

# SAPPHIRE LEADERSHIP GROUP

## *Noble Subjects of the Great King*

### July 25, 2011 Newsletter



#### **Wachsen und Gedeihen**

The birth of any child is a special thing, but once in awhile there are births so infused with the power of God that even the most seasoned, jaded delivery room nurse sits up and takes notice of something extraordinary.

This is our feeling about the latest product. “Wachsen & Gedeihen” is our German language translation of “Blessing Your Spirit” and is due out in Switzerland in a couple of weeks.

From the beginning we felt it was not to be a translation like the rest. Rather, it was to be a German edition. We spent longer on this process than any other book we have released because the translation team reworked expressions, word pictures, cadence and structure so as to produce something that does not feel at all translated!

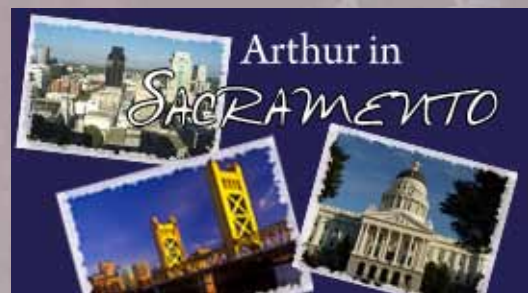
The process was long, slow, intermittent and guided by God. Again and again, He would decree which chapter should be translated which day (always out of the original order). There were many days which had been set aside for translation and God said, “No, nothing today.”

We learned huge lessons about synchronizing with God. When He had called for a specific blessing to be translated, the grace was there. When He had not, it was useless to even try. The production process also has been graced in

an unusual way. We have produced somewhere between 30 and 40 titles so far, along with numerous other graphic projects. Like the delivery room nurse, we are a bit jaded, remembering the worst book (the first one) and the worst website (never got launched) and all the rest kind of run together.

But this book will be a sweet memory for our team for years. It is so deeply drenched with the fragrance of God that the commercial printer has been moved in his spirit and is treating the whole project with uncommon reverence.

All this and the book is not even released yet! We are on tip toe with expectation over what God will do in the spirits of the German speaking people the world over when this living gem is in their hands.



We are rolling out two new ministry tools at this event. One has to do with trauma bonds to time. This concept has been widely known for some time, but we have not really had a solid understanding of why one trauma is “sticky” while another heals over time. We also did not have a good protocol for releasing these bonds.

Now, we have a new prototype both for the diagnosis and for healing that has worked well in preliminary testing. We are ready to put this tool in the hands of more people for a broader round of testing.

The second tool has to do with barrenness at work and in the ministry. Many people feel a deep call to be life giving in a way that leaves a legacy, not just in small single action events, but it is never possible for them. No amount of breaking curses or warring for your birthright changes that reality.

We have found an incredibly surprising key to this problem. Again, our tools have shown great results in our initial field testing, but we need to see how transferable this is.

Because these are new concepts, I will be doing some personal ministry after each session to demonstrate the tools, but I will not be able to minister to everyone who is present.

This seminar will not be recorded, and we do not have other material on this subject yet. It needs further validation and enrichment, so it will be a few months before there is something written or recorded.

Seating is limited at this venue, so you will need to register in advance. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Date**

August 20th

**Schedule**

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with lunch break

**Cost**

\$60

**Location**

Depot Park Conference Center  
Sacramento Room Suite A  
8215 Ferguson Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95828



The Trauma Bonds to Time teaching will be the same as the seminar in Sacramento except that there will be less ministry time since it is a shorter seminar.

The Strategy session is about how to build a Mercy season strategy. We have two teachings on land strategies: “Redemptive Gifts of Cities” and “Seven Principles.” Both of those contain universal principles, but they were recorded during the Ruler season, with a definite Ruler bent to them.

We are now in the Mercy season and that requires a dramatically different approach to the city reaching. The principles of cleansing the land, catalytic institutions, knowing the redemptive gift of the community, and dealing with the core stronghold are all still valid, but those tools have to be configured differently in the Mercy season.

Brighton is a Mercy community. There is a team on the ground that has established an unusual beachhead. There are live spots all around the region, but most are not interconnected yet.

What would it look like to weave together a Mercy season strategy to advance the King’s agenda in Brighton, using a regional approach? That will be our afternoon discussion.

