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## **Introduction**

Many people today are uncertain if God exists and what He is doing or if He is doing anything. In all this we need to know if God exists and if He exists. What is He doing? How does He work? In the personal sessions we did with people there were countless people that had personal disasters. Some brought it on themselves and others were not guilty but it happened with them. In my own life it was very important to answer the question if God exists or not and then to find out why things happen as they do.

The first time I started thinking about writing up these testimonies I was at our guest lodge close to a refugee camp in central Africa. The mosquitos were a lot and I was very uncomfortable but the presence of God was there in a very real and special way. At that place I got the command from the Holy Spirit to write encounters with God. I write these testimonies for your benefit.

First there was a resistance to write my testimonies down as I prefer to be private. Yet I know that God was and is really busy in my life as I am definitely do not live a normal life but a life of walking in the Holy Spirit. This life of walking in the Spirit is available to all Christians but few really walk in this adventure with God in the secret place.

For your benefit I am writing down these testimonies. I hope that this will inspire you to look and pray for testimonies of your own. It will definitely be different as each one has a different calling.

So much of my life was lived in secret and when God really started revealing Himself to me I thought He would like it to go public. I was certain He did it for His fame or something. Yet through the years I realised it is just because He loves me and that there is abundant grace for everybody.

To write this booklet was a command from the Holy Spirit but it is also with great thankfulness that I write these testimonies. Like David I feel to say: "The God of my life".

There was a progression like you will see till today where I was asked to do a presentation in front of the United Nations (or/and YWAM) for a refugee project. I still expect a lot of things to come and maybe I can finish the story later. I expect something even more serious to happen but I really don't know where the story will end. I was tempted many times and now know more than ever my weaknesses. So I really hope my story has an ending where I obey God till the end and achieve His purposes He has for my life.

I write this so that you can connect with the grace God has for you. My walk is my own and your walk will be your own. I do not write this so that you can be in awe of me as the reality was not that easy but that you can know that God is truly alive and there is abundant grace for your life. I also probably write it to be better understood to those that I come in contact with. When I was called for the prophetic I didn't even know that it exists as I grew up in a very traditional church. Today I teach about the prophetic and my mouth water to get deeper into the things of God.

In some of the testimonies I came into face to face combat with the demonic world. If we understand the warfare taking place and the principles in which our relationship with God should be founded we are already a lot closer to understand how the reality works in which we live. Yet this is everyone's personal adventure to explore.

Currently I am the base leader in YWAM Potchefstroom in South-Africa. Our base is small at this stage compared to some other bases. The Holy Spirit said to me: “You have a small base that packs a big punch!” I know that to be true for a fact. Yet this is some of the mystery God is leading me into (success in His eyes many times looks different than ours). The person of God is so different from the way we imagine Him. Through knowing Him our problems grow strangely dim. The character of God fascinates me and He is the first person I go to as His wisdom is incredible.

We are living by faith and writing is one of the ministries I engage in. Living by faith draws you into a deeper place with God. Very few pastors can do it and sometimes I groan because of the difficulty. It challenges everything you believe about the person of God. I have now lived by faith for 9 years and sometimes I think I am crazy yet when I pray the voice of God is clear. Sometimes I am awakened by the Holy Spirit at 4 in the morning and the voice of the Holy Spirit is clear and crisp. It is such a privilege. I have written Encounters with God as to focus on the Hand of God in my life. It is just honest stories as I experienced them. I did not go into the details of the doubts, the struggles and the healings that didn't happen. I know that can be of great benefit as well as Paul boast of His weaknesses. Yet the goal of this book is to deal with the fact: “Is God alive?”

I wish I could focus on someone else and tell their story, yet we know our own stories the best as we can only live in our own bodies. I picked the stories where I saw God clearly and without a benefit of doubt. There are many stories I did not tell as I live in His presence every day but here is some of the highlights. Hope you enjoy!

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Our family in 2017

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# Encounters with God

## Desperate

I was about 19 years old and full of pain. I didn't know how to manage it. Life was becoming too much for me. My father was a pastor and I had some faith but not enough to sustain me through this difficult time. I was a very good rugby player and then I got injured and was full of pain because of my first time I fell in love. It didn't work out because of bizarre circumstances.

I walked to a park at night and I lay under the stars. I prayed: "If there is a God, show Yourself to me! If you exist I will serve you all my life. If you do not show yourself to me I am going to shoot myself".

After I prayed lying under the stars a star shot! I was utterly amazed. Living in the midst of a city all the time this was one of the first times I saw a star shot. I prayed again: "If this is really You, let another star shoot!" Another star shot! I was overjoyed. It had to be God! My main purpose in life was now to find this God whatever religion He may be in.

*QUESTIONS (to answer prayerfully and personally)*

- 1) From 1-10 (10 the highest) how much emotional pain do you have at this moment?*
- 2) How should we deal with emotional pain?*
- 3) What do you learn from the story?*

## Seeking

I became first year at university and achieved far under my abilities the last year of school as depression was haunting me. One doctor said I will have to use pills all my life. Walking around I was kind of awkward and introverted. I was very shy and didn't ask for anything I struggled with. My thoughts were running wild and I was reading profusely. Philosophy, Hinduism, Marxism, War and Peace etc.

In the middle of the year I was reading Marx in the student library. As I looked up a man was standing next to me. He said: "My peace lead me to you. I came into the library and I saw a vision of stairs. I went up the stairs and I walked past you. As I walked past I lost my peace. When I came back to you my peace returned. I want to invite you to a student meeting of Christians."

I looked at him with a questioning look and He walked away quickly probably hoping I didn't think he is really weird.

This guy did intrigue me and I decided to go to the meeting he invited me to.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How can you overcome depressing thoughts?*
- 2) *What impact did the man led by the HOLY SPIRIT have on my life?*

## Fear

I took my bible and was walking over a park. Suddenly an extreme fear overtook me. I was totally panic stricken. What if this was a cult or something? I fell on my knees, prayed and opened the bible. The message I got from the passage was: "Don't trust people but trust in Me." I decided I can trust God and went further on my way to the gathering.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How can fear keep you from the Holy Spirit?*
- 2) *How do you grow in trusting God?*
- 3) *How can we overcome fear?*

## The voice of God

As I entered the room the first thing that struck me was that they were multi-cultural. (It was close to the end of the Apartheid era and it was still strange to have multi-cultural meetings). Not only were they multi-cultural but they were worshipping freely. Some were on their knees and others were standing and worshipping God. I came out of a very religious tradition and just stood like a soldier with my hands next to my hips.

The guy that invited me prayed on his knees next to me. I was just standing upright and then I heard a voice speaking at my heart. "He is praying for you", the voice said. I tapped the man on his shoulder and asked him: "Are you praying for me?" He answered affirmatively. I then went on my knees and prayed to God. I talked about all my fears and prayed for His will and that He will reveal Himself to me.

This was my first encounter with the voice of God.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *Which way did God speak in this story?*
- 2) *How does God's voice help you to have faith?*
- 3) *What role does healing communities play?*

## Confused

I was excited about this new group of friends, as I started attending it grew weird after a while. They continued to speak about visions they got and how God directed them and how they would ask the Holy Spirit where they should walk etc.

After a few cell groups I decided to test this for myself. I went to the bathrooms at the university and prayed that God would show me a vision otherwise I was going to leave this cell group. As I prayed I saw faintly in my mind's eye a picture of a girl I knew from my home town. I felt the message was that I would see her. It was nearly impossible as she only came to university for one subject in a week. I stood up and as I was walking asked the Holy Spirit: "left or right?" I got no answer and said to myself "probably right". As I was walking towards the student centre there she came towards me!

I was shocked and turned around and went to sit under a tree whistling. Then I prayed, "If she is sent by you let her come to me". As I was whistling she came to me and asked if I have a lift for her to our home town. Wow, God spoke to me!

