidentally', Val sent me a link to Flame's Healing the Land teaching and, watching this, I felt prompted to share the **2 Chronicles 7:14** verse and checked with Val if I could share the teachings as well. She felt sure that Jan would agree, so I sent the link. Pastor Kishoyin and Justus started sharing the teachings throughout their community. On the 20 August 2025, we received a celebratory video of the community dancing and praising in worship that the first rains had come. Encouraged, Justus started translating the Flame teachings into Kiswahili and Masai to share with local church elders and his bible study group. By 8 October, 3 Bishops, 8 reverends and 17 pastors were coming together to pray!

On the 29 October Justus gave us a resumé of how the teaching had been

received. On Generational Influences he said, "One of the most powerful teachings; many shared positive feedback as they discovered how to break negative cycles and embrace God's blessings for their families. We can thank and praise the Lord that the rains have now come, and the crops are beginning to grow!"

Justus has since returned from a trip to Nairobi with the Kabirus Missionaries to share the teaching more widely. He says, "I am especially glad that the Kabirus missionaries have accepted the teachings and now they are spreading across two counties. This marks a great step in expanding the message of healing, restoration, and hope through Flame International teachings."

I thank and praise the Lord for all those who work with Flame International and for their teachings, love and care in ministry. Through a 'chance' conversation and offer of prayer from Liesel, the Flame teachings are beginning to multiply around Kenya and, God willing, will come to be shared with some churches out here in Germany bringing God's blessing to others - surely (the LORD) has done great things', **Joel 2:20**, and 'it is marvellous in our eyes', **Psalms 118:23**. Please thank and praise the Lord with us for all that He has done and is doing and pray that the teachings can reach more people around the world, bringing freedom and blessing.

Prayer for the Nations: United Kingdom

With an ever-increasing conviction, we believe we are being called by the Spirit to pray, pray, and pray! In these days, it is something the Holy Spirit is clearly calling the Church to do and when we hear the call we must respond. This is why towards the end of last year we were guided once again to hold online prayer events, to gather people together to intercede for the nations. This is not a new thing, but the urgency and call to greater depth is increasing.

In November we held our first prayer event of this kind, and together with 80 people gathering, we prayed for the United Kingdom. Taking heed of our teaching, Healing the Land, we took time to stand in the gap and confessed before the Lord the sins that have brought defilement upon our land. With many pray-ers, we called on the Lord to have mercy, forgive our sins and cleanse our land from the wickedness that seems to be prospering in many ways. Faith grew as we interceded together, knowing that our mighty, gracious and compassionate God heard our prayers!

The following prayers were prayed collectively. Lots of these prayers and inspiration of the prayers were taken from a marvellous book of prayer, *Your Nation Needs You* by Jill Gower and Robbie Bain. **These prayers are for you to use. Take them to your churches, to your prayer meetings, and use them in time you have alone with God. Together, we pray for His Kingdom to come!**

Prayer of confession for the sins of the United Kingdom

Father God Almighty, we praise you because you are faithful, just and true. You know all things, and we don't want to keep things hidden from you, Lord. We confess that we, the people in the United Kingdom, have sinned and done wrong. We have rebelled against you and rejected your holy ways and disobeyed your laws. We and our kings, our governments, our rulers, our ancestors, and the people, have sinned against you. We, the church, have strayed from you and from the most holy faith. We confess that we have sinned, and we repent where we have sinned ourselves.

Lord, we do not judge those who have sinned, but we forgive them as you have forgiven us. Lord our God, you are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against you. We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of

your mercy. We ask that through the sacrifice of Jesus and His blood shed for the whole world, that you would show us mercy, forgive our sins and heal our land. Listen as we plead. For your own sake Lord, do not delay. Forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer to return to the Lord

Father, in the name of Jesus we thank you that you are the God of heaven and earth, the Creator, Sustainer and King of the Universe. Lord, we thank you that, as your people pray, you will hear from heaven and heal our land. Father, we ask that you, the righteous judge, forgive the sins of our fathers, the transgressions of your righteous laws, and the wrong decisions we have made. We humble ourselves before you as we seek your face and turn from our wicked ways.

