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# Transformation

*The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." Ex 33:14-15 NIV*

Many times when we have been stepping out in a new venture I prayed this prayer of Moses. If your Presence isn't coming with us – don't send us!! We don't want to go anywhere unless you're coming with!

I would hear a chuckle from the Lord at the absurdity that He would send me anywhere without Him, but I would feel His pleasure because His Presence means that much to me. It is His Presence with me that gives me faith to obey.

When we lived in Sweden we learned the value of discipleship and training; that without a vision the people perish. People need to know where they are going and how to get there. Working with Impact World Tour we learned the value of people from a city gathering together for teaching and prayer to establish unity. The believers of a city who prepared themselves through repentance and true Biblical unity (gathering around the cross) is what rolls out the red carpet for the Lord's manifest presence to come and work among the people of the city. We always felt the success of the evangelism of the campaigns was due to the commitment of the believers in the city. Where there was unity and humility, God did great things in answer to their prayers, many came to the Lord, giving their lives to Him.



The leaders group from New Zealand with YWAM & Fusion staff members meeting in Kansas City After the Impact World Tour

The frustration we faced as disciplers was wanting to see those people become established in fellowships. The follow-up fell to the cities and they really didn't know what to do. We tried to train them and we have looked into different possible programs but it was hard for these cities to try and do one more "program".

If you are like us, you've seen the *Transformation* videos of villages and towns that publicly prayed and repented, and the Lord did amazing things like heal their land to grow carrots the size of a forearm (2 Chronicles 7:14). We longed to see something like that happen in cities we were working with.

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Through the campaigns in New Zealand a year ago, Eric saw another side of this. In Kansas City, he met a lady passionate about the Presence of God - Rhonda Hughey (she partners with George Otis Jr. the creator of the Transformations videos). She worked alongside our campaigns in New Zealand. What she did with the churches and spiritual leaders was truly amazing, She gave concrete steps on continued transformation for the city without it being a program. She taught them how to roll out the red carpet for the Presence of the Lord. It is a two part message. First our intimacy with God, realizing that God loves us passionately and what we do matters. Second, we need to join together with the other believers in our area and focus on what God wants to do in our area. A year and half after the campaigns in New Zealand the cities are still going on strong. Last Fall, Rhonda started a ministry called **Fusion Ministries**. We have decided to join this ministry and work with her to bring the message of Transformation to our cities and the world.

Rhonda has shown remarkable leadership in citywide efforts, she is a Deborah for our times. I see hundreds of ministries but seldom see such a marriage of experience, character, wisdom and breadth of vision.”  
John Dawson—President, YWAM Intn’l  
Director, Int’l Reconciliation Coalition

The emphasis on the Presence of the Lord struck a chord with me (Lisa) because the type of healing prayer that I am learning to do with people, centers on asking for God’s Healing Presence. When wounded people feel the presence of God’s Peace on their body it brings a deep security. They can feel that God is with them and cares about them. It is like a soothing balm to hurting hearts. So our two callings of missions and healing have merged into the same goal – seeking the Presence of the Lord. Eric is working to see cities and nations healed, and I am working to help individuals heal – through the Presence of God.

We are still with YWAM working as YWAMers with Fusion Ministry. Starting in December, we are switching our support processing over to Fusion because it makes the process easier for us. So, beginning December 1, please make any gifts to us payable to FUSION Ministries. This is tax deductible, and you can mail it to our home address as usual.  
*Look for the next newsletter for more info on Fusion and the new ministry opportunities.*

**PRAYER & PRAISE**

We are truly thankful for all of you who have prayed and given — “Thank you”.

- **Praise - Lisa had a hard but great time in Denmark for her school in August.** It was challenging as she faced her emotional exhaustion from this last year from the teaching she did in the spring and the counseling. One more year to go!. Next summer she graduates, and we are proud of her.
- **Praise God! Our Lee’s Summit house sold in 1.5 months, and closed fast.** We were able to get the house fixed up and on the market in 3 weeks after the renters moved out. Then it sold fast, and we got a good market price for it. We are very grateful. Now we need to get the \$2,000+ the renters owe us, and need wisdom on how to proceed in getting that from them as they do not want to pay.
- **Our finances:** We really needs your prayers in this matter. We have been way under the last month and have fallen short by \$1,500 this month alone. Could you stand with us in prayer for this need.
- **We have started a new ministry!** - We are still working on all the paper work to officially start ‘Hidden Treasure Ministry’ for prayer counseling and evangelism. This will give Lisa and I a covering in the new prayer counseling ministry that Lisa and I are doing now. We need pray for wisdom and guidance, and an additional \$500 for IRS filing & \$500 for the consult fee. We are calling this non-profit ministry ‘**Hidden Treasure Ministry**’ (from Isaiah 45:3) <http://www.htmin.com>
- **Brazil Trip** - Still waiting for dates from them to go and teach. The Columbian students got their visa’s now and they will reschedule the school soon.



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