I was amazed and very curious to know more.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *Why can it feel confusing when we start hearing God's voice?*
- 2) *How is God's voice and the miraculous connected?*
- 3) *How is God's voice and evangelism connected?*

## Audible voice of God

In the winter vacation I decided to go to an outreach to Botswana. We prepared as a group and we had a late inscription of a student lady from another university.

We went on the outreach and we pitched a big tent in which all 15 students could sleep in the desert between the Koi-San. We were going to help to build a church.

One night I was lying in a big tent with all the students in the Botswana desert and I saw a red headed lady coming towards me and asking me if I would mind if she slept next to me with the sleeping bag. (All the students had their sleeping bags in the tent). I said to her that it is no problem and the whole student group went to sleep as the evening wore on.

I was awoken by what sounded like a man saying: "This is the only woman along who you will ever lay in your life". I was shaken by this, what on earth? Then a Scripture came to my mind that says "A prophet will be known by the fact that his words comes out".

I decided not to act on this word at all but as a natural consequence we fell in love and we were 21 years married a few weeks ago!

Afterwards I had many encounters with God and could hear the whisper of the Holy Spirit in my mind clearly but I never heard God speaking audible again till now (like a man speaks to you audible).

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How should we act when we think we heard God's voice?*
- 2) *When do you think God will speak audible?*
- 3) *What is the ways you hear the Holy Spirit?*

## Trying to fast for 40 days and getting delivered

At this time I was reading the Scripture profusely. I was memorising it and it was a time where I got to know the Scriptures very well. I also read a book of a man that was involved in world mission and he fasted a lot. I decided to also fast 40 days. I started the fast in our house and only drank fluids while I was fasting food.

In that time I also woke up early in the morning to pray. One morning I was praying and something like whirlwind manifested in my head. I couldn't breathe as I was being choked while this whirlwind was swirling in my head and then went out of my mind. I realised I was being delivered and asked the Holy Spirit what this thing was. I felt Him whispering: "It was the spirit of chaos leaving you."



I continued the fast till the 14th day. I then got a Scripture where Abraham's faith was credited unto him. I felt the Holy Spirit saying my faith is far more important and that many days fast has been credited to me.

I stopped the fast but it did give me a breakthrough and the confusion was gone as I could walk daily in peace while obeying the whispers of the Holy Spirit.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What is the role of fasting?*
- 2) *How did the deliverance take place in the story?*
- 3) *What areas of your life do you think you are still in bondage?*

## Praise God, you have heard correctly!

I married my wife at the tender age of 20 and we were renting from my father in law and I had a great desire that we would be able to stay on our own as a couple just after we got married.

I prayed and God showed me a face (in my mind's eye) of a man I knew. I went to the man and said that we are looking for a flat and when we prayed about it God showed me his face and I felt I should talk to him. He threw his hands up in the air and said: "Praise God, yesterday I prayed and said to God that he can have my flat as my 10th and that he should send the people he wants to live in it. It is yours for free!"

I was amazed. God lead me in answer to this man's prayers. Amazing!

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What did I hear correctly in the story?*
- 2) *Why is it important to be bold and act wisely on God's voice?*
- 3) *How can it bless others when you act on God's voice?*

## Somebody sent to me by the Holy Spirit

In this time I was starting to struggle a little bit. Late in the evening I prayed and asked God to send somebody to help me. The next morning a man arrived at our house. He said he prayed that morning and the Holy Spirit send him to me. Wow! God send people to me when I prayed. What on earth? The evidence was really mounting that God is alive and well and working in my life. It was starting to be undeniable to me.

I started to see more and more pictures from the Holy Spirit. I could pray about anything and the answer of the Holy Spirit would be right there.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How does the voice of the HOLY SPIRIT connect us to other believers?*
- 2) *What should we do when we struggle spiritually?*
- 3) *Is it weird to hear the voice of the HOLY SPIRIT?*

## Demons manifesting

We got involved with a South-Korean and American mission organisation and we started a small bible study group. We were about 6-8 in the bible study group.

One night somebody brought a beggar to our cell group in our small flat called Justin. The cell group member said that they met this beggar and this beggar had a dream. In desperation he prayed to God and fell asleep. In the night he dreamt that he must look for somebody with the name Christien, this person would help him. My wife's name was Christien!

As I looked at the man I saw a picture that all of us laid hands on him. As we laid hands on him his voice changed and he started screaming: "Leave me alone, leave me alone!" all of us could see this thing that was talking to us was not the man as he was talking in another voice. I said: "In Jesus name tell us what your name is!" The demon gave a name of the man's brother. Say it was John (It was 20 years ago, I cannot remember the name of the brother. The brother committed suicide in front of Justin). I said: "in the name of Jesus I command the power of John to leave this man!" It seemed like a force left this man and the man fell to the ground unconscious. We again prayed for the man that came to his senses. Then he started banging his head on the ground with a heavy force. This guy was going to crack his skull! I said: "what is your name in Jesus name!" This demon gave another name, say it was Anthony (cannot remember the name but this person was blown up in front of Justin in a landmine). I said: "The power of Anthony leave this man alone in Jesus name! The man then went on his belly and sailed like a snake to my right and the demon left. One cell group member said he saw Jesus standing to my right in a vision and the demon sailed to his feet and went out.

This was a spectacular encounter of the power of God and our cell group started growing quite quickly.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How do demons operate in people's lives?*
- 2) *Can a believer have a demon?*
- 3) *How did the Demons go out in the real life story?*

## Attacked at night

Shortly after this I was sleeping at night and I was awoken by a high screeching sound sounding like a bat. It felt like something was sitting on me and my throat was closed. I couldn't breathe! I shouted inwardly; in the name of Jesus leave me alone! Suddenly my hand went up and I was in an arm wrestle with the thing. He nearly won me and was about to wrestle my arm to the ground and then quickly and suddenly his arm was slammed to the side where a right hand arm wrestler wins and the thing left.

The next morning I woke up and prayed and the asked the Holy Spirit: "where did this thing come from?" The answer I got was that it was an authority over our church that was getting very uncomfortable with me and tried to attack me.

Our group continued to grow and a drug dealer came to Jesus, then a gay guy and then people playing with Satanism. We were now a group of 30 strong and it was people far away from Christianity that met God for the first time. In our bible study group they wanted to grow. I took some of them and Justin to church.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *Have you ever felt attacked by a demon? What happened?*
- 2) *Should we be afraid of demonic attacks?*
- 3) *What is the value of groups praying together?*

## Church doesn't know what to do with me

I grew up in a very traditional reformed Calvinistic church wearing suits and having all kinds of traditions as a pastor's son. I was now far from my home town in a different branch and I took Justin and a few others with tattoos and long hair to the church.

We got a lot of stares. When I got home Justin said that one of the old ladies said that he is not dressed well enough. He said: "please never take me to that church again".

I heard from the elder that the church decided I should first look after these people in the cell group. I was very fiery and told them they should make room for new converts and told them a list of things that should change in order to let the church grow. It fell on death ears and I started bringing these people more and more under the mission organisation at the university where I was now the new branch leader.

I was young, inexperienced and still depressed. After a year I took this group to another more enlightened church and asked the church to look after them as I still felt unequipped to deal with the needs of these people.

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What should the church's attitude be to the lost?*
- 2) *How well does your local church know the prophetic?*
- 3) *How do you think you should interact with your local church around your new found knowledge and faith experiences?*

## Vision of a Tsunami

It was about 2001 and I was growing increasingly uneasy about the mission movement's beliefs that the gifts of the Holy Spirit ceased. I was seeing a lot of visions, tested it and I was pretty certain the Holy Spirit was communicating with me.

I prayed about it and the Holy Spirit asked me: "Are you willing to speak?" I said: "Yes." Then I saw a picture of a big Tsunami and a man running in front of the Tsunami. The Holy Spirit said: "This will be the persecution if you speak." I took note but said to God if He wants me to speak to the mission organization He must organise it.

