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## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

### Mission Report

The mission trip to Europe and the United Kingdom was first initiated last June when I discovered I had enough frequent flyer miles to go overseas.

I first called John Pantry, host of Premier radio, the only Christian radio station in London with a potential listening audience of several million. We agreed on a date in August. I had already broadcast on that station three times in the past ten years.

Since my last broadcast, I had learned that Premier radio was now broadcasting worldwide over the Internet. What a wonderful opportunity to reach so many for Christ! As you can imagine, I was excited.

But I was in for a disappointment. I called US AIRWAYS' frequent flyer program office and requested a flight to London for August 2005. I was told, owing to the fact that it was a frequent flyer award, I would have to wait TEN MONTHS!!! I was bitterly disappointed. I pleaded with the agent, "Perhaps I could go on standby," but to no avail. She said even if there was a vacant seat, I would not be permitted to fly. The only offer she made me is that perhaps there may be a cancellation and told me to call at a later date.

I don't exactly remember the time-line, but it was the same day I decided I would call again and, hopefully, get a more sympathetic ticket agent if I told them my need. This time a gentleman answered and I told him my need and the opportunity to reach so many souls for Christ. He said he was a Christian and had an idea. If I was willing to go to Frankfurt, Germany first and then catch a flight over to London, then he could get me overseas. I jumped at the suggestion and made arrangements on the spot to fly on Lufthansa, which has arrangements with US AIRWAYS. I also discovered I could stay in Germany without a penalty before going over to the UK.

This was truly a blessing. Here was another opportunity to reach another country with our unusual mission. I promptly got in touch with Dale Mallory, who has been a missionary in Berlin for the past 25 years. He fixed me up with several speaking engagements in Berlin, Hanover, and Frankfurt. I was also able to speak to a Spanish-speaking church in Germany.

### Mission Begins

I boarded my plane on the German airline Lufthansa bound for Frankfurt, Germany. The flight was pleasant despite ten hours of flying time. I had an opportunity to talk with the male steward and turned the conversation around to my mission. He was quite intrigued when I showed him my book, "Out From Darkness." He told two other stewards that I was an author and they were especially interested in the subject matter of the occult. I then had an audience of three stewards who listened to me for approximately 30 minutes.



I shared my testimony and pointed out what the Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 6:12. I spent some time explaining who the principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness were and my experiences with them. I then

went on to tell them Paul's admonition on how to defeat the devil and followed this with the plan of salvation.

I offered them a book each. I only had one copy with me and I needed it, but promised to send them my book when I arrived in Germany. I had already sent a hundred books to the church in Frankfurt to be distributed among the other churches I was speaking. I was given the address of one of the stewards and, while I was in Frankfurt, the minister sent on four books to the steward. Praise the Lord for a great start to what eventually turned out to be one of the finest of my approximately thirty missions overseas.



*Ben Preaching in Frankfurt*

## Frankfurt

When my plane landed in Frankfurt, Germany, I was met by my host Don Bridges. Don and Janet Bridges have been missionaries in Frankfurt since 1984. They are missionaries to the military, and serve the United States Air Force. I rested the first day and the following evening I spent two hours speaking to the congregation.

Don and Janet went to China and adopted two beautiful girls, Sarah age six, and Elizabeth Joy, when they were babies. Because many of the people we spoke to did not speak English, every meeting I held in Germany had an interpreter.

## Hanover

My next destination was Hanover. There I met missionaries Randy and Katy Smelser, two veteran missionaries who have been in Germany several years. They bought an old garage and converted it into an excellent church and living accommodation.

It was heart-warming to see the interns hard at work helping the Smelsers fixing the garage for future mission work. During the day prior to my meeting, Katy Smelser kindly drove me to a concentration camp. I saw a film made by the British troops in World War I



*Monument at Belsen Concentration Camp*

of the naked, dead bodies of men, women, and children being thrown on trucks and being buried in mass graves. Most of them died from typhoid. I am afraid I broke down when I went outside and



*The lady next to me did a great job translating in Hanover*

stood by the mass graves. It was a sobering experience.

Later that evening I spoke for about two hours. It was a well-attended meeting. There were several ministers and visitors from different congregations in attendance.

During the question time I was surprised to learn from teenagers that they have religion

classes in school. However, they learn about all kinds of religion -- including the occult. **What surprised me** was one teacher taught them about Tarot cards. This is a method of fortune-telling. She even brought her Tarot cards to school and showed them how to contact the spirit world.

## Spanish Congregation

The following day I was taken to another part of Hanover to meet Armando and Anita Contrieras, the Spanish missionaries. Just like the other missionaries I had met in Germany, they were beautiful, dedicated Christians.

