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Makarios Blessing

2019 year in review



Ministering at the big town centre outreach in Northampton earlier this year

Introduction

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus!

The prophet Isaiah said of Jesus, "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end" {Isaiah 9/7}. We are living in a time of shaking. Times are changing.

Politically, socially, economically and otherwise. It is easy to focus on these times of

instability and thus be shaken ourselves. However, our God is not bound by the temporal but He is the eternal God. Nothing catches him by surprise. "Of the times and seasons..The Father knows" {Acts 1 / 7}

The wise in these times are people, not focused on the transitory, but on the immovable and eternal kingdom of God. Earthly powers may change hands, our position in Europe may divide many but there are two things I am sure of.

1 / The lot is cast into the lap but the judgement is of the Lord {Proverbs 16 / 33} In other words, with all the division and debate, God is taking us where he wants to for reasons he knows..democracy or otherwise.

2 / Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people {Proverbs 14 / 34}. In other words, whether we are in or out, whoever is in charge, our nation will not ultimately prosper except God becomes our foundation again.

It is as true today as it ever was..."My people perish for lack of knowledge" {Hosea 4/6}

Our great need is wisdom and as the scripture says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" {Job 28 / 28}. The wise of this generation are interpreting the temporal through the lens of the eternal and the kingdoms of this world within the context of God's unshakable kingdom. Coming back to my opening verse in Isaiah, "Of the increase of His kingdom and peace {shalom} there shall be no end."

This newsletter is just a small part of that pursuit of God's eternal purpose.

Mission to Northampton

Earlier this year I joined with around 100 believers from a multitude of churches in my old home town of Northampton for a day of street preaching and outreach. It was an awesomely glorious time and the devil was getting wound up as we saw one man in a demonic rage try to oppose the preaching of the word. Nothing was stopping God though as the presence of God began to move and various people received prayer for various things including healing. 2 people gave their lives to Christ and, after sharing my miraculous testimony on stage, I was led to a specific person who could relate to what I described in my own life {God has done this so many times. There is divine leading and power in a testimony!}. With my links to Romania and Romanian people I was miraculously led to a Romanian couple {Not the only occasion this was to happen on the streets this year.} For a number of people,

the Kingdom of God came to them in Northampton.

[If you are online, click here](#)
[for a snapshot of the Northampton outreach](#)



Just a few of the many who joined together in Northampton to share the good news

Salvation proclaimed across London and England

2019 has seen the gospel proclaimed and salvation coming through outreaches in many places working with numerous groups and organisations. It has been a year of ministering with established friends and contacts and also being led by God to other like minded people. This has taken me from Sutton to Salisbury, Kensington and New Malden to Ealing Broadway. From Leicester Square to Northampton market square.

Here are just a few of the highlights.

We were on the streets of Sutton where I felt prompted to approach and speak to a homeless gentleman. It turns out he was Romanian which gave me an immediate

connection with him. Unfortunately my very limited and less than rudimentary grasp of the Romanian language actually outstripped his grasp of English. Wondering what to do, I took out my phone and turned on the voice function of Google translate. This was the first time I have ever tried to have a conversation with someone that way. Normally I wouldn't have even dared. I actually managed to have a full conversation with him. As a result, I had the opportunity to pray with him.

God will take us outside of our comfort zone and into the realm of a God encounter.



A divinely orchestrated encounter. I spoke 'very little Romanian' {fuarate putin Romanesc} and he spoke even less English. Through speaking into the voice function of 'Google translate' we were able to manage a conversation which led to my praying for him.

Before one outreach I put out a prayer appeal for divinely orchestrated encounters and it was answered emphatically. I befriended a young Romanian man {The first

favourable connection} who had been part of a small and little known Christian sect which was riven with control and legalism. I am one of the very few people that have extensive knowledge of this organisation and its doctrine and history. This young man's faith was in quite a state because of this experience and he was amazed that I knew them so well. As a result we had a series of really good conversations and I knew exactly what to deal with foundationally to help him and how to address it. Those encounters made a huge difference in his life and helped him for the first time to really understand the gospel and the role that grace played in his life. The odds of such an appropriate encounter are thousands to one yet God put our paths together.



My first meeting with Korean pastor Paul Song was over a traditional Korean meal. Pastor Paul is a wonderful man of God with a big heart for the poor and disadvantaged and an anointed regular street outreach.

