

# Prayer and Worship Nets – Visions

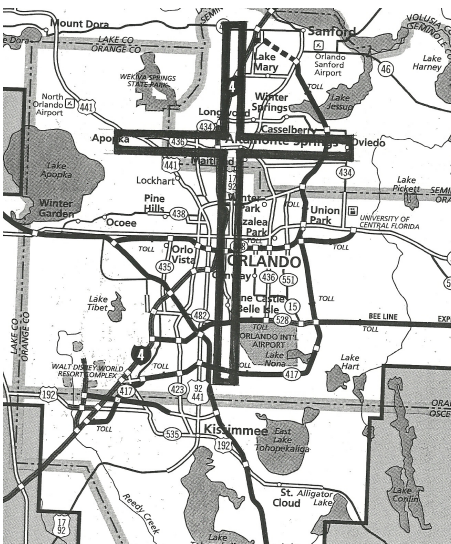
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## Feed His sheep

While I was preparing for the National Day of Prayer in Orlando, Florida in 1996, I had this vision. The Lord was speaking to me about *feeding His sheep*. I went to one of the feeding organizations and I told this older gentleman who was running the ministry about it and he said, 'Lets do it.' He was so excited and we started getting in touch with all the food distribution people. On the National Day of Prayer we did a very large food distribution in sixteen sites in the city. When I first talked about it I was calling it 'Feed My sheep.'

## Cross over Orlando

The scripture says to, 'Write down the vision.' The Lord told me that, it was His cross that we were lifting up over Orlando, and it was called 'Cross over Orlando.' So instead of calling the project 'Feed My sheep,' we called it 'Cross over Orlando,' the command was, 'Feed His sheep.'



This 'Cross over Orlando' had a three part meaning:

- First, the cross was being lifted up over the city, and casting its shadow.
- Second the trucks and the feeding groups were to 'Cross over Orlando' dropping off the food at the distribution points. This was done mostly through the pastors in the city.
- The third part was the call to, 'Cross over Orlando,' from darkness into light.

The 'Cross over Orlando' was actually revealed and drawn in November 2003 based on the mapped locations of the prayer meetings across Orlando in churches in the east, west and the south in preparation for the Beyond all Limits 2 global pastors conference.

## Concerts of Prayer

In New York they were doing Concerts of Prayer. I wrote back to them and asked, 'Do you want us to do one here in Orlando with you?' And what would you like us to do to cooperate with what you are doing so we would stay in the flow?' So they sent me their program of what they were going to do and said, 'You can do what you want. This is just the idea of joining hearts, *putting your hands to the Net* across the United States. God had us do 40 consecutive months. When I counted 40 we entered the new millennium in 2000.

## The vision of the 'nets'

The first concert of prayer came about on October 25, 1996. At the second one God showed me the vision of these pictures. He showed me was a huge darkness over the city and He said to me, "Come and pick your city up." This is the first time I remember about the nets. I remember putting my hand into the soil of the city and He said, "Lift it up to Me." As I did I was lifting like

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the skyline in my hand and I could see roots and dirt dangling through my fingers lifting this up to the Lord. I said, ‘I can’t hold this by myself.’ He said, “Prepare the nets. Lay down the nets of an intercession prayer network and praise and worship network.” In the spirit I was laying the nets down. I prayed, ‘Lord if there are any more show me.’ He told me that there would be lots of the nets, but the first two, intercession prayer network and praise and worship network. Then He said, “Put this city in the nets.” And then people could come and *put their hands to the net* and lift the city up to the Lord.

### The vision of the ‘fist’

Next He tells me to bring the intercessors and the worshippers together. As we all come together and we are worshipping and praying this creates a huge fist that goes up and punches a hole in the darkness over the city. We destroy the darkness by punching a hole and the worship is going up, it is penetrating, and then all of a sudden it opens and you can see the arm of God with this big golden pitcher just pouring out the blessings. The darkness was there and the grace kept coming in and going in under the darkness and lifting it up. Soon all the darkness was gone away.



Prayer and praises are lifted up together over the city	Prayer and worship punches a hole in the darkness	God pours out His blessings and the darkness lifts
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My artist friend drew these as a gift. There are seven original sketches of it, but we compressed it into three to get the idea. At the end the level raises and all the darkness was gone. This is the original story of the nets and the darkness over the city, and how the two networks of the worshippers and the intercessors go together and penetrate the darkness and cause it to leave. That is a goal for the city.

