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***"The London Mission: A City in Peril"***

The 54<sup>th</sup> call from the LORD to go to the nations was to London November 10-14. The call of God is confirmed, clear, consistent, and compelling when it comes. This call to London came because the city is in peril. The new Mayor of London was elected to office May 5<sup>th</sup> with a confirmed win May 6<sup>th</sup> and with the biggest personal mandate as a mayoral candidate in UK history. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/05/06/london-mayoral-election-results-what-time-will-the-votes-be-coun/> The call from God came May 27<sup>th</sup>. The UK Brexit vote occurred June 23, 2016. Londoners mostly opposed Britain exiting the EU. Nevertheless, it passed. President-elect Donald Trump had correctly predicted the outcome of the vote. When the USA elected Donald Trump on November 8<sup>th</sup>, Londoners were talking about how horrible it was. The British pound lowered in value; many there made money. The British pound went right back up; many there applauded and said Trump would make them money. British Nigel Farage (UKIP) met with President-elect Trump for over an hour in NYC; many in London began thinking there was something to learn from Mr. Trump. God has His own thoughts.

God indicted London for apostasy, dream-selling, seeking to raise up ancient gods for guidance, being mired in traditions and appearances, being devoid of God's blessings in many areas. Jesus will come as the Good Shepherd, seeking His own, His Spirit sweeping across the land sifting, sorting, separating, and sanctifying. As the Holy Spirit hovers, many will lament and wail and repent, but others will blaspheme. We have been looking to the roots of the city, indicted as a city of plunder. True believers are called to pray for laborers in the Harvest as the Lord of the Harvest comes to London. London is "a great city" at the edge of an abyss. We declared Jesus Christ victorious. He will pull down ancient strongholds and move boundaries He did not establish. London is guilty of bloodguilt and of bloodlust in her history. It is a "bloody" city. True believers are called to pray that God spares as the Spirit of Burning and the Spirit of Judgment move with the fire of God's holiness and the Sword of His Word. The Battle is the LORD's.

So, off I went with Marcia M. It was her first time there and for me, the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> time there. A lot of time and effort goes into preparation for these mission trips. They involve declaring out scripture related to the "words" received, research and study into the history of the targeted location, much prayer about every aspect of the mission, and everyone fulfilling their commitments. Wanda B. is our "Home-based Strategy Coordinator." The trip happens before the trip, so everything concerning the mission is done state-side as well as much being done on location.

The mission found us praising the LORD for "small graces" – sparing from potential disasters, timing, finding places, doing the strategy, and the Holy Spirit coordinating and orchestrating events.

For example, the plane to London was all boarded and ready to go on the tarmac. Suddenly, the electrical power went out. We could smell burning from possible soldering. We sent out an emergency prayer request, thanking God for technology. All seemed fixed, but the power went out again. Finally, success! We were off.

We arrived into London an hour late. However, we got into our rooms earlier than expected. The hotel concierge drove us in a golf cart to where we would buy Oyster cards and catch the London Tube (underground). London has a wonderful system with helpers all along the way.

The day we landed we headed for Leicester Square (pronounced “Lester” Square) and the Hop on-Hop off ticket office, passing through the National Gallery along the way. We found the ticket office without a hitch and made it just in time for the last tour bus run. That took us around the city and to St. Paul’s Cathedral, a main location. St. Paul’s is Anglican, the seat of the Bishop of London and the mother church of the Diocese of London. It sits on Ludgate Hill at the highest point of the City of London. <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/>



The Cathedral was built from 1675-1711 by Christopher Wren after the 1666 Great Fire of London. The architecture is full of symbolism. Many Londoners believe London is the New Jerusalem and that Jesus will come back there to set in motion His Second Coming and Judgment.

We just made it on the last bus running back to where we needed to catch the Tube back to the hotel. We pushed through to do much of the Strategy for London.

Saturday, there was misty rain outside in the morning, so we worked on the Strategy, declaring out the “words.” The mist accorded perfectly with what I had received from the LORD. Since our Bus Tour (Original Tours of London) had given a second day free, we took the Tube to Russell Square and the British Museum, planning to catch the Bus Tour from there.

[www.britishmuseum.org/](http://www.britishmuseum.org/)



At the British Museum, we were amazed at how God led us to just the right rooms in the museum—the Rosetta Stone, Mesopotamia room, Assyrian room, Babylonia room, Egyptian rooms, the Flood Tablet, and many early places of OT history. We made it to every room on my list, never wasting time getting lost, etc.

Leaving the British Museum, we were told to go out and turn left to catch the Hop-on bus, but as we did, this bus drove up and it was ours. We got on and WOW; it was headed to where we wanted to go. That place was Harrod’s of London.



Now I know you might be wondering, “Why Harrod’s?” First off, there’s no place like it and if you haven’t been to London before, it is something to see. Whether you approach it from delight in the excesses of all that the world has to offer or whether you approach it from grief and sorrow that such

excesses are in fact all the world has to offer, either way, you feel it. From its famous Food Court to Christmas World to Toy World to top designers of clothing and handbags and perfumes, it's all there, even Harrod's famous bears and brand label merchandise. But we only found one small Nativity Scene of glazed porcelain and rather mocking and only one box of anything you might call "religious" Christmas cards. Glitter and Shining Silver you will find together with all the dainties and trinkets and diamonds and sparkle you can imagine. Then came the contrast on Sunday.



