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JAPAN, CHINA: Apr 15 - May 7, 2013

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.

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



Lionel, Joseph, Paul



Interpreter Megumi and Tony

The best wine was kept to the last. We stopped in Japan again that last

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FROM GLORY TO GLORY

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! ■

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.



One Way



Back Healed!



Pastor Yumi Kusudo

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 inter-church meeting on Monday,



Grandma's Right Knee Healed



Arm Healed!

*Ikoma Bible College April 29 service
Celebrated 100 years of Leonard Coote
First Pentecostal Missionary in Japan*



Coote Memorial Chapel



Missionary Katsutaro Kawai



Eyesight Healed! (Lady on Right)



FUTURE TRIP:
**POLAND,
SLOVAKIA,
ROMANIA,
CROATIA:**
**AUG 21 - SEP 27,
2013**

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 Ritsan**, 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

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'come over to Croatia and help us'. I couldn't seem to get out of it, so Paul and I will minister there together that last week before I return home.

The Lord has repeatedly talked to me about the need for 'discernment' on this one, so please pray I will be able to properly assess and solve each situation. This mission will last for 5 weeks and 2 days, so pray for emotional energy that will keep me fresh and flowing in the Spirit. Pray for the ministry of finance, for balanced books and records, and that every need will be met. If the Lord speaks to you about this, write me and make your check payable to **Release Ministries Society**. ■



'The world is a book, and those who do not travel, read only one page.'
(Anon)

'*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,

B.C. as a corporation September 19, 2011 - then in Ottawa as a charity January 24, 2013.

This ministry is based on Jesus' words, *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor; He sent me to announce **release** to the captives, to set free the oppressed and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.* (Lk 4:18 NBV).

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!* ■

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