



NewsLetter

Summer 2004 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.

June's Travels

October - December 2003

In October 2003, just seven days after having a wonderful refreshing in Toronto, I went to Serbia again for the third time. It was great deepening relationships with people I had met on previous occasions and who were continuing to run with the vision. Sally Koruga, our leader there, took me to different cities to promote the vision further. The fastest growing churches in Serbia are amongst the Gypsies. I went to Leskovac where there is a church of 1,500 gypsies. On the way there we had a Divine appointment with a young man who was Dutch and working for a wood company in Leskovac. He said that he was an atheist but still on the market! I witnessed to him for three and half hours, the whole time of our journey, and he said that he had never heard the gospel explained in such a way. He asked if we would have time to talk some more before we went back to Belgrade. I am sorry to say that we weren't able to spend any more time with him, but I have him on my heart.

Whilst in Belgrade, one of the highlights for me was to meet Mark Mudri who was born in Serbia but had lived in Australia for the last ten years. He had been in a mental hospital 4 times between the ages of 18 to 24. They told him he would always have a problem, but God miraculously healed him. He is now one of the top lawyers there in Adelaide and part of a leadership team of a wonderful church in that city. After hearing about Deborah Arise, he invited me to go to Australia and there are plans for me to

go in July this year. I have been praying about going to Australia for two years, and prayed that I would be invited!

In November I went to France to meet Eliette who is one of our leaders there, she took me to Nimes and St.Etienne. I was absolutely thrilled because on that trip I saw six people give their lives to God. It was such a blessing to meet Annie Dupleon. She met us when she attended a conference we held in Aix en Provence in January 2003 and was impacted by the vision of Deborah Arise. She went back to her church in Nimes and started a Deborah group, and has a vision for the whole area. I went to a wonderful church in St Etienne where a video was produced of the meeting. Hopefully this will be used in spreading the vision to many other places in France.

Five days before I was due to go to Poland I had a cold and no voice whatsoever.

Because of that I asked Linda Holt, my co-worker, if she would come with me. I asked the Lord if I should cancel but then Linda reminded me of a dream she had had a year previously, that we were both in Poland and "that it was time for Poland". So we stepped out in faith. We went to Lodz first to speak at the Polish Intercessors Conference organised by Godson Onyekwere. Linda was able to do one of those sessions for me and I did the other four. My voice held up to the strain wonderfully. It was a miracle. I did



One Year On....

The new 'babies' are doing fine!

A year ago Gill Houghton shared with us her testimony of praying for her two sons who had both given their lives to Jesus in their early and mid-twenties. She now shares with us the events of the past year; how they have been going from strength to strength along with the help of a praying Mum!

As I reflect over the past year, I realise that it's been such an awesome year, what with the blessing of seeing both my sons experience a 'suddenly' moment of God, and after many years of praying for them despite them both being very much in the world, they became Christians within a month of each other in October/November of 2002.

What would the year 2003 bring to us, with both our sons, aged 26 and 20, newly converted and now committed fully to Christ.

My prayers had to change from praying for their salvation to learning to pray for my children as Believers. A totally different way of praying...that they would grow in the Lord, be filled with Holy Spirit, to be hungry for the word, to learn to love the Lord with all their hearts and minds.

I spent many joyful hours on the telephone to them both discussing the bible, God, Jesus and Holy Spirit. It was a great privilege for me to be able to nurture them in this way. How I had longed and prayed for this time, hardly believing sometimes that it would ever come!

My youngest, aged 21 was living in Huddersfield while he completed his final year at university, attending a lively and young church. He had a fantastic Christian union.

He was making great friends and after experiencing some initial

problems within the house he was living, due to his new faith, he started sharing a house with a young man from Barbados, with a heart as big as a mountain, who loved Jesus and was a good role model and mentor. Thank you Father, for a big brother in the Lord..... They did Bible studies together.

My eldest son, aged 26 was struggling a little. Although his Alpha group was going well, connections with people were not as fruitful as they might be, although he was contented. His work was becoming difficult as constantly he was faced with issues of life, particularly moral issues that he no longer agreed with. I continued to persevere in prayer for their strength.