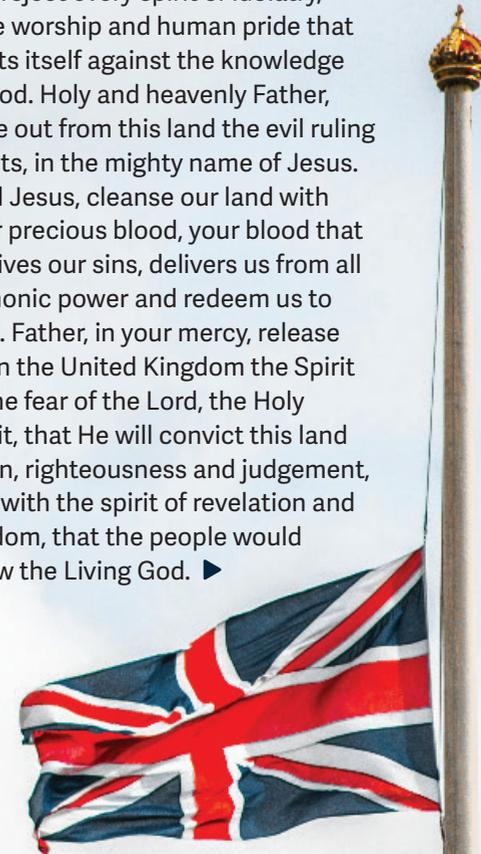
Lord, we pray that as our land is healed a great awakening will shake the nation and that our society will be transformed by the power and presence of your Holy Spirit. Lord, we ask that you release the wind of your Spirit, the rain of your presence and the glory of who you are; that we will see your Kingdom come in every sphere of society. We prophesy that your Church will hear a trumpet call in the spirit to stand against the forces of evil holding captive our nation, allowing your love and blessing to flow into our communities, Amen.

Proclamation

We declare that, as God's people pray, He will hear from heaven and heal our land. We declare that as we repent for our individual and corporate sins and humble ourselves, healing and wholeness will once again be the foundation of justice and righteousness in our nation.

Warfare prayer against evil ruling spirits

In the mighty name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, we renounce the sins committed on this land. We resist and reject the spirit of lawlessness from our land. We resist and reject every spirit of idolatry, false worship and human pride that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. Holy and heavenly Father, drive out from this land the evil ruling spirits, in the mighty name of Jesus. Lord Jesus, cleanse our land with your precious blood, your blood that forgives our sins, delivers us from all demonic power and redeem us to God. Father, in your mercy, release upon the United Kingdom the Spirit of the fear of the Lord, the Holy Spirit, that He will convict this land of sin, righteousness and judgement, and with the spirit of revelation and wisdom, that the people would know the Living God. ▶





Blessing

We bless the United Kingdom with righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. We bless the atmosphere to have the presence of the Living God permeate our society with His love and peace, and we bless the United Kingdom to have the Spirit of God flow unhindered to redeem this nation for His plans and purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer for restoration

We thank you, Almighty Father, that your heart is to restore and you long to restore all things to yourself. Thank you, Lord, for continuing to work in all our lives even when we turn from you. We pray for a great restoration of destiny and calling in our land, for people to recognise you and be delivered from the tide of secularism and false religions that spreads across the United Kingdom. We pray that a real sense of righteousness and justice will be restored in our nation and that godly laws will be re-instated. We prophesy that all that the enemy has stolen will be restored to the people and that our laws and judicial systems will once again be held in high regard as honest, true and trustworthy.

Proclamation

We declare that your ways are not our ways; they are so much higher and greater. We declare a turning in the land towards the living God. We declare that our Christian heritage will be restored and our Christian roots will once again be the very foundation of who we are as a nation.

Warfare

We resist and reject every spirit that has motivated secularism and false teachings that rise against our God. In the name of Jesus, we pray for a turning of the tide toward the truth and the knowledge of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

A final Blessing

In the mighty and most powerful name of Jesus we bless the nations of the United Kingdom to be restored to their great inheritance in God and to be pioneers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We bless the Gospel to go forth in power again from the United Kingdom to the nations of the world. We bless this nation to be a forerunner in walking in the ways of the Lord, and for revival to flow out from this land, Amen.



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BURUNDI

BY VAL BATCHELOR

In 2004 & 2005, then from 2009 to 2012, Flame worked with the Burundi Anglican Church and Harvest for Christ. Some of you reading this report may have been with us in Burundi; others may recall praying for the missions. We travelled the land visiting each Diocese twice and then ran a two-week School in Bujumbura for 32 selected students. Packed our Props bag and left.

