

## **January 2010 - Glistening Hope and Abounding Joy for 2010!**

The first Saturday in January The Gate began with such joyful anticipation. We were expectant. We were so glad to be back together with the people of God to praise and worship Him. The year is opening up with glistening hope and abounding joy and we are overwhelmed by the goodness of God. It is a year where the things of the past will be turned around. The prophetic word that David Wagner brought to the region for 2010 is like fresh wind at our backs. "Turn it around." We are seeing many areas where the turn around is happening. We see it happening in many areas as answered prayers yield testimonies of the goodness of God.

The testimonies that opened The Gate were amazing. Testimonies of the gospel of the Kingdom being presented on airplanes and malls and the lost responding and becoming believers is the Lord Jesus. Testimonies of resources being provided to take the prophetic word of the Lord and healing into the streets. Testimonies of blessings with work, finances, healing and this testimony of a market place miracle from Rebekah about a nephew, Trai. What follows is the e-mail version of this testimony in the words of Trai's mother.

*Trai slipped on some grease in the kitchen and tried to catch his fall, and his left arm landed in the hot French fry oil ( all day at 325 degrees hot to be exact) Trai's left arm was fully submerged in hot oil up past his elbow.*

*The ambulance was called. We were called. Jeanette & Santiago prayed. Jeff & I prayed all the way to Chick-fil-a (Jeff prayed that the EMTs would be amazed at how good Trai's arm looked!) I had a texting prayer chain going by the time we got to Chick-fil-a. Surprisingly, (even though I felt like doing a total mother freak out) a total peace was on me. Even though we had been told Trai was burned, the ambulance was on its way and I had spent the whole day worrying about Trai already!*

*By the time we got to Chick-fil-a, (Jeff spoke to the EMTs) who were.....GUESS WHAT? amazed at how good Trai's arm looked (like a sunburn, they said) Trai was in a great deal of pain Monday night, soaking his hand in water, using the burn cream and taking Tylenol for pain. Within hours after we got our prayer chain started, Trai was laughing and playing video games with his brothers.*

*The oil was hot enough to cook his arm. Yet, he has only a few 2nd degree burns and some blistering on his hand. (It is the hand he uses to make chords on his guitar) a very important hand indeed! The EMT's were amazed. We are SO GRATEFUL and praising God for his protection and provision and thanking God for answering the prayers of so many saints who were actively engaged in prayer for Trai all through the night on Monday. It truly is miraculous.*

*"Co-incidentally", one of the EMT's was a girl that Trai went to high school with! She was very surprised that their emergency call was for him! Trai refused to go to the hospital Monday night, trusting God for healing. And God poured out His healing in a very tangible way through the prayers of His people! Praise the Lord!*

Worship flowed from thankful hearts as we rejoiced in the goodness of God. The atmosphere was one of rejoicing and great joy and then at one point there was silence and when the musicians and the singers began to sing again there was a sound from heaven. It came up from deep within those worshipping and it was accented by the instruments. As everyone in the room began to express their hearts in the language of their heart or the languages of heaven and earth we could feel a shift taking place. This was something bigger than a shift in the meeting. It was as if a shift was taken place in the heavens. A shift was taking place that will impact the earth. At the close of the meeting Jill shared the prophetic vision that she had during worship. Here is her e-mail testimony of the vision:

*Here is what I saw on Saturday night during worship: As the worship in tongues and from your own heart was going on, I saw a very small hole in the middle of the room. I was looking at it from above, and I saw maybe 3 angels take hold of the edge of the circle opening. As we sang they began to move faster and pull on the opening. As we continued, the worship began to take on a very different sound and feel than I have ever felt before. The sound from the worship was going down the opening (and everyone in the room was above with the angels) and it flowed like it had form. As I the worship continued the opening enlarged and more angels came. One thing that impressed me was the difference, or the shift, in the whole atmosphere and in us as worshipers. Never have I felt this in worship before it was a feeling of something started more powerful and bigger (such as whole universe changing). It was a Godly fear that rose in me, as I have never felt this before, because this really was a major shift in everything, Russ confirmed this to me while we were driving home. He said he had felt something like this for about 3 days, but recognized it during worship. ~ Jill*