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What did the vision of the Tsunami mean?*
- 2) *Are you willing to face persecution for doing what the HOLY SPIRIT ask?*
- 3) *How did God work together to allow me to testify for the truth of the Scriptures?*

## Testifying about the gifts of the Holy Spirit

I once was doing outreach in a very poor mixed race community. A man came past me in a wheel chair with one wheel half broken and one leg missing. He was struggling past me in this broken wheel chair. I was filled with compassion and prayed: "if the gifts of the Holy Spirit exist, please give them to me to preach the gospel please!"

I was starting to see very vivid visions and could gradually start to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit better and better until I could clearly hear the Holy Spirit whenever I asked any question.

The mission organisation I was with did not believe in the gifts and it started bothering me more and more. How can you do mission and deny the gifts God has given exactly for that! I prayed for the right opportunity to speak to the leaders of the mission over 84 countries.

I received a letter in the post. It was from our mission organisation. I was asked to speak as the young up and coming leader of South-Africa on the African conference on the demon possessed man of Gadarene! As I read it the Holy Spirit said: "Speak!" It was undeniable God. I was fear struck! The Holy Spirit said I was going to be persecuted like a Tsunami. I asked Him to organise that I speak about the facts that they should embrace the Holy Spirit and now He did! But I decided to keep my word and speak. I prepared the message that the organisation should repent and embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Before I was to speak I heard that the leader of the global organisation felt the Holy Spirit told him not to go to the conference in Russia but rather to the African conference because something was going to happen. As it was my time to speak the global leader was sitting right in front of the stage.

I was very neatly dressed as the requirements of the organisation were. I started my sermon by taking off my shoes and telling everybody that we should not serve traditions of men but should read the Word of God and embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I caused quite an uproar. As I finished my message a tremendous peace came over my whole body (previously I only felt God's peace in my inner being). This was a deeper peace than I ever felt

I spoke the truth very fiercely but looking back probably maybe not with a lot of wisdom. I was kicked out of the organisation for my efforts. I knew I was treading on thin ice but decided to speak the truth as I saw it. God honoured me but I was now a persecuted and controversial young man, still depressed. Without church, organisation or group but armed with the voice of the Holy Spirit. Listening to God was a question of survival, everything else was a side issue.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What did the Holy Spirit ask me to do?*
- 2) *Why do you think God thought it was important?*
- 3) *What should be our attitude towards people when we feel certain something is coming from God?*

## You will have a child

We were married for a few months. In this time I did radical stupid things like giving a beggar all of our money on the 3rd of the month and then wondering why our budget didn't match. But it was a time of desperately searching for the truth. Haunted by a grey cloud of depression I at least had a lovely comforting wife at the age of 21 and a controversial yet effective small ministry.

One day I was praying and the Holy Spirit said: "You will have a son and you must name him Job". We obeyed and stopped all kind of measures that can stop us having children and my wife became pregnant!

We decided not to look at the sex of the baby and I was waiting with eager expectation what gender the child was going to be. I was desperately afraid I was being deceived and my whole life was built on hearing voices or something.

It was a boy as I heard from the Holy Spirit and we named him Job.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What should we do when we get a directional word from God?*
- 2) *What should you do when you heard wrong?*

## God!!

In the middle of my final year of studies I got a business proposition. I was studying business and law but I really wanted to go into mission. I decided to take the business opportunity and to provide for my family like Paul lived as a tent maker and then to preach the gospel.

I was a marketing agent for all kind of products but worked for myself buying from a certain company and selling.

One evening I was returning from work at night and I was praying. I felt the Holy Spirit saying: "Stop the car and look at the stars". I then stopped the car and looked at the stars.

As I looked at the stars the shadow of a man appeared in the stars and it became clearer until I could very clearly see the outlines of a man standing in the stars. I was standing in front of God! The sheer immensity of this being standing in the stars dawned on me and I started shaking with fear. Then the Holy Spirit said: "don't be afraid". Then the being was gone.

Later on I realised it must have been a type of prophecy as the children of Abraham was like stars and the body of Christ is made up of the obedient ones that obeys Him. When I studied the Scriptures I saw Jacob had children like dust, Isaac like the sand of the sea and Abraham children like stars of heaven.

My days as a young man were filled with encounters with God. He was calling me to Him. I was also seeking Him constantly. Because of my previous depression there was an intensity of need for God that was not normal. Yet God did not disappoint!

Later on I realised why God called me with a shooting star and what the meaning was of God standing in the stars.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What should we do when God asks us to do seemingly strange things?*
- 2) *What do you think the man standing in the stars could represent?*
- 3) *Why are some more eager to search for God than others?*

## Authority to anoint others

At this stage I was able to discern the prompting of the Holy Spirit but it was a soft voice and I had to concentrate really hard to discern the Holy Spirit. A man with a prophetic gift came to me and said he felt the Holy Spirit said he must pray for me that I hear the voice of the Holy Spirit easier. From the time he prayed for me I could hear the voice of the Holy Spirit clearly and could engage in a conversation with the Holy Spirit at any given time. What a privilege!

Yet that was not all. From that time whenever I prayed for someone there was power from the Holy Spirit to Anoint people. I would get a prophetic message for them and when I prayed for them the power of the Holy Spirit would anoint them.

I read in the Scriptures that Samuel also had the power to anoint according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as He poured oil on David when he was anointed as king. Later on in YWAM this gift would manifest regularly to release young people into missions.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How often can we hear God's voice?*
- 2) *What was the job of Samuel?*

## Starting our own mission ministry

The church didn't work because of tradition. The world mission organisation that we served in previously denied the gifts of the Holy Spirit and me and my wife then just served God and listened to the Holy Spirit.

I was quite good mathematically and started to work out what system would be the best for world mission. I came to the conclusion if I made ten disciples, each one of them made ten and we could continue to replicate this we are going to get somewhere. So I went to the township where there were 80% of people not having jobs and started a cell group there. By this time I worked to provide for the family and I was growing restless as all my time was consumed by working for money and my true passion for the work of God was not being followed.

I got a group of 10 and disciple them for a year. When we started 1 of the 10 had work and at the end of the year 9 out of 10 had work and the 10th one got a job but was fired after repeatedly coming late. One of the 10 was a gangster and he brought his whole group of gangsters to listen to me. Good! There was multiplication of another group. I was now going to another cell group of 12 gangsters!

In the gangster cell group they asked me all kinds of questions. The main question was why God did not provide. We talked around it and the guy stated at the end of the evening that he will trust God for a while to provide for him but if it doesn't work he is going to steal because that is the only thing that works if he doesn't get a job. That guy eventually married a lawyer and is very happy today as he got free from his lifestyle. One of the others got killed later on when he tried to steal as he didn't repent.

While we were talking in the house a drunk man came past the house. He was cursing all the time. As he passed the house he started praising God and sang God's praises. As he walked out what seemed like a spiritual cloud around the house he again started cursing as he was walking. God's Spirit was truly over the house!

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How should we live out the gospel?*
- 2) *What is the relationship between earning money and our calling?*
- 3) *What happened with the drunk man in the story?*

## Getting healed myself

The cell group continued to multiply and it became a church of about 30 to 50. The area I was ministering in was ridden with sickness and I prayed for a lot of sick people. Some said they got healed and others didn't get healed. It was tough for me to discern because I didn't know if those who testified about their healing were real or if they were kind of faking it. I was a very intellectual guy and I struggled to believe the testimonies but it was there in the church regularly.

I was allergic to cats and dust and it would affect my eyes very badly as I grew up. My eyes would swell badly whenever I got close to cats. Then we got a cat!

My eyes started to swell and my nose started running as the allergy started kicking in. I saw quite a lot of healings in our ministry and I was quite confident that I would be healed as well. I rebuked the sickness in the name of Jesus but it didn't go. After one day I stood up and rebuked the sickness again, nothing happened!

