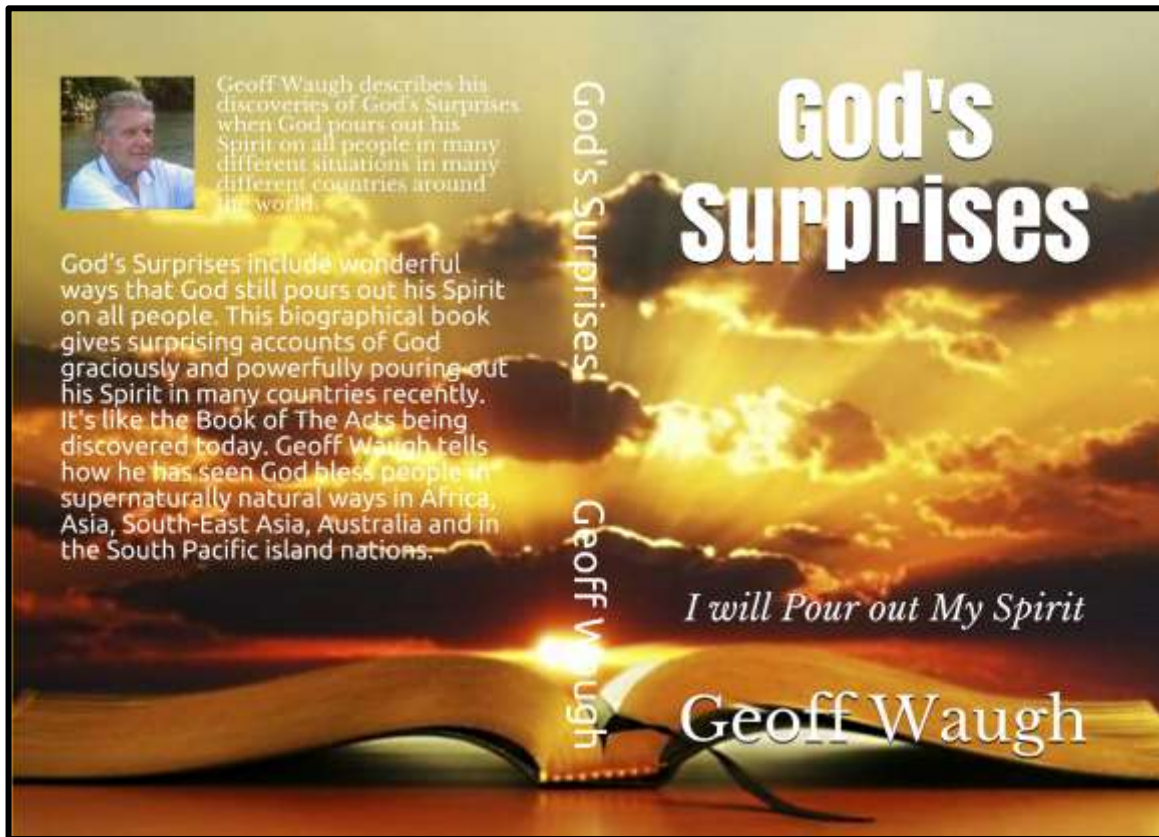


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Journey into Mission

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*With love and thanks to our family and mission teams
We see God's Surprises together*

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I have read many similar stories, but this one exceeds them all.

I read the on-line edition and was blown away by the response of the Solomon Islanders to the power of the Holy Spirit. It was amazing, or should I say God-planned. Geoff and Don have done well to not only be in so many places and seeing God at work, but also writing a book about it all. It's as if it has all happened in a world apart, but the events in Brisbane show that it could happen in Australia also. (Barbara Vickridge)

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Africa

"Can I take some bread home?" asked a young man at our communion service in the slums of Nairobi in Kenya, East Africa. We shared real drink and two loaves of bread together among 30 people in their corrugated iron shed where I was the guest preacher.

"It's your bread," I answered. "You decide." He quickly shoved a handful of bread into his pocket. Then most of the others did the same. Two weeks later, Frank, the young pastor, emailed me: "I've visited the slum homes of those people and they are still eating that bread. It's still fresh." Apparently God multiplied it.

Frank and his wife Linda then offered free bread and drink each Saturday for hungry, skinny slum people, usually catering for about 50 people. Sometimes many more turned up and they all had plenty, every time. Apparently God kept multiplying it as needed.

A young pastor in Ghana in West Africa, invited me to hold meetings there. So I arrived with three others from Brisbane during our college break in July, forgetting it was monsoon time in Ghana. We flew into a deluge of rain on the Monday. Our hosts planned night meetings in the market from Tuesday, with morning teaching in a local church.

"Can we hold the night rallies in the church?" I suggested.

"Oh, no," they said. "Only church people go there. Meetings in the market attract the crowds."

"What about the rain?" I asked.

"God sent you, so he'll do something," they responded, full of faith.

We drove for over an hour in pouring rain from Accra, the capital, to the town of Suhum in the hills for our first meeting on Tuesday night. The heavy rain had flooded the power station there so the whole town was in darkness. We prayed earnestly, asking God to take over.

Within 15 minutes the rain stopped, the town lit up with power, and we began. Those excited Africans sang and danced for over two hours, attracting hundreds to the service. All that week we had clear skies and large crowds. Church teams prayed for hundreds of people. Many were saved. Many were healed. One man testified, "I came to this meeting blind, but while you were singing I found I could see."

Heavy monsoon rains began again the day after our meetings ended, so heavy we saw it reported on international TV the next week.

Nepal

A friend of mine worked with the United Nations in Nepal. He loved to help and support pastors and leaders there. We visited him many times and I spoke at pastors and leaders meetings in Kathmandu, in West Nepal and in East Nepal. Some of those pastors walked for two or three days across the high ranges just to attend.

Their churches are saturated in prayer. I prayed in their “Power House”, the upstairs prayer rooms of their church in Kathmandu. Those small upper rooms were open 24 hours a day and many people went there to fast and pray, sometimes for many days.

We saw God’s Spirit move beautifully and powerfully in those meetings. Many were filled with the Spirit and healed. I heard a young man from one of their church bands praying eloquently in beautiful English – but he cannot speak English. They pray for one another with strong faith, expecting God to save, heal, deliver and anoint them.

The dedication of those Christians impressed me. Most of them had been imprisoned for their faith many times. One young pastor conducted a Christian wedding which infuriated relatives so they complained to the police and he spent a month in prison for disturbing the peace. Our host had been severely beaten while in prison. Two young evangelists were shot to death when we were there. They had returned from Bible College in India and were accused of spying. God gives those Christians amazing peace and joy amid the persecution, just as in the Book of The Acts.