On May 3rd my youngest son was baptised in Huddersfield. How many times have I watched other young people at their baptisms and prayed "Lord, do it for my

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have a good prayer covering because Lesley Cousin's team were there, Brian Sue, and Richard and I knew people at home were praying also. Maybe this is why we had SO MUCH blessing. We had some powerful times of corporate prayer and many were baptized in the Spirit. These people were mostly YOUNG men and women. Some were from the University, as Godson works there. At the end of the Conference, Godson said they wanted to pray for Linda and I. He put the flag of Poland over us and it was a powerful moment, and felt as though he was giving us the authority to claim the young people

of Poland. Lodz is right in the centre of the country and two weeks before we met Godson, he had opened a 24-7 House of Prayer there for Poland. It is a wonderful location. One could feel the Holy Spirit's presence mightily in that building.

After the conference Linda left for the UK and I went with Lesley to the East of Poland. We had two wonderful nights in Bialystok and 7 women made a commitment of their lives to Jesus. A young woman from Frontline Church in Liverpool runs a Kids Klub there. When the mums bring their children, they are invited to stay at

the church where there is a special meeting for them also. We were so thrilled that some of these mothers and a grandma were the ones that made a commitment. I spent two weeks in Poland continuing from the East down to the South. One of the highlights for me was meeting a group of Catholic ladies, who had been praying for the youth over a number of years and who were so encouraged to hear the vision of Deborah Arise. We are praying for more opportunities to make contact with other Catholic groups.



sons!" I wept with joy. The church was packed with young people, dancing on the seats! It was a fantastic occasion.

In June we had a family holiday. I had a really scary dream, that on the flight home although we had 4 seats booked, 2 of them were empty. Only my husband and I were returning! I was really worried about the dream, was it a warning? Should we cancel? But we decided to pray and offer it to the Lord and trust Him as always.

Our holiday started in Florida, sunshine and sea in West Palm Beach with a Pastor friend of ours from a lively spirit filled church. We wanted both our sons, to experience different types of church and see how they responded. My youngest son was instantly in love with the place. It was his type of church.

We moved to Orlando for 3 days at the theme parks. It was great fun for us all, we even got to swim with dolphins!

We continued onto Toronto, with the SAR's epidemic still evident. We entered a quiet Toronto with expectancy. We visited Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship and this church was where our eldest son felt 'He had come home'... .. He was asked to 'be catcher' one evening and he just loved it. There we were sitting watching him help with the ministry team. How far they had both come in such a few months, holding hands up, looking to heaven, and praising God for all He had done' Tears well up in my eyes right now as I think of it. What an awesome God we serve.....Thank You Jesus.

It became evident that both of our sons were feeling stirrings from the Holy Spirit, my youngest to go to West Palm Beach in the Autumn to do 4 months Holy Spirit internship and our eldest, to go to Toronto at

the same time to do 5 months in their school of ministry. SUDDENLY..... we realised that my dream was of God. Part of them was to remain in the USA and Canada. The two empty seats represented what God wanted to do while they visited these two churches.

How can we ever understand His ways when they are so far greater than ours? We could never fathom what he has planned and has in store for each of us.

The summer was busy; my youngest getting ready for USA, applying for his visa application in the American Embassy on the hottest day in London for 100 years.

At this point it looked as though my other son would not be going to Canada until 2004, as the School of Ministry was full until March. On the 20th August our youngest son flew out to West Palm Beach to lots of tears (well from me and hubby anyway!) and emotions running high, and a sharp edge excitement as we all know he would not return the same. Little did we know our other son would also be flying out within the week to Canada?

On Thursday 21st August he received a call from Toronto with an invitation to go the following week!!!! A space had suddenly become available at the last minute!

On the Friday we all went to Grapevine in Lincoln and had a brilliant time. He rang his work, talking with us as we travelled in the car, and by the time we got to Lincoln he had given up his job, his car and his flat in Manchester. His flight was booked and one week after his brother left, we are back at the airport and off he went, to more tears (yes, me and hubby again,) more emotions and the same excitement that he wouldn't

return the same. It was proving to be quite an incredible year.