No city reaching strategy should ever be final. Things change by the day. So we will develop a dynamic framework that will flex as specific pieces of data change but still serve to prioritize activities for the team on the ground and keep them focused on the core issues.

This will be a highly interactive seminar, not a silver bullet lecture.

**Date**

13 August

**Time**

9:00 to 16:00 with lunch break

**Location**

Jubilee Christian Centre  
Mill Lane  
Barcombe Lewes  
East Sussex BN8 5TH

**Directions**

[Jubilee Christian Centre](#)

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**Food**

Bring your own picnic lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

**Registration**

There is no preregistration. There will be an offering.

**Balmoral**

I am deeply grateful to the hundreds of you who pray for the land we call "Balmoral" on a regular basis. We posted a great update from there which shows progress in the spiritual battle. [Click here.](#)



**GOD IN  
MALAYSIA**

At first read, the history of Malaysia is convoluted. In addition to all the foreign powers who have staked a claim there over the centuries, the internal dynamics have been many and varied.

When all the trivia is sorted into patterns, it is evident that both the land and the Malay people are redemptive gift of Exhorter. However, modern Malaysia cannot be studied against that simplistic backdrop because the role of the Chinese is enormous in Malaysian history and in their current society.

Over the last century, the Chinese established a strong presence in the mercantile sector and became economically dominant in some areas. That provoked tension with the Malay majority who tried sundry devices to maintain dominance in the culture since they were numerical majority.

The traditional historical approach assesses the perceived rights and wrongs of the sundry different parties and how they flexed their muscle to achieve their objectives.

While the data of what has been felt, believed and done by the residents of the country (and of the foreign powers who have not been shy about intruding) certainly has some value, the view from heaven adds a perspective not quite as worn and debated.

Within the Chinese family are numerous smaller groups, each with a distinct redemptive gift. For purposes of this discussion we will take the macro view of the Chinese as a Ruler tribe, although a study of which subset came to Malaysia would certainly be edifying and interesting.

As such, we have to ask the question, "Why was it important to God for the Exhorter gift of the land and of the Malay people to be so massively moderated by the Ruler gift?"

After all, over the millennia Malaysia has been visited, invaded, courted and partnered with by many people groups yet none has become as deeply imprinted into the culture as the Chinese, even though the welcome the Chinese received was often tepid at best.

I am sure there are myriad reasons from God's point of view, but one that stands out to me is the synergy for building between the two gifts. Both of these redemptive gifts tend to build infrastructure in a culture.

The Ruler gift tends to focus on the more commercial infrastructure such as banking systems or highways and ports while the Exhorter will focus on the end user systems like education, medicine, fine cuisine and the arts.

I see this expressed on a grand scale in Malaysia. At the end of WWII they were not in great shape politically, economically or socially. And in the decades since then, the internal acrimony has been vast and varied.

Nonetheless, while most other countries would have been paralyzed for decades by that level of internal social conflict, Malaysia has systematically built and built and built.

World Bank ranked them 21st out of 183 countries for ease of doing business in 2010, well ahead of Germany, Israel, Switzerland and Spain.

After Singapore and Brunei, Malaysia has the highest standard of living in South-East Asia.

Malaysia has a large medical tourism industry due to the high quality of their health care services.

Their national debt is 50% of their GDP which is remarkable compared to the US which is over 100% at present or Japan whose debt is in excess of 220% of their GDP. Singapore, Malaysia's immediate neighbor and primary competition in many areas, has a debt to GDP ratio of 102%.

Clearly, Malaysia rebounded from the financial crisis of the East Asian Tigers in the late 1990s in good shape.

So we look at the last 70 years and marvel at the massive development project God executed and achieved by juxtaposing these two people groups effectively, in spite of their fractiousness.

But the story has only just begun. In the last 20 years, because of the strength of the two redemptive gifts and the abundance of life giving social structures, Malaysia has developed a vastly richer tapestry, drawing some of the best minds from a wide variety of other cultures, near and far.

One can only imagine what the nation will be like in another 20 years as seen in the natural.

More to the point, why is God blessing this nation in such a remarkable manner? At present they are not renowned for their pursuit of our Great King, therefore you cannot explain this growth as the result of their adherence to Biblical principles.

So if today is not a direct reflection of their past spiritual choices, then surely it must be that our King knows something about their future, and He is intentionally front-loading the investment for them to play a huge role in His Kingdom master plan in coming years.

I love a good mystery! This one will be worth reading.

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