India

Our team visited Grace Bible College in New Delhi founded by Dr Paul Pilai. Paul had stayed in our home in Brisbane when visiting Australia. He was converted after a young Christian girl prayed for his healing while he was very ill in hospital and he recovered miraculously.

He told us how his students and teams started new churches in villages and towns. They often faced angry opposition. One fanatical group burned their tent meeting and attacked them, hitting them with clubs trying to kill them. They broke Paul’s arm and burned the tent. But suddenly Paul’s team was surrounded by handsome Indian men who miraculously moved them away to a safe place nearby. The team could see their burning tent in the distance. Those angels told Paul that God would send him back there. A few years later they were invited back and started a church there in a home.

Grace Bible College, the largest in India with around 600 students, trains people to evangelize and plant churches, especially among unreached peoples. Their graduates often face persecution and some have been martyrs. What a humbling privilege it was to pray with the staff there and speak to the crowded hall full of such committed students.

China

I visited China with a student from college. His parents worked there. The woman pastor evangelist of a house church invited us to her church in a high-rise unit. The young man who met us at the gate could speak English. He feared that the security guard might ask awkward questions, but as we walked in around 7pm, the guard had his back to us, talking to someone else. When we left after midnight, the guard was gone, probably sleeping.

Around 30 people sat on the floor and sang softly in worship. We spoke and then found that no one would leave until we had prayed for them personally. That took a while! They were happy to slip away one-by-one, just as they had come. Most were new Christians who believed because a Christian prayed for their healing. They believed in prayer and miracles just as in the Book of The Acts. Their simple, strong faith and humility moved and challenged me deeply.

The Philippines

I taught on revival at a seminary in Manilla in the sweltering heat of the Philippines. An assignment I gave my M.Th. students was to report on revival and miracles. One pastor, who was also a police inspector, reported that a church he visited sent groups of young people to sing and speak at hospitals and nursing homes.

One of those teams held monthly meetings in a mental hospital. The staff said that their patients may not understand much, but those patients did enjoy the singing. More than 40 came to the first meeting. The team offered to pray for anyone who would like prayer. They prayed personally for 26 people. The next month when the team returned, all those 26 had been discharged and sent home.

Australia

We visited Elcho Island in the north where revival broke out and spread through Aboriginal communities all across northern Australia. We invited a team from Elcho Island for a Pentecost weekend in Brisbane. Two dozen came! They told us about the revival and prayed for people after each meeting that weekend, just sitting on the carpeted platform floor, aboriginal style.

That revival began after aborigines on Elcho Island prayed desperately for revival amid increasing crime, drink and drugs. The night their pastor returned from a holiday they met of Bible Study and prayer. God's Spirit fell on them as they united for the closing prayer. That prayer and ministry went all night. People were filled with the Spirit, discovered many spiritual gifts, and saw healings and reconciliations. Everywhere their teams went they saw God moving on the people.

South Pacific Islands

Many revival movements swept the South Pacific islands. I was blessed to see some.

God's Spirit fell on the Law School of the University of the South Pacific just after Easter 2002. The Law School is in Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu. Many were dramatically saved and transformed. Those committed students also went on mission to other South Pacific nations and to Australia. Now they are lawyers and leaders, and a president of their Christian Fellowship became a Member of Parliament in Fiji.

Some of those teams came with me to Pentecost Island in Vanuatu. God has been moving there in unusual ways for a hundred years. Vanuatu people first evangelized the island, one becoming a martyr. A wife of the highest ranking chief returned to life after she died and told them that she had seen God and they should leave their heathen ways and become Christians. Many revival teams have served God there.

God poured out his Spirit on children and youth in the Western Solomon Islands from Easter 2003. They loved to sing and pray daily in the church after school. God gave them visions, revelations, words of knowledge about hidden sins and bad relationships and many other spiritual gifts such as healings and speaking and singing what God revealed.

God revealed to a young boy the name of a man who stole a chain saw from the timber mill. A church member had been wrongly accused of that crime and sacked. He was reinstated after the man who stole it was confronted and confessed.

A mother asked me what it meant when her young boy had a vision of Jesus with one foot in heaven and one foot on the earth. I immediately remembered Matthew 28:18 – *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

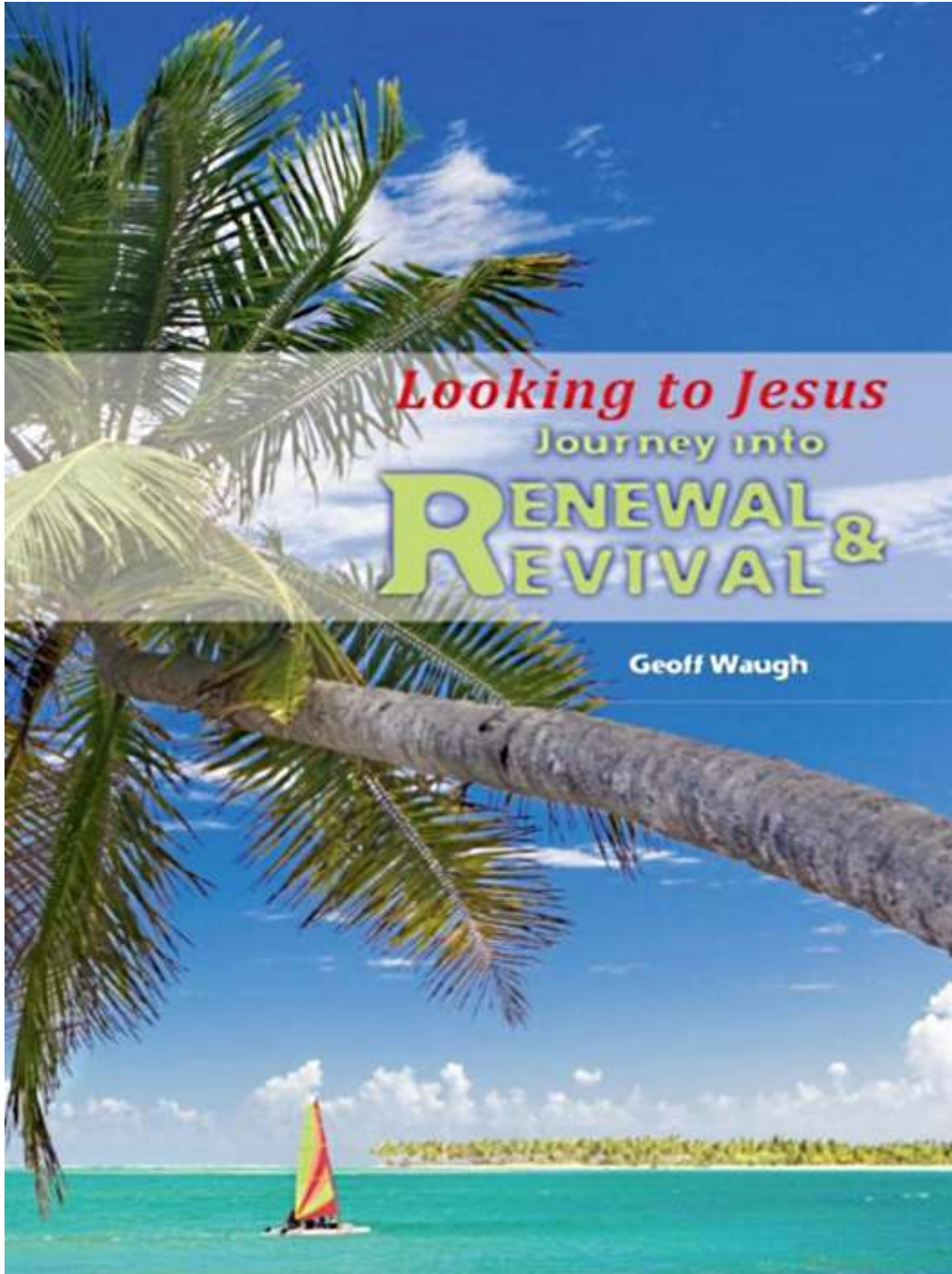
We saw God touch around 1,000 youths at a National Christian Youth Convention in 2006. One night at the convention they responded, running to the front of the open-air meeting. For half-an-hour their worship team sang "He is Lord" while we prayed for them. They fell like dominoes. Many testified to healings, visions and revelations. One young man returned to his village that night and found his mother ill, so laid hands on her and prayed for her. She was healed. His brother then asked for prayer and he too was healed. The young man had never done that before. A whole group from the Kariki Islands, further west, saw revival in their islands on their return. God moved powerfully in every meeting they held and in personal prayers.

