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JAPAN: Apr 1 - May 6, 2014

Donnel McLean of Aromas, CA reconnected me with Assemblies of God Pastor Obiki in Hokuriku who in turn arranged our itinerary in that prefecture. Donnel's health was in decline and when we arrived in Japan, he had gone on to Glory and his *'great reward'* (Gen 15:1) for many years of faithful, fervent and fruitful service.

Paul DeGagne of Abbotsford, BC came with me again this year and caught the vision to impart, inspire, activate, release and establish *'spiritual gifts'* (1 Cor 12:1) in the churches. He was very effective, not only as a prophet, but also in drawing people out and releasing them to actually prophesy themselves.

Katsutaro Kawai of Japan, Missionary to Romania, came home to travel with us in ministry as interpreter and guide. We were a *'threefold cord not easily broken'* (Ecc 4:12) when the strain came. Each of us played a strong and important role in accomplishing this mission. We ministered to leaders and churches in five major areas: Osaka, Nagoya, Shikoku Island, Hokuriku and Fukushima Prefectures.

Katsu was a key in the Hand of the Lord to open the country up more widely than ever before, making it easy for us to connect and talk to people. Many hours were spent praying in depth, and prophesying into peoples' lives. *'The power of the Lord was present to heal'* (Lk 5:17), to fill with the Holy Spirit, and to deliver. There was a *'demonstration of the Spirit'* (1 Cor 2:4) at some level, in every meeting.



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Paul DeGagne with a girl whose back was healed last year - - doing great!

Paul and Katsu



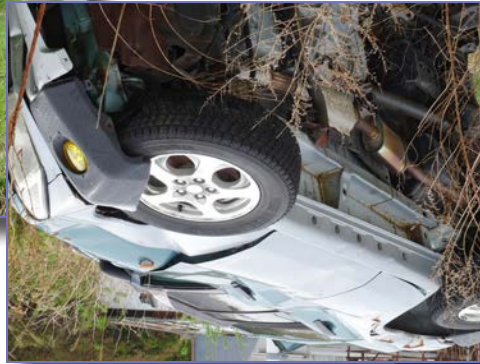
*The GLORY
came down!*



*'Ministration of the
Spirit' (2 Cor3.8)*



Radioactive Soil



'I will overturn.' (Ezk 21.27)



DISASTER IN FUKUSHIMA

The triple impact of the earthquake first shook the local area to pieces. This caused a nuclear reactor to melt down, and then triggered a tsunami that devastated 400-500 kilometers of coastland.

*Time
of
Earthquake*



*Osaka Pastor Okubo Wearing
National Treasure Kimono*

We stayed at the Global Mission Center in Iwaki and drove a short distance to Tomioka on the coast. This ghost-town had been destroyed and was just opened to the public in February, but gates and guards still protect people from no-go zones with higher than normal radiation levels. The nuclear reactor that remains functional is being shut down, but that will take 30 years. You don't just throw a switch and turn it off. A conventional power plant has been built to replace the one that melted down. Temporary housing has also been built but folks are still too afraid to return and start over.



Shinkansen - 287 kph

No-Go Zone



First the Natural, then the Spiritual (1 Cor 15:46)

There has also been a triple **spiritual** impact! The earthquake brought down walls of division and competition, so now there's just one church. The tired old Japanese gods in whom they trusted, have been seen **not** to be there for their people. But our God, is being seen, to be coming through

with acts of mercy to *'help in time of need'* (Heb 4:16). The work accomplished in peoples' hearts during the last two years, would have taken **10 years** to accomplish before the disaster. So there's been a **spiritual** earthquake that has broken up and softened the hard hearts of at least some people. ◀



COMING!

SRI LANKA, INDIA: Sep 30 - Nov 1, 2014



Paul DeGagne and I will minister with leading men in the nation - men like **Pastors Verghese Chandy, Jabamoney Ratnam** and others. I haven't been in Sri Lanka for 19 years so look forward to seeing the new church in Colombo, renewing fellowship with old friends and making some new ones.



I have known **Pastor Thomas Abraham (Prince)** of Ranni New India Church of God, since he was 19 years old - also his father before him. We will minister there in the beautiful garden State of Kerala for the last 10 days before I return home.

Please pray that we Canadians will be as maple *'leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations'* (Rev 22:2). We are asking God for **souls** and a healing anointing as we lay hands on people. We need protection and provision as we go forth in Jesus Name.

The Lord said **'Go, into all the world and preach the gospel'** (Mk 16:15). For me, it's a matter of personal obedience - and *'Woe is me, if I preach not the gospel!'* (1 Cor 9:16). Scripture also says *'How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?'* (Rom 10:14, 15). You may not be called to preach, but **I am!** And I need to be **'sent'** on this one...

The budget for this mission is running around \$8,800 (Flights \$2200; In-country Transport \$1000; Accommodation \$1200; Food \$950; India Building Project \$1300; Salary \$2000; Office Expenses \$150). So if the Lord speaks to you about this mission or the ongoing regular support of this ministry, write me today, at **RELEASE MINISTRIES**. ◀

Rev Lionel Batke September, 2014

'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 is 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 as a corporation September 19, 2011 then in Ottawa as a charity January 24, 2013.

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