



# NewsLetter

February 2008 Update from Deborah Arise International

## The Vision

The Vision of Deborah Arise International is to see women investing time daily and if possible praying weekly in pairs or triplets-interceding for the current generation of young people. As we move together we will more effectively take back ground from the enemy and rescue our captive generation. We will seek God for his strategies for the battle, supporting and encouraging each other as we move on.

*In 1999 our young people did not want to come to church; they were embarrassed and felt intimidated by their peer group. We began fasting and praying for our young people the first three days of each month. After fasting in this way for seven months without seeing any visible change, suddenly there was a real breakthrough with a couple of them and we have continued to see a wonderful change in our young people. Now they lead our worship, march with banners, preach, lead small groups of younger children etc. Our church strategy is to have a weekly Deborah prayer meeting and to continue the three day fast. We have found this to be powerful and of tremendous value. We feel strongly that the place to START is with prayer for the CHILDREN IN OUR OWN FAMILIES and THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR OWN CHURCHES, and then we move on to prayer for our city, the nation and the world*

## God's Women Warriors

Carol Hay - Leader of Deborah Arise North America

*The bible is relevant front-page news to the body of Christ right now; and Psalm 68 11, 12 are 'now' headlines. 'The Lord announces victory, and throngs of women shout the happy news... enemy kings and their armies flee while women divide the plunder'*

God is developing an army of women warriors, women of faith who know that 'without faith it is impossible to please God' (Hebrews 11:16); God pleasers, not man pleasers who have made the transition from wanting to believe to believing. Our DNA will cause us to know that there is nothing impossible for Him and dare to expect Him to do beyond all we ask or imagine.

We are in a *kairos* time for women, a right season when God is pouring out unprecedented favour on us with the intention of restoring us to the place of influence and authority He intended us to have. The Deborahs in this army will hear God's strategy, lead troops and inspire confidence in both men and women to engage in battles, oust the enemy and reclaim God's territory in their homes, communities and nations. Wake up, Deborah, and receive God's strategy for you.

Women in this army will look confident, because we will know who we are and who our God is. We are daughters who will look like our Father. We will understand that we qualify because he's chosen us, and we won't disqualify ourselves or let someone else disqualify us.

There will be Jaels in this army. Jael didn't disqualify herself because she was restricted to her home. Her obscurity was her disguise and her hospitality, her weapon. God is calling Jaels into His army today who will stay hidden in their homes in order to deal a death blow to the enemy with a pre-emptive strike claiming our children for Christ.

The Esthers in this army will be women God will use to speak to Kings and government officials, giving voice to those who have no voice. This army of women will be sure that our citizenship is in heaven, that we are part of a royal priesthood and have discarded the orphan spirit for a spirit of sonship. You have been given a wealth of influence for such a time as this. He needs you to use it to expose evil and bring Godly counsel.

The Marys in this army will have the sure knowledge that they are new creations in Christ who have recovered from the past and become passionate about their Saviour. In this army there will be Mary Magdalenes, former demoniacs and those with emotional and psychiatric histories. There will be Marys of Bethany with immoral pasts. Knowing who they are in Him will enable them to have courage, like Mary of Bethany, to break down social barriers in order to demonstrate the meaning of extravagant worship from pure hearts and sound minds, free from fear.

### Holiness is now in Style

Women in this army will be arrayed in Holy garments (Psalm 110:3). The next generation will be distinguished by extreme purity to perform extreme

## God's Women Warriors (Continued)

works. Satan has tried to convince a generation that purity equals bondage; but the opposite is true. Purity is freedom from mixture and compromise. Walking in purity is not just abstaining from sex outside marriage but a lifestyle characterized by pure motives, free of gossip, judgment and jealousy. This army will run from the edge of the cliff, not inch itself even closer to it, hoping it will not fall off.