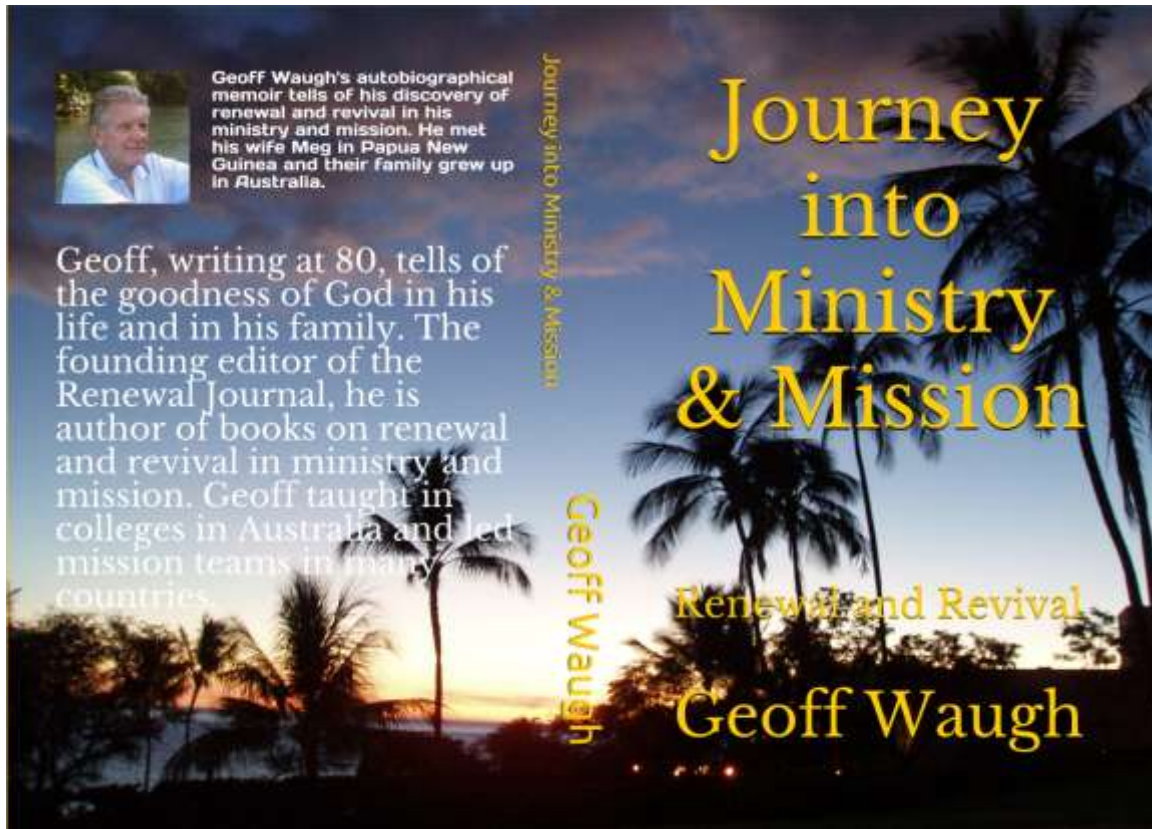
I could tell you more, so I've done that in this book, *God's Surprises*, condensed from my longer book *Journey into Mission*.

I discovered that we Westerners are often too busy to pray, too worldly to listen to God, too proud to repent, and too unbelieving to see revival. We Christians – called by the name of Christ – need to take God's promise seriously:

If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

*Looking to Jesus:
Journey into Renewal and Revival*





Journey into Ministry and Mission condensed from
Looking to Jesus: Journey into Renewal & Revival – autobiography &
Journey into Mission – Geoff's mission trips

Prelude

As we prayed for people we often saw healings and deliverance. It usually looked ordinary – just doing what we always did. But in revival, faith and unity are stronger than usual and more happens. More respond. More are changed.

This book describes significant revival events in bold including: a martyr for Jesus; dead return; supernatural fire; light rain from clear sky; angels sing; communion bread multiplied to feed slum families; youths swim nine hours to get help; whole school responds; whole village responds; children and youth lead in revivals; English understood by non-English speakers; non-English speakers pray in beautiful English; first PM of Solomon Islands hosts team; first PM of Fiji washes feet; powerful unity; healing the land; many healings, and more, like locals going out on mission to other islands and other nations.

Life is mission, wherever we are – with friends, with family, and with people we meet. A lot of my mission happened to be transcultural. ***So what did I learn?*** Here's a handful of lessons I learned on mission.

