

# NEWgeneration MINISTRY

Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ.

- Colossians 4:3a.

## What's Happening

Thirteen years of transition. That's what we've experienced as Cathy and I (Lloyd) took over the "Phillips Family Ministry" from Norm and Joy Phillips in 2005. It took a while but we got good at music with Deanna becoming the 3<sup>rd</sup> part and then her leaving for missions and Katelynn learning to fill that place. Then Katelynn left for school, then Garrett, then Kirsten and now even young Evan is done travelling. Now Cathy, Elise and I will again transition into leading worship with the 3 of us.

Some of the challenges we face are most churches don't sing the same songs. We might not be able to lead congregations in music they know. Many churches now



have worship teams and some teams feel this is "their ministry" and don't want to give a Sunday to someone else. We have probably only led worship at ½ the churches I have spoken at this past year. That being said, Cathy still believes God wants to use her within the gifts and calling He's given her. She's in the process of inquiring of Him how that should look in the future.

While God has gradually been evolving this ministry for the past 13

years, we don't feel it is time to wrap it up. The passion to see freedom come to the body of Christ still burns in our hearts. Here is a recent prophecy spoken over us:

'The enemy of your soul would have you think it's all over, there's no more ministry for us. But God would say, "As you look back over the things you've done in the past, look again. As you look again you'll find the keys that unlock new opportunities, new doors. While you're waiting for these to open up tell your enemy, God is not done with us yet! You'll begin to hear the cries of those who need the message and this will keep you going.' (Paraphrased)

So, we begin this season with eager anticipation to see what new doors God will open up for us.

The world as well as the church is changing at an amazing speed and we need wisdom and the Lord's leading to transition into this dynamic. We appreciate your support as we continue to fulfill the calling on our lives. You help us bring hope, healing and freedom to the people held captive by their sin.

- Lloyd

# **Schedule**

## September

Linton, IN. Assembly of God Linton IN
 19-30. Brisbane Australia

#### October

1-19. Brisbane, Australia

#### **November**

18. <u>Bright's Grove, ON</u> - Lakeshore Community Church

#### December

30. <u>Kitchener, ON.</u> - International Gospel Center





## Proper perspective and encouragement

On our most recent tour the feedback from pastors and congregants was over the top positive, almost to the point of believing what they were saying was true. When I got home I read a story that helped me keep a proper perspective.

A nine year old boy was not practicing the piano. To motivate him his mother took him to a high class Paderewski concert with tuxedos and long gowns. The mother was talking to her friends in the concert hall and the little boy, inquisitive of how the beautiful, nine foot, Steinway grand piano might sound, slipped out of his seat and down to the stage. He began playing Chopsticks.

The crowd grew quiet not expecting to hear a nine year old playing a simple song. The mortified mother watched as the world class pianist Paderewski slipped quietly behind the boy and whispered, "Don't stop, just keep playing". Then he proceeded to add his amazing accompaniment which brought the house to its feet in applause. The simplest things become amazing with the proper accompaniment.

As I reflected on this story I felt the Lord say to me,

Lloyd, you're just playing Chopsticks, but when I join you on the platform it's an amazing message. Don't stop, just keep playing.



### **Feedback**

We'd like any ideas that come to mind as you pray for us to effectively reach many more people with this message. Please mail or email us your thoughts however insignificant you may think they are. <a href="mailto:lovd@ngministry.org">lovd@ngministry.org</a>

# Pray with us for...

- 1. Safety and Divine appointments as we visit Australia.
- 2. Our financial needs to be met as we are not as busy this fall.
- 3. Kirsten and Evan as they work toward starting school this winter.
- 4. Continued guidance as we seek to keep up with what God has for us.

# Praise God with us for...

- 1. While travelling from Dixon IL to Indianapolis we developed a serious coolant leak on the bus. By God's grace and Lloyd's mechanical skills we were able to repair the radiator with some JB weld and continue on. Pray the bus repairs hold together as removing the radiator and repairing it is a huge job.
- 2. Health!
- 3. People's eyes being opened to truth.