So, Sunday we went to the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church at Elephant and Castle. This church began in 1650. Remember, 1621 is the year of the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving in America. This church still holds services and is quite large. It is famous because of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, who preached there from 1854-1892 and whose sermons and biography have inspired and encouraged millions of believers. Many still use his sermons for preaching and teaching.

The Church today maintains a conservatism dating back to its foundation. For example, we sung a hymn by Horatio Bonar and two by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), one being "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our\\_God,\\_Our\\_Help\\_in\\_Ages\\_Past](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_God,_Our_Help_in_Ages_Past) This hymn parallels Psalm 90, which was read out in the worship service along with Paul's sermon in Athens in Acts 17. Some of you might remember that Pastor Jim and I were in Athens last October as part of a call to Patmos to declare out The Revelation.

Now here's the God-story about all this. Our ministry does not restrict the Holy Spirit, but neither do we deny the Word in the process. We are strong in the Word, strong in the Spirit. So while this Reformed Baptist church may deny the continuation of the gifts, the pastor, Dr. Peter Masters, was surprisingly in sync with what we were sent to do and say in London. Psalm 90 fit right in as did the message to Athens. The pastor spoke on pride—pride in intellectual philosophies, superstitions, darkness, deception, and other things offensive to the Living God; pride with little self-conviction, nothing to deter it, no openness but rather a smirking as Paul disputed and laid out his case. The Athenian's attitude? "What will this seed-picker say?" These Athenians with intellectual pride were the seat of learning and could not be taught.

The pastor continued. Pride blinds. If pride is in one's knowledge, then pride obscures. People drift from understanding. In Acts 17, the people listening to Paul thought Resurrection was a god. They didn't want to know except to tear whatever apart, their minds closed to truth. "Superstition is the covering of religion." (Dr. Peter Masters, minister since 1970)

Paul came to reveal the "Unknown God." The Athenians, however, preferred the old gods who gave license regarding how to live. Pride kept them from learning; they wanted their own way and they wanted freedom to do as they pleased. But the Living God is Creator and Ruling Sovereign, Source and Sustainer of all Life and Blessing. The duty of man is to feel after God, to seek after Him. Pride blocks the mind, blocking out information and truth. Mocking and laughing are consequences of pride. The people seem polite, saying they will hear more on this

when in fact there was a rudeness in their response. Paul left because it was the penalty of pride and groveling superstition. From such pride, God withdraws. For more on this:

Acts 17.16-34 Sermon by [Dr Peter Masters](#)

From Athens, where pride in learning and culture disabled ability to grasp truth; where pride disdained a supreme God; where pride refused to repent; and where pride displayed its greatest obstinacy; grace was largely withheld, and the city of idols was left in their “power.”

<http://www.metropolitantabernacle.org/>

After the service we caught up with Kevin of Zimbabwe. He also had been in the service, in the balcony, and spotted us below. This was another “small grace.” I hadn’t seen Kevin for 10 years, but he has kept in touch with the ministry, calling in from London for prayer and ministry and following all the teaching, [www.mcmtffr.org](http://www.mcmtffr.org). Kevin filled us in on this area in South London. Amazingly, he had worked in this part of London and knew it well. That helped, since we were headed for Southwark Park (pronounced Suth’-uck).



There we prayed for Kevin. The scarf around his neck is a silk scarf I had made for ministry; it has on it a beautiful rendition of the Ark of the Covenant. We brought Kevin into the Ark (Jesus) and the Ark (Jesus) into Kevin. The breakthrough in his life was palpable and we look forward to great things the LORD will now do in Kevin’s life. For more on Kevin, search his name in the internal search for [www.marycraig.org](http://www.marycraig.org).



We returned to the hotel and officially called London to repentance, to resurrection, and to restoration, declaring out Psalms 2, 96, and 110. Kevin represented London and will take the words received for London back to his fellowship for further release. To see the word for London, open the attachment to this e-mail message.

### MIND THE GAP

As we traveled the London Tube the words “Mind the Gap” stood out to me. Before every stop a voice is heard saying, “Please mind the gap between the train and the platform.” Mind the gap. I said, “There’s a message in that.” Two passages of Scripture immediately came to mind. The first was of Jesus’ parable about the rich man and Lazarus, between whom a great gap stood.

[Luke 16:26](#) 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'

And this one:

[Ezekiel 22:30](#) "I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.

The One who stands in the gap between sinners and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is Jesus Christ. He is the bridge, the Messiah and only Mediator between God and man. Let's get with it as He builds up the wall and let's mind the gap so that God will not destroy. For He is coming, but now, in His mercy, He has granted a reprieve. Let us grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let us seek to gain Christ and know the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. Let us give to Him the honor due His holy Name. And let us go where He sends us, following the Lamb wherever He goes.

Compelled by His Call,

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And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that  
There was no intercessor: therefore, His arm  
Brought salvation unto Him; and His righteousness,  
It sustained Him. Isaiah 59:16.

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