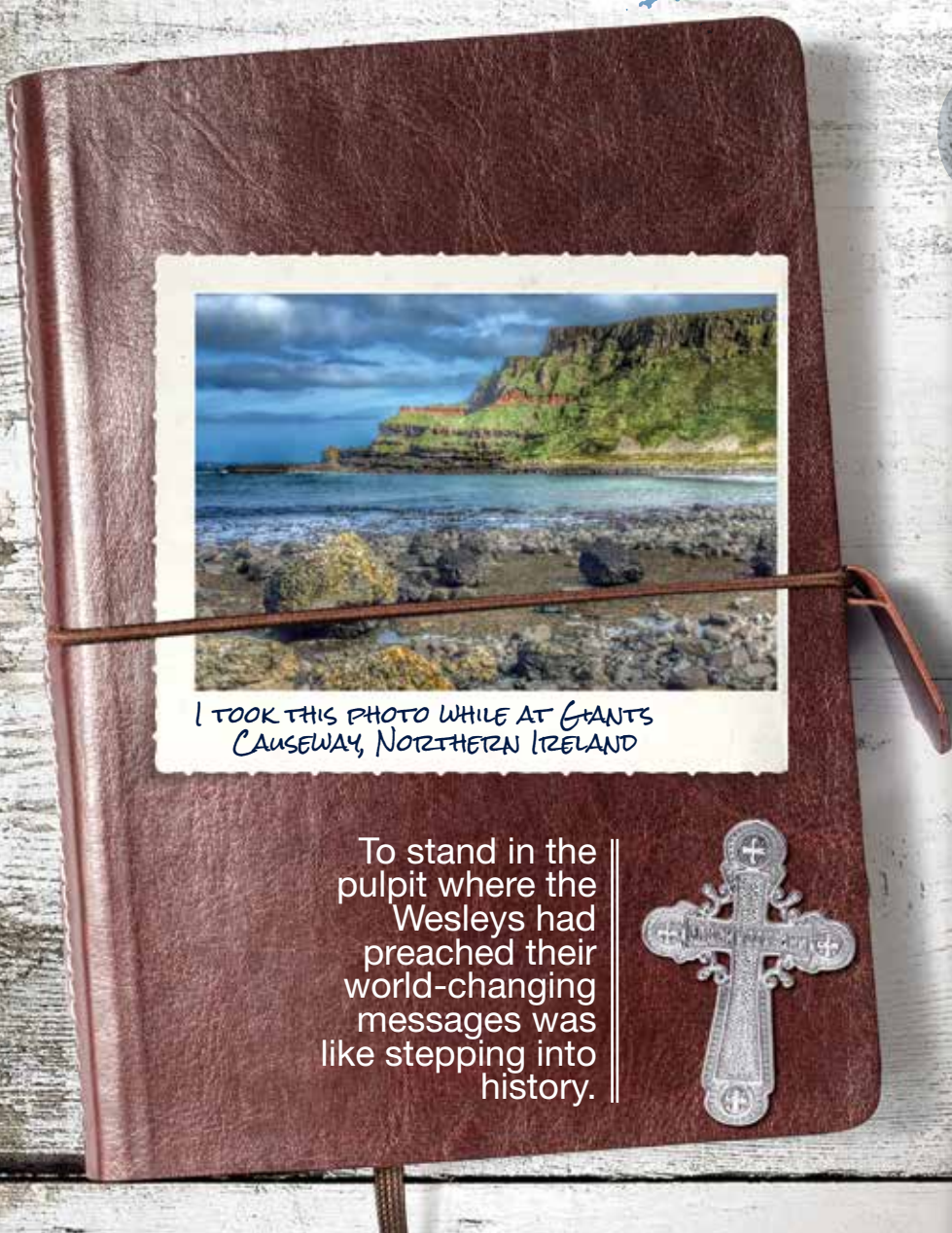


INSIGHTS

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MY JOURNAL: Ireland & UK



I TOOK THIS PHOTO WHILE AT GIANTS CAUSEWAY, NORTHERN IRELAND

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WITHIN THE HEART OF EVERY PERSON ARE THE SEEDS OF DESTINY.

FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE, I'VE KNOWN THE ROOTS OF THE BURKE FAMILY WERE IRISH. VIKKI TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO DIG IN AND RESEARCH MY FAMILY. HER DISCOVERIES HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY AMAZING.