In November we had a call from Toronto, telling us that he was getting baptised. We couldn't miss it so off we went to Toronto for the 'weekend'!!!!

On 28th November with about 15 others, our eldest son entered the waters of baptism. His brother had flown up from Florida. It was good to be together, albeit for 2-3 days. So here I sit, at the end of one year and beginning of another. What a year it has been.

They both flew home for Christmas. Our youngest son had finished his time in Florida; His brother went back to Toronto for January, when he actually went to Tulsa on outreach all month. He wants to return to Toronto to attend their Bible school.

I give thanks to God for His grace and His mercy to us as a family. What a fantastic God we serve. If you are still praying for your unsaved loved ones, and don't see any fruit, don't give up, When God moves in their lives it will be 'suddenly' I too felt that my prayers were going unheard for my children, they seemed so far away from God, it seemed impossible, but then God stepped in and suddenly two lives totally transformed, hallelujah! I still have to pinch myself sometimes to see if I'm really awake!!!



Children Being Raised Up As The Lord's Warriors

The following prophetic word has been taken and used with permission from the Extreme Prophetic website from a prophetic directive given by Pat King. The article can be read in full on: www.extremeprophetic.com

Children will be significantly touched by the Lord in 2004. The church is being called to focus on ministering to children. Little ones will be receiving clear visions and revelation of the Lord, His Kingdom, angels and other heavenly things. An assault is being launched by the enemy against the spirituality of the young ones. An increase of demonically influenced books, films, games, toys, music, television programs and other mediums will attempt to lure the hearts and minds of the younger generation into deception. It is absolutely vital for parents and church leaders to be alert and for children to be taught clear discernment concerning spiritual issues.

Children will be used greatly in prophetic and power harvesting in 2004.

A new breed of children's ministers will be raised up especially from the age group of 14-34. A fresh apostolic anointing will visit these

revealing the enemy's plans, which obviously needs to be thwarted with the weapons that God has given us.

It was also a very positive word to call into being the will of God for our children namely to see children receiving clear visions and revelations of the Lord and being used in the prophetic and power harvesting and also to see this new breed of children's ministers being raised up.

Therefore we are organising a 21 day fast from 12th July to 1st August to pray specifically into this prophecy. How about you or your group taking a day to fast and pray during the 21 days. Please let us know which days you will be praying so that we can ensure that the whole of the period covered.

Warning: DO NOT NEGLECT THE CHILDREN

Key Scripture: Isaiah 8:18

"Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion."

ministers releasing a new flavour in children's ministry. A new wine skin is being formed in order to meet the needs of the children today.

We were alerted to an enemy attack on our children by one of our Deborah ladies who suggested we did a 21-day fast regarding this. We set ourselves to seek God and just a few days later we received this prophetic word, which we felt was a confirmation

Thank

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Word to the Women of God

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Before I begin this message, let me provide a short disclaimer: although I do encourage women to move freely within the order established in their local churches, my goal is to exalt and release a primary grace that God has placed specifically within women, which the Lord Himself has used in past times to release revival.

The Genesis Distinctions

When the Lord created humankind; He placed unique graces in man and separate, but unique, graces in woman. He told Adam to name the species of life upon earth "and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name" (Gen 2:19). This "naming" was much more than calling the dog, "Spot." Adam was created with an organizational, administrative capacity, which enabled him to identify and define the world around him. By naming the living things, Adam not only brought them into his consciousness, but he introduced order and structure to the human experience. In effect, he defined reality.

Within the genetics of this original man, there also existed the powerful, but dormant, qualities of the woman. While Adam slept the Spirit took from the man a rib. Fashioning it into a woman, the Lord created for Adam a companion who was not only suitable for him, but one who powerfully expanded man's creative capacities. Indeed, the woman brought many new graces into Adam's world that did not formerly exist: the foremost of which was the power to conceive and give birth.

