

Dear Friends

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. It is amazing how the time is flying, it seems like just the other day that I sent you a newsletter and that was a month ago! I am sitting in my prayer room with the wood stove fully fired up, it is freezing cold outside.

I am listening to some beautiful Irish gospel music sung by the Peace Choir from Belfast, Northern Ireland. I am reminiscing on what took place a week ago. I can honestly tell you that I am very emotional at the moment. I had the privilege of speaking in Belfast at the Odyssey Arena, the biggest indoor hi-tech stadium in Northern Ireland, right on the harbour next to the huge cranes which were used to build the infamous Titanic ship that sank, after they said that it was indestructible. Again I just realised that we must never say that to God because, as we know, it sank like a stone to the bottom of the ocean on its first voyage, it opened up like a tin can when it hit that iceberg. Our God is huge!

We were called there to preach to the Roman Catholics and the Protestants in the same building, an amazing opportunity, something I don't think has ever been done before on that scale. I thank God for ordinary country folk like Brian Keys and his team. Brian is a tractor dealer who has such a heart for his beloved Emerald Isle.

The first evening, the Friday night, there were 14 bomb hoaxes phoned in. I stand to be corrected, but I believe that the police actually blew up one car because it was standing on its own in a dangerous place and no-one owned up. We started off with a beautiful band and the Peace Choir which was formed after the Omagh bombing in which over 30 civilians were murdered, one of them a young pregnant woman. Out of that tragedy, and we remember Romans 8:28, this beautiful choir was born, young people singing from their hearts. They had me in tears before I even started to preach and what a harvest we had! We had two meetings, Friday and Saturday evening and many people gave their lives to Christ. On Saturday night particularly, half the stadium came forward. There was much weeping and much healing took place, spiritual, physical and mental.

What a wonderful people the Irish are, so open to receive God, the Prince of Peace. That war that is taking place there is a religious war, it has nothing to do with Jesus. The people responded like I have never experienced before. The leader of the IRA was at the Saturday meeting. We thank God that there was a photograph in the local newspaper of him and the First Minister, the leader of the Protestants, shaking hands with a picture of Faith Like Potatoes behind them, truly a miraculous happening.

When I got home there was an email waiting for me inviting me to the southern part of Ireland, the Republic, to speak at the famous Lansdowne Road rugby stadium in Dublin next year, where the Springboks play the Irish. I am deeply in prayer about that opportunity.

Thank you very much for your love and support. We are so excited about what is taking place. The new movie, Ordinary People is well underway and Frans Cronje is working on Faith like Potatoes 2. My new book will be coming out in August, called Nobodies, all about you and me. We pray that people will be encouraged by that book.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to work until He comes, which we know is very soon. It doesn't matter if you live in South Africa or Ireland or the USA, the same needs are everywhere, people need God and by His grace we are lifting Him up so that He can draw all men unto Himself.

Yours in Christ's service

Angus & Jill and the Shalom team