

## FREEDOM THROUGH FAITH MINISTRIES

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and <u>teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you</u>. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matt 28:19-20

## I WAS HEALED DURING OUR VERY FIRST PRAYER!

Steve has been one of my best life-long friends for many years. I asked him to write up this testimony about what the Lord did for him recently:

"About 5 years ago, I was sitting on my couch and noticed that my feet were tingling. It wasn't painful, just unusual and concerning. It didn't occur again until later that week, but the occurrences became more frequent until they were occurring almost daily about a year later. It was at that time that I told my primary care physician about the numbing sensations. He recommended that I see a neurologist. She ran an EMG to determine if I had nerve damage. The test showed no damage and thus no cause. So, she prescribed gabapentin for me to take as needed to control the pain. Initially, very little of the medication was needed as the pain was manageable, although it was now occurring all over my body. The pain progressed over the next few years to where I had to take the medication daily. The pain became so sharp that medication was required immediately. It was intolerable without it.

It was at that time, that I decided to see a neurologist who specializes in peripheral neuropathy. He ran an MRI and again, couldn't find a cause. This brings us to when Jack and I started a daily bible study and prayer time. As soon as I shared my neuropathy diagnosis with no natural cause



Steve Upp - it's great to be pain free!

with him, he suspected a spiritual cause. I was healed during our very first prayer. Praise Jesus! <u>After years of dealing with pain, excruciating pain, only one prayer was needed to heal me</u>. I should have thought that it could be spiritual, however, the enemy had blinded my consideration of that possibility. Thankfully, Jack was sensitive to that probability and led me in a prayer to take authority over the demon that was causing the neuropathy and defeating him. Again praise the Lord! I'm now pain free!"

It has certainly been a year where there has been plenty of things to pray about hasn't there? After years of ministry I have found that praying in the Holy Spirit (praying in tongues) has produced the most fruit in my life and ministry, including Steve's testimony above. In my opinion this is the most under-valued gift of the Holy Spirit. Many believers have the gift of praying in tongues, but do not pray that way on a regular basis. So I'd like to answer the question, "Why Pray in Tongues?" (over)



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#### WHY PRAY IN TONGUES?

- 1. To speak the wonderful works of God "... we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Acts 2:11
- 2. To magnify and praise God "For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God." Acts 10:46
- 3. To pray perfectly "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." Rom 8:26.27

The Holy Spirit is not in a room somewhere by Himself praying for you. He prays through the believer. The Holy Spirit is not limited to what we think we are hearing with our prayer language. You may think you are praying the same thing over and over, but the Holy Spirit is able to pray what needs to be prayed at that moment.

- To speak to God divine secrets "For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit." 1 Cor 14:2
- To edify you "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church." 1 Cor 14:4. "But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit." Jude 20
- 6. To praise God and give thanks "If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? You may be giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified." 1 Cor 14:16,17
- 7. To be a sign to unbelievers "Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is for believers, not for unbelievers." 1 Cor 14:22
- 8. To be obedient to scripture "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Eph 6:18
- Because Jesus said believers would "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;" Mark 16:17

Quote from John G. Lake, apostle to South Africa and healing minister - "I want to talk with the utmost frankness, and say to you that tongues have been to me the making of my ministry." After just six years in South Africa ending in 1913, Lake's ministry in Africa totaled 1,250 preachers, 625 congregations and 100,000 converts in South Africa. There were also over 100,000 documented healings in the healing rooms he founded in Spokane, Washington in just five years in the early 1920's. You don't have to pray in tongues, but you get to if you want to. So if you don't pray in tongues, but would like to, call us and we'll be glad to answer all your questions and pray with you!

### 2021 Schedule

They say missions is a fluid ministry meaning it's always subject to change, and that hasn't been more true than 2020. Like most other traveling ministries we had to cancel all of our 2020 international trips, including trips we had planned to S. Sudan, Nepal, Oman, Zambia and Uganda. We are hoping to be traveling back to the nations again soon, but the Lord only knows when that will be. We are grateful for your prayers and support as we continue to navigate this difficult time in our nation and around the world. Merry Christmas and may 2021 be a blessed and fruitful year for you and yours!

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