### Preparing for South Africa

Then when I was getting ready to go to South Africa, at the end of 1996, the Lord asked me, “What do you cry for?” I had a vision of my eye, and the tear drop was a net and the tear was inside the net. I wrote, ‘Intercession forms a net of prayer flowing with the heart of the Lord out to the nations, *the changing face of intercession*. That is the first time I saw that written. The Lord asked me, “What moves you to tears? Where your heart is, is where your treasure lays. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks catching the world up in a net of prayer, Intercessory prayer network.” Touch your people Lord.

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Ecclesiastes 3:11 ‘He set the world in their hearts.’ What we saw was His hand holding the world. The kings in ancient days would have their crown and their scepter with an orb with a cross over the top of it, it was like that but different. It was the world sitting in His hand, and His hands were holding and blessing and anointing the nations. As He was anointing the nations and the continents suddenly His hands became my hands. It was my hands doing the same thing praying for and anointing the nations and using the oil from my own hands to do this.

There is a song that says, “Let the whole world stand and sing. Beautiful is our God.’ That was the triumphant raising up of the church where it says we are going to stand and we are going to sing how beautiful is our God. So His hands became my hands and I was holding the world like Him, and he was saying He wanted us to go out and do this, bless the nations, bless the world.

### **Intercessory Prayer Networks**

I am moving from my city out to the world. This is where He said, “The Intercessory Prayer Network of Central Florida,” our seven county area. Then He said, “Intercessory Prayer Network of Florida.” Then the next one was of the United States, and the next one was the IPN for the Nations. When traveling globally I talk about building their ‘nets’ and praying for the nations. This is just people whose hearts are knit together. Where ever you are we know that we are part of the same prayer net. It is not something you have ownership over. It is something you sew yourself into and are united so you connect yourself into it. You connect yourself and become a knot, the joining together parts on the net.

### **Networking for Jesus**

The first picture I ever had He showed me a globe like a Japanese fishing float, like blown glass balls. I saw this Japanese fishing float coming in as I was standing at the beach. It looked like the world. It was held in a net like the fishing nets securely. Then in a moment I saw the hand of God grasp it up. He said, “Put your hand to the net.” This is part of Networking for Jesus. I had been working on Networking for Jesus for many years from the 80’s on, and every month I would tell people what was happening in Orlando, what they could join with in prayer. Networking for Jesus was the headline and at the bottom it was, ‘*Put your hands to the net.*’ He showed me the net and He showed me His hands and I saw the scars. He said, “Come put your hands to the net.” My hands were always right next to His.

You see people coming to put hands to the net. He found them, mending their nets, washing their nets, lowering their nets all of these things. ‘The kingdom of God covers the earth like the waters... (Habakkuk 2:14) That is the scripture I put in there:

*Zephaniah 2:11 The LORD will inspire them with fear when He makes all the gods of each of earth to waste away and each to their own place all the coast lands of the nations shall adore Him.*

This was such a strong word, ‘*The Lord shall be awesome in that place.*’ I like this translation better. ‘They shall fall to the ground and adore Him. All of the nations from far flung places He will reduce them to nothing. They will waste away.’

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We have this picture and Zephaniah 2:11 and Ephesians 2:10 *His handiwork created for good also He has purposed it in advance so that we shall live in them. 2:15 Then He is our peace. He took down the walls and created the one new man.* This is about partition. As we are united the walls come down. Zephaniah 2:11 *The Lord will be awesome.* Ezekiel 20:41 *as a pleasing odor I will accept you. I have brought you from among the nations and gathered you out of the countries over which you were scattered and by means of you I will manifest My holiness in the sight of the nations.* We know this is about Israel. He showed me that scripture, the fragrance that we release when we are unified becomes an odor that wafts around the world and people can smell it. (Ephesians 2:10) This sweet fragrance, My name in Maureen and in the Hebrew comes from myrrha. The myrrha plant is the plant that myrrh is manufactured from. Myrrh was used to anoint the body of Jesus. So it is a sweet fragrance going up to God. 2 Corinthians 2:14

### **The process of the nets**

I said, ‘Lord tell me about the nets.’ He showed me Matthew 4:18 casting the nets Matthew 4:22 mending the nets Mark 1:16 casting Mark 1:19 mending Luke 5:2 washing v4 lowering the nets. These were all net things that He kept giving me. There are some many things you can do with nets and so many things to prepare the nets. Then He said, “Fishermen standing by the wonderful stream that is flowing from the throne that freshens the water, abundant fish they are spreading their nets there.” It is a beautification process. Isaiah 49:16 preparation 1 Corinthians 16:9 This is an open door and many opponents. Regarding works about the poor 2 Corinthians 3:2 a love letter to us. Henry Blackaby gave me that scripture and said, ‘You are like a love letter that God has written on your heart so when you say them and share them people will feel the love. It is the warfare of love again that we are talking about.