This went on for six days and I was getting desperate. I prayed and said: "I pray for people to get healed but I cannot pray for other people if you don't hear me as well". The next morning all the symptoms were gone. The cat got kittens and till today 20 years later we have cats!

I cannot say why I got healed the seventh day only but it was a valuable lesson about the nature of faith.

I was still suffering from a lot of doubt, judgment and now many years later I can recognise a lot of other things but God's grace was working.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What should our attitude be towards healing?*
- 2) *What should we do if we don't get healed immediately?*

## More children

My wife got pregnant again. I felt the Holy Spirit said: "It will be a girl and you should name her Joy". It was a girl but we decided to name her Andrea for the sake of the family and not to sound too religious. I prayed and wrestled with God about the matter and eventually felt we can name her Andrea.

Then my wife got pregnant again. I prayed and felt it was going to be a boy and I should name him Jonathan. At this stage we were starting to ease a little bit on the radicalism and the legalism and we went for sonar. I was fully expecting it to be a boy. It was a girl!

I was horrified. Here I was building a life on the voice of the Holy Spirit and I heard the voice of God wrong or it was another spirit. I was angry and raged against God. After I prayed I listened again and I felt the Holy Spirit saying: "It is twins". What were the chances of that! I shared it with my wife but I was very uncertain and confused. She went for sonar again. It was definitely a girl. I struggled to pray or believe the Holy Spirit. I asked God to take away this voice. Maybe I was going mad!

My wife got very big and the date of birth was nearing. The doctor wanted to see if everything was ok and I let my wife go for sonar again. The telephone rang and it was my wife. She asked: "Are you standing or sitting? We are going to have twins! It is a boy and a girl."

I did hear wrong sometimes and it was mostly because I was not careful enough. Very rarely did I hear wrong if I really focused and asked the Holy Spirit questions. I was growing in the voice of the Holy Spirit and listening and talking to the Holy Spirit was by now a well-established lifestyle.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What do you learn in this piece about faith?*
- 2) *Why do some people give up on faith?*
- 3) *How do we get trained to hear correctly?*

## Major healing at a camp for men

I was invited to speak at a camp for men. As I was ministering and walking around in the hall of about 100 men I saw a picture that I put my hand on a specific guy. I did it and started talking about homeless people and that when they picked you up off the street what I felt God is saying. Then the whole group started laughing. Afterwards I asked them why they were laughing. They told me that this guy was a homeless guy that they picked up the morning before the camp!

At the same camp there was somebody very sick. He already had 4 different types of cancers. I walked up to him and prayed for him. While I was praying he started to laugh. As I had my hands on him I physically felt something spiritual leave him.

2 Weeks later they called me and said that the tests came back and he is totally clean. Praise God as this was a serious healing!

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What happened with the homeless man?*
- 2) *What happened with the man with 4 different types of cancers?*

## A very sick man healed from aids

Around that time I was doing outreach in the local township. I walked into a shack (little tin house). As I entered the house I was shocked. On the ground there was a man lying and his whole skeleton was showing! I asked the lady in the house if he is still alive. She said he was sent home by the hospital to die at home as he was at his last with aids.

I laid my hands on him and prayed for him and I felt a lot of presence of the Holy Spirit. 2 Weeks later I went to the same house to see what happened with the man. He was desperately ill and it would not be the first time somebody died after I prayed for them (there was a lot of sickness in that area). When I entered the house he was still in the same condition. I again laid my hands on him and prayed for him. Then the Holy Spirit said: "With the testimony of 2 or 3 a court case goes through."

I did not go again to that area for a while and was walking in the city area after about two months. from the last time I prayed for him. While I walked somebody pulled at my back. When I turned around it was an African lady. She asked me if I remembered her. I admitted that I did not. Then she said: "I am the wife of the guy you prayed for; my husband is completely healed and started working today!" Wow, praise God! In this time it was a great struggle for me. Everybody I prayed for didn't get healed but many did.

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What was the condition of the man?*
- 2) *How many times did I pray for the man?*
- 3) *How did I know he got healed?*

## Outreach to Zambia

We went to Zambia with a group of students. We were reaching out in Zambia in the middle of Zambia in the rural area. It was quite an experience as 96% of the property belongs to the state and the people just ask for land from the state.



In the morning I woke up early and prayed for a while. When I walked outside I saw in the Spirit a bunch of what seemed like vulture birds. I knew it represented demons. I prayed that they will scatter and saw how they flew away.

A little bit later I went to the house for breakfast. When I entered there was a woman making breakfast. We talked for a while and then she asked me: "Are you a prophet?" (This thing of prophet is very controversial and I don't like being asked that question as technically all Christians are prophets at some level). I said: "I don't know". Then she said: "All my bags were packed and I am ready to leave but in this time you just answered all the questions I had, I am going to unpack."

She was a missionary at that place and God saved her at that late stage. The Holy Spirit talked through me and I didn't know or tried to give her any answer. I was just eating breakfast and talking. But I realised at that place what is a prophetic flow. I believe it is available for all Christians.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) What picture did God show to me?
- 2) What situation was the women in and what did the word mean to her?

## Organising the Global Day of Prayer

I was continuing with the ministry and worked as well with 5 kids. I was growing concerned because the church didn't multiply according to my plan. So I prayed about it. I felt the Holy Spirit saying: "Have a prayer fast where you pray 3 times a day". I prayed for 7 seven days 3 times a day." On the 7th day there was an incredible hail storm. The hail was falling like tennis balls. It was the biggest hail I have ever seen in my life. While looking at the hail storm the Holy Spirit said to read Ezekiel 13:10-14

*Eze 13:10 -14 Precisely because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace,' when there is no peace, and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear it with whitewash, say to those who smear it with whitewash that it shall fall! There will be a deluge of rain, and you, O great hailstones, will fall, and a stormy wind breaks out.*

*And when the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the coating with which you smeared it?' Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I will make a stormy wind break out in my wrath, and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to make a full end. And I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare. When it falls, you shall perish in the midst of it, and you shall know that I am the LORD.*

Wow! In the Scripture it talked about hail stones. Then I heard: "Organise a prayer day for the city." I was very confused. Why a prayer day? As I continued to pray I felt to go and speak with somebody I knew in the city. As I spoke to him he asked me if I knew about the global day of prayer that happened every year. I said I didn't. He said I must speak to two other guys that was organising it.

As we had the meeting I told them the Holy Spirit said I must organise a prayer day for the city. They looked at each other and said: "We have been praying for two months that God would send somebody to organise this thing. It is yours you organise it!"

I was astounded. Suddenly I was the global day of prayer organiser. Little did I know why they gave it away so easily?

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) As I looked at the hail what Scripture did God give?
- 2) What do you think the meaning was of the Scripture?

3) *What did the two men say to me?*

## Called for a very difficult task

I went to one of the most respected older church leaders in the city. I said to him the Holy Spirit sent me to organise the global day of prayer. He looked at me very unbelieving and then said: "You will never get it right! The church leaders in this city have been quarrelling for a long time and we just had 20 people at the prayer day last year". There were doctrinal, racial and political hindrances. As he was speaking to me I saw a picture of a printing machine printing out commands from God. I knew if I carefully obeyed I will be successful but it won't be easy.

When I prayed about how to do this I felt the Holy Spirit said: "Go and ask each church leader what he would suggest about the global day of prayer?" I visited a lot of leaders and just asked them this question. Normally they would start to give their suggestions and then talk about their hurts and then say: "I am in and will send my congregation for the day.

We ended up with 2000 people and the major for two years. It was the most successful ever in the city and we had all three different races presented at the prayer day as well.

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What did the pastor say?*
- 2) *What did God say?*
- 3) *What was the end of the matter?*

## Getting to know how a prophetic download works

In this time God gave exact commands what should be done in the global day of prayer organising. My eyes opened up for existence of the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ is where the mind of the Holy Spirit becomes active and various thoughts go through your mind that is all from the Holy Spirit.

