

God's Richest Blessings Over You This Christmas!

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From David's Desk



Well, as 2007 comes to a close I'm heading off to spend some time with the kids at the beach.

Apologies to all you who live in cooler climes!

This has certainly been an interesting year!

I have experienced great grief and great joy, great excitement and anticipation at what the Lord has planned for us all in the "Year of the Gate" -2008!



In 2007 I have traveled to more countries and met and equipped more people than ever before. I have had greater confrontations with the enemy than ever before, I have been stretched, challenged and grown more than ever before. I have found that God remains faithful and His goodness is beyond expressing.

I believe I will look back on 2007 as a pivotal year of change. My time in the center of Australia reignited my passion for this great land. I was honored to see fruit from the years of ministry in the USA. I was profoundly touched by my visit to South Africa.



I was stirred to action by the Gaulish warriors of France. I connected with some courageous, creative people in Italy. I was inspired by the banner heritage of the Swiss. I received a new identity in the Celtic North of England.

I was awestruck at God's redemptive gifts built into each of these countries and have been stirred to take an even greater role in encouraging their citizens to identify these gifts, redeem them and release them to the rest of the world.



I believe in 2008 I will begin to gather together with leaders from across the nations in the realm of banners. I am looking forward to the next season with every fibre of my being.

I trust you are too!

May our God minister to you His richest

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Banners Add A Splash of Color to Salisbury's Christmas Parade



We just used some of *Out of Our Minds Banners* hire stock to bring color to the Christmas Parade in Salisbury last weekend. We are eternally grateful that these amazing banners are available.





May our God minister to you His richest blessings during the coming days. I hope to connect with you more in the months ahead!

David Stanfield

Tiny Cutout Cardboard Banners Work Too!

I went to an *Out of Our Minds Banner* workshop in Ipswich, Australia earlier this year. I chose the creativity banner as one that really spoke to me.

As David began teaching, I began to realize that I had many irrational fears. I was scared of my giftings and very scared that I was making God mad at me all the time - like God couldn't trust me.

David led the group in using the banners to minister to me. I was relieved but not sure, so I 'hid' under the creativity banner while they prayed for me. They spoke many beautiful words straight from the heart of Jesus.

David put a black banner in my hands to symbolize something I had to let go of. Then He prayed and pulled it out of my hands. Suddenly, I started to realize that I wasn't nuts, that God does talk to me, and He knows what He's doing!

I loved all the banners, and naturally wanted to buy all of them! I felt God prompting me to buy the poster, cut out the little photos of the banners and use them.

I thought I was nuts again, but I felt Him ask me if I believed that the images were anointed, I said yes, He asked if I thought He could work just as well through cardboard as through a silk banner.

Eventually I had the courage to share it with David and he thought it was a great idea. I bought the poster, took it home, and cut the banners out.

I then asked God which ones He wanted me to take to church the next evening - the whole "Fruit of the Spirit" set, "Holy Fire", "Restoration", "The Wine", "The Bread", "The Lion of Judah Roaring"...it continued and I knew I was in for a big time.



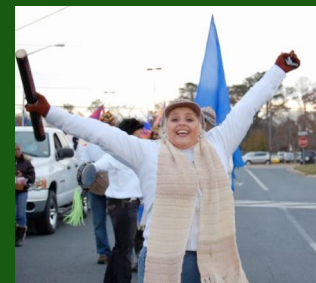
The parade was an incredible time of worship and intercession for our region. We handed out over 1000 tracts as we ministered through the streets. A powerful time!



People got goose bumps as we went by and spoke of how much our float had impacted them!



We heard comments such as "Who are these people?" and "Where did they come from?" We didn't have any banner or name of who we were because we just wanted to be nameless, faceless people, messengers to bring forth the Gospel and the very Presence of God.



