



NewsLetter

Summer 2003 Update from Deborah Arise Europe

The Vision

The Vision of Deborah Arise Europe! 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.

Three years ago 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. We saw 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 invite other young people who are on fire for God to take our service once a month. We have found this to be 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.

January - July 2003

By June Richards

I have had a great six months with regard to Deborah Arise Europe. I had a successful trip to Finland in January. I left Helsinki with tremendous joy knowing that Eva Sarsa and Pia Hackzell would be leading 'Deborah' there.

In March I went with our leader for France, Beryl van den Hogan, to three locations in the north, Amougee, Rouen and Cherbourg. (Beryl and her husband John have been missionaries in France for over 30 years). John took us by car to Amougee. It was a beautiful location where we had a residential, weekend conference for 'Deborah'. There were about 25 ladies present and 3 men! It was special because John and Beryl had just changed churches and they, together with their new pastors, organised the weekend. We all felt that it had been a success. As we concluded the conference, the pastor prayed for me and assured me of his support for the vision and that he would look for openings where I could speak in Belgium.

Beryl and I took the train to the other two locations. (There is at least one advantage of being over 65 - we can travel half price anywhere in France!)

I was thrilled to go to the café-church in Rouen where two young girls from my own fellowship had gone to as part of an evangelistic mission that Ichthus had organized a few years ago. They also have a thriving work amongst the students at the university.

I felt that Cherbourg was a God appointment. It was so exciting to meet people who had been 'called' to be a Deborah, but who were not clear about the call until they heard about the vision to pray for young people - then everything falls into place.

It was such a joy to receive Pastor Ruth from Uganda, who is our leader in Africa I know that she was such a blessing to us at King's Way as she shared her testimony of being healed of AIDS. It was such a joy to spend time with Ruth as we traveled together in the United Kingdom. Ruth shared, not only her testimony but about the work of Deborah also. She was a little subdued to start with and felt talking to English people was like talking on the radio because we do not make a lot of verbal response! She soon warmed up especially when addressing a group of African people at a church in Southend. The choir sang in their own wonderful style and then they responded beautifully as Ruth shared. She went from here to visit her daughter in London where she continued to minister in churches.

I went to Germany in May and it was wonderful! Our leader there, Karin is on the committee for the women's track of the Pentecostal European Conference in Berlin. Overall the attendance was over 20,000 (men, women, young people and children) I spoke to hundreds of women in one of the seminars on the Saturday afternoon. It was great to have Karin interpret for me, as she is used to my expressions etc! I could also introduce her as the leader in Germany. I asked myself



UK Licensing Laws

Earlier this year we contacted you regarding the proposed changes in the Licensing Laws in the UK.

Following the presentation of the petition to our local MP we received conflicting information from our MP and that which was being reported in the newspapers.

We are now able to tell you that on the 15 July 2003 information was put on the parliament website that the Licensing Act 2003 states that children under the age of 16 will not be allowed on licensed premises without being accompanied by someone who is aged 18 years or over.

Let's praise God that the government have done a complete U-turn on this issue and our children will be protected.

We feel that the Lord brought this particular issue to our attention in a

miraculous way and it seemed clear that He wanted us to be involved. In the future we will continue to look to Him to lead us into the battles He wants us to fight as part of 'Deborah Arise Europe'.

If you feel that you would like to know more about being involved in what is happening in politics in the UK, there are many Christian organisations that are involved in the Political arena. They will be able to keep you informed of issues, which affect us as Christians. You may like us want to contact one of these groups.

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RECOMMENDED READING

Apart from the bible many books have been written on the subject of prayer. We would like to share with you some of the books, which have helped us in praying for our children and young people. Please share with us any books, which you have found helpful.

- 'God's Chosen Fast' by Arthur Wallis
- 'A Woman's Guide To Spiritual Warfare' by Quin Sherrer& Ruthanne Garlock.
- 'The Sword of The Spirit, The Word of God' by Joy Lamb
- 'Mountaineering in Prayer' Freda Flude
- 'The Power of a Praying Parent' by Stormie Omartian
- 'Intercessory Prayer' by Dutch Sheets

- "how could I get to speak at such a strategic conference?"
- God has a wonderful plan - a holy chess board". Yes Karin is on the ladies committee for PEC, but Hannelore Elgin is the leader of the women's track of PEC and had met me two years ago in Madrid, when she was at that time the president of Aglow in Germany. She was so pleased for me to share about Deborah when Karin asked; otherwise I would have been an unknown person to her. God's ways are so perfect!

Suzette Hatingh was there ministering and also Reinhart Bonke was speaking at the evening meetings at a massive

stadium. I cried as I saw hundreds of young people going forward to make a decision to follow Jesus. The other highlight was to hear Lou Engle addressing what must have been a couple of thousand young people and to see them so passionate for Jesus.