I would for instance wake up in the morning and think about three people and their situation and then would bump into all three the people in the day.

I realised the mind of Christ is the mind of the solution. But his only worked when God was calling you for a certain job and you were willing to do it.

After the global day of prayer I would go on outreached where I knew God is really in the outreach. I would feel a very intense presence from the Holy Spirit where He shared a lot with me as we were on the outreach about the people. Sometimes I felt this heavy presence leave literally when we went through the border post to come back to South-Africa.

It is here where I learnt how a prophetic download sounds. It was like getting an assignment from God and then the thoughts of the Holy Spirit accompanied me all the way till the specific job was done. This would be the time of intense spiritual activity and when I came back life returned to normal and the dynamic of my relationship of the Holy Spirit would be more peaceful and slow paced.

I realised that all problems was crucified on the cross and through the mind of Christ all problems could be solved. Too few Christians are walking in the Spirit as there is not enough teaching about the ways of the Holy Spirit.

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What is the mind of Christ?*

2) *How would you define a prophetic download?*

## The whole family getting sick

In that time I also felt the call to start helping the Global day of prayer in our province. One morning I stood up early in the morning as the Holy Spirit woke me. I looked out of the window and saw quite a few dark forces standing outside (in the Spirit). I asked the Holy Spirit what this was all about. He said: "This is the authorities of the different cities that were coming to give you a visit". That next few days our whole family (of seven) fell sick with severe coughing and flu.

I was lying on the bed and I felt awful. As I prayed I felt I should stand up and go on with the organising of the prayer day. I stood up, dressed and went to my first appointment. As I went out of the door my ears popped open and my sinus were healed instantly. I did all the appointments. When I walked back into the home I started to fall sick again. How could this be? I only received energy for what God wanted done after that the sickness came back?

At this stage I got better doctrine from the Holy Spirit that I believe protected us more and more against the demonic. Yet there were still a few lessons to learn!

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What is spiritual warfare?*
- 2) *What is the warfare you face currently?*
- 3) *How did I receive grace to overcome?*

## Invited to help with the organisation globally

As the global day of prayer was running in many cities all over the world they needed guys to help organise globally the event. As the event was born out of South-Africa the global leaders were South-Africans. They heard about the success in Potchefstroom and as it was one of the most successful in South-Africa the main organiser invited me to come and visit him ten days in Cape Town. I was going to go to him in December. In August I had a dream. In the dream God showed me that his revival was not going to be good for my kids but that he will give me another revival that would be when my kids are older and where it would be more life-giving for the kids. I phoned the global organiser and told him I couldn't come.

God's voice opened up doors for me and this very great door he told me not to go through. I obeyed what I was convinced was from the Holy Spirit. When I look back now God was faithful. Later on I became part of YWAM and got a ministry from the Holy Spirit that is very precious. It was the fulfilment of the promise God gave at that time.

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What was I invited for?*
- 2) *What dream did I get?*
- 3) *What do you learn from this story?*

## Praying for a Satanist

We ran a school of the prayer ministry and afterwards we decided to do a two week outreach to the township. We had a prayer session with a half drunk lady that was sick. I had a prayer session and in the session the physical pain went away, the emotional pain and she gave her life to Jesus. I realised

she is in the occult and when we went to her house there was a head of a goat outside of the house. She was into ancestor worship. But her whole house came to Jesus. Afterwards she said that her friend's son was killed by Satanists because he tried to leave the group. There was another friend that feared for her son's life as he was also into this Satanists group. She asked if I would go and pray for him. I agreed.

We made an appointment but prayed beforehand. The Holy Spirit showed me two pictures. The one was that he will not run away and in the other picture I saw a high priest sitting on a chair. The Holy Spirit said: "Pray that his legs will be cut off (spiritually)." I prayed that.

When we came to the house the teenager locked himself in his room. After a while he opened the room and ran away. His girlfriend saw it and ran after him. About ten minutes later she came back with him. He then stood in the middle and agreed to receive the Holy Spirit. Then he started screaming: "My legs, my legs!" he went numb and couldn't stand anymore. He received the Holy Spirit sitting down. I remembered thinking: "That was easy, it seems that in a supernatural atmosphere the Holy Spirit has total domination as He is the Almighty".

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What was I asked to do?*
- 2) *What did God say I must pray for?*
- 3) *What happened when we prayed for the Satanist?*

## Go and sort out the war!

I prayed and asked the Holy Spirit what the effect would be of the global prayer day and all the prayers that was prayed all over the world. God showed me a lot of oil that was upon leather over the world. That meant that the Anointing is there and available but that it was still held back. Then the Holy Spirit said: "I am going to apply the Anointing in an orderly fashion and I am going to send out a few individuals in answer to the world's prayers you will be one of them." If this was true it meant that there was unbridled authority available in the spiritual realm.

After that time I woke up 4 o'clock in the morning. As I walked in our house to the sitting room there was a physical cloud in the hallway. I thought: "Could this be God?" Then I thought it is probably just cold.

I was asked to go to Burundi with a missionary and I was praying about it. As I was praying the TV went on suddenly. On the TV there was a documentary about the war in Burundi! As I was looking at the documentary I felt the Holy Spirit say: "Go and sort out the war!" I was astounded.

It got early morning and I decided to go somewhere. As I was driving out the radio went on suddenly and somebody was singing Hallelujah at the top of his voice. The presence of the Lord was coming over me and the tears rolled down my eyes. Now I had an assignment: "Go and sort out the war!"

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What do you think was the physical cloud in the house?*
- 2) *What happened with the TV when I prayed?*
- 3) *What was on the TV?*

## Going to Burundi

There was still war in Burundi and we went to Burundi. We decided to go through the northern border on the border of Rwanda because it was tar road. Then we drove down to the main city of Bujumbura. After a while we were stopped at a checkpoint by a truck with a huge machine gun on the back of the truck. We could see that this is the real deal and the soldier started kicking the car and was very aggressive. My fellow missionary handled it very well and we were allowed to go through.

For a 100 km or so there were really no cars on the road and we only saw a UN car and a Red Cross car on the road. When we arrived in Bujumbura we asked the people why there were no cars on the road. They said: "There are rebels in the mountains and they come down and hijack the cars." Our response was: "Oops we didn't know!"

We were staying close to the under president and I prayed and asked the Holy Spirit what I should do to end the war. Suddenly I saw a picture. In the picture there was like a piece of straight wood and the Holy Spirit said: "Pray that the back of the rebels will be broken." After I prayed the wood broke and the Holy Spirit said: "It is done." 3 days after that we had a meeting with the general of the peace army that was from South Africa as well. He then said: "Yesterday 1500 rebels came down from the mountain and gave over their weapons". We later learnt there were negotiations with the rebels.

When I got back to South Africa after a trip of three weeks I put on the TV. The new president of Burundi was being sworn in and peace came to Burundi! Praise God! I didn't do much. I just prayed. Yet God gave me a special Anointing of changing things in the spiritual realm. From that time I could go into the courts of heaven before God and because of the cross it seemed when I prayed according to the revelation of God anybody and later on countries can be changed. God started to release a lot of revelation about what happened on the cross.

Because of the Global day of prayer the war in Burundi was snuffed out and knowledge was being released that was increasing the authority I was walking in exponentially.

### QUESTIONS

- 1) Why were there no cars on the road?
- 2) What did the HOLY SPIRIT ask me to pray for?
- 3) How did it manifest in the physical?
- 4) What happened when I came back?

## Meeting the YWAM regional leader

Somebody phoned me and told me about the YWAM regional leader that was in town. He was friends with one of the pastors and I visited the pastor at his home. I spoke to the regional YWAM leader and it was good to meet him. I walked back to the car and as I walked over the road the Holy Spirit said: "Go to YWAM and stay with YWAM!"

