



# The Firing Line

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## Preparing for the Day

By Donna Scuderi

### These are amazing times.

For thousands of years, God's people have anticipated this era. Now, we sense a shift in the heavenlies and we prepare for great things. Kept by His love and the steady guidance of His promises, we eagerly await Christ's return!

Expectancy ran high in the days leading up to the birth of Jesus, too.

For millennia, the Jews scanned the spiritual horizon for the coming Messiah. They longed for His arrival; they cried out for His governance; they trusted God to fulfill His promise. Yet, when the Messiah came, all but a few were caught unaware. He walked in their midst, but they "knew him not" (John 1:10 KJV).

What happened should give us pause. The Jews devoted themselves to the keeping of the Law, but became so entangled in this world as to miss what the Law pointed to—the coming Redeemer! Outwardly they worshiped God, but inwardly they protected *self*. Some coveted prestige and power; most sought to preserve the status quo. Even the faithful resisted the paradigm shift Jesus presented; they chose familiarity over the freedom He offered. Although they were bound by sin, they acted as though they "had it all under control."

Sounds like the 21st century, doesn't it? And for good reason—kingdoms are clashing now, just as then. And how high the stakes are! Jesus, "the faithful witness" (Rev. 1:5 NKJV), said "the powers in the heavens [would] be shaken" (Luke 21:26 NLT). It was both a promise of deliverance and a warning issued in love. Jesus saw the nature of the battle. He knew the subtleties of deception. He understood that great victories would be compromised by seemingly minor indiscretions.

A recent Facebook post from Wayne, a former student of mine, issued a similar warning, in current vernacular. While many of his Christian friends dabble in the world's ways, Wayne keeps his heart turned toward God. He is not afraid to alert his friends to Satan's devices with posts like this:

Before you tune into the radio or to what is on TV...shows like The Jersey Shore...etc...keep in mind this Scripture: "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things" (Phil. 4:8 NKJV).

Some of Wayne's friends might be tempted to dismiss his caution as being "overboard." While they profess Christ and await His return, they dabble (often unwittingly) in enemy territory: they share horoscopes, indulge in "harmless" forms of witchcraft (Harry Potter, anyone?), watch shows or play games that glorify darkness, and engage in other activities that carry them away from the truth of Christ. Little by little, they become distracted from their callings and subject to costly demonic incursions.

Far be it from us, in Jesus' name! In this consequential time, let's challenge one another—not toward perfectionism—but toward doing only those things that please God and testify of His Kingdom. As those chosen to carry heaven's treasure in "fragile clay jars" (2 Cor. 4:7), let's draw on His grace so it can be said of each of us: "I glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail what you assigned me to do" (John 17:4 MSG). Let's cleave to paths of victory until that great day when "everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27 NLT). What an amazing day it will be!

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As the calendar turned to 2011, the Holy Spirit spoke to us that 2011 is a 'year of opportunity', even unique

opportunities. For each person connected to Deborah Ministries International, Crossfire, and Crossfire International Alliance there will be 'opportunity'. Watch for it!!

Sandra Moorman, one of our Crossfire church members, is in Uganda this January teaching a two week class to African worship leaders on use of the tambourine in prophetic worship. Alliance churches are involved in this very cutting edge class.

Harvey will travel to Uganda in March to minister to the Crossfire Church-Uganda leadership. This church lost their Pastor, Blessed Mugisha, to tuberculosis in September and is going through a difficult time of transition. Harvey will also

minister at a conference hosted by Pastor David Serunkuma and meet with many of the Uganda CFIA partners during this trip.

Another opportunity in 2011 is a response to a specific prophetic directive from the Lord. Last year the Holy Spirit told our leadership to not only launch the Alliance, but to establish North Dakota as one focal point of new kingdom territory. We were told to start a 'training center' in North Dakota. 2011 will be a small beginning toward this kingdom directive. It is one thing to receive a directive. It is another to actively cooperate in its fulfillment. Watch for more on this in the near future!