It was 1775 when John Burk arrived in the Virginia colony from Ireland. He was just 15 years old when he joined the Continental Army. Because he was too young to legally fight in the war, he became a fifer and drummer—a role that was quite significant in battle. Young John was in the encampment at Valley Forge at the same time as General George Washington during the Revolutionary War.





Here we stand at the simple memorial where history was made. Paul and me at the memorial of prayer.

As my friend and host, Pastor Paul Brady, explained, “Those four young men held fast in prayer, and it wasn’t that long before there was an outpouring that radically shifted the spiritual climate of Ulster. People were falling out in the power of the Holy Spirit. The whole region was swept into and caught up in a move of God. In one year there were over 100,000 people born again and swept gloriously into the Kingdom of God!”

During my visit, Paul and I went to the very place where these four men began to pray. What is now a simple stone marker was the birthplace of a move of the Holy Spirit that shook a nation. As I stood there, I could sense how important it is to yield to the Spirit’s promptings. They can be the seeds of such powerful results. Those men’s prayers became the catalyst that God used in such a mighty way.

During those first meetings in Northern Ireland at Living Rivers Church in Ballymena (founded in 1999 by Pastors Paul and Karen Brady and today pastored by Roy and Lynne Stewart), there was such a sweet and extraordinary presence of God. It was so thrilling to bring the ministry to this church and have God use these meetings in such a dramatic way. This is a brief testimony from the pastors of the church:

It was such a joy for us to have the tremendous privilege of hosting Dr. Dennis Burke at Living Rivers Church. Dr. Burke’s unique style of humor and yet depth of ministry was received by all. The Holy Spirit-led teaching equipped many over the three nights of ministry.... We were encouraged to step up and step into the call that is upon our lives, picking up the mantles that are available and actually partnering with God.... We believe that an impartation of the grace of God for the next season in our nation was released to see Ireland changed into a landscape of God’s

glory. The three nights were both refreshing and impacting!

The spiritual heritage throughout both Ireland and Northern Ireland is unmistakable. For instance, after the Ballymena meetings, Paul accompanied me to Dublin, where we visited Trinity College, a venerable institution of learning that is more than 500 years old. Trinity is also the home of the Book of Kells, a 9th-century Gospel manuscript intricately illustrated and written in Latin. It is a magnificent book that ancient scribes willingly gave decades of their lives to meticulously create, filling each page with priceless and unique art depicting the people and scenes of the Gospels. **1**

Leaving Dublin, I traveled south to the Irish coastal town of Arklow. There I ministered with Pastor Solomon Aroboto. My one night there was a very powerful time in the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit. As I ministered to numerous pastors and leaders, there was a very deep impartation of the Holy Spirit. Without question, that night will bear long-lasting fruit for Ireland.

Not far from Arklow is Glendalough, a monastic community of worship and learning founded in the 6th century, where this ancient church bears silent witness to the site’s rich heritage as a spiritual center for more than 500 years in the early centuries AD. **2**

The spiritual fires of the Holy Spirit are burning across the entire Emerald Isle. I believe God has set in motion the beginning of the greatest outpouring this land has ever known. But this time it will not be in an isolated region. I believe this move of the Holy Spirit will break out in multiple nations around the globe!

When I finished my time in this amazing land, I traveled to England.

The awareness of my deep roots in Ireland gave me a sense of destiny that continued to unfold while I traveled through the Emerald Isle for the first time. When I stepped into the church in Ballymena, Northern Ireland, for the first of a series of meetings, I knew the Holy Spirit had brought me to this island with a message of faith and grace. I was in the land of my ancestors and on an assignment to bring the message of the Gospel that has defined my life.

There are very deep Gospel roots in Northern Ireland. One of the most notable moves of God in history, the 1859 Ulster Revival, took place there, just miles away from Ballymena.

Four men joined together in a small schoolhouse near the village of Kells and began to pray that God would move in their land. God answered their prayers, and tens of thousands of peoples responded to God and were born again as a result. There were reports of multitudes of people lying in the fields, seeking God and experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit near that schoolhouse where it all began.