Until ... an unexpected call for help came from our dear friend and Burundi missionary, Alison, who remembered us from 15 years ago.

Following prayer to seek God's will, a visit was agreed. How would it feel going back after all this time? I knew the nation was suffering, more than my previous visits. The country is facing an unprecedented economic crisis with inflation said to be approaching 45%. Over half of the population are living in poverty according to the United Nations and next to South Sudan, Burundi is the poorest nation in the World. Burundians face shortages of fuel, water, and electricity, which have affected the delivery of public services such as health care and education. How could we, a small Christian charity, help in this overwhelming situation? We know that we can only offer the little we have but we have a supernatural God for whom nothing is impossible and who loves the nation of Burundi.

Sharon and I, together with Dr Emmanuel Ndikumana, his team at

Partners Trust International Church, and Alison, met in Bujumbura for 4 days. We went to build relationships with Emmanuel and his team and to explore how we could work together. Our response to the cry for help was a small Flame team working side-by-side with Burundi brothers and sisters, not the normal Flame conferences.

Sharon and I arrived on the Saturday, settled into the Catholic Conference Centre, and spent time in prayer and intercession. Sunday, we met Emmanuel in his church and Sharon preached on trauma. Several people testified to receiving from the Lord and one lady was healed of a deep-seated trauma. In the afternoon we enjoyed fellowship with 15 missionaries and their families for a devotion led by me and to share Flame's ministry.

Monday morning, we shared Flame's ministry with around 20 of Emmanuel's team and their invited guests and listened to their stories. On Tuesday morning Sharon taught on Fear and I taught on Forgiveness. Both teachings were well received and very helpful in our further discussions. On both days the intention was for Sharon and me to partner with Burundi pastors to pray for a family and others who had asked for prayer. What a delight to discover that the two pastors we worked with are experienced prayer ministers and Pastor Bernard was trained by Flame 15 years ago. It is very rare to receive such exciting feedback! ►



'THE FIVE DAYS I SPENT AT THIS SEMINAR HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON MY LIFE.'

Pastor Nduwayo Bernard

My name is Nduwayo Bernard, and I am a pastor at Shammah Temple Fellowship. I am married and blessed with three children.

In 2013, I attended a trauma healing seminar organized by Flame International in partnership with Harvest Initiatives in an Anglican church. The five days I spent at this seminar had a profound impact on my life.

The Biblical approach introduced by Flame International focuses on restoring relationships that have

been broken due to sin. It encourages repentance and emphasizes prayer as a significant tool in breaking the bonds of negative spirits and attitudes.

In our country, we endured a period of war, and during that time my brother was taken by the police and killed. We were never allowed to see him again, and we could not even bury him. This deeply affected me emotionally. However, during the seminar, I made the choice to forgive the police officers, and when I brought my pain and concerns to the cross, I was set free from the emotional bondage I had been carrying.

In my pastoral ministry, the teachings I received from Flame International have equipped me to help others identify the root causes of their problems and guide them toward reconciliation with God. I learned how to pray for believers who are affected by trauma and how to support their emotional, physical, and spiritual healing.

I now recognize how to help people heal in every area of their lives — spiritually, emotionally, and physically. The Biblical teachings I received from Flame International are practical and can be used effectively in the church. I also learned the importance of truly listening to others, allowing them to express their pain and find healing through God's love and grace.

> Sharon, Emmanuel, Val & Alison in Burundi



On Wednesday afternoon God answered our prayers. Four special guests arrived at the Catholic Conference Centre:

- Stephen the Vice President of the Police Christian Union.
- Dr Michel Nsabiyumva a medical doctor and born-again believer who devised and has been running a secular Trauma Healing programme for 8 years. He has recently been charged by the President to roll out the course across the Police Force.
- A Major in the Police and a member of the Police Christian Union, and
- Nibitanga Cecile also a member of the Police Christian Union. Cecile remembered me from 15 years ago and testified that she and her pastor husband are using the Flame notes in their pastoral work.