### **South Africa**

When I got to South Africa besides working on the prayer team all day long, the intercessors were allowed to choose a three hour segment of time to serve. We were doing 24 hours. I signed up for the 12:00 am to 3:00 am. When you take on an assignment like this, you are like in a birthing process. When I got there the first night all the Africans were there, and they said to me, ‘Why are you in this one?’ I said this is the time to really be on guard. They went ‘Oh that is great.’ They excepted me instantly.

### **Sew the pieces of the net**

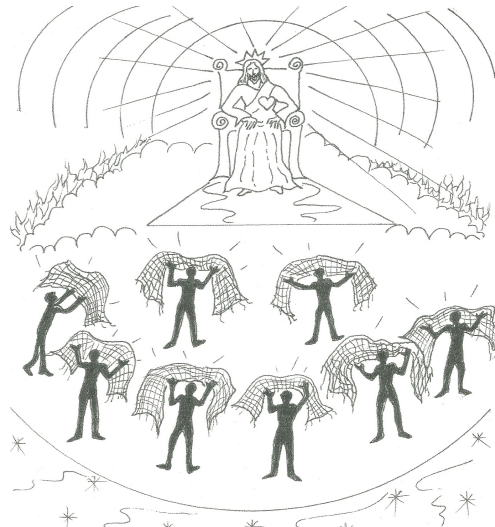
That night we were sharing as we stated the 12:00 shift and I showed them my piece of paper and I said, ‘This is so exciting to know that He is going to do this here.’ One lady said to me, ‘Sister where is your net?’ I said, ‘I don’t have it. It is a vision. He just gave it to me when I was coming here.’ She said, ‘You must do your net.’ So she goes over to the kitchen and found this stretchy nylon netting that holds their food, cut it and brought it over to me. What am I going to do with this Lord? He said, “You need to cut it into pieces, and then re-sew it.” I said, ‘I’ve got some needles and thread.’ So I went running back to my hut and came running back with it. I am on the ground with a pair of little children’s clipping scissors while they are praying and worshipping. I am starting to sew these things together. By the end of 3 or 4 days all the little pieces were together in a net.

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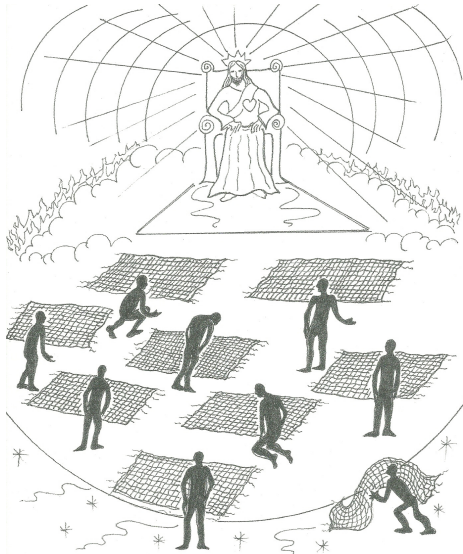
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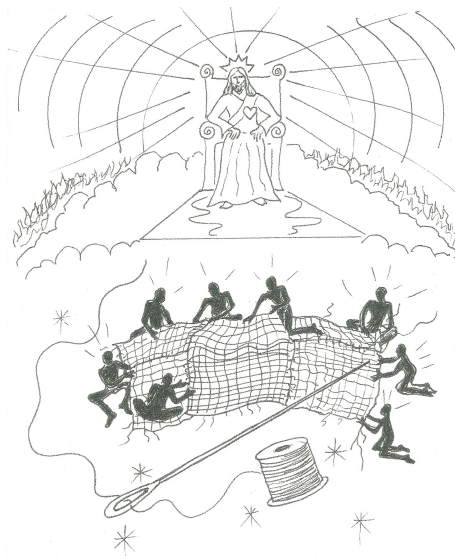
Bring our nets to the Lord as an offering



