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Psalm 2:8*

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The Birthing of 'Christ For Your City' ~ Part One

July 1, 1995. It was Canada Day. Little did we know at the time, but it was also the birthday of Christ For Your City. Many of you know the story, but let me retell it for those who have yet to hear how the Lord chose Ann and I to steward this ministry!

Let me first give you a thumbnail sketch history lesson that leads up to July 1, 1995. In the early years of our marriage, Ann and I had been involved in a variety of ministry opportunities. As we moved to London in the fall of 1989, we were tired, burnt out and broke. It was a time for me to shoulder the financial responsibilities of our young family and provide some natural security that a regular pay cheque gives to a home. In my desperate desire to reverse the lack of provision our family had suffered, I made a vow to God.

I said, "I will never leave my job. If you ever want me to again enter into fulltime ministry you will have to remove me from my job!" I had to re-establish trust in my family. This new beginning was too important for me to say that I could quit a job and to begin ministering again.

You must understand. **The dream within me had to die!** I had to surrender my call to the Lord and put my wife and daughter first.

We were experiencing a wonderful move of God at our church. The pain of my past failures was being healed and both Ann and I sensed that Father God was doing something brand new in our heart. We found ourselves crying out to the Lord on behalf of our city London, Ontario, Canada.

On Monday June 26, Ann received word from her doctor stating she had irregular cell growth on her cervix and lumps on her breast that were most likely cancerous. He

said, "surgery would be booked asap!" As she came home that day with such news, and she quickly told me that she thought the whole report was a smoke and mirrors game of the enemy and that in fact she did not have cancer and she would not need any surgery. Wow, what a bold declaration of faith.

On Tuesday, Ann went into work as she had done for a number of years only to find out that she was being laid off effective immediately.

On Wednesday, I walked in the door of our condominium town home to find our dwelling had been taken over by deer flies. I know what your thinking. Deer flies? Strange as that it is, the next day they were all gone.

On Thursday, nothing happened. That in and of it self scared me.

On Friday, June 30, 1995 my boss called me to meet for a coffee at Tim Horton's. It sounded great. We'd never met for coffee before. I was a commissioned salesman, being paid on the profit of my sales. The long and short of that historic coffee was my being permanently laid-off by my employer.

As each of these circumstances began piling up into the potential a catastrophic week, an unexpected peace began washing over me and us, that until this day I cannot explain.

I was driving home. I was going to have to tell my wife and daughter the news of the day. What a week. Yet in the midst of this mess, I walked into our home. We sat down together and I told my girls the news. Instantly, the peace of God filled our home. Completely filled it! There was not a doubt that could overtake the tangible

peace of God that evidenced itself in our home that Friday afternoon June 30, 1995.

There was no plan. There was no idea of what we would do next. We still had the nagging doctor's report suggesting Ann would need surgery and who knows what all else. It seemed God was behind all of the change that was coming our way, whether we wanted it or not.

Within two or three weeks, it was obvious God was placing and increasing His burden on our lives for our city, London!

Miguel, a friend who also carried a passion to see God move in our city told us of an upcoming conference in Winnipeg focusing on city transformation!

It seemed too good to be true. Then we realized it was. We had no money to get all the way to Winnipeg. We had no money for the conference registration or meals or hotel or nothing. It was too good to be true!

But God...

Father God had a different plan. I admit the details of how we got to the conference and paid all the expenses completely elude my memory now. This one thing I do know. But God!

God set it all up. Ann and I had one-on-one time with Rev. Dr. Alistair Petrie, Dr. C. Peter Wagner, Rev. Eduardo Silviso and Pastor Terry Teykl. We were overwhelmed!

These men were giants in the prayer movement, and yet they each made time to sit down with us and listen to our heart for London!

We came home knowing the will of God was calling us to begin calling our city to unite in prayer! There was a knowing deep within us that said this unity had to go deeper than we had ever known. Within a couple of weeks as we were praying for the city, all of a sudden I heard myself saying; "what would happen if we called our city to prayer, for like a 120 days!" As soon as the words left my mouth, I knew it was too late to try and gather them back into my mind. Those were words of destiny. They literally had creative power that released Father God to a national call to prayer for the next ten years! I'll never forget the argument I had with God. Here's what happened.