1 Listen to God. He guides. He'll often lead you into new ventures and surprising adventures. He sustains you.

2 Listen to God's Word. Absorb it. Jesus' life and ministry and his disciples' example often guided and inspired me.

3 Listen to others – especially local leaders. They know their people and their culture far better than you ever will.

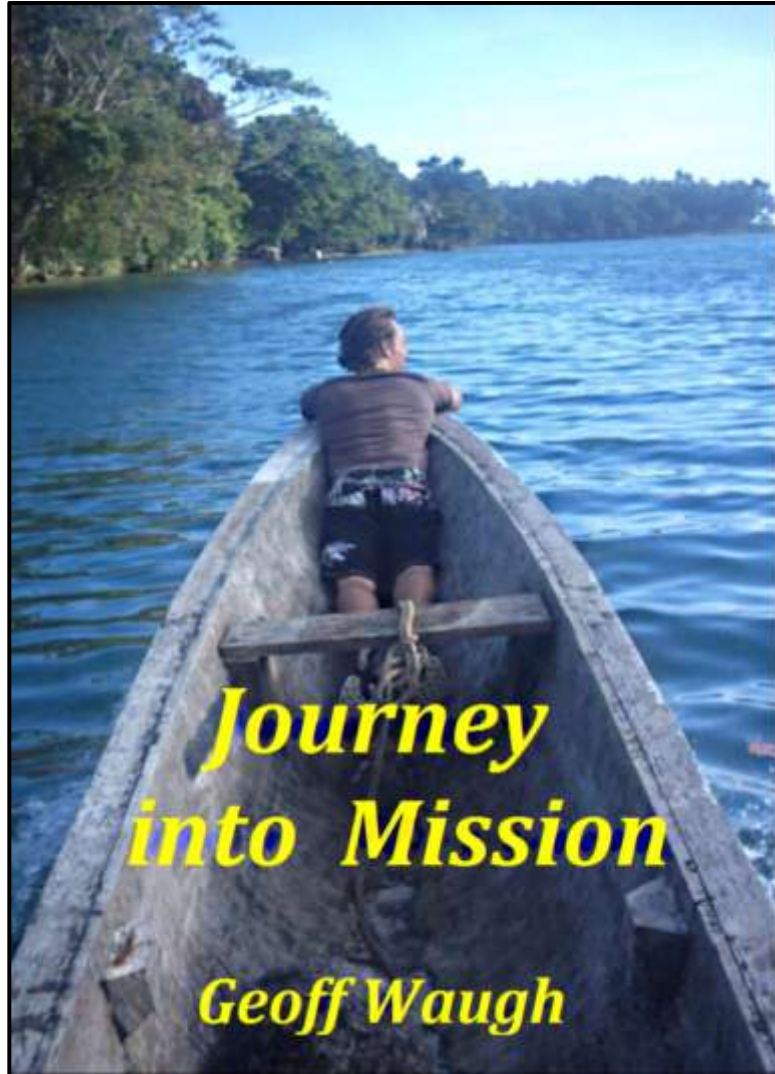
4 Listen to your heart. Where is your heart in all this? Why are you doing it? Be led by the Spirit. He knows the desires of your heart so well.

5 Step out in faith. Don't wait till you are perfect – you'll be in heaven then. Pray and obey. Use the gifts God has given you, humbly and boldly. Serve together in humble unity, responding to God together, and give God all the glory. He does so much in and through us, exceedingly abundantly above all we are asking or even thinking (Ephesians 3:20-21).

This book is summarised from

Journey into Mission

and other autobiographical books



Introduction

When I was 70 I wrote my autobiography, [*Looking to Jesus: Journey into Renewal and Revival*](#). See www.renewaljournal.com for details.

A decade later at 80, I updated that book, and also expanded that story in [*Journey into Mission*](#), to tell what I had seen God do in many places among many friends in our mission trips. Miraculously, and with a lot of family help, I was able to travel to every continent (except Antarctica) on mission, usually in a team, including teams of local people. So here is that story, summarised from the longer books.

I've highlighted significant events in ***bold print***, so you can skim to those. This is a reduced, condensed version of the longer books. Those books may be more interesting for readers who want more detail. This condensed version is mainly drawn from the passages in ***bold print*** in the longer books.

These books are available in a Basic Edition (normal print) and a Gift Edition (colour print, so more expensive). All editions are also available as eBooks and also as a PDF. Just look in Amazon for Geoff Waugh *God's Surprises* and also *Journey into Mission*, and see the Blogs on my Renewal Journal website – www.renewaljournal.com

I have been to the South Pacific islands, and particularly to Pentecost Island in Vanuatu, more than anywhere else. It became my escape from Australia's winter in June-July! I saw many moves of God there and taught at their beautiful Bible College on Pentecost Island.

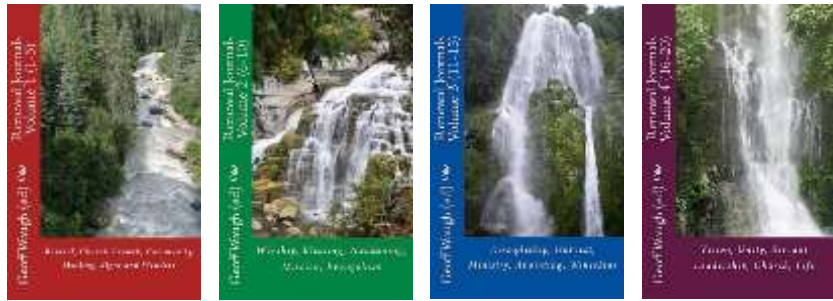
Similarly our teams saw surprising moves of God in many other countries including outpourings of the Spirit in Nepal, clear skies and miracles at meetings during heavy monsoon rains in Ghana, communion bread multiplied to feed slum families in Kenya, and people believing, filled with the Spirit, healed and set free in every place. I was especially blessed to see leaders and youths anointed and equipped to bless others as they prayed and preached.

I was blessed to travel on mission with my wife Meg before her death in 2002. We met on mission in Papua New Guinea and our first child was born in the mission hospital there. Later our whole family was involved in many mission and ministry opportunities together including at scores of children's, youth and family camps. More recently adult children and grandchildren have been involved in mission, especially helping orphanages and schools in Myanmar, and with church and groups in Australia.

I am especially grateful to my three adult children and our eight grandchildren for our journey together, loving, supporting and encouraging one another, including shared life together in community and mission at home and overseas.



Looking to Jesus: Journey into Renewal and Revival



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Chapter 1 – Australia

Australian Aborigines

The Lord poured out his Spirit on Elcho Island in northern Australia on Thursday, March 14, 1979. Rev Djiniyini Gondarra was then the Uniting Church (formerly Methodist) minister in the small community of Galiwin'ku at the south end of the long narrow island. He had been away on holidays in Sydney and Brisbane, returning on the late afternoon Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) flight.