### A Multi-Generational Army

This army of women will be multi-generational where age will neither qualify or disqualify. The most effective women warriors will receive the wisdom of previous generations and will not waste time re-inventing the wheel while succumbing to the pride of youth or the pride of age. We will not expect perfection from those who have gone before us or those who

are coming after us. We will pass on the baton; knowing it is more about the baton than it is about us. Like Elisha who knew that he needed all that Elijah had and more if he was to take what he had been given to the next level, we will be learners and humble teachers.

God needed Elizabeth to give birth to John the Baptist. A generation of Elizabeths is about to give birth to a generation of John the Baptists. Mary the mother of Jesus needed the encouragement that Elizabeths belief in her provided. One was involved in forerunning that which the other would bring to fulfilment. Mothers who put a high value on nurturing and loving the next generation will have a prominent place in this army.

This army will not discount the value of any in this Kingdom. We will give place to and heed the Rhodas, children who will report truth as fact teaching us to view

through the eyes of faith when we are weary in well doing. And we will honor the Annas who lives tirelessly stay the course in old age, until they see the fulfilment of their prayers.

God is raising up an army of women who will be confident of victory, proclaim the good news of the Kingdom, put the enemy to flight and take back all that he has stolen. Christian women, if you've never signed up, He needs you to volunteer willingly, for this is your day of battle (psalm 110:3) If you have gone AWOL, He needs you back. If you have retired, re-enlist, If you've put yourself on the disabled list, get well and return to active duty. If you are a woman who knows Jesus Christ, you qualify and He needs you now. An army of women is on the horizon. It may appear as a small cloud today, but can you hear the sound of mighty rain?

## Deborah Arise - Cote D'Voire

Maggie Goodman

We arrived in the Ivory Coast at 6.45 pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April when we experienced a miracle at the beginning of our trip. A very senior office had come to June whilst we were on the plane and told us the police had been in touch to say that June's case was not on board and she was to go to the baggage office when she arrived in Ivory Coast. He even asked if June was carrying any banned items!! This was rather disconcerting! We decided not to be discouraged and we started to praise God. We had been listening to a teaching about claiming back all that Satan had stolen from us and we decided to put it into action. We took authority over the situation and shouted 'Hey – we want our case

back.' When we arrived in the Ivory Coast June went to the office but they didn't know anything about the case. She came over to the carousel but her case did not arrive. An airport official who had June's name on a piece of paper approached us. She said that the case was not put on the airplane in Paris and June had to go to the baggage office to register it. Whilst June was in the office I waited outside and turned around to see June's case standing in the middle of the floor!! Praise the Lord! We could hardly believe it but this miracle assured us that this trip was in the will of God.

After going through customs we were met by Mary & Joel, the Pastors in

Cote d'Voire, Pastor Ruth from Uganda and a multitude of people wearing beautiful white T-shirts with Deborah Arise International Cote d'Voire printed on them. They were all very excited – the red carpet, which had been prophesied over June, was certainly put out for us!! We were taken straight to a meeting at Calvary Baptist Church. Everyone was very excited and the room was full of men, women, youths and children. It was lovely to meet Azubike Obiandu there who had come from Nigeria with her son, Prophet Revival. Azubike had met Pastor Ruth in Cameroon in 2005 and after hearing her testimony of healing had gone home and started praying

for her son who was heavily in to the occult and was HIV+. Jesus spoke to him very clearly and he came back to Jesus and was healed of HIV. Apparently before he was born his father was led to name him 'Revival'. Satan tried to steal this prophetic word but God intervened and now this young man is on fire for God, what an encouragement for us all. Azubike has really caught the vision of Deborah Arise and is the leader in Nigeria. It was Azubike who first shared the vision with Pastor Joel whilst he was in Nigeria at a conference and he took it back to Cote d'Voire and inspired his wife Mary. After the meeting we were taken to the hotel! We praised God for the cold shower and air conditioning many times!! We were very grateful for the way we were looked after.

