

# The Deborah Report

A Partner Update from Deborah Ministries International

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## Report: Washington D.C.

*Over the course of the last 21 years*, in response to God's call on my life, I have traveled countless thousands of miles to minister in 29 nations scattered over five continents. That is not something I can easily wrap my mind around, because I never had a "worldwide vision" or any expectation that I would be doing anything unusual. I simply wanted to obey God and love my family and help people know God better. Over the years, the travel became normal and I was no longer surprised when a new nation would pop up in intercession and the preparation would begin to go somewhere new. Until recently...I was surprised again. Once again it was a "You want me to do what?"

The "what" was go to Washington, D.C. to participate in a worship event called *Awaken the Dawn*. So I went. Perhaps you heard about it; it took place over Columbus Day weekend last month, October 6-8. It was a call for Christians to gather on the mall in front of our nation's capitol and worship and intercede for a move of God in



America. Now, that is the last thing that I would imagine myself getting involved in, because I'm usually called to and drawn to the backwater places and situations, deep into "the uttermost parts of

the earth." Needless to say, this seemed like a very new twist!

Last fall, Harvey was on an international conference call with David Demian, the apostle/facilitator of the ministry that hosts the large international worship gatherings that we have attended in Asia for the last several years. David was calling for a global intercessory time of prayer around the clock over the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays which he was calling *Awakening the Dawn*. We, along with our church Crossfire, gladly got on board on behalf of America and awoke before dawn to pray. Many months later, I learned that a worship event was being planned in Washington, DC and it was called **Awaken the Dawn**. There was no connection between the two ministries or events...*except that I believe the global intercessory event last year birthed the event that happened in October*. The part that really got my attention was the plan to erect 50 small tents, one for each state, all along the mall in front of the capitol. Within each tent, prayer and worship would be going forth nonstop, 24 hours a day, for the duration of the event. Now that would be awesome! God was definitely dealing with me.

On a completely separate track of circumstances, my son-in-law Joe Noel, who is our church worship leader, arranged to spend Columbus Day weekend visiting Washington, DC for some personal, family time. Except God's plan was for Joe to spend lots of time with God's family! When Joe learned of the event, he already had his flights, accommodations and his plans were set. Then God spoke to Joe that he should be leading worship in the Colorado tent. He began to check into the possibility, and after sending an audio/video audition, he was accepted and assigned to four 2-hour slots of worship. Three were in the Colorado tent, and one was to be in a regional tent representing the east coast. As I watched God put this all together, I knew my purpose in going was to intercede through worship and prayer in the Colorado tent on behalf of the move that God wants to bring to America. Not surprisingly, one of the prophets that I have worked with for years also felt led to go. *So...Harvey and I, Joe, and Cynthia and Michael went.*

*An inside, behind-the-scenes view...*

This was a ground-breaking event. There have been many



Tents along the mall at Awaken the Dawn.

huge gatherings in Washington, and there have been many huge conferences and gatherings of Christians at various places in America to appeal to God on behalf of our nation. ***But what made this one unprecedented and completely different was the focus on the "unnamed remnant" of believers who were deep in the spiritual trenches partnering with each other to allow God to work His plan through them, the men, women and children who were manning the 50+ tents "behind the scenes" with no publicity, no hype, and no kudos in the natural realm.*** There have been numerous prophecies in recent years that the end-time move of God in America will come, not through the mega-churches or the big-name ministries (though I thank God for their roles in His plan), but rather through the grass-roots network of deeply committed believers. That group that Harvey and I have realized that God calls His remnant. ***We saw the remnant from all over the country...they were gathered in those tiny tents from each of the 50 states.***

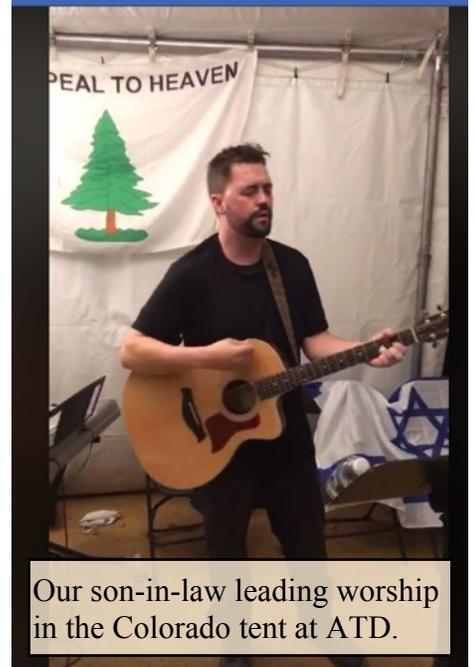
It was so encouraging to see the like-mindedness of brothers and sisters whose names I'll probably never know! So many ordinary people who love the Lord enough to travel all the way to D.C. to pay exorbitant prices to house their families, just for the express purpose of being in unity through worship and prayer *to see God's will accomplished in our nation.* God's Remnant...in the trenches...there to give sacrificially.

In those tents prophecy took place, and prophecy was being fulfilled. Worship flowed and the presence of God was evident. Prayer poured from hearts that were deeply moved and spiritual warfare raged intense. Tears were shed and shofars blew. ***And the Holy Spirit was in charge of the work.*** We had the privilege of seeing and being a part of the mobilization of the grass roots move of God's remnant. Hundreds of them. True, there were thousands at the event, attending the main stage events and milling around the mall. And I'm grateful for that. But the remnant, Gideon's army, were manning their positions in the small tents.

Let me share this testimony as an example. On Sunday night, our team was in deep worship in our tent.

Suddenly, the glory of God was evident, and His presence was like a physical covering, tangibly felt. But I was increasingly disturbed by a lot of noise coming from in front of our tent. Finally I reluctantly opened my eyes to see a whole crowd of people standing there, talking and fellowshiping. The good news was that they were drawn there by the anointing and presence of God! A glance up and down the walkway showed that the area on each side of our tent was empty of people for a long way. They were definitely all clustered there on

purpose, choosing to be there because it was definitely wonderful! But the sad news is that, though they were drawn there, it was not clear to them why. So they just ***gathered...and talked...and watched us worship.*** Rather than entering into the heavenly temple themselves, they



Our son-in-law leading worship in the Colorado tent at ATD.



Deborah worshipping in the Colorado tent along with Michael Griffin (seated).

were content to experience the overflow of what our worship was bringing--the tangible presence and glory of God.

This scene best describes the condition of the American Body of Christ. Certainly there is a love for God and a desire to be His. But the intimacy of relationship with Him is still predominantly felt and experienced through the "leaders,"

with the rank and file happy to stand at the bottom of the mountain just like the Israelites when they preferred to let Moses experience God and then tell them about it. God yearns to meet with each of us in the holy of holies, so much so that Jesus died to make it possible. Jesus made it possible, but it's up to each of us to make it reality. Come, let us go up to the mountain, and He will teach us His ways!

*Deborah*



Deborah Ministries International ministers in response to Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

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