He was travel weary and just wanted to unpack and go to bed early. Many of his people, however, had been praying for months, and some of them had prayed together every day while he had been away. They wanted to have prayer and Bible study with him in his home. This is his account of that Pentecost among Aborigines in the Arnhem Land churches across the north of Australia:

After the evening dinner, we called our friends to come and join us in the Bible Class meeting. We just sang some hymns and choruses translated into Gupapuynu and into Djambarrpuynu. There were only seven or eight people who were involved or came to the Bible Class meeting, and many of our friends didn't turn up. We didn't get worried about it.

I began to talk to them that this was God's will for us to get together this evening because God had planned this meeting through them so that we will see something of his great love which will be poured out on each one of them. I said a word of thanks to those few faithful Christians who had been praying for renewal in our church, and I shared with them that I too had been praying for the revival or the renewal for this church and for the whole of Arnhem Land churches, because to our heavenly Father everything is possible. He can do mighty things in our churches throughout our great land.

These were some of the words of challenge I gave to those of my beloved brothers and sisters. Gelung, my wife, also shared something of her experience of the power and miracles that she felt deep down in her heart when she was about to die in Darwin Hospital delivering our fourth child. It was God's power that brought the healing and the wholeness in her body.

I then asked the group to hold each other's hands and I began to pray for the people and for the church that God would pour out his Holy Spirit to bring healing and renewal to the hearts of men and women, and to the children.

Suddenly we began to feel God's Spirit moving in our hearts and the whole form of our prayer suddenly changed and everybody began to pray in the Spirit and in harmony. And there was a great noise going on in the room and we began to ask one another what was going on.

Some of us said that God had now visited us and once again established his kingdom among his people who have been bound for so long by the power of evil. Now the Lord is setting his church free and bringing us into the freedom of happiness and into reconciliation and to restoration.

In that same evening the word just spread like the flames of fire and reached the whole community in Galiwin'ku. Gelung and I couldn't sleep at all that night because people were just coming for the ministry, bringing the sick to be prayed for, for healing. Others came to bring their problems. Even a husband and wife came to bring

their marriage problem, so the Lord touched them and healed their marriage.

Next morning the Galiwin'ku Community once again became the new community. The love of Jesus was being shared and many expressions of forgiveness were taking place in the families and in the tribes. Wherever I went I could hear people singing and humming Christian choruses and hymns! Before then I would have expected to hear only fighting and swearing and many other troublesome things that would hurt your feelings and make you feel sad.

Many unplanned and unexpected things happened every time we went from camp to camp to meet with the people. The fellowship was held every night and more and more people gave their lives to Christ, and it went on and on until sometimes the fellowship meeting would end around about midnight. There was more singing, testimony, and ministry going on. People did not feel tired in the morning, but still went to work.

Many Christians were beginning to discover what their ministry was, and a few others had a strong sense of call to be trained to become Ministers of the Word. Now today these ministers who have done their training through Nungilinya College have been ordained. These are some of the results of the revival in Arnhem Land. Many others have been trained to take up a special ministry in the parish.

The spirit of revival has not only affected the Uniting Church communities and the parishes, but Anglican churches in Arnhem Land as well, such as in Angurugu, Umbakumba, Roper River, Numbulwar and Oenpelli. These all have experienced the revival, and have been touched by the joy and the happiness and the love of Christ.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Arnhem Land has swept further to the Centre in Pitjantjatjara and across the west into many Aboriginal settlements and communities. I remember when Rev. Ronang Garrawurra, Gelung and I were invited by the Warburton Ranges people and how we saw God's Spirit move in the lives of many people. Five hundred people came to the Lord and were baptised in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

There was a great revival that swept further west. I would describe these experiences like a wild bush fire burning from one side of Australia to the other side of our great land. The experience of revival in Arnhem Land is still active in many of our Aboriginal parishes and the churches.

We would like to share these experiences in many white churches where doors are closed to the power of the Holy Spirit. It has always been my humble prayer that the whole of Australian Christians, both black and white, will one day be touched by this great and mighty power of the living God.

[Djiniyini Gondarra, www.renewaljournal.com – *Renewal Journal*, Issue 1]



Aborigines baptised at Elcho Island

Aboriginal revival team

We invited a team of Aborigines from Elcho Island near Darwin to come to Brisbane for Pentecost weekend in 1993. The Uniting Church on Elcho Island experienced strong revival from March 1979, led by their pastor Rev Djiniyini Gondarra. It sparked revival in aboriginal communities and churches across the north and west of Australia, so I wanted them to share with us. Two dozen came and we housed them at Trinity Theological College in the students' dormitories. They found the beds too soft but enjoyed sleeping on the carpeted floor!

We held the meetings at Christian Outreach Centre in Brisbane, in their large auditorium offered freely to us. Although we began in the seats, we soon found ourselves sitting on the floor on and around the large platform and its steps, talking and praying together aboriginal style. They sang, gave testimonies and spoke, in simple, clear ways. They surprised me when they told me that it was the first time they had been invited to lead meetings in a white congregation!

I asked them to pray for people at the end of each meeting. "We don't know how to pray

for white people,” they said. “We haven’t done that before.”

“Just pray for us the same way you do for your own people,” I suggested. They did. We sat with them on the floor, talked together and then prayed for one another.

They prayed with the faith and gracious insights typical for them. Asked why white churches did not invite Aborigines to minister to them, and why the revival did not touch white churches they replied softly, “You are too proud.”

They invited us to join them on Elcho Island the following March, 1994, for their anniversary celebrations of the beginning of the revival. A small team of 10 of us flew there as guests, attending and enjoying the meetings and friendship. Although the initial intensity of the revival had died down, the meetings and community still carried the warmth, vitality and improved social conditions brought by the revival. You can read about that revival on www.renewaljournal.com in the first issue of the **Renewal Journal**.

Aboriginal pastors and leaders spoke at the meetings, celebrating what God had done among them. I had the honour to speak one night, gladly thanking them for their God-given national leadership in revival, much needed by the rest of us in Australia.

Some of us visited a small community, driving 50 kilometres on 4WD dirt tracks to the north end of the long narrow island. That community had one trade store, a single room school and a church. The whole community of about 30 people prayed together every morning and night, especially for revival in Australia. They had seen their prayers being answered among their own people, but continued to pray together daily for the whole nation. I found it a holy, humbling time to pray with them.

Features of this revival continue to occur in many aboriginal communities in Australia, particularly in North Queensland from July 1999. Christians repent and pray. God’s Spirit brings widespread confession. People find freedom from addiction to social vices including drunkenness, immorality and gambling. Family life becomes harmonious and happy. Increasing civil order produces widespread peace and joy.