I wondered why the Holy Spirit also said stay with YWAM. When I prayed about it I felt there is going to come a time it will not be easy for me to stay but that I must remember the command of the Holy Spirit. I went to YWAM and for the first time I met an organisation that celebrated the voice of the Holy Spirit. Till then I served at two mission organisations and churches but never met spirituality where the voice of the Holy Spirit is really celebrated.

There I read Loren Cunningham's book: "Is it really you God." It is a biblical fact that God can speak but also a biblical fact that you can be deceived. It was good for me to come into the community and leadership where I was also accountable to people really hearing God's voice themselves.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What did the HOLY SPIRIT say?*
- 2) *Why is it good to be in a community that can discern the HOLY SPIRIT ?*

## Spiritual warfare: Wife having a total breakdown

It was at this stage that my wife just broke down mentally. We were under severe pressure as we had 5 kids, a ministry, she was working full-time and I was working as well. When I look back I realise I made several mistakes and one was to just totally take on too many things. We were in quite a lot of trouble as we had to put on the brakes in the speed that we were living. It was at this stage that I did DTS and got the tool of transformation prayer ministry.

When I went back I prayed with my wife, went to the different memories, saw what the lie was and heard from Jesus what he said. Slowly but surely she was getting better. In this time I learned the psyche of people and started to do more and more sessions on other people as well. I started doing sessions with others that had mental breakdowns and had very good success.

My wife grew better and as she had a lot of sessions she was very interested to do the course herself and to help other people as well. Today she is training many people and doing countless sessions. We are now more experienced and our motivations are more based on the truth of the gospel and the truth of the Holy Spirit than running after motives that are deceitful.

My first session I had was about my legalistic nature. My father had two doctorates before 30 and I always felt I didn't study enough. I was out to prove myself but I could never get there. As I had my first session I was led to my core lie I believed and God showed me a picture of stairs upon stairs upon stairs. This represented all I had to do to be accepted. Then the stairs became a bridge over a river. On this bridge there was a misty cloud and me and my wife slowly walked and talked over this bridge of life.

The message was that I should enjoy people and God in this journey of life and that there is nothing to run behind to be achieved that will change who I am or who God is. I was so thankful for this session and can remember it now 9 years later as I was a workaholic that couldn't rest. I paid the price in my wife breaking down that few years. Now I can also help others to get to the place of rest.

My biggest crisis also became the best school of learning.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *Why did my wife have a breakdown?*
- 2) *What is legalism?*
- 3) *What effect can it have on your life?*

## Getting taught about divine encounters

I went for a year of training in a YWAM base. The morning I was praying and the Holy Spirit showed me three couples. I wanted to make an appointment with all three the couples in that day. While I was outside the Holy Spirit showed me to go and stand at a certain place. After a short time all three the couples came walking towards me at that place and all three met the same time at that spot and

I could see all of them at once at the divinely orchestrated time and place God ordained. It was amazing! It was like the wind of God was in charge of the movements of people.

Later on when I came back to our hometown I saw a picture of a man and got a message for him. Later on that same day I walked into him at a shopping centre. God was orchestrating things divinely!

It became very clear that God is a reality. He is a Being that we can have relationship with. For me the relationship was fun and still is. Life seemed like a puzzle and every day another puzzle piece was coming together as I obeyed God.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What is a divine encounter?*
- 2) *How did the encounters happen in the story?*

## Starting a YWAM base

When we started the YWAM base God said: "People think that where there is money and lots of people that I am there but it is not so."

I wondered why the Holy Spirit let me know that specifically. Later on when I was walking at a refugee camp the Holy Spirit said something similar to me. He said: "I am the light, whether people follow me or not I stay the light." In some sense this has set me free to have people follow or not but just to live a life of obedience to God.

When I prayed about the base in the beginning I saw a road that had many curves and went up a mountain. I asked God: "What is my calling?" I felt the Holy Spirit said: "Your first calling is not necessarily to be base leader but being base leader will help you to get where you need to be. I asked when that will be. I felt God saying within three years I will know.

So me and my wife started with the YWAM base and it was pretty daunting but we started running DTS's and schools and we became more and more successful but in God's way. In the one sense we didn't have much staff on the base. In another sense we had extreme blessing from God! It seemed I had grace for my calling but in other areas I had challenges. It was really a learning curve where I got to know God and myself, how people react to me and my strengths and weaknesses. In the beginning it was pretty painful as people would let you know in great detail what they think is wrong with you. What saved me was that I came before God continually to hear what He was thinking about the situation. That gave us inner strength to endure whatever was thrown our way. That longevity and patience brought many breakthroughs.

Living by faith was and stays the major way where you stay on your knees and where you are many times desperate for provision and where God comes through many times in a creative way. We learnt not to trust in people and if you don't have the voice of the Holy Spirit to fall back on it will break you. But in a humble way God continued to support us.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *Why is it important to get words for the season you are in?*
- 2) *How did that happen in the story?*
- 3) *Why is it important to learn what your strengths and weaknesses are?*
- 4) *What are your strengths and weaknesses?*

## Going to a YWAM leadership meeting

God always met us at the leadership meetings of YWAM. But this specific meeting stayed with me. Not because of what happened at the meeting but because of a vision God showed me at that meeting. I think it was the first meeting I attended. At that meeting God showed me the country of Congo and He showed me a huge amount of demons gathering in that country. The most people have died in that country in war than in any other country. Then the Holy Spirit said: "Don't go there yet." It was really strange because I had nothing to do with that country at that stage. Yet I knew God was mobilising to do something there. I also knew that his country cannot be taken on without hand gloves and really with the exact guidance of the Holy Spirit. God had bigger plans we could think or dream of.

### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What did God speak to me about a country?*
- 2) *What was the growth you see from the first story?*
- 3) *How do we grow spiritually?*

## The birth of Operation Refugee

We had 11 students in our first YWAM discipleship training schools (DTS) and 9 in our second. When we advertised for the 3<sup>rd</sup> we had a refugee that inscribed to become a DTS student. Very early on in the year he let us know he is coming and when he eventually came in November when we started our school we heard he has sold everything he had to do the school. We had about 9 other students as well. He was from Congo and lived for 15 years in three refugee camps.

It was quite a journey to have Steven in our DTS. He told the most fascinating stories of how he was taken into the bush by the soldiers and muti was placed under his skin after which he fled over the Tanganyika lake and stayed first in Tanzania then Zambia and eventually Malawi in a refugee camp. While out in the bush he ate almost every kind of animal as well. He grew very quickly and he was very honest with God and we saw desperation in how he acted in the YWAM house.

He was such a good student that he led the students on outreach. In the outreach we visited the refugee camp in Malawi. I also decided to go with and we preached in many churches in the refugee camp. There were 64 churches and 28000 people in the refugee camp.

One morning I woke up and as I prayed the Holy Spirit said: "This is it, start Operation Refugee". I realised that was what God has called me for, for a refugee ministry that had quite a few dimensions. From the refugee camp we were going to train missionaries and wait on the Holy Spirit for strategy how to address the Congo war and the instability in the east of the country. But everything would happen as the Holy Spirit directs step by step. I had a general idea where we were going but not details. The details the Holy Spirit would provide.

We asked the people in the refugee camp how many wanted to do DTS. We got about a 100 that filled in their forms. The problem was just that they had no money. Operation Refugee was then started to try and get funds for the refugees to do the schools in YWAM.

Later on Steven went back to Congo and preached to 860 people under which some of the Mai-Mai (youth involved in the Congo war) was listening to his testimony. After he preached the king of his tribe came to speak to him. In his tribe there is about a million people.



#### QUESTIONS

- 1) Which country was Steven from?
- 2) What does this tell you about God's plan?
- 3) What is the power of something birthed through God's voice?

## Meeting a Supreme Court judge

We were ministering in a certain church and afterwards heard a judge invited me to come and have dinner with me. As we ate I realised this person was a very important man in the judicial system. It was the time where all the scandals of the former president of South-Africa Jacob Zuma were coming out. As I drove away from the judge I saw a picture from the Holy Spirit.