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One of the K180 team sharing the good news with a seasonal theme in Leicester Square at Christmas

Salisbury in early winter was the scene of a major outreach complete with stage, P.A and Christmas tree. The rain poured down during the entire outreach and we got absolutely soaked yet we carried on. A regular stream of people were coming into the market square despite the weather and hundreds of locals heard the gospel preached with power and meaning, numerous conversations were had and people were prayed with. The heavens may give their rain but the kingdom of heaven reigned as well.

If you are reading this online then check out the link below. The first 10 minutes are where I am sharing my testimony in Sutton. A short time later {not on the video}I had the opportunity to pray with a couple who had no church and didn't know how to go forward in the Christian faith. I had a really encouraging follow up meeting with them in the days following.

[Street outreach in Sutton including my testimony](#)

There were numerous other outreaches over the course of the year. A couple that stood out for me was the one with a Korean ministry in New Malden {Which is where so many Koreans in London are based. I was touched by the anointed worship and how the small children of the outreach team were to forward in approaching passers by with tracts.

[Korean outreach in New Malden](#)

Another definite highlight was forming a connection with an excellent street outreach ministry called K180. These guys are well organised, experienced and the gospel message is clear and anointed. In my first outreach with them we had more interesting conversations and encounters than I could reasonably name including some encounters that were so clearly set up by God.

[Snapshot of K180 preaching in Ealing](#)

This gospel will be preached in the whole world!

The final emotive words of Jesus on this earth were..."Go into all the world..." As a result I have a conviction about investing beyond my own ministry and location. One of the ways I respond to that conviction is to take 20% of all regular donations that are given to my work to support mission in other countries. This year, your donations helped a church planting apostolic ministry in Uganda, a young YWAN sign up exploring his

calling and being sent out to gain ministry experience in the middle east and support for 2 former orphans through PAIS Kenya which does a lot of awesome work in this area.

[UGANDA: Kyomukama Deus](#)

[MIDDLE EAST: Shaun Vesey {GoFundMe page}](#)

[KENYA: Supporting orphans through PAIS movement](#)

Too many things to mention

As with every year in review newsletter there is the challenge of knowing what to mention and what to leave out. Among some of the other highlights of this year was the residential week in Ukraine on the final year of the Every Nation school of ministry. It was a really great time of intense teaching and a time of connection with many others pursuing the call of God on their lives across Europe and beyond.

My job situation has been miraculously turned around after the agency I worked through were behaving very badly leaving me in a very difficult financial situation. As a last resort I had to find work elsewhere and God way exceeded my expectations by providing me with not only a permanent job but a salary well above what I was struggling on before. Not only that but a month into my new job, the rogue agency I had left, decided out of the blue to restore what I had lost through their dishonesty {even though I had left without asking for it}. Everything I had lost, God made the devil hand back. Praise God!

More recently I had a wonderfully prophetic encounter with a young man who was struggling to go forward in his walk with God. There was a deeply personal issue which I had very good reason to understand though experience and, through testimony and a timely scripture, was able to show him a way forward to begin to deal with the issues of the past that were holding him back. I was so touched by how appreciative he was and how this was so clearly a landmark moment in his life. Again, God has connected me to the right person and the right time with the right anointed word to change someone's life. Jesus is amazing!

I now have a friend who has translated one of my testimonies into Spanish for my online testimony ministry. Around 400 million people in the world speak Spanish as their first

language and this is something I have wanted to do for some time. There are many thousands of Spanish speakers in London and so this is a great help for the ministry.

I have also started putting out regular teaching and ministry videos and I am aiming to develop this online aspect of the ministry more and more. You can keep updated on the latest outreach and teaching videos released by subscribing to the Makarios Blessing ministry youtube channel. Just hit the link below.

[Makarios Blessing YouTube channel](#)

In Summary

It has been a year where the gospel has been proclaimed on the streets, people prayed for, prophetic encounter, personal testing and financial restoration. In the midst of all that has dominated the news this year I want to declare the 'good news'. The unchanging news that God has sent a saviour into the world, Jesus, who will save to the uttermost those who believe in him. There is no greater, more relevant and up to date news than this!

I want to say a very big thank you to every one of you who have supported me in your prayers and with your finances. Be assured that God is still good, the gospel is still the power of God unto salvation and there is no other name given under heaven by which a man may be saved than the name of Jesus!

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Steve Johnson