We are positioned to usher in a new season of the glorious presence of the Lord. All over the nation the wind is blowing and the glorious intruder is breaking in on the affairs of men. He is breaking out in the market place. He is showing up at the gather places. He is manifesting His presence in the city and in its gates. The hunger we have known for more of the presence of the Lord is growing and soon to be satisfied but we will always cry out for more. In this decade we will see more of the glory of the Lord being revealed in His Church and we will see His kingdom advancing in healing, deliverance, salvation and signs and wonders. There has never been a better time to be alive and there has never been a better place to be than right where God has called us. The Best is yet to Come!

David and Tracy at The Gate DC

### **February 2010 - Enjoy the Waves of God and Watch the Tsunami**

The Gate came together after three weeks of being snowed out and it was a joyful celebration. What joy to hear the amazing testimonies of healing from four week earlier at The Gate and the testimony of healing during the worship. One was healed of Scoliosis and another of a headache. There is nothing too small or too great for the Lord. Every miracle empowers the people of God and opens the door for more. The worship was like velvet. Every song and every instrument blended together to create an atmosphere for the glory of the Lord to be revealed. There was a

rich substance that was tangible and visible so it was experiential and visible worship. What a place to encounter the Lord!!! The flow of the prophetic and the spontaneous songs and words called us to life and to intimacy and to unity. Bone to bone and joint to joint Holy Spirit is bringing His people together and making us one. Holy Spirit is empowering ministry and gifting and Jesus is placing each living stone in place in His body.

Deborah Jenks brought a visual message using portions of the surfing film, Step into Liquid. She presented a clear view of this season we are in with understanding that many of the practices that worked in the past may no longer work. We need to be attentive to the voice of the Lord and looking to see what he is doing now. The timing was ideal because Holy Spirit has been speaking to different people about a huge spiritual wave coming to the east coast. Deborah made excellent analogies between the film and the moves of God. The film showed different uses of creativity to ride huge waves with ease on hydrofoil boards. It portrayed monster waves that totally covered up the surfers and caused them to wipe out. To ride them requires great courage and great risk. As Holy Spirit moves in greater power we may become afraid to step into the next wave of glory. Deborah encouraged us to use creativity to respond to Holy Spirit in this season and to rise above our fears to face the risks of the rising upon the bigger waves and move of God in the earth that is here now and still coming. Do not let your heart be troubled. Fear not and let's enjoy the ride while we look for more!

Deborah made a beautiful analogy of the portrayal of surfing the Cortes bank which is located ocean with no land around it, 100 miles from the shoreline of San Diego.

The movie showed waves 66 feet high breaking over an undersea mountain three feet below the surface of the water. The surfers reached the spot by boat and then were towed into the waves by jet skis. They surfed all day and the waves got bigger and better all day. They could not take comfort in the shoreline. It was 100 miles away. In the same way Holy Spirit is calling us deeper. We will not find comfort in seeing the visible, natural things we are used to so we cannot look for security in them. We must be secure in the Lord. We are in a season where this move of God is going to be like those waves, summoned from the deep and the invisible places. We will be stepping into the liquid gold of His presence and every wave of God will be bigger and better as they increase in power and impact on us and the world around us.

Someone said that as the water is sucked out it becomes part of the power of the next wave. This is good reason for encouragement when you are in a short season where there is no forward momentum. Be prepared for the next powerful move of God. Moves of God come like waves and waves come in sets of multiple swells. When you stand on the cliff watching over them you see the lines of swells out in the ocean. In the water you catch many waves and ride them and paddle back out for another and are always looking for that biggest and best ride. Someone talked about their ministry that was like a "wave of social justice" and others spoke of the wave of the Spirit they were on. These are valid. We are on a wave of healing right now. We are on a wave of alignment and placement. We have enjoyed waves of the prophetic and waves of his presence and glory and we will have many more. All of these encounters are wonderful. As we catch each wave of the Spirit we enjoy the ride. Every wave is wonderful but we are looking for the big one. We want the Tsunami wave which is his glory and presence as the kingdom of God floods the earth. - David and Tracy at The Gate DC