In 1996, we called the Church of the City of London to 120 days of prayer! By the fall of 1996, leaders heard of what God was doing. John Dawson, Steve Hawthorne, Cindy Jacobs and others emphatically encouraged me in with the thought of God wanting me to write a prayer guide for Canada.

I didn't want to write anything. There were plenty of books on prayer. However, the discomfort began to intensify until the day I said; ***"ok, I'll write a prayer guide for Canada."*** I had no idea what to do. I didn't even own a computer in those days. God knew that and (cont. pg 4)



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You can keep up to date where we will be ministering as you follow us on our calendar. Thank you in advance for your prayers on each assignment we receive from the hand of the Lord.

When and where possible, we will post as much detail and information as possible regarding upcoming missions trips. For instance, you will presently find details of our upcoming missions outreach to Russia in November. I've been invited to speak on the subject of the transformation of leaders into fathers. As more information about the trip becomes available we will update the website. Keep coming back and click on the missions button to keep up to date about where and when Father God is opening doors to many nations.

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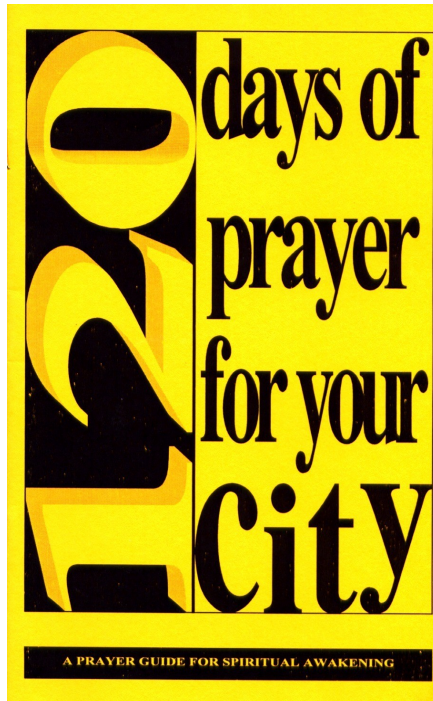
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(continued from page 2) he also knew of an officer in the Salvation Army, Lieutenant Kevin Kennelly, who not only had a heart for prayer and city transformation; but he also had a computer! For months, I drove over to the Kennelly's home and banged away on the computer from midnight till three or four in the morning.

Along the way, I had the inspiration to take a prototype of the prayer guide to share with David Mainse of '100 Huntley Street'. I'll never forget that day. He invited me to lunch at the Crossroads Centre in Burlington. Then I met with him in his office for what I thought I would be fifteen or twenty minutes with this busy man. After I had shared the vision in my heart, which took probably an hour, David said to me, we need to pray. We fell on our knees in his office, and cried out to God to have mercy upon our



nation. I remember we gave to the Lord all that we had spoken of. David immediately had a witness to the concept and encouraged me that when we went to print, he would buy 3,000 copies to promote the **'120 Days of Prayer for Your City'** daily as we approached the start date of January 19, 1997.

Miraculously, within three months over 17,400 prayer guides had been shipped personally by Ann and I out of our huge 10' x 10' office in the basement of our home! We had no idea what we were doing. Over thirty different denominations took part within that first year of the unique national call to prayer. David gave me the honour and privilege of being interviewed some five times within five months! He saw that which I could not yet see. He could see what would happen Churches across Canada began to pray for their cities with faith, in unity!

Let me state clearly: David Mainse was the spiritual father who supported and covered Ann and I. As we ventured out on a journey of faith, we felt hemmed in and protected as this giant of the Church in Canada gave us an incredible platform to the nation. Thank you David!

It was a miracle. It was God birthing **'Christ For Your City'**.

This is the first in a series of articles that will be shared regarding the founding and development of Christ For Your City over the past fifteen years.

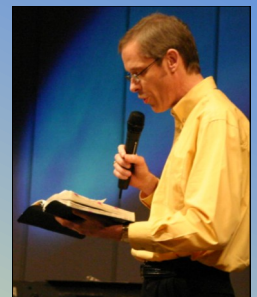
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