On Friday morning June led the morning prayer meeting at the church, which began at 6.30am. Once we were out of bed we really enjoyed the meeting! It finished at 8am and we were able to rest until the next meeting at 4pm. We went back to the church just after 4pm and June shared the vision of Deborah Arise International, which was well received. We then divided into different workshops. June spoke to the young people. I spoke to the children who had been sent outside into the street for their workshop as there wasn't enough room in the church. There were about 35 children from the church and then children from the neighbourhood also gathered round. There was a group of about 50 children in all.

Ruth spoke in the evening meeting sharing the testimony about intercession in Uganda whilst under the regime of Idi Amin. The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

On Saturday we woke up and we began to pray and praised God. Elizabeth, a Scottish lady, who is the secretary of Deborah Arise in Cote d'Voire came and also Pastor Ruth. Elizabeth brought us some food and began to tell us how they were

organising DAI in Cote d'Voire. It was very exciting when we learnt that there were many churches represented at the conference. This news really lifted our spirits and Ruth prayed – that we had been sowing and ploughing the ground and this was now the start of the reaping. She said the 'red carpet has now been put out'.

The meeting that morning began at 10 am. I shared my testimony of how I had become involved in DAI and also spoke about our church's journey over the last 7 years regarding the children and youth work. It was the weekend after we had had Deborah Reed visit our church and I was able to incorporate some of her teaching about God's purposes for children. Prophet Revival spoke about women in the bible and encouraged them to pray. Later in the afternoon Azubike spoke about holiness. We then broke into our workshops again. June spoke to the young people about 'Christ in You'. She discovered that 3 young people had been saved the day before and we were rejoicing for this. I had the privilege of being with the children again.

On Sunday we all spoke at the different churches which had been represented at the conference. June gave the testimony of her healing at Calvary Baptist Church, Koumassi, the host church, and had the opportunity to pray for the sick. I spoke at Breakthrough Baptist Church, Yopougon. I also had the opportunity to pray for the sick and later received an e-mail from the Pastor to say that a young disabled man I had prayed for had been healed during the night.

In the evening we returned to Calvary Baptist Church for the Inauguration Service of Deborah Arise International in Cote d'Voire. The church was full to overflowing. The Pastors came from the churches that had Deborah groups and were very supportive. All the Deborah ladies wore beautiful matching white blouses and pale blue skirts. There was an air of expectancy in the place that thrilled

our hearts. We didn't realise just how organised they had been in getting the women together. The icing on the cake was when Azubike spoke so powerfully at the Inauguration. She shared the vision of Deborah in a most dynamic way. We cried and June, Ruth and myself independently felt that she was well able to co-ordinate Deborah Arise West Africa. We started to anoint first the leaders of Deborah Arise and then all the women. In the end everyone wanted to be anointed including all of the children, youth and men! We had a great big party and the atmosphere was electric. The worship, dancing and singing were wonderful. It was amazing what God had done in 3 days! Mary had written out a speech in which she said that June would be feeling the happiest person in the room that day to experience the faithfulness of God in raising up the army of praying women, just as He had told her – she was right!

After the meeting we were taken to pray for a local tribal King at his home. (We had already met his wife, the queen, who is one of the Deborah leaders). He had a bandage on his foot and had been recently discharged from hospital with a suspected infection. His son Enoch, who is a pastor was there and was very grateful that we had gone. We prayed for his healing and on the way to the airport on Monday we heard that the hospital had cancelled his operation because he no longer needed it. This was amazing as June had been given a prophetic word before the trip that she would speak to Royalty!!

On Monday we spent time with Elisabeth talking about the general organisation of Deborah Arise. She spoke highly of Mary and Joel and we are grateful for the quality of leadership God had given to us for Deborah Arise Africa.