Two other key attendees were Remy, a man of influence closely connected with the Police, and Bruno, a retired Lt Col and a key contact with the military. We had been praying for this meeting but very unsure of it happening. Only God could orchestrate such an event and He amazed us all. For two hours I shared who Flame is and why we had returned to Burundi. Emmanuel opened the discussion when the issue of trauma in the government and the nation was sensitively discussed. This then culminated in total agreement that Flame and the Police Christian Union (as lead) would work together, and a strategy and action plan implemented, underpinned by prayer and intercession. An air of praise and thanksgiving to God filled the room but we all understood that there is much work to be done. ►

Our final day and day of departure opened with a breakfast meeting between Emmanuel, Alison, Sharon and me. We reflected on what was shared the previous afternoon, what this meant, and might look like. Emmanuel is a strategist and had already come up with an outline for the next visit in June 2026 and probably a follow-up mission in the Autumn. The detail is to be prayed in but in outline our small Flame team will train and minister to the Burundi team drawn from the priesthood (the priests). Selected prayer ministers from this group will join with Flame to teach and minister to senior officials (the prophets) who will testify to God's healing to their senior managers (the kings). The priests not selected as prayer ministers will form the intercession group to intercede for the prophets and kings.

What seemed impossible to achieve in 4 days was proved possible for God and we rejoice in the plans and purposes revealed to us by God. The hard work continues across Burundi where the light of Christ is already shining into the darkness, and the valley of poverty, death and destruction looks full of hope for this nation. We stand with those who are

'What seemed impossible to achieve in 4 days was proved possible for God...'

already preparing the ground. We cannot and do not underestimate what God can do and so we remain obedient to His plans and prayerfully seek to understand His wisdom.

I am reminded of an African proverb so apt for Burundi. "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time."



TESTIMONY FROM ATHENS

In November we ran a small mission with pastors in Athens, they recently shared this with their supporters:

"For a full week, we lived together, sharing meals, tears, laughter, and the presence of God. During their training sessions, we learned a new way of intercessory prayer, one that gently invited people to open the hidden rooms of their hearts.

"As we prayed with church members, we watched them speak about wounds they had carried for years, wounds they had never dared to open before. We saw the moment forgiveness happened; forgiveness of others and sometimes, forgiveness of themselves.

"And oh, how hard we humans are on ourselves.

"How tightly we hold our own faults against our own hearts.

"But when the Spirit of God comes close, even the impossible becomes simple and closed doors begin to open.

"After these prayers, we witnessed a real transformation:

- Some gained the courage to visit the immigration office and finally received their documents.
- Another found a better job that created space for time with God.
- Marriages softened, healed, and reconnected.
- We were simply witnesses to the tenderness of God."

THE FORGE TESTIMONIES



Jeanie

Is it possible that someone who was completely crushed and broken, having given up on life and God only three years ago, could ever be transformed, healed and renewed?

Now feeling ready, equipped, and eager to step into all the good plans and purposes God has in mind for them? The answer, I have discovered, is *yes!*

Through the welcome, teaching and prayer ministry of Ellel Flagship and the Forge, I was enabled to encounter Jesus and His great love at the core of my being and walk with Him into freedom and wholeness.

I was sitting under a cloud of hopelessness, darkness and oppression. A broken, orphan person restricted by deep fears and lies. Particularly, that I was alone, unlovable and that not even God really cared about me.

A deep emptiness and longing for love in my heart that could never be satisfied had led to much addictive behaviour. I became increasingly vulnerable to abusive and controlling relationships.

' Jesus is indeed a most wonderful Saviour and does come to our rescue when we cry out to Him.'

Not valuing myself and burdened by a heavy load of guilt and shame, I hit rock bottom. Could I ever find my feet again?

The journey was long and painful at times. I needed courage and perseverance and the support of wise, Spirit-filled men and women of God.

Jesus is indeed a most wonderful Saviour and does come to our rescue when we cry out to Him. Even if we can only manage a faint cry from the depths of a very deep dark hole.

God knows everything about us, *Psalms 139 v 1-16*, and knew just where to start in the complicated mess to begin to draw me closer and show me that He could be trusted. Unlike everyone else I had ever known.

' God was indeed strengthening my innermost being with His divine might.'

I had always asked why I couldn't sense God's love for me, despite having an undeniable conversion, being baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit back in 1980.

