

Fire from the north

Summary

What a joy it was to be with you all last week! Francis and Sally Prittie led a meeting in their house last night called 'Everybody has a story to tell' (based on the talk I never gave on the first morning of the conference!) We enjoyed deep and precious worship together, in which the Lord encouraged us to press into His presence and to move out into the initiatives He is leading us into. Everybody had precious stories to share about how the Lord had met with them during the week.

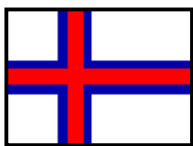
During the conference week, the Lord warned us that His judgements are over our nations now, and that there is much that we can no longer avert ~ but that if we will allow His scalpel to work deeply in the heart of His Church, then this judgement can still be used redemptively rather than destructively. This is vital for the future of Europe.

As we began to intercede for our continent, the Lord said: **Come and ask me for Your people, come and ask Me for your nations, the sceptre is extended out to you”**.

It was so important to press into the throne room of God in prayer. We were privileged to experience, at least in part, a sense of what people prophesied: that Hjaltland (Shetland) – is 'the hilt of the sword' – we were certainly privileged to wield the sword on behalf of the nation. We prayed for the following on Saturday morning



We had a sense that the eagle (the prophetic move of God) will rise up again in Germany, where the prayer movement is strong and well developed across 400 cities, despite the many difficulties and disappointments the nations is currently experiencing. We felt particularly to pray for the power of God to move in Stuttgart.



The word was given: the spiritual icecap in Iceland will melt like a volcano under a glacier.



As we prayed for the power of the Holy Spirit to infill and empower the church in Faroe, we were given words, 'the water is coming, flowing over the hard places.'



Intercessors for Orkney were told that the white winged bird can arise again. Build again a community with the body of believers – the community of God.

“You, O Shetland are a land of quiet meditation, Holiness is whispered in your bones, and holiness will once more

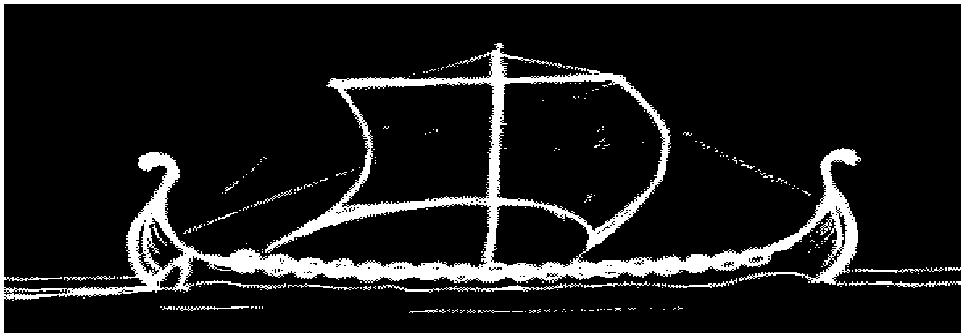


revive the dead bones in My bride. I will use you to impart life, but first let me breathe on you and bring you refreshing. Let me quicken you to the cross and to trust me once more. Let me break the isolation on your back.”

(Extract from a word by Catherine Brown).

Three people prophesied that eagles will return to Shetland!

Many people asked for the summary points of the Janteloven stronghold that affects so many in the northern nations. Here they are. We pray the Lord will set many free from its pernicious tentacles, and raise up a generation of bold courageous spiritual warriors right across the Scandinavian nations.



THE ‘JANTE’ STRONGHOLD SAYS . . .

- 1. Do not think you are anything special**
- 2. Do not think you are as important as we are**
- 3. Do not think you are wiser than we are**
- 4. Do not fool yourself into thinking you are better than we are**
- 5. Do not think you know more than we do**
- 6. Do not think you are more than we are**
- 7. Do not think that you are good at anything**
- 8. Do not laugh at us**
- 9. Do not think that anyone cares about you**
- 10. Do not think you can teach us anything**



THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT (Gary Sweeten)

- 1. I am a person of worth, created in God's image**
- 2. I am as good as anyone else because God says so**
- 3. I have the wisdom of God's Spirit**

4. God has gifted me to be a winner
5. I am filled with the knowledge of God
6. God honours me as much as anyone on earth
7. I have God's destiny and plan for my life
8. What others think or do will not control me
9. God loves me and so do His people
10. I have a teachable spirit

(You can find more teaching on this stronghold on www.ruachministries.org under the section 'Articles and Publications'.)

On the Saturday night, the Lord said to us through Ros, Angie and Hilary: (gist only)

"Birth many things tonight – dreams, vision, longings. God wants to be your midwife – to help you give birth to the many things that have been buried deep within your hearts for many years."

"Where it seems as though the labour has stopped, God wants to give an injection to give birth to that vision."

*"God wants you to position yourself – to stand and be ready – be in position and ready. Think what will happen if you are *not* in position. When the ball comes, be ready to pass it on – or to shoot."*

"My peace will go with you to the ends of the earth, peace to be able to stand and do what He has called you to do."