Photo: Sandra Moorman worshipping the Lord through the dance at the Crossfire Women's Retreat 2010



10:00 a.m.

Join us for  
Sunday  
Worship!

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:20 a.m. Pre-service Prayer  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Crossfire meets at:

The Grange Bldg.  
2280 E. Noble. Pl.  
Centennial, CO 80121

2 Blocks north of Arapahoe Road on Vine Street  
Directly across from South Suburban Ice Arena

Bring your children ages 4-12 to Children's Ministry with Pastor Peggy Nelson

Nursery for infants - age 4 provided

## Crossfire Calendar

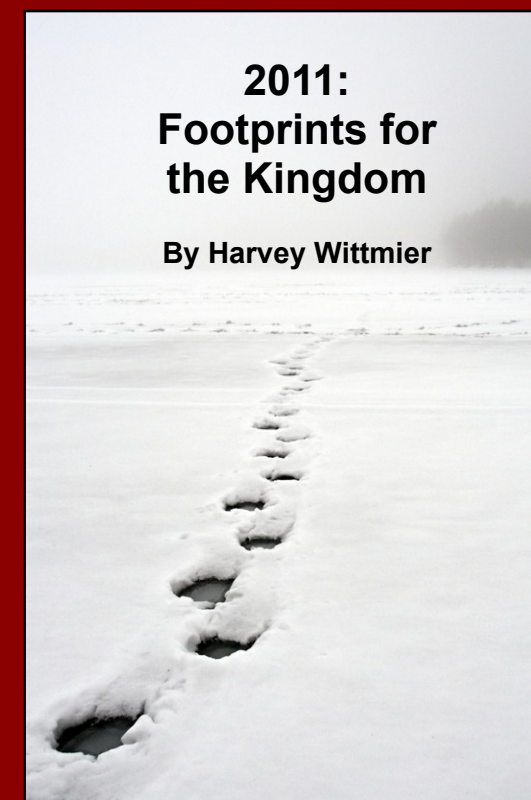
†Crossfire School the Spirit: *Walking In Your Authority* Class-Wednesday evenings through April. Check the website for more info.

†Monthly prayer for Crossfire International Alliance at Rick and Cindy's. Call or email Harvey for details.

†Women's Valentines Party- Saturday, February 5th. 10:30 AM. Barb Neilsen's house.

†New! Young Adults Meeting - Wednesday, February 16th. The Grange building@ 6:45 PM.

**2011 is a prophetic year of opportunity**, opportunity to expand your territory and establish a spiritual footprint for the Kingdom of God. A footprint is evidence of your impact and presence. It takes up space!! Spiritual footprints are your legacy. Everywhere Jesus went he left footprints, physical and spiritual. Jesus left footprints in Judea and Samaria. He physically traversed



## 2011: Footprints for the Kingdom

By Harvey Wittmier

the landscape leaving footprints in Jerusalem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Gadarenes, Gennesaret, Caesarea Philippi, on the Mount of Olives, along the shores of the sea of Galilee, and, finally, on Golgotha.

He walked a geographic territory that was relatively small. He covered many square miles on foot preaching and healing, but his final act of death on the cross seemed to leave a very small footprint.....the imprint of a wooden beam sunken into the ground to bear his weight at the crucifixion. It was a footprint of 1square foot, or about 144 square inches. That was all that was seemingly left of his territory. (Continued page 3)

## Harvey's Leadership Principles



### Shore Up Your Weaknesses

Taking new territory in leadership requires strength in many areas, often areas in which we are WEAK. Scripture is very clear that it is only in our weakness that Jesus is made strong in our life. Paul said 'I will boast in my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.' (2 Cor. 12:9) Yet many leaders rely strictly upon their basic strengths not allowing the Lord to shore up their weaknesses to facilitate greater effectiveness in their territory.