# Tanzania Receives the Vision

10th - 14th May 2007

June Richards

It was my first trip to Africa on my own. Camilla Lema, our host, and Pastor Ruth came to meet me at the airport. Ruth had arrived the day before. When we arrived at Camilla's house, we met her sister called Peregrine. She and her husband had come to Dar es Salaam from Moshi (a city in the north) a week previously for her husband's business. Peregrine decided to stay and come to the meetings with us. The most wonderful thing was that Peregrine had felt she had received a Deborah Call a while back, but didn't know what that call meant until she heard us speaking about the Deborah project. When she realized, she prayed and cried and cried. As she lay on the floor, I realized we had originally planned to go to Moshi but it did not materialise. Instead, Moshi had come to us in the person of Peregrine. She was keen to lead the project in Moshi. That was so amazing and so faith building. God had it all worked out!! The group I spoke to on the first evening were called Tanzania Prayer Action Women's Group. The leader of the meeting, Mrs Philipina Malisa, so readily offered to be the Coordinator for the group and translate the manual into Swahili. We have recently heard that the translation is complete, it will be so helpful for many nations in Africa. The next morning we had to be off at 7.30 a.m. and the ladies of New Life in Christ were waiting for us. It was a wonderful meeting. Apparently they have groups all over Tanzania, so the vision of Deborah will spread quite quickly around those

groups as the Chairperson of New Life in Christ Ministries came specially to hear me and he was really thrilled with the Deborah vision. We went back home for lunch and had banana soup! - it was delicious. After lunch we went to another church, Siloam Ministry International. It was a very large Pentecostal church and there were many people present. We had a fantastic time. I felt so free and also enjoyed the worship and the dancing. The people loved it when I joined in! Ruth gave her testimony and then the Pastor invited people to come forward who had AIDS. Eight women came forward and when Ruth commanded a spirit of AIDS to leave, some women were violently sick. It was a very powerful time as we prayed for them. The Pastor wanted us to go again the next day but we were already fully committed. We now have a very good lady as a Coordinator for that Church. On Sunday Camilla and I went to Tabata Lutheran Mission. I had to be up at 5.30 a.m. to be at the first session which started at 7 a.m! Tabata was a HUGE church with 2000 members. It was packed to the doors, not an empty seat to be seen. It was rather daunting to see so many folks, but I enjoyed it when I got up to speak. I had such a blessed time and prayed for all the children in both sessions. At the break between the sessions, they said they would take up the Deborah project with all their hearts and I was introduced to two ladies who would co-ordinate the work. I was so blessed by a little girl of about 8/9 years. She waited for me to come out of the

Pastor's office in-between services and came and threw her arms around me. She said she was not going home until I "blessed" her. I hugged her and laid hands on her head. She was then quite happy to run off and play. We went home and collected Ruth for another church meeting in the afternoon. This was to be a youth meeting. After Ruth and I shared with them, many came forward to rededicate themselves to the Lord - a new start etc. It was amazing how Camilla was able to set up all these meetings for us in such a short space of time. Even after dropping me off at the airport on Monday lunchtime, Camilla took Ruth to speak at another church in the afternoon. Ruth was to fly back to Uganda the next day. When I was passing Passport Control, I heard my name being called. Someone was calling "Mamma June"!! The man came out from behind the desk, put his hand out for a handshake and said how he had heard me on Sunday morning at Tabata Church. It was such a lovely "send off". God had told me through prophetic words that the work would get easier. It was a super trip, only a long weekend, but we were able to establish Deborah Arise in Tanzania. Since coming home, Camilla has introduced us to a wonderful lady, Augustina Swai, who will take on the national leadership for Deborah Arise. God is so good!!

# The Shift has Begun!

As I have been seeking to process a "breaking in of God" here in Jerusalem, I was awakened this morning with these words in my spirit: "The shift has begun." Back in March, I shared in a gathering of our 24/7 people here in Jerusalem that we were to press in for a major shifting in the Spirit to happen by July. This morning, I sensed God speaking to me that we have now entered into that. Here are some areas I believe are part of this shifting:

## From Acceleration to Velocity

A year ago, a brother prophesied over me in Cyprus: "You have been in a time of acceleration." I could certainly agree with him, and was waiting for him to say I would now enter into a time of relaxation. Instead, he said: "But now you are going to move into a time of velocity. But don't worry, you won't burn out, because God has tempered you over many years to have a type of 'heat shield,' like you would find on a space vehicle."