In England, I ministered at Carmel Centre Bristol, a cutting-edge church founded by Gerri and Michelle Di Somma more than 20 years ago and pastored today by Sean and Michelle Leask. There was a tremendous freedom for the Holy Spirit to minister in my meetings. There was an anointing to minister to people who had been affected by addictions as well as by a suicide in their family. So many people were changed by the power of God.

Bristol is also the birthplace of the Methodist Church. While there, I visited the very first Methodist Church where John and Charles Wesley proclaimed the Gospel in the 1700s.

To stand in the pulpit where the Wesleys had preached their world-changing messages was like stepping into history. The messages that shook the world thundered from this pulpit. It was exhilarating. As I stood there, the Holy Spirit stirred in me the importance of proclaiming the Word. He reminded me that the Apostle Paul said the power of the Gospel is in the proclaiming of the Word (Romans 1:16; 15:19). God uses men and women today still — turning the world right-side-up with the power of the Word.

Walking through the rooms where the prayers that changed mankind were prayed, I could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit. So much had taken place in these rooms. The lingering of His presence was unmistakable. **3 & 4**

Bristol is also the home of another amazing ministry — George Muller's Home for Children. In 1836, this godly, loving man of faith established a home that ultimately would take in more than 2,000 orphans with more than 100 staff members at a time to help create an environment where God's love could shape these young lives. He trusted God for the provisions it would take to feed and care for

these children. With the help of individual people and partners hearing from God to give to this work, Muller's home saw more than £90,000,000 (or \$115,000,000 in today's values) come to the ministry during his lifetime.

Muller lived his life to be a beacon of light to the entire city of Bristol. He built the huge home for children on the city's highest ground in order to give everyone who lived there a view of the work for God's glory.

Witnessing for myself the faith and vision of this great patriarch of the Kingdom was awe-inspiring. Walking in a God-given assignment brings the blessing.

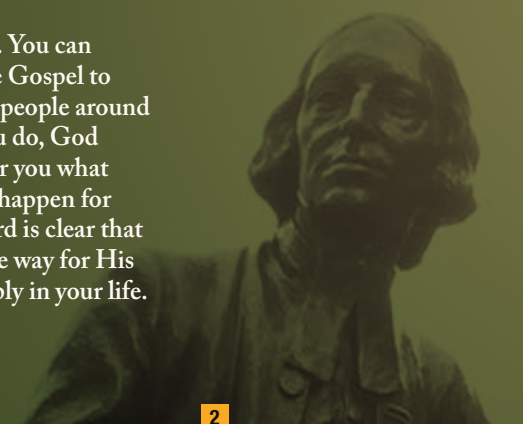
Muller's heart to see thousands of lives set on a course for Jesus rippled through generations. The ministry would continue to hear from many of those children years later as adults that their early years at Muller's Home for Children were the best years of their lives.

Surrounded by the faith of this man and visiting his grave lit a fresh fire of faith in me. I realized anew that a single life devoted to God's assignment will make an eternal difference for multitudes of people—and will continue to impact people for God for generations to come. **5 & 6**

The doors of ministry are open wide, and God has put these nations in my heart. In so many nations, there are people hungry for the revelation that comes through the teaching of His Word. In the ministry, it takes going as well as sending the Word. Our partners are such a vital part of sending the Word in power to fan the flames and stir the spirit of people in these nations.

Every ministry must have partners who join them with vision to do their part in sending God's Word worldwide. Taking the message of the Word to the world takes

enormous resources. You can help me as I take the Gospel to hungry and hurting people around the globe. When you do, God will make happen for you what you've helped make happen for His people. His Word is clear that your giving paves the way for His abundance to multiply in your life.



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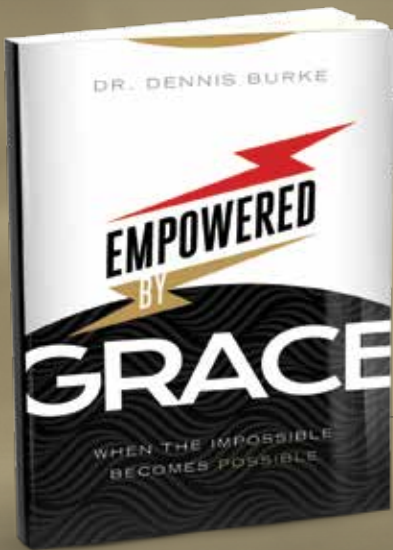


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Caddo Mills, TX 75135 | 903-527-3099

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