Now, by laying hold of the teaching and ministry, I was gradually being cleansed and delivered from many things that had crushed, bound, and imprisoned my human spirit. As childhood trauma was lifted off, and I chose to forgive my parents, I was able to connect with God spirit to spirit and receive the healing flow of His life and love.

God was indeed strengthening my innermost being with His divine might. Through faith, the life of Christ was being released deep inside me and now I find that the resting place of His love has become the very source and root of my life. I am increasingly discovering the astonishing magnitude and intimacy of Christ's love being poured into my spirit. I am being filled to overflowing with the fullness of God. (Reference, *Ephesians 3:16-19 TPT*).



If you would be interested in joining a Forge course with Flame International, we have two starting in September 2026 – one in Camberley and one in Scotland.

To sign up, please visit flameinternational.org/theforge



LEEDS HEALING DAYS IN 2025

By Rhoda Bowers

The Forge teaching in Leeds had a significant impact on all of us. We sensed the Lord gently changing us, little by little, and when Forge 2 came to an end, we didn't want the journey to stop. The teaching was impactful, and for some of us the prayer ministry groups had a profound effect on our lives. We began to wonder: was there more that the Lord wanted to do?

Along the way, we formed meaningful friendships with others on the same journey—people who understood us and shared a common vision. We knew we would miss the monthly gatherings where we experienced the Lord's presence through worship, teaching, and ministry. At the same time, a growing desire stirred within us to offer this life-giving ministry to our friends, families, and wider community.

At the final Forge session, a sign-up sheet was shared for anyone interested in keeping in touch and around 15 people added their names. Val, who led the course, also indicated that if we wanted to continue — perhaps by holding a healing day in Leeds — she would be willing to support us by travelling over, setting the programme, and providing spiritual cover, which we felt was very important. So, we prayed and sensed we should move forward.

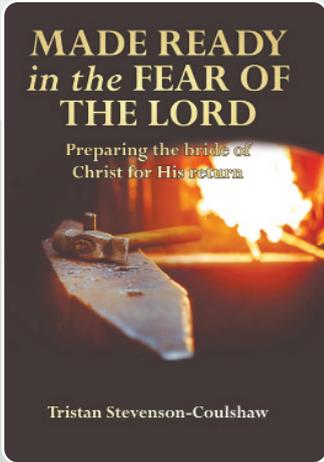
A Zoom meeting was arranged to pray together and explore the possibility of a healing day, followed by a second meeting to allow time for further prayer and discernment. At that second meeting, it was agreed that we would proceed with a Spring Healing Day in April in Leeds. A committed team of 12 people came together to serve.

The same church used for Forge 2 was booked, with one team member taking responsibility for arrangements in consultation with Val. She also hosted the day, prepared the room, and organised the worship. Flyers were printed and shared by the team and Flame, and we made a conscious effort to personally invite friends, family, neighbours and those the Lord placed on our hearts.

Following the Healing Day in Leeds in April 2025, we witnessed the Lord moving powerfully in people's lives. The team served with unity and joy — welcoming guests, praying around the room, practising dramas, gathering contact details, and offering prayer ministry in pairs. Many shared how they felt the strong presence of the Lord and how blessed they were by the teaching and ministry, with some travelling long distances having set off very early to attend.

Encouraged by the momentum, we continued to pray and plan. Team members were invited to stay connected through monthly Flame Intercession Hubs, both in person and online. Following further prayer and Zoom meetings, two more Flame Healing Days were planned — one in June and another in October. We praise God for what He is continuing to do in the Leeds area and look forward with gratitude and expectation.

If you would be interested in hosting a Healing Day at your church, please visit www.flameinternational.org/healingdays to get in touch.



Book review

Made Ready in the Fear of the Lord

By Tristan Stevenson-Coulshaw

Review by Rob Barton

The fear of the Lord has been a burning passion in Tristan’s life, consuming and driving him close to the Lord since he was a young boy, so this is a book birthed in revelation and business done with the Lord on his knees and face.

Tristan reminds us that we should earnestly desire to know the fullness of who Jesus is. God, the Father, loves us and has called us to know His Son so that we may be saved but now that we have received the grace of God and been adopted into His family, we are called to walk in His holiness, becoming more like Christ. And this is where the book challenges us as the Body of Christ to return to the fear of the Lord because ‘through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord, evil is avoided.’ **Proverbs 16:6.**

In **Proverbs 8:13** we also read that ‘the fear of the Lord is hatred of evil’ and here Tristan hits the nail on the head by stating that the key to Christian living is obedience and faithful living, and when we hate evil and are motivated to stay away from sin, the path of obedience is set before us.