The following evening I held a well-attended meeting with the Spanish-speaking congregation. We had a two-hour session including a Q and A Discussion.

Among the books ESP MINISTRIES sent to Germany, was the Spanish edition of "Out From Darkness." We gave everyone a copy of my book. Of course, all the books, both English and Spanish, were given free of charge, thanks to the help of my faithful supporters.

We are planning to put our website in the Spanish language and Armando has promised to translate the e-mail received into English and forward this to me to answer. He will then translate back (in Spanish) to the person who sent the message. This, of course, will be very time consuming for both of us. Our ministry would like to help Armando financially. Please pray about this need.



## Berlin

My final meeting in Germany was in Berlin. I went by train from Hanover to Berlin and was greeted by Dale Mallory. I am indebted to Dale as he made all the arrangements in Germany. Dale and Barbara have been missionaries in Germany for over 25 years.

Dale arranged a special meeting in a reasonably larger church in Berlin. There were about 40 people in attendance.

This may not sound like many people, but when you stop to consider only 1.5% of Germans go to any kind of a church, that can be



considered a fair-sized congregation.

I spoke in the morning for 45 minutes. People brought sandwiches for lunch and then I spoke again from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. I had to quit because Dale had arranged another meeting in his home early that same evening. This was truly a rewarding trip.



*Ben's final preaching engagement in Berlin*



*Onto London from Germany*

## **London, U.K.**

My final destination was back to the country of my birth. I flew from Berlin to Heathrow, London and was met by my old friend, Michael Miller, whom I have known for almost 50 years. Michael is the brother of Jeff Miller, whom I brought to the USA in the early seventies, hoping to convert him to Christianity; alas, it didn't work out.

Michael and I are the only two alive from our Spiritualist circle of 8 people. Michael kindly allowed me to film him in a 45-minute interview about some of the phenomena that took place when I was a Spiritualist. He permitted me to show the video publicly if I so desired. He said he would be happy to discuss his experiences by phone to anyone who would be interested. He also gave me notes his mother would write the following day of the séance that took place the night before. The notes were written over a period of seven years. I will be making both the notes and the video available at a future date.

Michael has quit Spiritualism, but has yet to accept Christ. Michael is one of the nicest gentlemen I know. He and his lovely wife, Ewa, are dear friends. We spent two days enjoying mutual friendship.

## **Premier Radio**

At last, the long awaited radio program took place Thursday, August 11th. According to a Premier Radio spokesman, he said they "have between three and four hundred thousand regular listeners." However, the potential can run far beyond that figure because of the fact that the program can be heard all over England and was broadcast on the world-wide internet.

I was scheduled to speak from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. but, owing to the number of calls, it went a full two hours on their "LIFE LINE" telephone program answering questions.

During the radio broadcast, I fielded questions on dreams, Spiritualism, Yoga, various cults, and one interesting question was on Baptism. The lady who called in was puzzled about the true nature of Baptism. This gave me a wonderful opportunity to share the truth about Christian Baptism to hundreds of thousands of listeners. I explained Acts 2:38 in detail.



*John Pantry, Premier Radio host*

## Final Meeting

The response of the radio showed its potential the following Sunday. The radio station announced my speaking engagement at the church in Brentwood Essex outside the London area.

I was told by the minister, owing to the holidays, the church would be less than half full. As soon as the radio program finished, the church phone rang off the hook and people as far as Manchester, a city over 250 miles away, called for directions to the Church. They came by car, train, and bus and that Sunday morning the church was packed.

Many people stayed for the evening program and the secretary made arrangements for visitors to stay in the homes of members, who kindly offered them hospitality.

God blessed us with a wonderful meeting in the evening. I spoke from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and didn't leave the building for quite some time afterwards because people wanted to speak to me privately.

The mission ended just as it began. I had an opportunity to witness on the long flight home to two of the airline stewards for some considerable time about the reality of the spirit world and the fact that this life has very little to do with this life. IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH ETERNITY. I promised to send them my book. Let us pray we will meet them in Heaven.



I praise the Lord for His care and a wonderful mission trip.