It is important to remember: God created male and female in His

image, according to His likeness (Gen 1:26). Of course, in certain ways, both Adam and Eve as individuals possessed reflections of the divine nature. They each could think, speak, dream and create. However, it was in the union of Adam and Eve, in their mutual respect of one another's strengths and graces, that mankind would possess a more perfect expression of the fuller nature of God.

As Adam beheld this first female, he said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Gen 2:23). The term "woman" was a delineation used by Adam, identifying her as a unique variation in the species of man. My wife says, "Think of her as the upgrade." In some ways, she is right, for the nature of the woman was twice refined. Adam was created of earth; the woman emerged not from the earth, but from the man. She is both more complex and emotionally sophisticated.

Soon Adam began to understand the greatest power of his counterpart, her ability to conceive and bring life into the world. Recognizing this quality, Adam named her "Eve," which meant "life." Eve would play an integral part in the unfolding of life's new beginnings. "She was the mother of all the living" (Gen 3:20).

We Need Revival

The Lord gave Adam a primary ability to name and establish reality; He gave to woman the unique capacity to conceive and then birth reality. The primary strength of each gender is that

man establishes, woman births. Remember, these qualities were not merely "human": they were reflections of the divine. Man's ability to bring order to one's world, to take what was random and give it definition and structure is a divine facility; woman's ability to conceive and incubate life, and then deliver life through birth is also an aspect of the divine nature.

Note also that Adam named the woman "Eve" (or "Life") before they had children. God gave the woman an ability not just to have babies, but also to release life in a variety of its expressions. In fact, one translation says that Eve means to "enliven." Alone, Adam had been downcast; it was not good that Adam was alone. Eve enlivened Adam in ways no other creature on earth could. Adam could build a house; Eve made it a home. When Adam named Eve "Life," he was not only speaking prophetically of the first mother, but he spoke out of his own experience: Eve brought life into the structure of Adam's world.

While we are speaking in generalities, when we come into the spiritual realm, we see this same divine encoding replicated in the ministries of men and women. Jesus laid the foundation of the church with twelve men, whom He called to be apostles. This didn't mean there would never be women in leadership, but that one of the better skills given man from God was, as stated, the ability to bring order and structure. At the same time, prior to Christ's birth we find Anna, a prophetess, engaged in much prayer and fasting. In my opinion, it is quite possible that this woman was not



alone in her intercession, but the leader of a prophetic prayer ministry that lived in anticipation of her times. Women excel in intercession, in spiritual sensitivity and the release of new beginnings. Again, this doesn't excuse men from prayer! For some of the Bible's best examples of intercessors are, indeed, men! We are speaking in generalities in reference to the spiritual tendencies of both genders. Neither distinction is more important than the other. Both are absolutely vital for the unfolding of God's will upon the earth.

Today, we are fighting the advance of Satan in many arenas: whether in wars and terrorist attacks or with the ever-increasing expansion of iniquity in our world. We need revival. To possess a national awakening, the power God has placed in women must be released. All the efforts of man to establish laws and govern righteously will not truly transform our culture; we need the presence of God poured out. I am talking about something that is greater than government and righteous laws. I am saying that God is raising up and anointing a prayer army of women, who are about to be given even greater power as they intercede before God for their nations.

My Mother's Prayers

I personally know the power of this prayer. In the late sixties, I was a very lost young man living in sin and rebellion. Judging from my appearance, I looked hopeless. Yet, in spite of my outward condition, my dear Catholic mother stood before God for me. Resist as I did, divine power, uniquely born of her prayers, began to hunt me down. Her cries were relentless and unceasing; often she would pray through the night for me. She was pregnant with prayer for her son. In 1970 God finally answered and during the Jesus Movement revival, I came to Christ.

Years later I asked the Lord about this revival. As you may know, it has been part of my assignment to help engender citywide unity and establish prayer, things which precede revival. Yet, to my knowledge, no citywide unity or organized prayer fuelled the Jesus Movement. So, I asked the Lord how could a revival occur without a prayer movement at its source? The Lord quickly corrected me saying that there was a great prayer movement: He had heard the prayers of a million praying mothers, each crying to Him for their children.