If Christians remain humble and pray and believe, the revival movement grows stronger and spreads. However, if divisions and pride creep in, such as arguing over doctrinal differences, the Spirit of God is quenched and the revival subsides.



Our team and the local people used the light aircraft serving the aboriginal communities and the missions throughout northern Australia.

We’re grateful for the skill and service of the dedicated Christian pilots who serve God and the people with their regular daily flights.

Renewal in Brisbane

God poured out his Spirit in new ways among many churches in the charismatic renewal of the 1970s there. New movements sprang into being including Christian Life Centres and Christian Outreach Centres. Wavell Heights Presbyterian Church held charismatic services on Sunday nights, attracting visitors from many churches.

I met monthly with Anglican and Catholic leaders in renewal in Brisbane and we held combined churches renewal services in St John's Anglican Cathedral, St Stephen's Catholic Cathedral and in Wesley Central Mission. Teams of ministers from many denominations prayed for people responding at those packed-out meetings.

I led renewal meetings in Wesley Central Mission (now Albert Street Uniting Church) on Tuesday nights in the heart of Brisbane beside the city hall. We invited ministers and priests of most denominations to come and speak and pray for people with our prayer teams.

While teaching at Alcorn College (the Methodist Training College and Bible School) I prayed each week with the principal, Rev Dr Colin Warren, and Rev Wal Gregory, the minister of Wesley Church at Kangaroo Point. We started charismatic services there on Sundays and it grew.

For many years our family lived in community with others who were involved in renewal, mostly with home groups linked to Wesley Church at Kangaroo Point. The interdenominational Renewal Fellowship began in our home group, and then moved to Trinity Theological College when I taught there.

The Renewal Fellowship met on Friday and Sunday nights for almost two decades from the mid-eighties with Hilary Mackerras at the piano. We shared informal communion on Sunday nights, constantly praying together in groups. We took teams to many churches and on mission, as described in this book, and supported many people. Our offerings, with no salaries or building costs, were placed in an offering box near the door and mainly supported missions.

People from many different denominations attended regularly and also regularly used our library of loaned renewal and revival books. One of our group had to follow up those who forgot to return books they had signed out!

We led renewal worship and prayer at Gateway Baptist Church in monthly rallies for a couple of years with a filled baptistery and clothes available for those wanting baptism. A Ph.D. student from Malaysia saw a humbling vision of Jesus there during our worship, surrendered to Jesus and was immediately baptised that night.

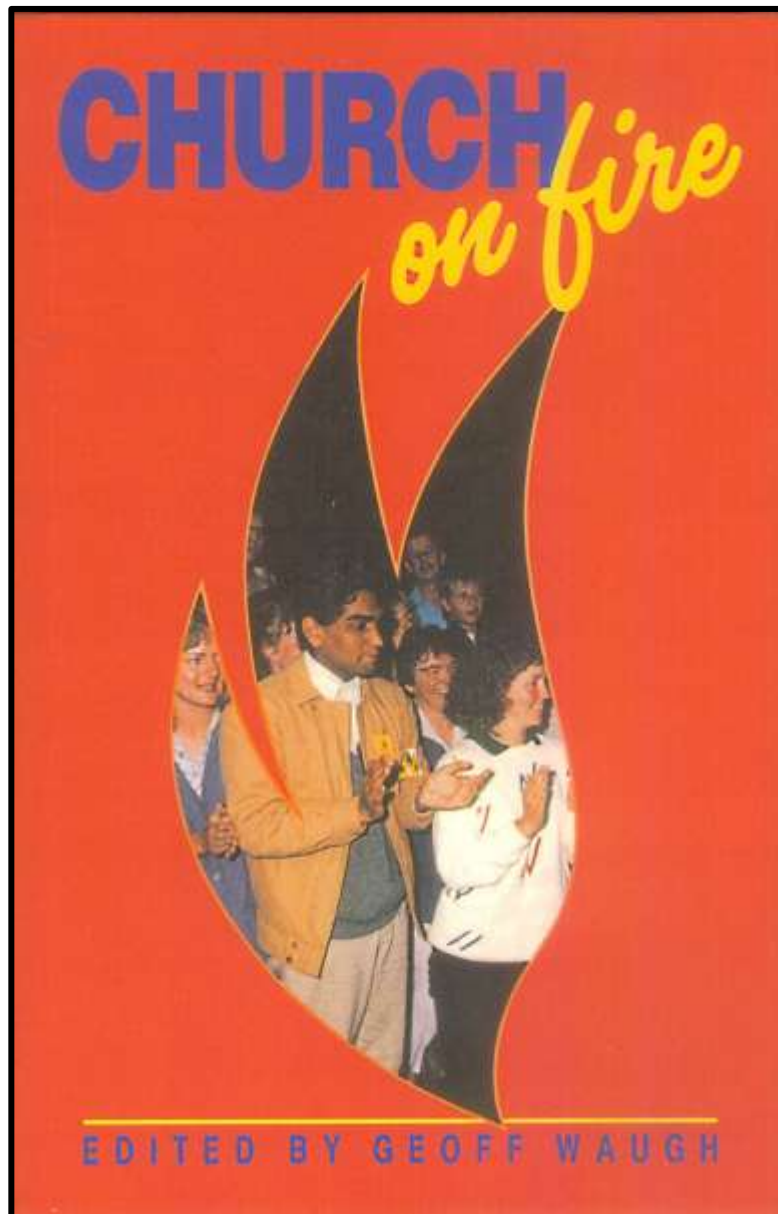
I taught elective courses at college on ministry and mission including renewal. Students came from Uniting, Anglican, Catholic and Pentecostal churches. Then from 1995 I taught degree and diploma courses in the Bible College of Christian Outreach Centre, the School of Ministries of Christian Heritage College. We developed and taught a lot of courses on renewal and revival.

As part of my teaching, and leading the Renewal Fellowship, I was the founding editor of the *Renewal Journal*, initially published twice a year for a decade. It became a digital web journal at www.renewaljournal.com. The *Renewal Journal* spread widely including internationally, and found its way into many university and college libraries in England and America as well as Australia. I began receiving invitations to teach and lead renewal meetings and conferences in many countries. That is the story told partly in this book.

I am grateful for the constant prayers of friends and the Renewal Fellowship and also the 6-7am prayer group at Kenmore Baptist Church five mornings each week. For

7 years the Lord woke me before 6am Monday-Friday with no alarm set, even in the cold, dark winter!