## Scenes from London



*Arriving at Liverpool Street Railway Station by taxi*

*Ben's old Hebrew school. Now a Muslim Center in London*



*Police question a suspect at Liverpool Street Station*

### **The German Scene**

Pray for Europe

The following recently appeared in the German media:

"The occult, spiritism, and voodoo are big in Europe. The country is a playground of evil spirits. For the spiritually hungry and religiously dissatisfied there is a large variety of choices. Germany is experiencing a return to the old Germanic pagan religions including the witches and secret places of worship. There are many thousands of practicing witches, magicians, spiritualists, occultists, and

### **What is the difference between U.S. Christians and German Christians?**

First, it is important to differentiate between various kinds of German Christians. Although no one can see into the hearts of individuals, it is safe to say that many Germans are cultural Christians. That is, because both the Protestant (Lutheran) and the Roman Catholic Churches are State churches, most Germans are born into these organizations and are

spiritualists, occultists, and hundreds of Satanists who offer their services in the media: newspapers, internet, radio and advertisements in TV which offer capsules, powers, salves, amulets, oils, stones, and magic utensils. There are more witches and warlocks than priests or pastors in Germany."

Heathen celebrations take place at different times during the year, but the first of May is the largest. Each area has its own special celebration. Berlin has its Carnival of the Cultures where the immigrants from many countries display their demon worship with costumes and dance. By far, the largest "Christian" denominations in Europe are the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches. One would think that Europe is very religious when one sees the many church buildings which dot the landscape, but the truth is, most are only relics of a past era. It takes 1000 members to support a parish through the church tax which is deducted from members' wages, but most Sundays only a handful will actually attend services. The old church buildings are often used as concert halls and museums.

The Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches lose thousands of members each year. The primary reason is that "Christian" has more to do with one's culture and traditions than a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Catholic Church is plagued with the same scandals which have taken place in America. The Lutheran clergy, for the most part, see the Bible as a book of myths, the resurrection being one of them. Cohabitation and homosexual activity are seen only as alternative lifestyles.

According to a recent survey, 22% of the West Germans do not believe there is such a thing as a god. In the eastern part of

thus "members," even though they have not personally made a commitment to either Jesus Christ or to the church. Many Germans are turning their backs on this kind of Christianity, either because they have no personal belief or, more commonly, because they do not want to financially support the State Church through taxation which is automatically deducted from salaries if one is a "member" of a State Church.

There is, however, a relatively small number of "free" churches not supported financially through taxation and where membership is by personal choice. Members of these churches have made a break with their cultural tradition and support their churches through private offerings. Their personal faith makes them stand out as being different from friends, relatives, colleagues, and neighbors who do not consider personal faith as necessary or important. Many of these free churches are thought of by State Church representatives and by the general public to be fundamental (in the same category as Islamic fundamentalists) and/or a sect. Being a member of a free church means that one is willing to be regarded as strange, crazy, dumb, or intolerant. There is a cost involved.

This is not to say that U.S. Christians are less committed than Germans. It is, however, in many ways more difficult to be a Christian in Germany than in the U.S. And the cost in personal relationships, in acceptance and understanding, may be much

Germany, 77% do not believe in any god. Twenty-eight percent of the Germans think there is some kind of higher being or power in the universe, but 61% have no idea what faith would entail. Berlin, Germany, with its 3.4 million population, lies in the middle of the former Communist East Germany and in the middle of the new European Union. It has three major universities and several colleges. Students from around the world come to study here. There is a large immigrant population as well. There are 200,000 Turks, as well as Moslems from other countries. One of the tallest buildings in Berlin is a Moslem mosque. The Hindus are planning to build a large temple and the Buddhists have had a temple here for 100 years.

Dale & Barbara Mallory have been missionaries in Berlin for the past 33 years. They are currently working together with Willard Black, the director and founder of the Institute for Christian Resources ([www.icrnet.org](http://www.icrnet.org)) to establish a Christian library and conference center to assist the few small evangelical congregations and provide an evangelistic outreach to the community at large.

understanding, may be much higher. Generally we can say that what we pay for is more dear.

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## The British Scene

*Editor's Note: Editor's Note: The mission trip this past summer took me to the same church I had visited three years ago. Although the following report was originally printed three years ago, I found the same circumstances as I had found then -- even worse!*

### Message from Peter Thomas

It was lovely to welcome Ben to England again, this time to Brentwood in Essex, a medium-sized town about 20 miles northeast of London. On his first Sunday morning, our regular congregation of nearly 200 at Brentwood Baptist Church were encouraged to hear that, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (I John 4:4) as Ben spoke about the work of the Holy Spirit. That

answers around topics such as the New Age, yoga, ghosts, and Harry Potter.

On Thursday Ben addressed the monthly gathering of around 20 leaders of the evangelical churches in the Brentwood area. This includes two youth evangelists who are employed jointly by all the churches to proclaim the gospel in our non-Christian day schools. For us the term evangelical embraces the whole spectrum of beliefs from



Ben spoke about the work of the Holy Spirit. That evening almost 150 came to hear Ben warning about "The gateway to the occult" -- the ouija board. The teenagers were so impressed that they insisted Ben was invited to their mid-week Bible study evening to answer their own questions.

