

George's Brief Update – January – February 2011

Dear praying friends

I again want to thank all of you who have upheld us in prayer over the past two amazing months. We left London on December 26th to speak at a large Chinese missions gathering of about 2,500 near Philadelphia. After the meeting in Philadelphia, Drena, Daniel and I were based at our home in Idaho next door to Ben and Caroline. We had 4 major weekends or meetings; Drena went with us to Orlando where we spoke at Venture International at their annual special event with many of their missionaries from many parts of the world and at two local churches.

The first two weekends of January we had meetings in Seattle and San Diego. In Seattle we stayed with the family that has set up a \$300,000 Matching Fund which runs till June. This is a great answer to prayer and we are now trying to find the funds to match it. It is going slow at present but we are praying for breakthroughs. The meeting at Calvary Chapel went well and we know there will be fruit as a result. The next weekend was at Sunrise Church in San Diego where Dale and Elaine Rhoton are involved and have leadership responsibilities. We had great fellowship together.

The third weekend was in Orlando and the final weekend in January was another highlight, Mission Connexion in Portland which was a MissionFest-type weekend event with many church cooperating. I give priority to accept invites to such events whose roots go back to the great MissionsFest in Vancouver, Canada. In a month I will be at a similar event in Halifax in Eastern Canada. Before that, I will pay a short visit to Logos Hope in Bahrain before going to the ILM in KL, Malaysia where we'll have two key meetings in local churches on the Sunday. We end with a final weekend (March 20th) in one of the larger churches in Seoul, Korea.

I returned to the UK with Drena on January 25th in order to speak at key meetings in Derby and also minister at the Go Conference in Germany. Well worth coming back for! I returned to the US on my own on the January 31st (our 51st wedding anniversary) that we celebrated with Christa, Jacob and Charlie the night before. I went straight to my Moody Class Reunion. The time at Moody was a very busy time linking up with all kinds of friends and opening in prayer at the special alumni event on the Tuesday night. Our close friend Ian Leach was presented with the Alumni of the Year Award. I also did a 40 minute live radio broadcast that went out over 100 Moody stations. Daniel remained in the US when I returned to the UK spending time at the US Center for World Missions and had a weekend with Dale Rhoton. He rejoined me in Chicago.

We had massive snow in Chicago and freezing weather and therefore missed the National Prayer Breakfast. We made it in time to be at a reception with Joseph Dsouza and Todd Hendricks which was small but good. We got in on the final evening event of the Prayer Breakfast and met up with many dear friends.

We spent the night with a former Logos II Director, Coleman and Susan Tyler, having supper with some of their friends before heading to Florence and visiting the North American Ship Ministry Center for the weekend. We had a great gathering with friends and prayer partners and dedicated the new building and warehouse facility. The growth of the literature ministry there is quite amazing. Had great meetings on Sunday in a large very supporting church and then headed for Marian, Indiana for 5 days at Indiana Wesleyan University, which was the highlight of the month, speaking three times to about 3000 students at their Missions Week chapel service. A huge amount of key books went out in all our meetings but especially here. Please pray that they will be read and we will see more results. Daniel stayed on campus and I stayed 15 minutes away with Rita and Mike Koch who served with OM for many years back in 70s and 80s.

We then headed to Los Angeles on Saturday arriving on time at the Church of the Open Door for their mission banquet in Glendora, CA. A close friend, Pastor Ed Underwood has wanted me to come for many years and so it finally happened. I had two great Sunday morning meetings before I headed to the airport to get a couple of days in Idaho, especially for the 15th birthday of our granddaughter Sarah. Jonathan had just returned from two years on the ship and we had some important time together especially in connection with him becoming my helper starting in August. Pray as he needs to see some real financial mountains moved to make this happen.

Daniel stayed in Los Angeles and we met up Wednesday night to be involved in the Movie Guide events and our dear friend Dr Ted Baehr. 450 came to the Award Gala and it was a powerful time in which the Lord was presented and lifted up. The top prize \$100,000 went to the producers of the 3rd in the Narnia series, *The Dawn Trader*. There were many other awards as well. If you would like a sample of the *Movie Guide Magazine* just let me know. They need our prayers.

The final Sunday before flying back was at Fairhaven Gospel Chapel where our close friends Ron and Lorene Chin are part of the leadership team. We have been linked with this fellowship for decades as this is where William MacDonald and Jean Gibson had their discipleship training program for many years. We returned to London February 21st.

I very seldom type this kind of report, but wanted to mobilize follow up prayer especially as I spoke to over 10,000 people and saw that many powerful books go out as well. I also felt that some of you who support this ministry is such a significant way should get a little more information about what we are doing. SO, A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND PRAYER PARTNERS.

In His grip of grace

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