At the same time, a year ago, we were saying "yes" to God's direction for us to call for an Israeli and international youth gathering we would call "One Thing Jerusalem." In speaking with the main local tour company for this sort of conference, they asked how many we hoped to have attending. I answered, "A thousand." Their representative replied that 300 would already be a large number for a first conference in Jerusalem. We just had this conference this past weekend, and had over 1,500 attend. Of these, over 500 were Israeli believing youth--both Jewish messianic and Arab Christian youth. GOD TV asked us if they could come and broadcast it live globally! As it was broadcast, emails arrived from viewers in places as unusual as the United Arab Emirates and the Cayman Islands giving thanks for the word of the Lord going forth from Jerusalem!

Even as one of our speakers, Heidi Baker, has seen a shift into rapid church-planting in Muslim areas of Africa--many areas that have seen slow growth are even now shifting into much more rapid growth.

## From the Caves to the Mountain

One of our speakers, Lou Engle, felt he had to go to the "cave of Elijah" at Mt. Carmel before ministering to our conference, and before leading "The Call Nashville" on 7-7-07. We also went beforehand with a team of our leaders and his to pray in the "Ben Hinnom Valley" where children had been sacrificed to Molech. We prayed that altars of Baal would be torn down, and that there would be a shift away from the death assignments against this generation. I sensed we were shifting into a time like that of I Kings 18 and 19, where the prophets came out of their caves, and boldly confronted Jezebel and her followers on the mountaintop. Then the rains came back to Israel. As a prophetic sign, on Jerusalem Day this past May, at a time when we normally have no more rain for at least three months, we had a major downpour of rain here in Jerusalem.

Even as God answered Elijah with the miraculous, we saw the Lord break in with many healings as Joaquin Evans, from Bethel Church in Redding, CA shared with the youth. A deaf ear was opened. A young Jewish messianic girl was healed of a separation of a bone in her foot. She threw away her crutch, danced to the Lord, and then prayed for two other people who were healed of conditions they had suffered from for years. I believe there is a shifting into a new outpouring of healing and miracles that has started.

## From Apathy to Intensity

In many ways, this generation of youth has been marked in most places by apathy, little interest in spiritual things,

## Rick Ridings - July 2007

and a preoccupation with material things. But that is shifting!

We were so encouraged by the intensity of the response of these youth/young adults in explosive praise, intensive worship, and crying out to God for their generation. After challenging messages from Asher Intrater and Lou Engle, a young Israeli messianic believer named Joel gave an impassioned plea for the youth here to fast every Wednesday for revival in their schools. He told me yesterday that the response he is getting by email is phenomenal. He said, "I think you need to pray about reserving a stadium for what God is going to do among the youth."

## From Barrenness to Multiplication

Speaker Mike Pilavachi (leader of the "Soul Survivor" youth events in England that will draw about 25,000 youth this summer) shared about Hannah's cry to God that brought her out of barrenness. I shared in my message that God is calling this generation to both spiritual and physical multiplication. I shared that God had revealed to me that there has been a major demonic assignment against this generation of the "fear of marriage, fear of having children, and the fear of having dysfunctional families." I realized this struck a chord with the youth by the level of their response back to me about this. Let's keep praying for this demonic stronghold to be fully broken over them.

## From Martha to Mary

How encouraging to see these youth/young adults in about six hours a day of passionate worship during the conference! The times of worship were lead by David Ruis, Kevin Prosch, Merchant Band, surprise guest Joann McFatter, Bethany Rosenfeld, Shelley Meyers,

# Trusting God in Cameroon

July 2007  
June Richards

I had a wonderful trip to Cameroon at the end of July. I should have gone there two years ago, but I had an unexpected problem with my knee and ended up in hospital having an operation. (It is so much better by the way, and I thank God I can get around so well. I am OK as long as I don't overdo things!!).