From all denominations, in a "unity of desperation," God heard the cries of believing mothers. His heart was touched and, as a result, multitudes of sinful kids found repentance and salvation in Jesus Christ. This is the army God desires to release again today, but now with more vision, more power from the Holy Spirit, and with the support of men as well!

Women of God, the fact is, heaven needs you! You have been created by the Almighty to birth breakthroughs on planet earth! God has uniquely designed you with a latent ability to release life through your intercession. Together with you, we men can build and establish, and we are learning to pray, but you have a special grace to release new spiritual beginnings. Whether your prayer focus is for your husband or church leadership, whether you are interceding for your children, city or nation, you possess in your spirit the seed-realities that, through prayer, can release God's life into the world.

Yes, indeed, there is a battle; there still exists "enmity between [the serpent] and the woman" (Gen 3:15). Satan especially hates you because it was your seed that bruised the serpent's head. It is amazing to me that God chose to bring His Son into the world, not through the heavens nor even through a woman impregnated by man, but through a woman made

pregnant by God! God Himself came to earth through the woman's power to give birth!

Today the Lord is giving women a new grace, a new confidence against the powers of hell. Through their intercession, these godly women will prayer-birth powerful ministries on earth, both male and female. They will release new beginnings to the body of Christ.

I also want to commend and thank ministries such as Women's Aglow, Lydia Fellowship and other women's prayer groups. There have been many, many times that I have suddenly been divinely protected or spiritual breakthroughs have unexpectedly been released to me. As I questioned the Lord, He's said, "I'm answering the prayers of Women's Aglow" (or, the women from such and such ministry). To each of you, I say a special thank you. May the Lord multiply His grace toward you and give you the desires of your hearts! Revelations 12 speaks of a "woman clothed with the sun." This word is not only talking about Israel or the church. It also reveals how God sees spiritual women: they are honoured and crowned with distinction; pure and clothed with the glory of God. With confidence, they tread upon the powers of night. Dear army of praying women, it is your inherent destiny to birth that which shall rule the nations.

Heavenly Father, we come in the name of Jesus. Lord, release the women of God. Release the power of prayer, the burden and travail of prayer, to its next levels. Father, Islamic terrorists from without and moral decadence from within seek to destroy our homeland. We need the prayer army to arise. Help us, O God, to pray until Your heavenly purpose is birthed on earth as it is in heaven! Amen!



Deborah Arise Canada

In March I was invited by Mary Audrey Raycroft to share the vision of 'Deborah Arise' at the Deborah Company meeting which is held at Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship.

The Deborah Company is led by Mary Audrey and made up of women from all over the region who meet together whenever the Holy Spirit whispers for them to do so.

I arrived in Toronto with Maggie, my secretary, on the afternoon of Thursday 25th March we settled into our hotel and as it would have been late at night in the UK we decided that we would have an 'early' night.

The following morning during breakfast I began sharing with Maggie a very special time I had spent with some South African women in France, where we had been sharing together from Song of Solomon whilst passing around apples and raisins and ended up being so blessed. We returned to our hotel room and Maggie started reading from Song of Solomon, saying that she thought the words were for me, we couldn't stop laughing! Maggie put on the beautiful song 'Pour over me' over and over again and I lay down and just soaked in His presence, surrendering myself to be totally dependant on Him for the next few days.

Mary Audrey picked us up at lunch time to take us to meet about 15 ladies, all in ministry, some were from TACF and others were from different churches in the area. Following

lunch I shared the vision of Deborah Arise with them and they were so excited. God had already been working and they had such a heart for the youth and children. They shared with us some wonderful testimonies of how God was touching the next generation through them. Maggie and I were both drawn to one lady, Carol Hay, in particular. On the following Tuesday, just before we left for the airport to return home, she shared with me how she had been praying for the last two days about whether she should take on the leadership of Deborah Arise in Canada. We were thrilled when several days after our return to the UK Carol was able to tell us that she would very much like to do so.