During the latter end of the year I will be going to Sweden, Canada, Serbia, France and Poland and would appreciate your prayers for these trips.



The Power of the Praying Mother

Today, are you looking at your unsaved loved ones and seeing only unanswered prayers? Situations that seem to get worse rather than better? Are you thinking that you may as well give up – it's hard work praying and nothing changes anyway? I want to encourage you, to hang in there, in the place of prayer and don't judge the harvest that is coming your family by the drought that you are presently seeing! Today God isn't just bringing the Prodigals home; He is bringing us back as radical people passionate for Jesus!

Fifty-eight years ago I was born in Liverpool into a home that badly needed Jesus and it was ten years after that when my mother was saved followed by my Dad. I remember vividly at the age of eleven being convicted of my sin and giving my heart to Jesus – it was such a real experience and then later I met and married Bill, a Christian policeman, also from Liverpool.

As our children arrived, Bill worked long shift hours and I spent much time alone with the kids often feeling very isolated, especially when they were sick and awake all night when they were teething! It became so difficult to read or pray and going to church became such an ordeal, leaving us so exhausted trying to keep them quiet, that eventually I found it easier to stay at home! You see the devil had begun to slip in the thin edge of his wedge, into our lives and sadly we drifted far away from God. This time of separation was to last for some thirty-five years!

During this time God was calling my mother, Catherine Lamont into fulltime work with homeless women and girls and in the early sixties my parents moved to Blackburn where my Mum founded 'BETHANY' a voluntary hostel for needy women.

I didn't realise that God had 'called' my mother to do this, I thought she had nothing better to do with her time! I now know that no one in their right mind would have chosen to do what my Mum did – you would have to be called of God to survive and for Him to meet the financial needs of such a place.

As a young Mum myself I often had a problem of some sort but always felt that someone else was further up the queue for Mum's attention, and their problem was always more pressing than mine. This became a breeding ground for Satan to sew his lies and I grew to really resent this intrusion into our family. I wanted her to be my mum but I had to share her with countless others. I didn't realise that my mother was sometimes the only one they had, someone to set boundaries for them and to show them the love of Jesus.

Meanwhile, Bill and I moved to Colwyn Bay in North Wales where we started our own travel business that was to become successful. This was in the mid seventies and as a couple we were successful. But something was always missing – a void that nothing could fill. I looked in all sorts of places; many times they were the wrong places. Sometimes I tried the church but sadly I didn't find the answer there either. No one told me about Jesus being a real living person who loved me and wanted to have a relationship with me. I seemed to find religion, which I found a real turn-off. Life was good but outward appearances can be very deceptive! Inside I was lonely, feeling that there had to be more to my life. The expensive clothes, new cars etc. could not bring the contentment that I craved.

I believed the lie of Satan that my life would be boring if I became a Christian. He kept me in a place of fear, trapped and unable to become the woman of God that I was destined to be! I knew

that if I died I would go straight to hell – I had no doubt about that. Sometimes I would pray but that would pass until the next time I heard of a sudden death and fear would grip my heart in case that happened to me. What a way to live! Yet I wanted to wait until I was quite old, so that I wouldn't have to endure the boring life of a Christian for too long – or so I thought! I just hoped that I wouldn't get run over by a bus in the meantime!!

In October 1998 something happened that was to change everything. My Mum telephoned me to ask for forgiveness for something that happened when I was a child, before she was saved. I didn't remember the event and told her so, but gave to her the forgiveness that she sought. This act of obedience and forgiveness had opened the door for the Holy Spirit to hover over my life! Six months later I have an encounter with the Living God that would dramatically change me and the way I lived. As I watched a secular TV programme God spoke to me in a way that was so real that I will never forget, 'Marion, your mother worked for me and you have no right to resent it and you must say sorry!' I tell you, I couldn't wait to make that call!! My relationship with my Mum over the years and been very poor and sometimes we were not in touch for many weeks and this call should have been difficult but it was actually very easy! However as I picked up the phone a familiar accusing whisper came in my ear. 'If you say sorry your mother will tell all her Christian friends and they will think you're sorry about all sorts of things that you're not sorry about at all.'

I dropped the phone back down as though it was red hot.



But God spoke to me a second time! 'Marion, it doesn't matter what your mother tells her Christian friends, it's how you are with your mother that matters.' So I rang and apologised and you know, it really wasn't difficult or a big deal. Three weeks later my Mum was found dead after suffering a heart attack in the middle of the night. That devil however knew what was coming – already he was reaching for his hard hat! TWO days after her death, I was gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit, filled with comfort, peace and joy. My life was transformed, I was a new creature, the old had passed away and all things had become new, covered by His

outrageous grace and washed clean by the blood of Jesus. Gone the longing, replaced with such contentment. Me, a child of the most High God! WOW! He has made me radical for Jesus, Hallelujah!