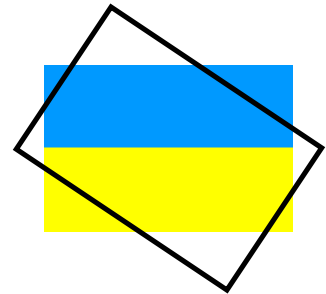
We were led to repent as a continent for the way we drew up (carved up) the African countries with our artificial boundary lines that paid so little attention to local interests. Roger Mitchell will address this issue in much greater detail in Berlin in November.

We were also challenged, as a key to repentance, to break out of our selfish individual mindsets. We asked forgiveness for the "me and my ministry" mindset that predominates in so many parts of Christian enterprise.

Prophetic Song:

*"Be still, know that I am God.
And I love you with an everlasting love,
Be still, know that I am God,
And I love you with an everlasting love,
I have a love song for each and every one,
For each and every one,
I have a love song for each nation,
Take this love song to each nation,
For each and every one,
And every one,
Sing a love song for your nation".*

Countries we prayed for on Monday morning: Moldova

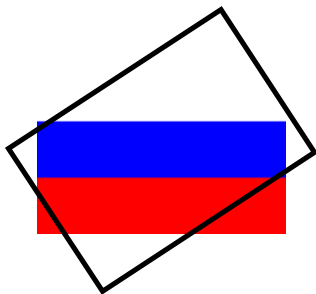


Ukraine, home to Europe's largest churches

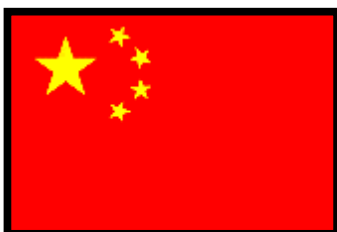
Belarus, old-style 'Soviet' leadership still in place



Kazakhstan, where David Hathaway will be ministering shortly.



Russia, where so many have come to the Lord. David has had the opportunity to broadcast right across the nation to millions through terrestrial television.



China: for millions of Spirit-fired Christians to spread the gospel not only within their own borders, but to have the opportunity to take the gospel to the lands of the 10-40 window, despite bureaucratic restrictions that have now been imposed as a result of a major press article in Time Magazine about the 'Back to Jerusalem' movement.

Three of the themes I outlined on the final morning:

- i) **Get people quickly to the point of prayer:** Have the courage to say 'let's pray together!' As we move from information to prayer we are making frameworks that the devil hates and that God uses mightily!
- ii) **Get real people doing real things.** The day of spectator Christianity is over. God wants to develop frameworks where every person has the chance to contribute effectively. (James Rutz has written a challenging new book on this theme called 'Megashift' – Empowerment {Press, Colorado Springs}).
- iii) **Be prepared to go the extra mile.** Remember, the evening the Lord touched the Shetland musicians? It all happened because Lindsey Cummings, when she realised that Francis had left his violin back at our house, went all the way home to fetch it. As she drove along, she said to the Lord, 'Every session has been so amazing, Lord - is there really anything new left that You can do?' The Lord replied very clearly, 'My treasure chest is never empty!' And didn't the Lord prove the truth of this during the week! The Lord had promised that He would knit together the contributions of the nations into something very precious to Himself. It was so powerful to interweave music and intercession, and to invite people to participate wherever possible. I am only sorry we could not have devoted still more time to pray!

Well done the twenty year olds for leading the time of prayer for Faroese – it was awesome! When you met together and cooked a meal together at the hotels, and invited others along too, you were demonstrating that church works well as a verb as well as a noun!

Please remember to pray for **Bjorn Olav Hansen** and his family. He had to return early to speak at another conference, but he has been forced to leave his post as pastor of Lillehammer Baptist Church in Norway, because of his stand against the ordaining of homosexual pastors.

May the Lord keep our hearts free from the 'Janteloven' stronghold, as it tries to limit our freedom, demean our integrity and keep us in rigid straightjackets and boxes. May we recognise that we, as nations, are under God's judgement, but cultivate the minutes and cry out in repentance, thus using even the judgement of God redemptively.

May Shetland become more and more a spiritual gateway and a place where people come to experience the Lord's healing presence!

Special blessings on **Suzanne Pillans** as she ministers in India (23-25 August) to a conference of over 10,000 young people (and a thousand pastors)

Well done to everyone and thank you so much for making it such a memorable week! We will never forget the special dances Andy Raine led, the heights of worship Francis Cummings led us to, the beautiful drapes weavings and flags, the stunningly beautiful Power Point presentations Sam Leckie put together at such short notice ~ and, above all, the overarching sense of the Lord's presence.

Aftermath

Only the Lord knows all that has been accomplished in the heavenly places and all the developments and networkings that will emerge in time. It was very obvious that we didn't get everything right on the final night, and as a leadership team we were so grateful for everyone's forbearance and forgiveness.

The word that was given on the final morning was an important one: that much of what has been accomplished will be released as slow release capsules in our lives and communities.

A German medical student who stayed on in Shetland after the conference felt sad yesterday to be leaving the 'fire' in the north, but the Lord said to her: 'you will be carrying the fire with you!' May this be so for each one of us.

Do feel free to contribute stories of how the Lord blessed and led you during the week; we will post some of them on the web site.

As you know, we are moving to Devon in the next few days. If you would like to receive our regular material by e mail, please let us know by writing to rrweston@rrweston.f9.co.uk.

**With our love in Jesus,
Robert & Rosalind Weston,
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