What an experience I had to start with! I came out of the plane, up the ramp and there was a lady waiting holding a placard with my name on it. She was dressed extremely smart. I smiled, said "that's me", threw my arms around her and gave her a kiss! I assumed she was from the church and that she was there to welcome me. She told me to follow her. We came to the passport control where there were LOTS of people queuing to get

through. She just walked me past all these people (probably 400) and asked me if I had a yellow fever certificate as I needed it to get into the country. My heart slipped a beat as I realized I had forgotten it. She mumbled something about hopefully she could get away with it for me!! By now I realized that she was NOT from the church, but who was she - an angel or what!! Anyway, then she asked me to follow her to the "lounge". I found myself in the VIP lounge, being invited to have a cup of tea!. I declined as I was confused and felt they must have the wrong person, plus the fact that Apostle Kenneth Brown might be waiting outside for me, where people normally wait, and would be wondering where I was. I felt a little unrest for a few moments but then I started to settle down with

the other first class passengers sipping their tea. I suddenly remembered a verse that the Lord had put in my heart before I left the plane. "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and don't rely on your own understanding etc..... So I exchanged my worries about "being stranded on my own in Africa"! etc. to God's thoughts, and felt much better - as you do!. I tried to communicate with the lady, as she spoke French and I didn't, and she said someone would be picking me up! Anyway, I told them I had changed my mind about the tea! I thought I may as well enjoy the experience. I started to praise the Lord for all this "special treatment". (Mind you, I didn't really look the part to be in this VIP lounge - wearing travelling trousers and a

## The Shift has Begun! (Continued)

David Seguin, Esther Ridings, Jess Cantelon, Melissa Beaudoin, Emily Schiavi, Kish Johnson, Anna Boyd, and John Mark Davis. The response ranged from dancing that must have reminded God of David dancing before him, to kids prostrate on the floor before His holiness, to kids sitting on the floor lost in intimacy with Him. I believe this hunger for worship is shifting a generation away from the busy, dead works of so much of my generation into the ONE THING that Mary sought--which will lead out of barrenness into multiplication.

### A World-Wide Shift is Taking Place

Two intercessors with Succat Hallel, one Jewish and the other from Taiwan, saw visions that seem to describe some of the shifting throughout the earth. The Jewish lady saw two huge angels with huge swords: one out of the "One Thing Jerusalem Conference," and a

second out of "TheCall Nashville," and when the swords touched, there was fire. The Chinese intercessor had seen a vision last January, of huge angels with three swords raised out of Jerusalem, Nashville and a third out of Beijing, China with a mighty move of God among university students.

She also saw a vision of a spiritual tsunami arising out of California, resulting in huge waves of the Holy Spirit--breaking upon China and causing another wave in central Asia, resulting in another wave across the Middle East, which produced another wave that covered Israel. Let us press in for the fullness of God's desires to be fulfilled in the shift which has begun.

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hooded cardigan which had seen better days!) It became FUN as I relaxed and trusted my Heavenly Father. Eventually a lady arrived to pick me up, and to be honest I was really glad to see her. The day before I went we had a prayer time with a group of leaders. It was prophesied that there would be joy on this trip.

It was lovely to see Azubike again, our leader for West Africa. She is the sister of Rev. Kenneth Brown who invited me to Cameroon. She came to be with us in Ivory Coast if you remember. She told me that she intends to take the Deborah vision to 5 new nations in West Africa next year!! I believe she can do it!

At the end of the first evening we were all taken back to the hotel where the other speakers were staying. A little shock was in store for me! Unfortunately there was no room left for me and everyone involved was wondering what to do. . Lots of suggestions were made of other hotels where a room might be available and off I went with my driver who did not speak English and I did not know what was happening! But as God enabled me to be thankful for the circumstances I found myself in, my joy returned, especially when I thought of what God had done (only a few hours ago) and not on what it seemed He had not done. I had experienced such blessing at the airport, and here was Satan trying to steal my joy. No way!!

