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Paul DeGagne of Abbotsford brought some pink salt from the Himalayan mountains to show these people they were truly an ancient and special kind of salt in the earth (Mat 5:13). He also brought special prophetic revelation to each of the 10 churches we visited - 7 on Shikoku Island, 2 in Osaka and 1 in Shenzhen. We prayed into peoples’ lives for hours and his ministry constantly lifted, opened up and released their spirits.

The best wine was kept to the last. We stopped in Japan again that last weekend on our way home from China. Sunday morning Paul got a word about men as trees walking (Mar 8:24). That afternoon, they sent us to a care home with a mix of young people and some older folks in wheel chairs. I spoke of seeing visions (Jol 2:28) and then we prayed for a few people. A lady later came up to say her vision had been very blurry, but when we prayed, it became crystal clear!

Pastor Kusu
The next day Pastor Okubo brought people from her place in Osaka to join with Pastor Yumi Kusudo and the church in Izumi, so it was full of people. After preaching on the Holy Spirit the power came down and we prayed for healing. One woman came with the fifth disk of her spine so disordered her doctor couldn’t diagnose the problem.

She felt led to come but was in such agony, she nearly stayed home. Tuesday at breakfast she came to the door and said, I just had to come tell you when you laid hands on me yesterday, God healed my back! The pain is gone!

On my way out, 86 year old ‘Grandma’ came to me with tears. She said when we prayed for her Sunday her right knee was healed, so wouldn’t have to be replaced! The pain was all gone! After the interchurch meeting on Monday, Paul prayed and prophesied personally for a long line of people. The very last man in line waited all that time, to give his heart to Christ!
John Scott of Bangor, Northern Ireland will meet me for 2 weeks and 3 Sundays in Poland. This is the second time we have teamed up to minister there together. Tomasz Adler of Piekary near Katowice has arranged an itinerary from Leszno to Krakow. Tarmo Kostamo of Surrey has also given guidance to our plans.

Brendan McCauley of Downpatrick, Northern Ireland will minister with me to Roman Catholics for 9 days in Slovakia. On leaving for Ireland for the first time in 1978, someone prophesied there would be a man who would take me to the Catholic side of the house. That didn’t really happen in Ireland, but it will happen now in Slovakia!

Missionary Katsutaro Kawai of Japan will meet me in Bucharest, Romania. Two years ago we met with Gheorghe Ritisan, chief executive officer of the Association of Pentecostal Missions. That’s when we made plans to visit a Muslim area and minister in a Bible school on the Black Sea. Paul Degagne will join me in Romania.

Milan Spoljaric is Vice-President of the Evangelical Pentecostal Church in the Republic of Croatia. He skyped me in Osaka and said you will be close to us, so it will be easy to
‘Release Ministries’ began in the 1990s during a series of visits to Japan with veteran missionaries Donnel & Venda McLean. Our express purpose, burden and vision was to inspire, activate, release - and establish spiritual gifts throughout the churches in an ongoing, operative way. One day Donnel said, ‘This is a release ministry’.

Many years later it became obvious Team Thrust Ministries was outdated - needing to be retired and replaced. Pastor Doug Fortune then confirmed ‘Release Ministries’ to be the name of this new thing God is doing, so new governing documents were prepared. ‘Release Ministries Society’ was registered in Victoria,

This refers to the Levitical Jubilee (Lev 25:10-13) or year of release (Deu 15:1,2) - to the emancipation of slaves when every servant returned home to his family, relationships were restored and ancestral possessions (Lev 25:40,41) were recovered.

This was good news to the poor not the rich, because the rich might lose 10 farms - The results changed everything - people and possessions, their plans, purposes, destinies and quality of life. It was transformational. The national celebration of this Feast (Deu 31:10) had the corporate spirit and energy of a great sports event. Then when Jesus came, He announced God’s great Jubilee had come - because Jesus is our Jubilee!

Rev Lionel Batke August, 2013