Saturday came and was the main reason for our visit, the 'Deborah Company' meeting. In the morning after I shared the vision we were led in prayer by April Stephenson for the forthcoming youth conference 'Fresh Wind'. It was great to see Lisa from our church, who is attending the School of Ministry at TACF and I was able to introduce her to everybody as a testimony of what God has been doing amongst the young people at my own church King's Way, in Sale, UK.

Following lunch I spoke about Holiness and praying for the prodigals to come home. I referred to a prophecy where the names of prodigal children had been put on a banner and waved before God. We concluded the meeting with a very powerful time of praying for

women who had prodigal children. Mary Audrey went along the prayer line shouting out the names whilst Maggie and I held up the banner lifting each one before God. Many women were in tears and so blessed by this. One of the ladies told us the following day that when she got home from the meeting she had received an e-mail telling her that her niece had returned to the Lord and was going to be baptised. She was thrilled at this news and so were we! The women were so encouraged to persevere.

We went to a wonderful service on Sunday morning, which was led by the youth. You would never have believed that the young man who spoke was only 20 years old and had never preached before!

It was wonderful to end our visit to Canada by going to Mary Audrey's cell group, on the Tuesday afternoon, a couple of hours before leaving for the airport. What a time we had!!! Just the icing on the cake. Mary Audrey prayed and said that wherever I went with 'Deborah' vision they would be coming with me (obviously in the Spirit). I couldn't have wished for a better outcome!



Youth Missions to Pray For Soul in the City

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The rich mix of London's churches are on a constant mission to serve and witness to the 9 million people that inhabit the complex and multi-layered communities that lie within the M25.

Soul Survivor propose to serve these efforts by bringing thousands of young people from their conferences to 12 days of co-ordinated activity, established in partnership with local churches, from 26 July 2004 to 6 August 2004.

The mission will run as two 5 day missions, Week A 26-30 July 2004 and Week B 2-6 August 2004, sandwiching a SOULINTHECITY weekend, 31 July-1 August 2004. Delegates will be accommodated in a number of 'tent cities' within the

Local Centres. In the mornings delegates will have times of worship, teaching and ministry. In the afternoons and evenings they will go to designated projects within their Local Centre. Evening celebrations will be evangelistic and open to contacts made during the afternoon projects.

The crux of the mission is the afternoon and evening projects. By painting community centres, reclaiming parkland from rubbish, or cleaning graffiti from a shopping parade, the mission creates a lasting legacy of physical change in the community. It also communicates the good news by esteeming individuals unconditionally and builds lasting cross-community ties. As one local church leader said

after Soul Survivor The Message 2000 in Manchester, "It's shown us that even the simplest of community activities opens doors into many people's lives who they otherwise would never have met."

Let's pray for the leaders, delegates and the city of London in the run up to Soul in the City. Pray that God's Kingdom will come and His will be done and this mission will change many lives.

Similar events are taking place in other parts of the world: May 2004 Netherlands, June 2004 California USA. January 2005 Melbourne, Australia. For further information
www.soulsurvivor.com

The logo for Merseyfest, featuring the word "merseyfest" in a stylized, lowercase font with a red outline and a yellow background, followed by a stylized "MF" monogram.

www.merseyfest.com

In the summer of 2005, 'Merseyfest' is partnering with 'The Message' and many other Christian Partners to see an army of thousands of young people come to Merseyside in the United Kingdom. The vision of Merseyfest is to demonstrate the love of God in word and deed. They will undertake projects, which significantly impact the various communities in the Mersey Region. They will be

staging a massive festival that will give tens of thousands of people a great day out and an opportunity to hear a message of hope and that God loves them.

Merseyfest is more than just a week in 2005 though; it is a long-term project, which will see the church, once again, working in partnership with local communities so that every individual has the

opportunity to reach their maximum potential.

Let's lift Merseyfest up to God and pray for revival in the hearts of the churches in the Mersey region. Harvest for the lost and transformation by praying for continued favour with those in authority that Merseyfest are working with in the area.