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You are probably receiving this because somehow, somewhere, you have been involved with us. We are passionately excited about what God is doing in this earth to bring His Kingdom in through the Body of Christ. This newsletter gives you some glimpses into the part we are playing in seeing this happen. Perhaps God will stir your heart to partner with us more. Feel free to contact us – our details are on the back of this newsletter. Yours for the Kingdom.

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# Rocked by his presence

**In September '09, whilst docked in Syracuse, in Sicily, Italy, YWAM England's floating ministry centre, The Next Wave, received a visit from the Purefire Team...**

**This 52 berth yacht is currently running a Discipleship Training School with students on it from 7 different nations.**

**The clear and striking reality** has been the powerful

presence of the Lord with us. One of the students summed it up by saying 'God has been so tangible this week'. All that we could do in preparation times as a team was worship. The



presence of God was so strong, and at times I was deeply moved.

Several times we redirected or totally changed what we were teaching as God broke in amongst us.

**We prayed for every student prophetically** within the teaching sessions, asking how God had made him or her. At times, again, the sense of awe that came over the room was strong. At other times it was difficult to remain standing (not just because of the swaying saloon!) and keep facilitating what was happening. The students were quickly drawn into prophesying, and I can say that the level of coaching and releasing the students into the prophetic was greater this time.

**Nightmares that had tormented some students stopped.** We

prayed for healing after someone testified of a healing.

One student explained that he felt an almost overwhelming sense of compassion for one of his

fellow students as he prayed and then prophesied over him. This was a totally new experience for Him and other students spoke of experiences in the Holy Spirit that they had never had before.

**Student after student testified** that God had revealed to them, directly, what lies they believed about Him and themselves that were stopping them living in the presence of God to a greater level. Many found release. There were many tears, much joy, and most of all an amazing sense of the presence of God.

**But it wasn't all easy!** Just before we arrived the toilets stopped working. Having been assured that the ship would be in port, all calm, an unusual storm arose in the Mediterranean which caused the ship to rock so much it had to leave port lest it rip the mooring apart! So the ship anchored off shore and toilet runs were scheduled to ferry people to shore. For those who couldn't wait, there was an emergency bucket! The way the Captain, crew and students coped with this without complaining was inspiring!

Perhaps partly because of this, the presence of the Lord as we gathered was so marked.



# healed

## after years of pain

**When I was sixteen I had an accident whilst doing gymnastics, which resulted in my spinal column being pinched at the 4th and 5th lumbar region. This caused paralysis for twenty three weeks.**

My back was further weakened by two pregnancies and osteoporosis. My joints, bones, knees, hips and spine were affected by this and I had nodules on my knees. I was in constant pain. Sometimes in the mornings I had to crawl across the floor before I could stand. I had to sit on a chair to lift my grandchildren. A few months ago during a ministry time with my class of Discipleship Training School students, one of them felt something happen to his hand. Paul discerned that a healing anointing had come through this student and he started laying hands on others.



I received prayer and immediately felt heat move down my back and into my legs. I fell onto my back which is a position I could never lie in before. I was instantly healed. The nodules had disappeared.

During outreach in Thailand I was able to lie flat on my back, get straight up in the morning and bend down straight away with no pain. Now I can bend and lift my grandchildren normally!

I continue to be completely healed.

*Sheila Bishton*

# o u t o f m y comfort zone

**I recently joined the Purefire Team.**

I had known several of them for a few years and have been inspired by their pursuit of God and what he wants to say to others to bring greater freedom into their lives.

This team has an infectious hunger for God! On my own journey with God I was constantly being pushed out of my comfort zone and

into deeper relationship and reliance in Him. It is always an adventure!

Last November I felt God push me

on another step, challenging me to grow in the prophetic. I realised that to grow in this I needed to be with others who were also moving in this gift and would challenge me to action.

This has been my experience with Purefire so far! I have been stepping out and learning along the way.

God said through two of the team members that I would grow

specifically in having dreams and visions – before I mainly heard God through words.

Since starting praying with this team, I have had more pictures than ever before and have grown in my ability to hear with clarity and deliver with confidence. I am expectant that he will also give dreams and visions bringing greater precision to the words he gives me. Again I am out of my comfort zone and again He faithfully meets me in that place.

*Jo Parker*



# There must be more than this...

**One Sunday after church, in a phone shop, we were served by a guy with a withered arm. He poured out his story and we listened intently. We then wished him well and walked out of the shop.**

As we walked away, I will never forget how that moment captured the cry that had been in my heart for so long – ‘There must be more than this’ – Jesus would have healed him and those watching would have seen His love and power demonstrated. Why were we not doing the same?



Shortly after that we met a church leader in London with the same heart cry, who had rediscovered the power of Jesus’ ministry

and seen his family, elders and church members move into a community hungry for pure power. We dropped everything to go and back every week to attend church, immersing ourselves in the revelation they were receiving.

This launched us into an exhilaration of rediscovering that experiencing His presence, casting out demons, hearing voices and seeing visions and angels was not just for a few Bible characters and famous people but all designed for this and called to experience the supernatural realm.

Paul and I began to see how sin and unbelief in our own lives, had robbed us of our marriage. Together we began to rediscover the joy and beauty of repentance. We are passionate to push into deep intimacy with God and experience of His love. There is so much more than this. We are now. All over the world people are hungry for His presence and a desire to let go of self and enter the heavenly realm on earth. Purefire is being birthed out of this. We are so excited to be raising up a team hungry to grow in this together and help others.

*Kathryn*

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# I can see Jesus smiling over me

I recently had the privilege of praying with a lady who was living with such shame and condemnation following something that she had done, that she was covered with a 'blanket' of hopelessness and despair. Her pain was visible on the outside.

As she renounced the lies of her being unworthy and condemned she suddenly had the most amazing smile come over her face. When we asked her about it, she said "I can see Jesus smiling over me." That was all she needed. She left that time a changed woman, knowing she was forgiven and with hope and confidence restored. Once again she believes that God loves her and wants to spend time in relationship with her.



*Chrissie Keeley*

On the frontline in

# Central Asia

Three of our team, Paul, Else and Chrissie, along with Richard, a pastor from London, recently travelled to Central Asia to minister to some missionaries there.

We found ourselves praying with people who are on the frontline. Two of the leaders had just returned from a second long trip into the mountains to bring the gospel to a nomadic tribe that are unreached. On the first visit they had the privilege of telling these people about Jesus for the first time.

They had been involved in much spiritual battle. We spent three hours praying with them, prophesying over them and seeing them restored in their

spiritual strength.

The team also visited a house church with some of the first ever Christians in the region. They prayed and prophesied over everyone. One young girl,

## **We visited some of the first Christians in the region**

who said her heart was to go to China as a missionary, had severe problems with her hearing. As the team prayed, she said that she heard a 'whooshing sound' and noticed that her hearing had improved.

These precious brothers and sisters find it hard to follow Christ in the places that they live, but their faith and vigour abounds! We prayed with a group of elderly ladies who were ministering in prisons and had the dream to start a permanent ministry amongst prostitutes. They asked us to get the word out that they need helpers and support... so if God moves your heart, please contact us. We ministered to both foreign missionaries and local believers, teaching on freedom principles and seeing people filled afresh with the Holy

Spirit and boldness. These people rarely get the chance to have a team come and minister to them. The greatest reward was seeing peace and joy on many faces as prophetic prayer helped them see what was holding them back and then deal with these hindrances in Jesus' name.

Please pray for this region. The churches are so young. Communism prevented the church openly forming, and now the state is making it hard for the church to grow.

The Purefire Team, with Richard.



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