*The leadership strength you*

*have today does not represent the fulfillment of your equipping to lead tomorrow. You may be very successful at your current level of leadership, but our Father is always taking us from glory to glory. He calls to us to embrace that next level of responsibility and effectiveness in business, government, and ministry to expand His kingdom.*

Our current strengths often become a place of reliance and dependence, i.e. the more successful we are the more we depend upon them and ignore our weaknesses. We deceptively think 'those weaknesses don't matter! Look at what I've been able to accomplish with my strength.' So, when we are called to take new territory we find that the very things that had been our strengths at one level now represent an obstacle to being effective at the next level. They are now a weakness in a sense, because we refused to see our true weaknesses up until now!!

The heart of every leader must be willing to identify weakness and allow the Father to transform them into strength. Are you prepared for new territory?

## Check Out Crossfire's Newest Ministry

### Young Adults

Childcare Provided!

Meaningful conversations and group discussions

Apply Biblical Principles to Real Life

Meet once a month!

Wednesday, February 16th

6:45 PM-8:15 PM

"See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

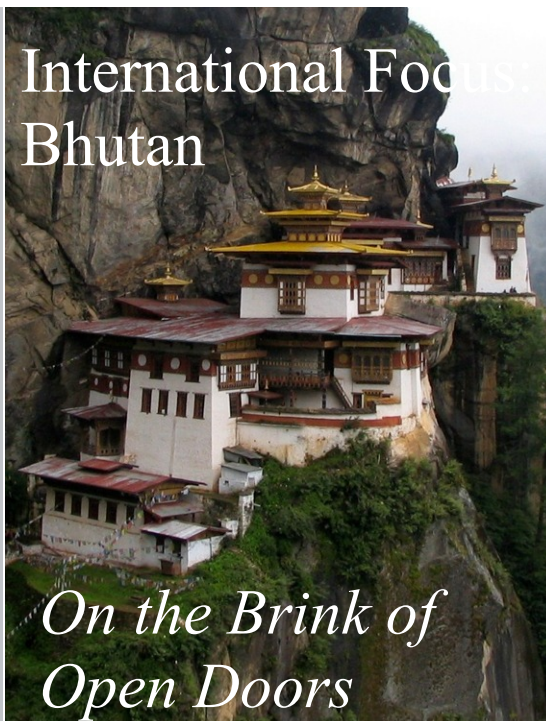
I am making a way in the wilderness

and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Meet New People

## International Footprints Bhutan



### On the Brink of Open Doors

**T**he Kingdom of Bhutan is one of the most closed countries in the world relative to any religious intrusion. The country declares Buddhism as the state religion and forbids proselytism and incitement to convert to anything except Buddhism. The government does not allow Christians to own church buildings and most churches are 'underground' meeting at night and in houses away from the eyes of government watchers. There are between 100 and 150 house churches in the country. Anyone that is openly Christian risks the loss of citizen benefits such as free education, health care, and employment. Only 30,000 visitors came to Bhutan in 2009, all of whom paid a \$250 per day fee just to be in the country.

But here is some good news. Sources inside the country indicate that it is no longer Christianity that the government fears. It is Islam. They have considered becoming more open in religious recognition, particularly Christianity, but they fear the influx of Islamic influence. *Pray that the government leaders will open their doors to Christian witness and pave the way for an explosion of Christianity that will cause the country to prosper, the people to rejoice and the spirit of anti-Christ to shudder.*

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How could a man who walked the country side and the cities be diminished to a footprint of 144 square inches, yet establish a territory that today includes the whole world?

