

## March 2009

Dear All,

We are pleased to tell you that our new web site is now complete and you will be able to access it on the same address [www.deborahariseinternational.com](http://www.deborahariseinternational.com) within the next two weeks. We would appreciate any helpful feedback.

Our first job now is to ask all of our national leaders, who have not already done so, to translate the manual so that we can post these on the web site. The young man who has designed it for us has done a brilliant job and he will keep it updated for us in the future. Hopefully this will be helpful in improving communication.

These are the dates I have booked to share the vision of Deborah and I would appreciate your prayers:

Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th April - Bulgaria

Saturday 25th - 26th April - Perpignan, France

Saturday 9th May - Kingswinford Christian Centre, West Midlands, UK (Regional Day)

Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st June - Ansdell Baptist Church, Lytham St Annes, UK (Regional Day)

I have been asked to go to Ausberg in Germany, so we are looking for a suitable date for that.

I should have told you in my last letter the news from the Deborah Groups in Bangor, Ireland. Helen wrote and said that there are 9 of them meeting every Thursday morning and between them they have 27 children and 18 grandchildren. They have seen such wonderful answers to prayer from the Lord, children giving their hearts to the Lord, older ones coming back to God and many other blessings for which they are so thankful.

Good news from Beryl van den Hogen in France. There is much rejoicing at her church as the Pastor's son, who is 24 years old, gave his heart to Jesus three weeks ago. He is getting baptised on the 29th March together with two other teenagers. Marie Lawrence, the Pastor's wife, attends the Deborah prayer meeting which is held at Beryl's house. They have 12 ladies coming regularly from 8 different nations and they are from 7 different churches. Beryl says they have a great time together and they are seeing results. As you know Beryl has recorded a DVD to encourage anyone who is leading in Deborah, whether it be in their small groups, on a local level or nationally. We are having it copied at the moment and will send it out to all our national leaders as soon as we can.

We also had a Baptism service at our church a week ago and we were thrilled that 3 young people were baptised. Also, last Sunday, we had a special healing service and had visiting speakers. Amongst other things, they told us of children who had prayed for the sick and they had seen miracles. Others had visions. It was so encouraging when they prophesied that we would need a big room for the numbers of children who would be part of our church. WOW!! I don't think they were aware of our church's vision for a world wide youth revival!. Please write to

me if you have any exciting news to share - we all need to be encouraged in our fight for the young people. I am often asked for good stories of answers to our prayers, I would like to have yours as well as my own.

Regarding our health, I have now received a letter from the hospital to say that the date for the operation on my gall bladder will be 22nd June. That gives me 12 weeks to pray that I won't need this and that God will heal me supernaturally. Please pray with me.

Brian has had a problem with his prostate gland and he has had extensive tests for that. Praise the Lord that there is no serious problem and they are not going to intervene unless his symptoms become worse. We will continue to pray.

Today is a very special day for me. My granddaughter, Rebecca and her son Trace, my great-grandson, will be arriving here in Manchester for a visit from America. Trace is now 18 months old, so he will have changed quite a bit since I last saw him over a year ago. Rebecca will be staying for three weeks and I can't wait to see her.

Maggie bought me a lovely book for Christmas and I would like to recommend it to you. It is called "From Orphans to Heirs" by Mark Stibbe. Mark is a Church of England vicar and writes from the perspective of being an adopted child himself. He says that his twin sister and he spent their first few months in an orphanage in Hackney, North London. When they were adopted, Philip and Joy Stibbe took them out of that orphanage and brought them home to live with them. When all this happened, the truth of the matter is that Philip and Joy CHOSE them. Mark and his sister did not choose them (they were only infants, after all!)

He goes on to say "When God adopted us into his family the Bible says that he "predestined us to be adopted as his sons" and that this divine choice took place "before the creation of the world" (Ephesians 1 v 4-6). In other words, the Father decided in advance that he would adopt us. He made up his mind before the foundation of the universe that he would choose some of us out of the orphanage of this world to be his sons and daughters. If you are a Christian - born again by the Spirit of God - then that is because the Father chose you to be his child. He decided that he wanted you in this family before he flung the stars into space. What a great privilege that is!"

I love this story Mark tells to illustrate: A class of school children were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had different colour hair from the other family members in the picture. One child suggested that he was adopted and a little girl said, "I know all about adoptions because I was adopted."

What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child. "It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mummy's heart instead of her tummy".

Let's meditate on this verse "the Father himself loves you" (John 16 v 27)

Much love,

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