On that Sunday evening, around a quarter of those present were guests from other churches in town. Although there are nearly thirty churches in Brentwood, only about five percent of the population go to church regularly and, of course, fewer than that are true believers. **Only 7.5% of people in Britain go to church once a month or more. That is a worrying decline from 11% in 1980.** In this situation where Christians are only a small minority, churches of different traditions see an urgent need to worship and witness together. Through an umbrella organization, "Churches Together in Brentwood," we work and pray towards the fulfillment of the High Priestly prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ in John 17:21-23, "that all of them may be one . . . so that the world may believe that you have sent me . . . . May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me."

**On Tuesday morning hundreds of thousands of people all over London listened to Ben as he was interviewed for half an hour on Premier Christian Radio.** On Wednesday evening a number of them travelled as far as 50 miles to join a crowd of over a hundred to hear Ben speaking about his own experiences in spiritualism, "A close encounter with the spirit world." As on the Sunday, Ben's message was followed by a lively time of questions and

conservative or inerrantist through to Pentecostal and charismatic. Although we know and understand and discuss where we differ, in England almost all Christians who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and preach Him as the only Saviour are happy to work together for the sake of the gospel. When we are preaching a gospel which offers reconciliation between God and men, it is vital that the lost and dying see a church which is reconciled rather than divided.

Ben's second Sunday took him preaching to Baptist churches in Hornchurch and Walton-on-the-Naze. Again the messages combining his testimony and Bible teaching on the occult were very well received and his book, "Out from Darkness," sold out. Through his visit many eyes have been opened to the realities of the spiritual battles we all face as Christians against the "principalities and powers and spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12) There were also many valuable conversations, not least on Tuesday, when Ben took phone calls to Premier Christian Radio's "Lifeline" help-line for almost four hours. With requests for more books and invitations to preach lined up, Brentwood and London are already looking forward to Ben's next visit.

**Reverend Peter Thomas received a Master degree in science and top student prize from Cambridge University. He also holds honors and masters degree in Theology and Hermeneutics, with a thesis on "The Nature of Biblical Authority." Over 17 years in pastoral ministry, he has served three churches and is currently senior Minister of Brentwood Baptist Church and President of Christians Together in Brentwood. He may be contacted by email: [pwter@pbthomas.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:pwter@pbthomas.fsnet.co.uk) or through his web site [www.pbthomasfsnetco.uk](http://www.pbthomasfsnetco.uk).**

**Update from Peter Thomas:** "Recent world events have had an unexpected effect which hinders the proclamation of the gospel. The destruction of the Twin Towers 9/11 was echoed on a smaller scale in London this year on 7/7 when British-born Muslim extremist suicide bombers detonated four bombs on the London transport network killing 57 people. By God's mercy a further four bombs failed to explode only two weeks later and the would-be bombers are in custody. But in the climate of fear and suspicion which now exists it is even harder to proclaim the truth that Christ is the only way to God, because that is seen as a criticism of Islam. The pressure is growing to be "politically correct," making sure that nobody is ever offended by anything we say! And Christians in some cities are more fearful of proclaiming the gospel, in case they provoke attacks by extremists. The evil one works in many subtle ways to attack the church of Jesus Christ, *but we are not unaware of Satan's schemes (2 Corinthians 2:11).*"

*The Daily Telegraph, Monday, August 8, 2005*

## **Gay clergy to defy bishops over no-sex 'marriages'**

**By Jonathan Petre, Religion Correspondent**

THE Church of England's crisis over homosexuality deepened yesterday after gay clergy said that they would defy their bishops over civil partnerships.

Some told The Daily Telegraph that they had no intention of assuring their bishops that they will be sexually abstinent when they "marry" their partners.

One said he was "furious" at the way homosexual clergy were being treated and gay rights activists predicted a widespread revolt.

The bishops also came under fire from Anglicanism's leading conservative, Archbishop Peter Akinola, the primate of Nigeria. He said the Church of England was most effectively introducing gay marriages and issued a warning that it could face similar punishment to that of liberal Americans and Canadians, who are threatened with expulsion from the worldwide Church for extending homosexual rights.

The anger of liberals and conservatives follows the publication last month of House of Bishops guidance on the Civil Partnerships Act, which will offer same-sex couples legal rights similar to marriage when it is enacted on Dec. 5.

The bishops' guidance said that clergy could enter into partnerships but only if they first assured their bishops that they would abide by Church teaching that sex should be confined to heterosexual marriage.