Each one offers their nets to the Lord



Each one places their nets on the altar



The Lord leads them to sew their nets together

### Putting hands to the net

An African man came and said, ‘This is my children’s beach ball. I thought it would go with your world.’ It was small and blue with the world on it. So we put it in the net, and we started putting our hands to the net, everything that the vision said. People were coming in the room. They wanted to touch it. They all started saying, ‘You’ve got to take this into the conference and show everybody.’ We never did it at the conference, but after the conference was over and the last song was sung I went in and I gave the net and a steel tipped hunting arrow, a camouflaged hunting arrow that I carried all over South Africa. There is a scripture that say about tapping with the arrow with the king and the prophet. Why did you tap only this many times you should have

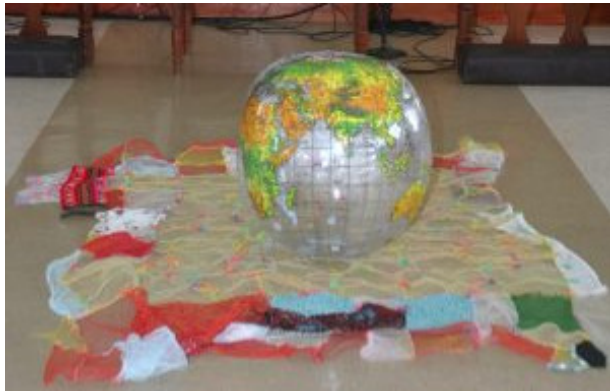
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tapped more. When the Lord told me to take that arrow He said, “I want you to take an arrow with you.” Everywhere I am going in South Africa I am carrying that arrow and I am tapping the ground.

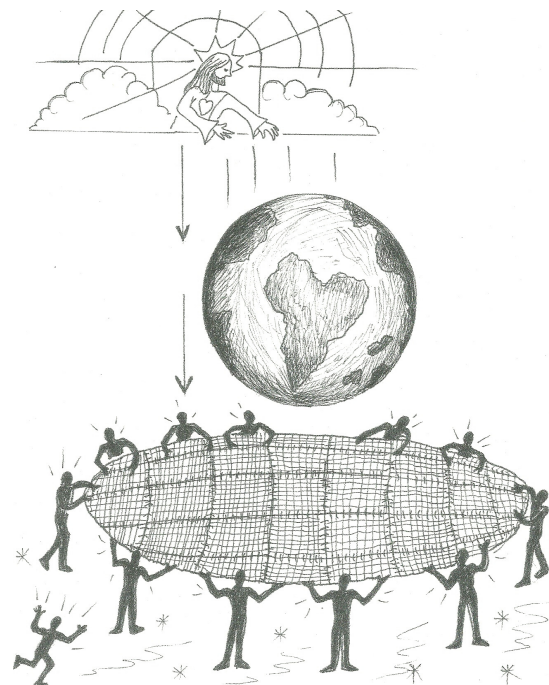
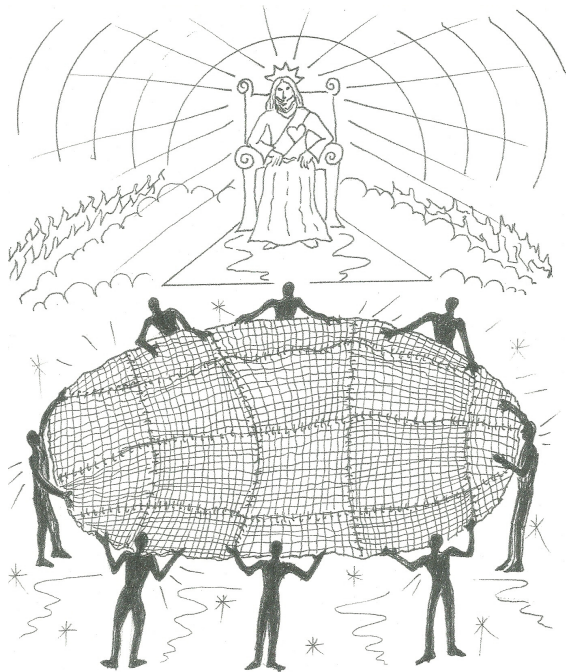
### Everyone is sewing into the net

