

Straight Talk



Another wave rolls in

Young and old, men and women, leaders and people alike, are getting drunk. Thousands across the churches are laughing, crying, falling, praying, praising, being healed, falling asleep, going into trances and seeing visions of God. People are experiencing fire in their hands, their stomach and on their lips, some with such intensity that they cry to God to stop. These things are happening in congregations worldwide.

It is refreshing. It is festive—the cry is

'Drink, drink, drink!' and everyone is getting drunk. Not with Tetley's Best Bitter or Carling Black Label, but with the Holy Spirit. A giant party is taking place!

The testimonies are numerous and varied. In an atmosphere you would think would be off-putting people are being saved, because the Spirit of God is at work. This is without question a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord which—if we respond to it readily, humbly and swiftly—may well become a major worldwide revival.

I know that many who read this magazine will have questions—that is perfectly understandable: we have not seen things on such a scale before, and it's all happening suddenly. However, this is a time when the heart-response must override the mind's objections, where faith must dispel fear. This is not some isolated breakthrough among some extremist group. It is happening to God's people right across the world. The Holy Spirit is falling!

Every day this office is receiving messages from near and far excitedly informing us of mighty manifestations and wonderful

miracles in this move of God. The excitement is further fuelled when we reply, 'The same is happening here!'

Here at Nettle Hill a happy people are working together in an incredibly festive atmosphere. The talk is of the Lord and what he is doing. The laughing is at what we see him doing. The stories, all accurate, cannot do justice to what the hand of the Lord is performing. Everything is totally disrupted—God can be a very disruptive God! But he has the right to be so for he is sovereign.

At the same time God has given us a brain and we are seeking to do our best to administer the consequences of the disruption in order to perform the many necessary tasks that are ours in ministry. All must know that, when God takes the field, it is always as Captain of the team, and he calls the play.

This issue of *Covenant News* contains several testimonies as well as wise words of advice from leaders of churches experiencing this visitation. Some are from a paper circulated by Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Fort Wayne North, USA, entitled *Suggested Ministry Tips*. Others are drawn from the experience of elders across this country seeking to respond to what is happening in an administration suitable for this end time. We trust they will help you all.

Meanwhile, having written *Straight Talk* I'm off to a day in which I have no idea what will happen, but my expectation is growing rapidly. O Lord, it's over to you!

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