It also told clergy that they should not offer formal services of blessing to couples who had been through a civil partnership ceremony.

The bishops argued that the new law would not introduce gay marriage because it did not presuppose sexual relations, but the guidance has been widely derided.

Several hundred clergy are thought likely to take advantage of the new law and homosexual rights campaigners said that most would refuse to tell their bishop about their behaviour in the bedroom.

One of them, the Rev. Stephen Coles, the vicar of St. Thomas in Finsbury Park, north London, and a member of General Synod, said: "If a bishop asks me if I am having sex I will say, it's none of your business. Frankly, it is a breach of my human rights for him even to ask."

In a separate development, more than 20 clergy have signed a petition promising to offer formal blessings to couples who have entered into civil partnerships despite the bishops' ban on the practice.

The petition, which was posted on the Internet by the Rev Ian Stubbs, said: "Jesus nowhere teaches that same-sex relationships fall short of God's purposes. To withhold recognition and blessing of committed same-sex covenants, including civil partnerships, is unscriptural, unlawful and dishonest. We therefore openly commit ourselves to providing, as appropriate, public services of blessing for those who seek them."

The defiance of the gay and liberal clergy will place the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, in an increasingly difficult position as he attempts to prevent schism in the worldwide Church over the issue.

The conservatives are demanding the expulsion of the Americans and Canadians for consecrating Anglicanism's first openly homosexual bishop and backing gay blessings.

Their leader, Archbishop Akinola, warned the Church of England, Anglicanism's mother Church, that it could face similar fate if it allowed its clergy to enter into civil partnerships.

In a strongly worded statement that will dismay Dr Williams, Archbishop Akinola said the bishops' guidance was akin to introducing gay marriages and called on them to renounce it.

"While I have great affection and respect for the historic role that the Church of England has played in all our lives, no Church can ignore the teachings of the Bible with impunity and no Church is beyond discipline," he said.

"The language of the Civil Partnerships Act makes it plain that what is being proposed is same-sex marriage in all but name.

"I find it incomprehensible therefore that the House of Bishops would not find open participation in such 'marriages' to be repugnant to Holy Scriptures and incompatible with Holy Orders.

"The proposal that the bishops will extract a promise from clergy who register that there will be no sexual intimacy in these relationships is the height of hypocrisy."

Lambeth Palace said the Archbishop of Canterbury was away and it had no comment to make.  
By Jonathan Petre

THE Rev David Page is not untypical of homosexual clergy in the Church of England. Until now the 57-year-old former teacher has remained discreet about his sexuality, though he says that his parishioners and his bishop are fully aware of his relationship with his partner, Howard.

But the civil partnerships issue, and the bishops' guidance on them, has provoked him into public defiance, and he is certain to be followed by



many others.

Mr. Page, who is vicar of St Barnabas in Clapham Junction, south London, said he and Howard will "marry" sometime next year, the 30th anniversary of their first meeting. He said he wanted to "legitimise" his relationship and have it formally recognised by society as well as to provide legal rights for his partner in areas such as pensions.

They were still discussing the exact nature of the event, but had not ruled out an exchange of rings and a church blessing.

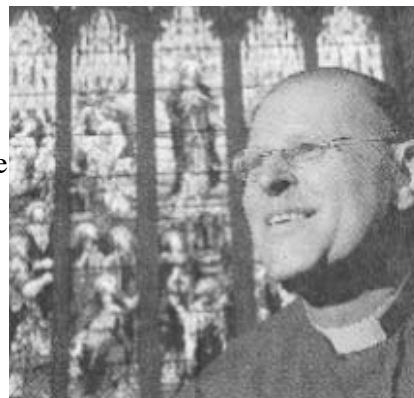
"Is it going to be quiet and private or is it going to mushroom into something that loads of people want to come to? We have to sort that out between us," he said. But how would he react if the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Rev Tom Butler, asked him for a reassurance that the couple would remain chaste?

"I am not prepared to give any assurances to anybody about what the nature of that relationship is. I shall want to tell him of my plans. I'm sure we will have a conversation. But he will know that I won't give him that assurance."

Mr. Page is relatively sanguine about the consequences of his defiance. "Because of the way the Church works, bishops don't have right of hiring and firing totally over their clergy," he said. "I am able to speak as I do because I have this splendid arcane clergy freehold, which means it is very difficult to get rid of me."

He added: "Most bishops are not going to ask the question."

"Most know they have gay clergy, are fairly comfortable that they have gay clergy and don't want to see those clergy discriminated against."



*The Rev David Page says he has been provoked into public defiance by the bishops' guidance on gay partnerships*