In the picture Jacob Zuma was driving in a bus with his ministers and he was trying to drive South Africa over a cliff. As he was driving to the cliff an invisible wall came up and the bus crashed against this invisible wall. I asked the Holy Spirit what this picture meant. I felt the Holy Spirit saying: "The judicial system will save South Africa". Later on it happened in this way and (now president) Ramaphosa won with 179 votes after going to court numerous times.

The judicial system was one of the democratic systems that outlasted Zuma's presidency and saved South Africa. Ramaphosa then became president and he was close to Mandela and things began to turn as the Holy Spirit revealed. The Holy Spirit started speaking more and more about countries.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) In which areas of society does God work?
- 2) What effect does God's voice have and what is the purpose in your life?

## Being invited to Washington D.C

Students from our first DTS were from Washington D.C. They invited me to go and speak to cell groups and churches about the Holy Spirit. I was then invited to preach at a certain church in the area. Before the sermon I got a parable about a red Ferrari. I told a story about the churches selling the best shoes for the race and people running the race in the area for God but that God intended for us not to run this race on our own strength. For every Christian God had a Ferrari available that represented the Holy Spirit. The church was fascinated by the story. After I preached I was invited with our team to the Pakistani church.

We drove with the pastor's assistant to the church. Just before we took the last turnoff a brand new red Ferrari stopped next to us. He revved and sped away as the traffic light turned green. The pastor's assistant exclaimed: "There is the Ferrari you preached about!" For all of us this was a miracle. Unfortunately God confirmed a word that most churches do not yet understand the Holy Spirit as they should!"

We prayed for the first church for the Anointing and the presence of God was there but only in peace and very soft. When we prayed for the Pakistani church there was huge Anointing. My wife was praying for somebody at their feet. As I walked past her I had to step around the current of spiritual electricity flowing around her. Then I prayed for somebody and it felt like a physical electric current flowing. I never felt the presence of God so powerful. It was amazing!

Our SA YWAM leader was also on the team and he prayed for somebody in front that was the musician. He was heavily anointed and couldn't stand on his feet as the Holy Spirit was busy with Him.

Afterwards we heard that this musician was going to play in front of 50 000 people in a revival crusade in Pakistan. God also gave me authority through His grace to anoint people and when I ministered more and more power was available to anoint the people of God.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How did God confirm the parable in the physical?*
- 2) *What was the impact on those that saw the parable being confirmed in the physical?*
- 3) *How does the power of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the HOLY SPIRIT work together?*

## Second time in Washington D.C close to the election

A few years afterwards I was invited to the US again and I stayed with a church in a very rich county. I also visited my friend that is staying in the Washington D.C area. I was walking one morning in the area and asked the Holy Spirit to show me what is going on in the spiritual dimension. He showed me a picture of something like a twilight zone. It was very dark in the spiritual realm. I asked the Holy Spirit why this is and He said: "The blood of babies is testifying against the people in this city." I did research and found that 6 million babies were aborted under the reign of Obama.

I was talking to the junior pastor and he asked me who I think the Christians should vote for. I said to him I think God votes for His church but if the Christians pray God might intervene just before the election and that Trump might then win the election. The pastor then said that the Christians know Trump is a very immoral man and that it is really a very difficult choice for the Christians. I told him about what the Holy Spirit said and I said to him I believe the democrats are rejected by God because of a holocaust of abortions that happened under Obama.

When I came home I watched the US elections with great interest. Trump is definitely no angel and it also came out vividly in the election time. When he won I read the New York Times. I read one phrase that said: "Trump was elected because genocide of abortions happened under Obama". I was astounded. I knew this was no coincidence and the person that was writing this article in the New York times heard from somebody the word the Holy Spirit gave me (most probably). Yet I knew if this was from the Holy Spirit and He made sure the word spread.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What did the HOLY SPIRIT say about the US at that time?*
- 2) *What authority does it give you when you listen to the Holy Spirit?*
- 3) *What did I read afterwards in the New York Times?*

## Outreach to Mozambique

My friend decided to organise an outreach to Mozambique. I decided to go with and we were about ten on the outreach. We heard that the war stopped about 6 months ago but there was a road that was not very safe that links the South and the North of the country.

We came to the area and there were troops that let us through. This was about 200-300 km where we drove through this hot zone. It was very clear that rebels tampered with the road and it was very difficult to drive more than 30 km an hour. They did this in order to attack cars driving on this road in order to get money, food and the like. We got to our destination that was a mission base. On this base 150 was killed because the Frelimo and Renamo troops drove past one another and started

shooting on one another. They then ran through the base killing one another as they went along. It was quite tense sleeping in the nights on this beautiful base.

A short while later our team leader came up with the bright idea to go and do outreach at the Renamo headquarter that was not too far away. I had amazing prayer times early in the mornings as the Holy Spirit woke me up to pray. One picture really stood out: "I saw many demons coming together to worship Satan. It was a big gathering and I knew that in this territory the demonic was very active. Then I heard a voice from heaven say: Napalm them!" (Napalm fire-bombs were thrown in the Second World War). So I prayed that God would send His bombs of fire. Then God said: You will know when it is done." For some reason I knew I got the authority to create in the spiritual realm (all children of God has the right but I enforced the right). I was now waiting that God would totally destroy the work of the demonic in that area. A tectonic shift was coming in the heavenlies! It was like God just wanted me to witness what He was doing. Where I went He showed me what He was going to do, then asked me to pray for it and then did it! But the best was yet to come.

Not shortly after that I had a demonic attack in the night. I was sleeping and it was like men (yet it was different demonic spirits) grabbing me and choking me. I tried to call out in the name of Jesus but I could only get out shouts. My friend then came and prayed for me and the attack lifted. I asked the Holy Spirit where these attacks came from. He showed me the Renamo Mountain and I knew that many occult sacrifices were made around that mountain to protect the soldiers spiritually according to their (occultist) faith.

We all prayed who should go to the Renamo Mountain and who should stay. I felt I should stay and intercede with the rest of the group.

While we were interceding I saw a demonic force walking up to me and pointing his finger at me as to threaten me. Then a very big angel came from his back and beheaded him. Then there was a massive angel from the earth to the heaven that was fighting against a dark smaller (yet very big man) and he defeated him (I know this was the authority of Renamo) and then from the other side another big dark angel fought against the angel of God (I knew this was the authority over Frelimo) and the angel of God defeated him as well. Then the angel of God looked at me and gave me the thumbs up saying: "The war in Mozambique is over." I saw a picture then of the church in Mozambique growing. It was a very vivid vision. Although this happened in the Spirit I could see this with my physical eyes.

After a few days we drove from the base. When we drove a day far we heard that the biggest earthquake in the history of Mozambique hit between the base and the Renamo Mountain. I knew something profound happened and I searched the Scriptures to see what an earthquake means.

Then I read [\(Mat 28:2\)](#) *And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

Wow! In this Scripture the angel that came to earth also caused an earthquake! I was astounded by this experience. This angel must have been a serious angel like Gabriel or something. It was not a small matter to put the war to an end that killed about a million people.

When we started Operation Refugee the Holy Spirit said we must: "Tame, stabilize and prosper African countries. It is truly impossible for man to do this. Yet we are co-workers of God."

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) What picture did I see about the Northern parts of Mozambique?
- 2) What was the real life vision of the angels?

## **Appointment as TPM South-Africa chairman**

Because of my wife's breakdown years earlier I developed skills in the transformation prayer tool that helps people hear God's voice in their place of pain. We saw many people by now and we also trained about a 180 people in the skill at that time. One lady they brought to me swallowed 85 pills as she tried to commit suicide. Another guy was locked up for smuggling drugs, was involved in Satanism and wanted to assassinate 14 people when he came to me. There was many others we prayed with and we are seeing amazing deliverance and healing on a constant basis.