My Mum had prayed for me for about forty years but it was forgiveness and obedience that opened the door for God to work in my life!

My Mum died before she saw in this life, the answer to her prayers for me. But God DID answer! Don't be put of course – keep praying for your loved ones. Our God sees every mother's

tears, hears every breaking heart and knows your anguish today.

Arm yourself with the Word of God concerning your children, verses and promises He may have already given you concerning you and them and keep on praying for them. Our God is not a man that He should lie – He is faithful and He will answer. So be encouraged! It doesn't matter how impossible things may look, just trust Jesus, He will come through for you when you least expect it. My Mum was an ordinary housewife, made extraordinary by what God did in her life. God answered her prayers for me and He will answer yours!

Young Warriors 2003

Graham Reed, Oaks Christian Centre

The new generation is rising up with a mantle to carry the presence and purpose of God, perhaps in a way that has not been seen before. Last October Young Warriors from throughout the United Kingdom got together in Dronfield near Sheffield to worship, intercede and refocus on their calling. The highlight came on the Saturday night, as children were release to pray for adults attending the conference. A few days later a lady e-mailed to say she realised she had received healing when the following morning she was able to lift her hands above her head in worship for the first time in years. One boy looked around at the powerful prayer going on all around him and turned to his father. "How can I become a Christian, dad?" he asked. His father led him to the Lord as the prayer continued.

This year Young Warriors will run from the 30th October to 2nd November with 'The Fight' as the theme. Is it significant that the dates take in Halloween?

We are pleased that Vann Lane, who has had such a wonderful ministry encouraging young people to step out into their calling will be joining us again. We believe that YW03 will not just be a council of war, helping delegates to better understand the whole question of Spiritual Warfare, but we will also be engaging the enemy through prayer and worship. Pick up your weapons and join us if you can.

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J2 The Prayers of 1000 Children

May 25th 2003, Sheffield, Maria O'Brien

Where do I begin to share what an awesome day this was!!! A day where like minded people gathered to pray and intercede for this nation and where the presence of God was amazingly felt by all who were there. Someone remarked that the place was like a cathedral! Although only a sports hall – it was a Holy place, because God came to meet with His children. A word was brought at the start of the day – that God has His notebook out. What do you want? Come on ask Me. Do you want your heart changed, or your street, your town, your city? What do you want Me to do for you?!

The day ran from 12.00 until 5.00 and then from 6.30 – 9.30pm. Most people were amazed at how quickly the time went, it was not hard for children, young people and adults to remain focussed and pray, we did not want it to end.

We began the day with worship and then moved into a time where we could get right with God before going into an extended time of prayer.

Around the large room were 12 “prayer stations” with different topics to help us to pray and interactive things to help us in our praying. The topics were Schools, World, Bible, God's power Forgiveness, Freedom, Revival, and God's people, Worship, New Generation, King Jesus and Sin.

During this time there were calls to pray together for different age groups. There was a boxing ring in the centre of the hall and children were invited to come into the boxing ring to pray for others. A bell was rung to begin a 3 minute bout of “wrestling” in prayer, all together. Around the boxing ring was written the Concise Oxford Dictionary definition of “Wrestle” – 1. Grapple with and try to throw adversary, 2. Do one's utmost to deal with evil and 3. Pray fervently. The afternoon ended with children and young people testifying as to what God had done in their lives.

In the evening various people had been asked to share what they felt God was saying which led into more prayer mixed with worship. People came out for prayer, to be equipped in God's army with power, fire and courage, and queued for over 2 hours to be prayed with holding a sword. There was prayer for children who felt they had a call to worship, song writing, preaching, teaching and evangelism. Towards the end of the evening all the children prayed over the adults which was a wonderful time and then the adults prayed for the children ending with a call on God for the areas we had all come from.

It was fantastic to see the children growing in stature and maturity throughout the day as they were given

the freedom to pray and cry out to God. One 14 year old boy has said. “J2 was a big, exciting and very powerful meeting full of children praying in the same league as adults. The amazing thing was the openness of the children to worship and pray out loud in front of others.” The adults were thrilled to see the children and young people they had brought meeting God for themselves independent of parents and leaders. Although there were people aged from 1 to 60+ at J2 we were able to pray and worship together with no barriers between us as we realised we were all “Children” of our Father in Heaven! I am sure we will hear of much fruit resulting from this day not least that a mother saw her 7 year old daughter baptised and filled by the Holy Spirit and subsequently be baptised by immersion at her Church. One 9 year old starts a prayer group in his school. He put together a plan of action, gained the support of a friend, asked the Head teacher for permission and arranged the first meeting. 15 children attended, including a number who do not come from Christian families. One Dad remarking that J2 had been a life-changing day for his 9-year-old son.