I was always sewing pieces into it. Everywhere I went I would get something and sew into it. One day some lady said to me, ‘Can I sew something into it?’ Oh you would have thought my heart was being attacked. It was like this was so precious and so holy to me. The Lord is whispering, “Say yes.” And I went, ‘Of course you can.’ Then all of a sudden everyone wanted to sew into the net. It was why He created it. It was not so I could have a net to show, it was



because He wanted something that would belong to the body. Now people are sewing into it. It has gotten so much bigger. It has been to the Lausanne Conference in South Africa, the Ethic Conference in Columbia, and to India. It has been every where, and people are always sewing into it. It’s just a bunch of fabric stuck together, but it is a really neat representation of what it is when we put our hands together. Everywhere I go people see it and they want to touch it. They want to put their hands to it.

Now I have this big globe that is huge.

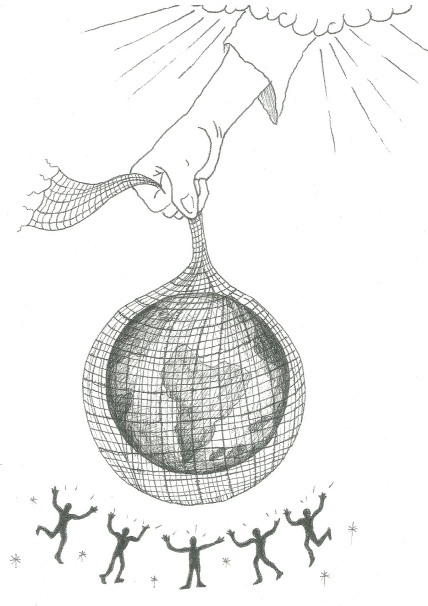
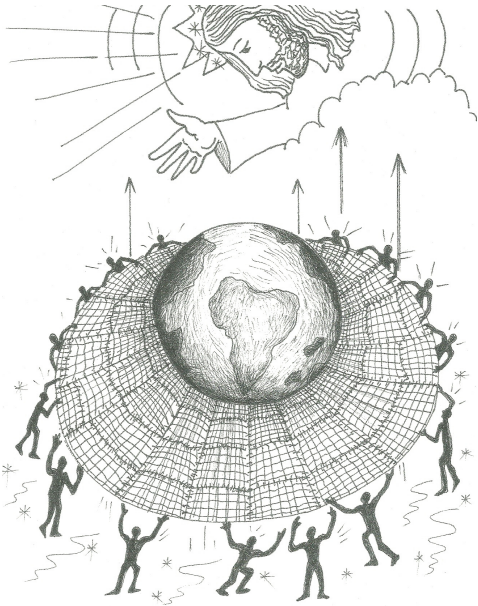


Lifting the net together as the body of Christ

Receiving the world from the Lord

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Offering up the world to the Lord as an offering

The Lord receiving the nations as His inheritance

### **Intercessors and the worshippers together for breakthrough**

The Intercessory Prayer Network came out of the Concerts of Prayer. A network for Praise and Worship is also needed. The Lord told me, “When I tell you I want you to trumpet the call to the body of Christ in the city and then the intercessors and the worshippers will come together and serve. You will be able to breakthrough just like that picture that has the fist in situation that you need to do.” When you have the intercessors and the worshippers together that is where you will have the breakthrough take place. What I have learned over the years is that intercessors are really worshipping warriors. They are also silent sentinels.

The Intercessory Prayer Network was the forerunner to the transformation and as you do that the worshippers come with you. In all of the conferences when I do prayer rooms I will have worshippers live in the prayer room. The flow is between the prayer and the pictures the drawing and the worship. It is very beautiful. The prayer room is the melting pot the boiling pot that every one comes into and they learn, they grow and are nurtured. It has to bubble over and go out. If it doesn't do that it is not serving and purpose.

### **Awaken, Arise and Adore**

When I was in South America the Lord said, “Awaken, Arise and Adore.” Which means to wake up, get up, and worship God over your situation. He is giving the strategy to rise up and worship Him. The Lord said, “Consecrate yourself anew for the season you are in, and then worship Me over the city and everything else.” When I returned to Orlando He said, “Release that word over your city.” We called it ‘Consecrate Orlando,’ and we had prayer rooms all over the city. The Lord showed me that before we go into the streets to bring in the souls, the church in the city must be prepared to take them into their arms. ‘Awaken,’ this is being echoed across the land.