I tell the story of those years in Australia in more detail in my autobiography, *Looking to Jesus: Journey into Renewal and Revival*, and I gathered reports on renewal and revival in Australia in my book *Church on Fire*. It includes testimonies by clergy from Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Pentecostal and Independent churches.



Church on Fire

Renewal in Australian Churches

Chapter 2 – Papua New Guinea

One hot afternoon at the end of January 1965, I stepped into the 3D living version of all those mission photos and films I had seen, but now with the added sunny glare, heat, smells and people's chatter in Enga and Pidgin. Max Knight and others met us, loaded my tin trunks and the other supplies onto the mission truck, and we drove the exhilarating 10 miles to the large mission station at the northern end of the wide Baiyer River valley.

I quickly adapted to village church life after the first few weeks, and usually walked to a village church every Sunday, exploring the villages and scenery as well. Those first village visits plunged me into new dimensions of church life in their indigenous culture as a single young man from Australia.

Max and Pat Knight took some of us to the first village church service I attended. We travelled 15 kilometres back into the wide Baiyer Valley on the mission truck, most of us standing up in the back or hanging onto the sides. I stood to enjoy the ever unfolding, fantastic view of high kunai grasslands in the valley surrounded by majestic, towering mountain ranges. Most villages had been built on the tops of the ridges because of tribal fighting and killings. A village in a valley was easy plunder, and soon wiped out. So most villages sat high on mountain ridges.

We parked the truck by the road near Kwinkia at the foot of one of those towering ranges, and then followed the dirt tracks up, and up, and up, usually along ridges leading to higher ridges. We climbed about 1,000 feet in the hot sun of the morning. In those days no village had tanks on top of the ridge, as they do now, so any water had to be carried there from a stream part way down the ridge. Any stream we crossed became our wash room, cool, refreshing, and good to drink, if it did not come through bush where scores of pigs roamed, dug and made a mess.

After about an hour of steady climbing, we arrived at Kendapena village on the ridge top around 9am. People sat about in clusters sharing news. They all came to greet us, shake hands and chatter away in Enga. I listened with admiration as Max and Pat interacted with them fluently. We were dressed in our Sunday best, of course, a light dress for the women and a light short sleeve shirt or T-shirt for us men, with shorts and either boots or thongs (flip flops). I tried boots for a while, but found them too hot and heavy especially when trekking through mud, although I needed them for the long treks across the mountains. Soon I settled for thongs, and later for bare feet like all the locals around the stations or villages where I lived. My feet



hardened quickly, but never became as tough as theirs. My students could easily play 'kik bal' (kick ball - soccer) in bare feet, but when I tried I broke a small toe so reverted to sandals for those games.

Sunday clothes for the villagers were the same as for every other day and night. In the sixties that was a small pandanus leaf string cord for women, with narrow pandanus fibre netting in the front and back. Nothing else. The men wore a thick netted long fibre apron in front and soft leaves at the back, both strung from a belt of bamboo or vines, or a well-worn old leather belt obtained as a gift or payment. Compared with our hosts, we were over-dressed. They gladly accepted our

differences, especially as we were seen as rich westerners.

Some of them had washed. Most had not. Dirt remained encrusted on many bodies. After all, a layer of dirt helps to keep one a bit warmer on those mountain ridges at night and in the mornings at 3-5,000 feet high. Soap? The hospital and aid-post staff taught its value, and gave some away, but it seemed a rare commodity in the mountain top villages, though well used by everyone on the mission station.

No one had watches of course. They had no use in the village. The church service started when everyone was there. So on bright sunny mornings such as we had that day, it may begin around 9am, but on cold, cloudy mornings it could be noon or later. Few knew or cared what the time was. They cared about who was there and who may still come.

We gladly ate the food they gave us while we waited for more people to arrive. I had sugar cane, raw, chewing on the juicy fibres. Everything grew there lavishly, in fertile ground, drenched daily in the afternoon rains. Paw-paw, pineapple, and bananas grew luscious and big. Like a tourist, stunned with the novelty, I took photos, including one of a beautiful young lady eating a pineapple.

“You won’t be able to show that one at home,” Max whispered to me. It had not dawned on me that what was so natural and modest there in the village, including bare essentials in clothing styles, could not be thrown up on a church wall in Australia.

The village church at the edge of a cleared space (the village green!) blended in perfectly with all the other village houses, circular, dirt floor, platted bamboo walks rising to four or five feet, and a thick kunai grass roof shaped like a circular tent around a central pole. So we bowed low to get through the door, and we all sat packed tightly together on the dirt or dry grass, cross-legged in the dimly lit church. Soon our eyes adjusted, but I must admit my nose did not adjust that day. After a few months I realised I no longer noticed the unwashed body odours.

We sang. Well, they sang. Their Enga chants follow a pentatonic scale of five notes, not an octave of eight. Most of their songs were indigenous, created themselves. However, they did include some English hymns, adapted to their own style and translated into their own language. I enjoyed the singing as it rose and fell, expressing their joy and new life in Christ Jesus. Of course I did not understand any of it.

Then we had announcements and sharing. Max whispered brief translations to me. If someone’s piglets made too much noise people would tell the woman caring for it to keep it quiet. If a baby began to cry the men on the opposite side of the crowded dirt floor would call out “Give it the breast.” I was surprised to hear that most of the announcements were about normal community life (not church life) including arrangements for road building. At that stage of Australia’s administration in the highlands the villagers paid no taxes, but the tribes all helped to build roads one day a week as community service. They used the provided picks and shovels, which regularly disappeared. When revival swept through that area in the seventies, hundreds of ‘stolen’ shovels and axes and other tools reappeared at the mission station as people were convicted by the Holy Spirit to return ‘borrowed’ items! Missionaries then had to ask people to stop returning these borrowed tools, and gave them as permanent gifts.

Max introduced me and invited me to say something, which he interpreted. I gave my first Enga message, in English! After saying how pleased and impressed I was to be at my first Enga service, I noted how we all had to bow low to come through the door into their church building, and compared that with responding to Jesus’ invitation and declaration, “I am the door.” Those who enter his house or kingdom do so through him, by humbly believing in him.

The village pastor could not read (few adults could then) so one of the school boys read a

Bible passage in Enga from a duplicated translation. The pastor gave his message, studied some days before at the mission station's pastors' school. I really admired the way our culturally sensitive missionaries worked with the village leaders and pastors.



Although it was impossible to avoid importing some of our Christian traditions, the mission staff tried to avoid doing that. Church life, however, did reflect many western traditions. For example, it struck me as odd that communion followed western styles using symbolic cubes of sweet potato (no bread in the village) and berry juice passed around in little bamboo cups (like thimbles). Their way of 'breaking bread' together in the village usually meant sharing some of the many varieties of sweet potato whole, or broken in half, as they sat around in their houses. That's so much closer to what Jesus did!

