

Newsletter Teaching for 7/18/07

Beginning Signs of True Transformation

“It’s happening! It’s really happening. We are in the transformation process and the Lord is moving!”

That is the report coming out of North Omaha, Nebraska, where the *Healing the Land* team from Fiji has been leading pastors of that community through powerful times of repentance and seeking the manifest presence of God.

With the police chief and deputy mayor of Omaha present, along with Native American believers and the Fijian team, the people of North Omaha officially invited the Lord into their land to heal and restore it. The people then resolved to contend for their land over the next several days—regardless of the cost of sleep or comfort.

Pastors began leading their families through repentance, wanting nothing to stand in the way of the Lord responding to their prayers. The pastors and the Fijian team went into the homes with the similar mandate—to help people repent of all sin and reconcile families to each other.

The results were staggering.

Hidden Sin Uncovered

Even in the pastors’ families, the repentance was overwhelming. Many “prodigals” returned to the Lord. Teenagers were sobbing like babies as they were set free from their rebellion. Husbands confessed adultery and mothers wept for their families. Addictions were broken and families were restored.

The spirit of repentance moved into the church as well. Hidden issues were brought into the light and dealt with in profound freedom; issues such as racism, sexual immorality, abuse, addictions, prostitution, and rebellion. Through many tears and much pain, the roots of sin were being uprooted.

As the *Healing the Land* teams moved out into families in the community, the people were eager and ready to deal with generations of sin. Often a household gathering would include parents, children, grandparents, cousins, and extended family. As the Lord pulled the cover of hidden sin, the people were shocked to find out how devastated their families had been through bloodshed, violence, immorality, and other defiling sins.

Glorious Healing and Restoring

What may seem like a frightening and threatening process was actually an open door to tremendous freedom and healing. The atmosphere of homes changed as the people began to feel lighter and reflect the glory and joy of the Lord on their faces. It was truly a revival of repentance as the pain was removed from generations of sin. The cleaning and restoring was miraculous.

Chief Vuniani, who led the *Healing the Land* team from Fiji and has witnessed transformation firsthand, could not contain his excitement. Over and over again Chief Vuniani exclaimed, “This is transformation. This is transformation!”

Dealing with Defiled Land

The prayer teams also dealt with the sins and defilement of the land of North Omaha. They researched the history of the land, and then went to the high place over the city that is known as a site of great bloodshed, murder, suicide, and occult activity. Although it was a beautiful park in the natural, it was a dark and deadly place in the spiritual. Leaders from Native American and African American communities were present for a time of repentance, prayer, and reconciliation for sins of racism, hatred, and injustice.

After repentance on the defiled land, the prayer teams rededicated the land back to God and asked Him to thoroughly cleanse the land from those things that have defiled it for generations. They prayer walked the city, going to other places of defilement—including the county courthouse which was the site of a white lynch mob and ensuing riots. They also participated in “Jericho drives” around North Omaha. As the Lord directed, they were obedient to repent of all known sin individually, corporately, and historically.

Then Came the Rains

One of the amazing phenomenon in Fiji is that the Lord releases an unexpected rain of blessing on communities when they walk through this repentance process. The North Omaha leaders wondered if God might do that same miraculous sign for them—and He did! On the last night, when rain was not predicated, North Omaha experienced a lightening and rain storm.

Hope for the Twin Cities

This was North Omaha, but we believe the Twin Cities is not far behind! The pastors of North Omaha participated in *The Divine Experiment* twice (www.thedivineexperiment.com), the second time to encourage the pastors of South Minneapolis who also walked through this 21 days of fasting and prayer in May. The South Minneapolis pastors are not far behind in their passion and desire for transformation for their own community. They are watching and learning from the North Omaha pastors, and it seems their desire is leading them down much the same path.

Pray with us that rains of God’s blessing will also fall on the Twin Cities as we commit ourselves to seek God with repentant hearts and desperation for His manifest presence!

(This report was taken from a series of e-mails from Rhonda Hughey of Fusion Ministries, who has been instrumental in the North Omaha movement.)