Thank You For Your Support

We would like to thank you all for the prayer and financial support you give to ‘Deborah Arise’. If you would like to make a donation to the work you can make cheques payable to ‘Deborah Arise Europe’ and send them to:

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Intercessory Prayer

June Richards

When I started Deborah Arise four years ago, I felt overwhelmed by the task God had given me of raising up an army of women to pray for a World Wide Youth Revival.

The first promise I received from God to enable me to go ahead with the calling was Psalm 141 v.1 'Blessed be the Lord my rock who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle' – What a relief!! God would give me His strategies for the battle!

Just recently I have read a book called 'Intercessory Prayer' written by a man called Dutch Sheets. Apparently this book has been around for a few years but I have never read it. The comment by Dr. Peter Wagner on the front cover caught my attention. 'Of all the books on prayer I have ever read, none compares to Intercessory Prayer' – A comment worthy of note!

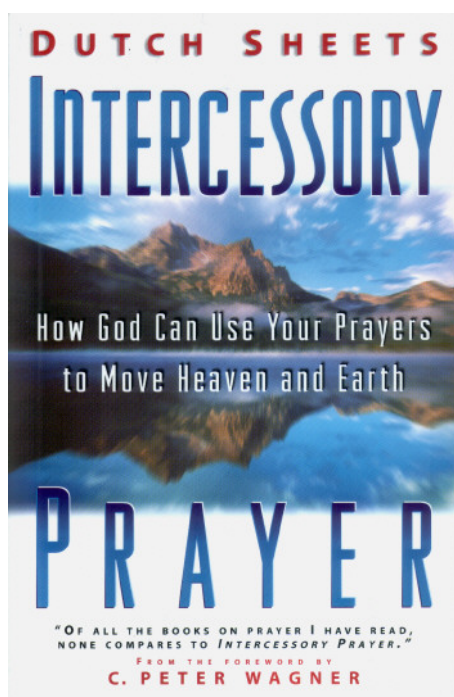
This book has helped me enormously to pray for my family, especially my children and grandchildren. We have already sold 40 copies to the members of our church and I wholeheartedly recommend it to you.

There are amazing testimonies to the power of prayer especially praying for the unsaved. These are not only from his own life but also from the people from his church who have heard his teaching on the subject, put the principles into practice and seen miracles for the unsaved and it's catching! It has given me 'KEYS' to pray more effectively which has encouraged me to pray with renewed faith.

Dutch Sheets **DEMONSTRATES** that he fully understands the victory that was won by Jesus on the cross and the way we need to partner with Him to enforce that victory. He uses powerful illustrations where he has seen God

work wonderful miracles in answer to prayer. He clearly teaches how we can enforce that victory in our own circumstances and situations that we face.

I cannot express the enthusiasm I have for the book and only reading it yourself can do it justice, but here is one account that will surely whet your appetite.



A young girl, aged 6/7 years old, lay in a nursing home, comatose, with a tracheotomy in her throat and a feeding tube in her stomach- 'no hope' the doctors said- and had been in that state for 1 ½ years.

Her sister was a member of the church, which Dutch Sheets pastored. She was determined to get him to visit Diane (not her real name) and in so doing was hoping he would get a burden to pray for her. Sure enough after Dutch saw this little girl, he was filled with compassion and visited her, praying an hour a week over a period of one year.

One Wednesday afternoon, the sister called to say there was bad news. The doctors said 'No hope, she would probably die soon and even if she did somewhat recover she would be like a vegetable because of the extensive brain damage'.

Dutch would not receive this news and promptly went to the hospital. Again he prayed, speaking to her as if she were hearing him. 'This nightmare is almost over', he said weeping 'nothing can keep us from our miracle.' Wouldn't it have been wonderful if she had sat up at that point, but she didn't. Instead, when no one was around her, on the following Saturday morning she sat up in bed completely healed!! Full restoration to her brain! Her story appeared on the front page of a daily paper and the Doctors called it a 'Medical miracle'!!

From many hours of study and from victories like the above - and failures, Dutch Sheets has sought answers to many of our questions regarding prayer.

For example:

Why is persistence required?

Is prayer really necessary? How can we be more effective in prayer for the lost?

What about Spiritual Warfare? If Satan is defeated and Christ has all authority, shouldn't we forget about the devil? How do we bind him? Etc. etc.

If you have read the book please read it again. I have read it four times now, determined to learn these principles- and loving it!