I got a telephone call out of the blue from the previous South-African chairman. He is a qualified psychiatrist, has a doctorate and is also a qualified reverend. In the network we have doctors, psychiatrist, pastors and many qualified people. He said to me that they prayed about who must be the next chairman of this network of about 600 people and my name came up. I was very surprised because I never even thought of this. I prayed about it and accepted.

It seemed to me that God led me in warfare with authorities over countries. I was moving into the realm of world leaders and countries being delivered from the demonic. Yet it was only at God's command. Sometimes it would take some time for my next assignment from the Holy Spirit. But from time to time the Holy Spirit would start something and it would involve a country. I knew all of this came because of the global day of prayer and I was also aligned with YWAM that has a history of being used by God for big things.

In my character I was learning a lot of things as base leader, sometimes painful yet I pushed on with faith. My life was really strange. Now I would be on the highest mountain of spiritual authority and then I would be in a valley where I was struggling through things in our town. But life was good mainly because my wife and kids were at a really good place with God and in their lives.

### **QUESTIONS**

- 1) *How did God use difficult times in my life?*
- 2) *What does that tell you about your own struggles?*
- 3) *How did hearing God's voice lead to growing authority?*

## **Getting a hint that God might do something in Zimbabwe**

I was teaching at a certain YWAM base and I was sharing the testimonies of Mozambique and Burundi and I was saying God is moving in Southern Africa. We were praying for Zimbabwe for a very long time. I shared about the angel I saw and gave a biblical teaching about angels. My theme was God is busy capturing States. I said: "As soon as you set your foot on the ground I believe God is going to do something major in Zimbabwe."

Not long after that the outreach team went and preached the gospel in Zimbabwe. Shortly thereafter Mugabe was overthrown and a peaceful revolution happened.

Every time God did the work Himself. I am not certain if He is doing the work and revealing it to us or that we are asking and then He does it because of His revelation. Yet obeying daily is that we as Christians are called for.

I am careful about what I write as I know we all have interpretations of events. Yet there are too many co incidents. Things were now definitely starting to happen in a different dimension of authority.

#### QUESTIONS

1) *What happens where we set our foot?*

## At a refugee camp in Malawi

We didn't get a lot of money to put refugees through DTS and it was very difficult to convince people to put money into something where they don't know the people. But we did get money to help our Operation Refugee leader to go back to Congo and to sort out his passport. There he preached to a group of 850 people including the Mai-Mai and the king (of Steven's tribe) that is a king of over 1 million people. When he was there close to his village he sent us an audio as war broke out and soldiers shot in the village. We learnt that his village had the biggest UN presence in the world.

Now we ended up at the biggest war in the world! In the Congo 5 million people died (approximately).

When we were at the refugee camp I got very sick. I was sneezing all the time and the mosquitos were there all the time. Because they carry malaria we were sleeping under mosquito nets. It was really uncomfortable. We sprayed an insect repellent that killed the mosquitos but when you closed the windows you started sneezing because of the poison and when you opened the windows more mosquitos got in!

Yet the presence of the Lord was really there. I saw very clear visions. In one picture I was right on top of a tar spraying machine. It seemed that where we went God was tarring the road (spiritually) for the advancement of the gospel and peace.

I couldn't take the sneezing and the pain and I couldn't sleep as well. This went on till 11 at night and then suddenly a deep peace fell over me. I fell asleep closely after that and when I woke up it seemed I was completely healed. I thank God for it.

There was a lady that came with us that was a professional marketer. I challenged her to try and raise funds for Operation Refugee. She is still with us today and a few months after her appointment we could release another 2 refugees for DTS. They are doing very well and one has now just completed a degree in tourism while the other one is working with the base where he did DTS.

While in the refugee camp we started hearing stories of the people in the refugee camp. One man told us that his parents were staying close to the border to Burundi. Sometimes thieves came over the border to steal sheep. It was found that his parents were working with the thieves and then both

his parents and his uncle were killed in the bush. He fled for his life for even the whole family can be killed if one parent has been found guilty.

I knew the next war I am going to be asked to minister in was the war in Congo. But my ministry was strange to me. It seemed to me that I basically go into a country, look what is happening in the spiritual dimension in a country. Ask God to release His angelic army and that peace would come. It is a totally spiritual ministry but my life felt a little bit like Elijah who only had one assistant. Although my wife knew about everything I kept this world I was living in a secret. Either people were going to believe and think very highly of me (which I don't really deserve) or think I am bonkers. Either way God did serious things or I really didn't need people to know. But I knew something serious was going on.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What do you think the vision of the tar machine meant?*
- 2) *What is your value if you are qualified in God's voice?*

## Invitation to the UN

One day I got an email where I was invited to a YWAM meeting close to the United Nations. YWAM international got a breakthrough at the United Nations and because of the refugee ministry we were invited. We would also go into the United Nations where we would listen to people speaking on the Jordan. I recognised one of the ladies as one lady I saw working as a journalist on the BBC about Jordan. It was a very interesting experience and we had a YWAM conference also in Switzerland close to the UN. As YWAM is one of the biggest NGO families in the world YWAM got an invitation to the UN.

While at the YWAM meeting I spoke to a lady that also had connections to the British parliament. She asked me why I was at the meeting and what I felt I was called for. I talked about the war in Congo. After I finished speaking the Holy Spirit said: "I don't necessarily need the UN." I was wondering what this meant. I was to find out in our next DTS that we did in our home city!

When I got home we started running our next DTS. One person from the Congo did the DTS. We later on found out that he had very high connections in the government of Congo. Wow, God sent just one man to confirm that He is serious about transformation at a governmental level in the Congo. He sent us the key just in one person. God was moving very strategically, silently and with great wisdom. But I am waiting to see what His next step is.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How was I invited to the UN?*
- 2) *What is the long term power of an obedient lifestyle?*

## DNA impartation in Cape Town

As a base in South Africa we were invited to the dna infusion in Cape Town. It was the second time I was going to hear the original founders of YWAM but this time we were going to hear them for 2 weeks!

I woke up 4 o'clock quite a few times in the 2 weeks but one morning I was waking up I started seeing visions about the country of India. I saw Jesus very clearly and I was praying for the country of

India. Every time I prayed on a vision the picture changed and it seemed that I was wrestling with God for India.

It was very interesting that a few days before I met the YWAM leader of India and he was leader over many Christians in India.

When we got to the meetings for the day they said we are going to pray for India that day! After we prayed in the evening for India they asked anybody that had prophecies to come forward. As I had quite a few I went and stood in the back of the row. Later on the leader of India called me forward and I was delivering the prophecies with the original founder's wife sitting 2 or three meters from me! Wow, God was confirming that he wanted to speak about India.

It was very interesting how the prophetic gift took me from glory to glory but the dimension of the words was increasing.

I started hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit when I was desperately depressed and it was a real life-saver. I stayed faithful and went where the Holy Spirit led. Yet I know my weaknesses all too well but in the midst of all this God is working very powerfully. In the course of time it became very clear that there was a calling on my life that is unique like every other person's calling. I am convinced that everybody has a calling and that everybody has an adventure with God waiting for them if they would receive the Holy Spirit and if they would obey the Holy Spirit as a worldview.

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *How does God honour others that obeyed Him?*
- 2) *Why is it important to have the right DNA spiritually?*
- 3) *How did God arrange that the prophecy about India be given?*
- 4) *What did you learn out of the book of testimonies?*

## Final words

Presently I have an invitation to go and speak in front of the United Nations to give a presentation about refugees. I have written down this story because it is a unique story. This story will go on and I don't quite know where it leads. I know I have a responsibility and have to stay faithful but please pray for me. We have the most refugees ever today in the world that is afflicted by war. Please also pray for Operation Refugee as God has called us for a work that has many dimensions.

Hopefully peace can come to the continent of Africa (and beyond)!

#### QUESTIONS

- 1) *What did this book meet for you personally?*
- 2) *Do you have a testimony that you want to share ?*

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