By the way, I enjoyed being at the other hotel and felt it was all in God's plan for me to be there! I am telling you this, particularly about praising God for everything and being thankful, because my daughter, Sharon, was challenging us very powerfully about this in Church a few weeks ago. and we are really trying to put this into practice in our daily lives. Psalm 69 v 30/31 says "I will praise the name of the Lord with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an offering of an ox or bull." A verse from the New Testament says: "In EVERYTHING give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thes 5 v 16-18) Anyway, the Nigerian speaker was choked the next day as he spoke at the Conference. He said how he felt when there was no room for me, but couldn't get over my attitude about it all. He said how I could have complained, grumbled etc. (I have to say it did enter my head to do that, but fortunately it didn't enter my heart.) As I write this, I have had a difficult week. I have had my challenges to praise God in all circumstances, even feeling I failed some of the time! May it be a challenge to all our hearts to press on and gain the victory.

At the Conference people testified about being helped by the different ministries. Sophie, the receptionist at the hotel, had been led to the Lord by two of the other speakers. She came, for the first time, to the conference on the evening that I spoke about

intimacy. She came to me on Sunday morning and said 'You know that you were speaking of the lady who was literally turned upside down, (Heidi Baker's testimony of being at the church in Toronto the first time), well I want Jesus to turn my life upside down'. At that moment I thought it was worth going all the way to Cameroon just for her. Another lady said that she had been at her wits end trying to make it in the Christian life, she had even taken a sabbatical as she was so desperate. She said that when she heard me speak about intimacy, she fell off her chair and God did a wonderful work in her heart. These women were a source of great encouragement to me.

I met Rev. Kenneth Brown's wife who is called Bernadette. She is a lovely lady and will lead Deborah, together with Anne Therese who has been doing a good job for the last two years. I left them with the French translation of the Deborah Manual.

I do thank God for this trip and that the project of Deborah Arise has been up and running in Cameroon for the last two years. If you remember, Pastor Ruth went there at that time by herself as I was admitted to hospital for a knee operation. We have had so much fruit from that trip as, not only did she appoint Anne Therese but also Azubike who leads in Nigeria and who now is our West African leader

Thank

Thank you to those who have sent in donations to Deborah Arise. These gifts are always gratefully received so that the work of this vision can continue to expand.

Cheques can be made payable to 'Deborah Arise Europe'.

Please pray for God to continue to open His doors for us into the nations and that we will hear clearly where His Spirit is leading us. We are constantly amazed at the Divine connections the Lord gives us as we lay the map of the world on the floor and lay hands on it and pray. As we soak in the presence of the Lord, He speaks to us and reveals His heart. We would really encourage you, in your groups to continue to spend quality time worshipping the Lord and soaking in His presence as you enter into your times of prayer.

YOU

# A Taste of Youth Revival in Burundi

June Richards

Pastor Ruth Mwagalwa and I were met at the airport in Bujumbura, by Pastor Joachim and 18 ladies who formed the Committee for Deborah Arise. We experienced a miracle straight away. Grace was one of the ladies that met us at the airport and also chosen to be on the Committee. She had met Ruth in Burundi in 2004 and had been to Ruth's office in Kampala a couple of months ago. When they came to see Ruth at her office they waited patiently for 2 hours as she was out of town. At that time Grace invited us to go to Burundi in January 2008 to speak about Deborah Arise. She also suggested that we spread the vision to Congo. Apparently Grace owns a house in Bukavu and she had said we could use it for the vision! In the meantime, Arnold Mwonge who comes to our church in Manchester talked to me about going to Burundi and put us in touch with Pastor Joachim. We shared the vision of Deborah with Pastor Joachim and he invited us to go to Burundi and said that the month of June would be a good time to go. So imagine our joy when Grace came to the airport to meet us as part of what Pastor Joachim had organized! We did not even know they knew each other!