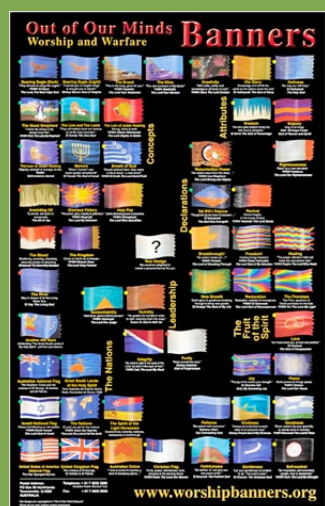
We know that the Ancient Gates were opened to allow the King of Glory to enter into Salisbury in a greater way. We will see the Glory of The Lord cover our region!



I had them in my pocket and had forgotten about them. The next day I was washing up in the kitchen, when I was suddenly brought to my knees on the floor. I cried and cried. I repented of so many things - it was scary how tainted my heart had become when I was not even three years old as a Christian.

I had a worship CD on. God asked me to repent of the things I had thought about Hillsong. I had told no-one at church. Three weeks later I was given a free ticket to attend the next Hillsong conference. I could not believe the mercy Jesus was showing me on the kitchen floor - talk about understanding the meaning of undeserved Grace! A day earlier I had been purposely throwing the cutlery into the sink really loudly to try and wake up my house mate as I was angry with her...well, the repenting went on and on until I thought I couldn't cry or cough any more.

I mentioned I had been struggling with a sense of not trusting my calling or gifts. Well, since then, I have completed 2 children's stories and have found a Christian artist in Canada who is currently sketching little 'Hallelujah' - the main character in the stories. I also began a creative ministry at my church in the most unexpected way and now we have ministered many times together and are still growing.



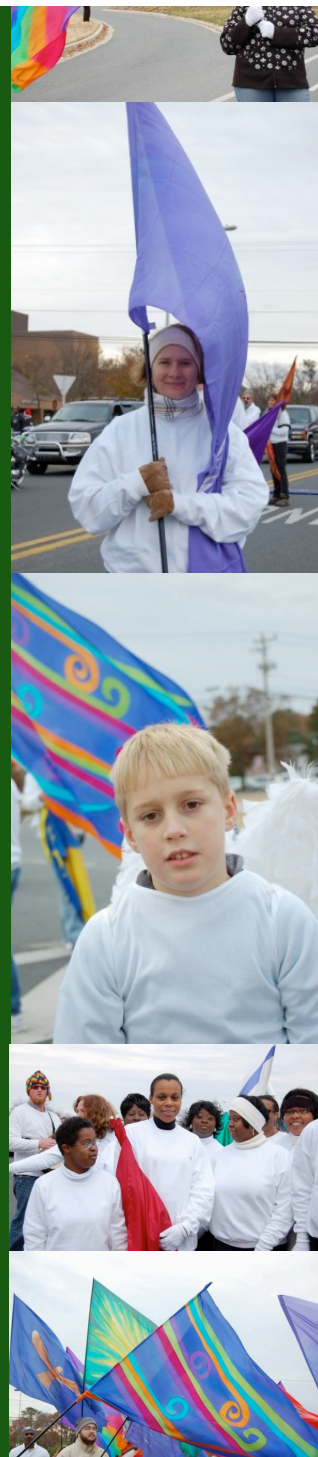
I trust my gifts, and have even prophesied accurately at church without being totally frightened out of my boots! My relationship with my house mate is totally healed. The coolest thing is I have found my place within my congregation.

I also am using four of the flags as I write. They are blue-tacked to a purple envelope. Inside the purple envelope is a letter for a young man at church I am praying for. I stuck on "Breath of God", "Soaring Eagle", "Holy Fire" and "The Lion of Judah Resting". That was on Friday night, and now He is back in the word, praying openly, and just much more alive in Jesus.

These are wonderful tools for God's grace. I'm sure I'll have more testimonies soon.

Kelly B, Ipswich Qld Australia

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