How could his footprints be visible today in Colorado, in North Dakota, in Uganda, where he never walked? Because he left spiritual footprints wherever he left physical footprints. After Jesus' one-foot square territory at his death, he immediately began to expand His territory. He walked the earth for 40 days appearing to 500 people before his ascension. It expanded dramatically on Pentecost with the church being born with 3000 new foot prints. It expanded yet again with persecution in Jerusalem and the persecuted traveling to other places such as Samaria where church territory was established through Philip's Good News. It expanded again as the footprints of the cross made an indelible imprint on Paul as he walked throughout Asia and Europe birthing churches across the landscape. Upon the death of Paul and the first 12 apostles, each of which left geographic and spiritual footprints, the territory expanded again as Jesus became Lord and Savior to all who would read the New Testament, the Gospel of Grace and Peace written by those first apostles. A footprint of 1 square foot became the footprint on one people group, the Jews, but is now seen in 12,000 people groups across the entire world.

Jesus didn't have a Boeing 747 to fly to America to minister to the Sioux or the Seminole people. He didn't have high speed train to take him to Istanbul or Innsbruck. He didn't have a private jet that could whisk him away to minister at a crusade in Nairobi or a prophetic conference in Nigeria and be back in Nazareth for breakfast. He didn't have a Blackberry to tweet his latest prophetic word to his 'fans'. Nevertheless, the footprint of the cross left a very large spiritual footprint on the world. He died on one square foot of Golgotha Hill. He died leaving that one small footprint for all who would believe. The footprint of the cross became the foot print of Christ

in their hearts... 12 square inches of heart space within every believer as He walked the land bringing sight to the blind, freedom to the captives, healing to the wounded, and divine favor to everyone who would allow Him to establish territory in their heart...to leave the footprint of the cross within them. What a legacy!!!

Jesus' legacy footprint started with an opportunity, an opportunity to die...giving up self, for the greater good, giving up personal comfort so there would be a comforter, giving up personal glory for Kingdom glory. He had an opportunity to go to the cross to diminish his personal footprint of the man and increase of kingdom footprint of the savior.

One concluding thought...The footprint of the early church was small until it left Jerusalem. It was a large church numerically, but had a small footprint with a small geographic territory. It took persecution to enlarge the footprint. They had to expand beyond Jerusalem!! Today there are large churches with small footprints and small churches with large footprints. Don't get stuck in Jerusalem! Jerusalem to you may not be a physical place so much as it is a comfortable, familiar place; an emotionally secure place; a familiar place of spiritual gifting, or a long-held perspective of business, ministry and life. Some of you must leave Jerusalem to expand His kingdom.

Opportunity awaits you in 2011! Whatever it is, it will involve establishing new territory for Him. You will have opportunity to expand His spiritual footprint, often at the expense of diminishing the footprint of self. It is then that the footprint of the cross on your heart comes into full view for all to see. 2011 is a year of opportunity to see more footprints of Jesus; opportunity awaits. Don't let it pass YOU by!

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Is the Pastor of  
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and is  
passionate  
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last days.



## Deborah Ministries International

**January 18-28**

Bhutan

**February 10-12**

What's Next for You?! Conference  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**February 20-21**

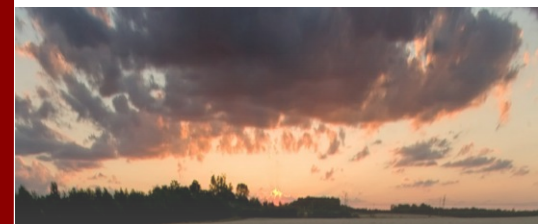
Gateway Church; New Mexico

**May 2011**

Ukraine

For more information on the above trips, and to see how you could be part of the next *Mission* team, log on to

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



### Quote of the Quarter

**I**n reference to prophetic and apostolic movements and ministries Dr. Bill Hamon said "The day of the 'one great man' started coming to an end. God began to emphasize the 'team ministry' principle as never before since the 1<sup>st</sup> century church. ...This is the day and hour when God is bringing forth His women to be ministers that God ordained them to be. Husband and wife teams are one of the highest orders of team ministries."

From: Apostles, Prophets and the Coming Moves of God. 1997.