After a couple of days we realized that Grace would be the national leader with Janet, Pastor Joachim's wife. Grace is married to a lovely man who is a Doctor. They are taking care of 100 orphans and many young men who, I was told, were once drug addicts and child soldiers. .

When we got to the Hotel, the Committee and a few Pastors were waiting for us. We sat around tables and although they had read the Manual, they asked me to share about the vision. We enjoyed our time together and they assured me of their support. I felt very moved at the effort Pastor Joachim had put in to raise up these women and to have given each of them a copy of the Deborah Manual. It had been translated into their national language.

The next day we started our two-day Conference. There were women present from many different churches and a group from 100 km away. When we arrived, Grace's young men greeted us

by pounding drums, dancing energetically, and singing to the Deborah ladies to pray for young people. They were so on fire for God and had an amazing ministry. They call themselves "Drum Prayers" and looked very special in their national dress of red and green. I felt this was a foretaste of the Youth Revival in Africa. I loved those boys. They loved it when I joined in dancing with them!! There were young girls who danced for us too, and they were also wonderful.

On the second day of the Conference, there were hundreds of soldiers parading on the road outside the building where we were meeting. They were practicing for Independence Day which was being held the following day. When they heard the young men playing their drums at least 50 soldiers came to see what was happening. The lads were giving their testimony of being free from drugs by becoming Christians. Then Ruth gave her testimony of being healed of AIDS. They stayed for over an hour listening intently. That was a real bonus!

I had to speak in the afternoon session. When I saw the lads dancing with a spear, and a shield, (and I was dancing with them), I thought of the armour of God in spiritual warfare, (Eph 6 and 2 Cor 10 v 3-5). I asked the lads if I could borrow the spear and shield for the visual aid, and drums for warring in worship. I also asked for their help with some drama. I got the lads to sit in a circle on the floor pretending to take drugs. I had put a blindfold over the eyes of one of them as in 2 Cor 4. I was pretending to be Satan gloating over what I had been able to accomplish in their lives. Ruth was God and five of the ladies were the Deborah's praying. When they started praying, binding spirits of addiction, rebellion, etc. the lads were set free, the blindfold was taken away, and Ruth (God) chased me (Satan) around the room and up the isle, pretending to kick me out. It worked even with interpretation!. It was good fun and the women loved it, shown by all the noise they were making. Ruth commented that they would never forget that!

We then anointed with oil the national leaders, Grace and Janet. The Pastors were very supportive in standing around us praying also. We anointed the Committee and then prayed for all the church groups. It was a powerful and fun filled day.

I was thrilled that the women have it in their hearts to spread the vision throughout Burundi in one year!! That's a mighty vision. They were also talking of spreading the vision to Zambia and other East African nations.

On Saturday morning we had a lovely breakfast at Novotel Hotel. MPs and VIPs who had been invited could not come as it was Independence Day and there was a Parade. Many pastors were present and I spoke with all my heart. They were so receptive, telling us all that they were fully supporting the vision. It was wonderful. They gathered round Ruth and I and prayed for us.

On the Sunday morning I was speaking at Pastor Joachim's church in a village very near the airport. I felt that the message should be about restoration. Pursue, overtake and recover all (story of Ziklag). I had prepared this talk for the breakfast meeting at the Hotel, but it just didn't seem right. Ruth told me her dream that night of her car being stolen and how she was devastated and crying and then woke up. I felt it confirmed that I had the right message. On the way from the Hotel to the Church, Pastor Joachim told us the background of the people I would be ministering to. Apparently this was one of the worst areas which had been hit by the rebels, destroying their houses, and killing many people. The church was filled to overflowing with widows and orphans. I preached about restoration with all my heart, and sobbed afterwards.

After that we went to Grace's house for lunch before going to the airport and had a good send off by the Drum Prayers. When we got to the airport, the Deborah Committee were waiting to say good-bye to us. **WE LEFT WITH BURUNDI IN OUR HEARTS**