As an ex-soldier I was struck by the term ‘made ready’ in the title, which reinforces the sense of urgency and is a direct call to action as the Church once again takes hold of the fear of the Lord in preparing for the return of Christ. Tristan highlights that as Noah was warned of the coming wrath of God on the earth, in faith he believed it to be true, and was gripped by a holy fear. So too must we be attentive to the approaching Day and make ourselves ready.

In Jesus’ prayer for His disciples and all believers in **John 17**, his request is, “Holy Father, protect them, by the power of your name”, because the Good Shepherd knows we need protection from the evil one, which will keep us holy and committed to God and His holy ways. And here Tristan once again brings the same point home – that the fear of the Lord is essential in our lives for ‘the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.’ **Exodus 20:20.**

It is a deeply challenging book that can help us keep alive to the Holy Spirit, being constantly aware that we are carriers of the presence of God, and you cannot fail to hear the prophetic clarion call running through the pages urging us to make ready in the fear of the Lord for the return of the Messiah. But it is also

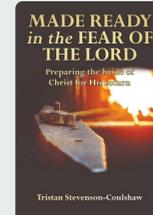
an easily navigated book, grounded in scripture and giving us practical examples of its outworking in life as a Christian seeking to follow the Lord.

Let me end with the words of Oswald

Chambers, a missionary and YMCA padre who died in 1917 whilst on active service, and a man who lived in the holy fear of the Lord: “The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.”

‘...the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.’

Exodus 20:20



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We were so encouraged by your response to the Ukraine appeal in the last edition of Burning Issues! We received over £22,000 which will enable us to bring more than 135 Volunteer Military Chaplains on our mission trips. Thank you so much.



New Forge in Crewe

Having established the Forge in the Northeast for almost 4 years, we are pleased to run the Forge in the Northwest for the first time and grateful to West Street Christian Fellowship (WSCF), Crewe for allowing us to use their church building. Although there are no future plans for a Forge in Leeds, we are building on the foundations laid by running Healing Days in the Bridge Community Church (BCC), Leeds (see Rhoda's article on page 34).



Rev Simaya & Rev Joel

These are ordained reverends in Liwolo who have also been trained by Flame. They join us at YWAM to be on team, which also continues their training as they work alongside us. We caught up with them recently about the work they are doing.



Simaya

"Flame Teaching has been the right tool for Liwolo Diocese in South Sudan. Last year we decided to cleanse and prepare the land using Flame teaching, and we witnessed many positive results. The rains did not stop, people had enough food, and the birds and insects that used to destroy crops were no longer a problem. Many people even returned voluntarily from Refugee camps in Uganda, to their homes because conditions had improved. I am using the Flame teaching a lot with church leaders because there is a lot of trauma and healing is needed."



Joel

"In December, we organised training of nine members of the Mothers Union. I used Flame International topics of Forgiveness, Fear, Father's Heart and Healing Damaged Relationships.

"With the above training, lives have been transformed and two people gave their life to Christ Jesus. People said after the training that their families are renewed and strengthened again, most have restored their hope and trust in Christ, they would like more training like this. It has really impacted the Mother's Union in my church."

What's On



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MAR

7	Day of Prayer for Islamic Nations	9am-1pm, St Paul's Church, Camberley
8	Nuneaton Christian Fellowship	Rev Ian Fall
14	 The Forge 1: North	Crewe
18	Central Weald Filling Station	Jan Ransom
19	Prayer for the Nations	Zoom
22	Bedworth WRU	Rev Ian Fall
28	 The Forge 2: South	Camberley

APR

16	Mission to Arua	
18	 The Forge 1: North	Crewe
22	Mission to Armenia	

MAY

9	 The Forge 1: North	Crewe
28	Mission to Ukraine	

JUN

6	 The Forge 1: North	Crewe
10	Mission to Burundi	
23	WRU Conference	Rev Ian Fall
25	Prayer for the Nations	Zoom
27	 The Forge 1: North	Crewe