The service closed with more singing and we filed out to sit or stand around together for a while. We had time for sharing more information, disseminating news from the schools or hospital, and planning any future events, as well as eating together again. Then we made our way carefully back down the mountain track into the wide valley below, and I rejoiced all the way back in the truck thinking, so that's church in New Guinea. Even 'going to church' there was rather western, having a specific church building and a meeting in it. New Testament churches looked more like the Chinese house churches.

At least the village churches looked like a large house, useful as a general meeting place for any gathering. Later on, as cash increased in the villages from selling coffee, many tribes built a church with an iron roof. That had the great advantage of providing a village water tank, usually full from the regular rains. However it also had the great disadvantage of the unlined roof becoming an oven on those hot days, or an amplified drum when it rained, drowning out the speaking and even the singing. I suspect prestige and modernisation over-ruled comfort.



Enga pastors evangelized and disciplined their people. They conducted all the baptisms (photo) and village teaching. We were support staff, and I learned to watch and appreciate how well they led a strong and rapidly growing indigenous church.



Vine bridge across gorges

The first pioneer missionaries among the Enga tribes began in 1949. The first baptisms in 1956 marked the official birth of the Enga churches. By 1965, when I arrived, four mission stations provided bases for reaching the whole area.

Evangelism happened naturally and constantly. There was no need for an altar call or invitation at a meeting. They all talked about faith in Jesus and what that meant and, typical of village communal societies, they preferred to talk it through until they all agreed.

So the Engas saw many people movements and revival – whole tribes deciding they wanted to follow Jesus.



I enjoyed life in New Guinea, and like most people there had bare feet most of the time, so they hardened. No one at school had shoes, including the other teacher, Keyane. Most men grew beards. It was far easier to trim a beard than to shave, so very few shaved. So I grew a beard also, for a while. We trekked a lot, mostly to local villages at weekends. My longest trek took a week with some pastors over the 8,000 foot ranges further to the north in a remote area, a mission and evangelistic outreach of the Enga church.



At weekends I continued to visit different village churches. Usually my school pupils walked with me to their village. That gave them a chance to practise their English, and gave me an opportunity to practise my Enga. So we had strange conversations where they used poor English and I used poor Enga as we talked together!

After 2-3 years teaching in schools I conducted various short-term Bible Schools for 3 months each and then began the permanent Bible School for the Engas. As we studied about Jesus and the early church we were, unknowingly, preparing our students to be leaders in revival among the Engas.

Many of those students became strong leaders in the revival that swept the area from 1973. Solomon Island pastors had experienced strong revival from 1970, as told in my book [South Pacific Revivals](#). Those pastors taught about revival in many places including to Enga pastors gathered at Baiyer River in September 1973. The Solomon Islanders prayed for the Enga leaders and pastors to be filled with the Spirit and anointed for powerful ministry. The next Sunday in every village where those Enga pastors spoke and prayed for their people, revival broke out. God poured out his Spirit. Hundreds of people were filled with the Spirit and began receiving and using spiritual gifts including praying for healing and deliverance from evil spirits. There was widespread conviction, repentance, forgiveness and reconciliations.

Around the same time a similar revival moved through the Min people of New Guinea in the Baptist village churches around Telefolmin in rugged mountains further west from the Engas. Then we began hearing of many other similar revival movements, so I collected some of those reports in my book [South Pacific Revivals](#).

Baptized in Love



During 1967, while still single, I began a stimulating correspondence with Meg, then teaching in a mission school where I had been previously. I had started another village school further up the Sau River valley gorge.

So later that year I would sometimes head back to the nearest mission station on my motor bike on Friday afternoon, and then trek/run for 3 hours (usually a 5 hour hike) across the ranges to visit Meg for the weekend where she was teaching. We would hike together to a ridge top village church on Sunday mornings, accompanied by a dozen curious school children. We both returned to Australia in December, 1967, became engaged, and married in May, 1968, near the end of six months furlough. Then we returned to New Guinea for 1968-70 where we were commenced the full-time Enga Baptist Bible School.

I realized later that God had prepared me to help prepare the students for revival. During my mission deputation in Australia in 1968, before we were married, I spoke about our mission work as I visited churches in Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania, during a month in each state. Meg joined me in at an Easter Camp in April in Tasmania and then we both went to Hobart where I spoke at the Baptist Tabernacle. Meg and I stayed with friends there whom I had known in theological college.

I discovered that they had been filled with the Spirit, healed, delivered from controlling spirits and anointed to pray effectively for people. I was intrigued. As they told their story I found faith stirring in me. I knew it was biblical. I knew about Pentecost and the early church. I knew how those early disciples prayed for many people to be filled with the Spirit. I wanted that too.

My friends laid hands on me and prayed for me. God's Spirit flooded me with love from head to toe. I always knew that God loved me, but now I felt that love like I'd never felt it before. I realized that I had been baptised in the Spirit with a new anointing. The next month we were married and back in New Guinea, teaching about the early church.

During our next furlough in 1970, I was again speaking in Tasmania and again stayed with our friends in Hobart. There, after a time of mutual confession, I received a fresh touch from God which I felt physically. Later I realized I had been totally healed from an annoying fungal skin disease I had caught in New Guinea. I hadn't asked for healing, but I did experience the truth of James 5:17 – *Confess your faults to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.*

When I was back with my wife Meg again after those deputation meetings, we sat in bed together talking about it. Meg asked me to pray for her for a fresh touch from God and she too was flooded with God's love as we prayed together in bed. These were early and significant steps along our path into renewal and revival.



Typical highland village on ridge top

Chapter 3 – Canada: Toronto



Since the mid-nineties Toronto and Pensacola became famous in revival literature. The Lord poured out his Spirit in amazing ways in both these cities, modern echoes of the radical Azusa Street revival in 1906, ninety years earlier. Hundreds of thousands have visited both places, discovering fresh touches from God.

After our week on mission in Ghana, Meg and I explored England and Wales for a week, visiting revival locations, then flew on to Toronto in Canada. We spent a memorable week at Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship (TACF).

The senior pastors at TACF, John and Carol Arnott (photo), had prayed earnestly for over a year, dedicating every morning to seeking God together and personally. Randy Clark, a fellow Vineyard pastor, joined them for revival meetings from January 20, 1994, at their small church building at the end of the international airport runway. The Spirit moved on them all in unusual and controversial ways. People fell to the floor, most overwhelmed for hours, laughing, trembling, weeping, and celebrating. TACF saw more people transformed by God, including conversions, than they had ever seen before. Over 100,000 a year flocked there from all over the world for well over a decade.

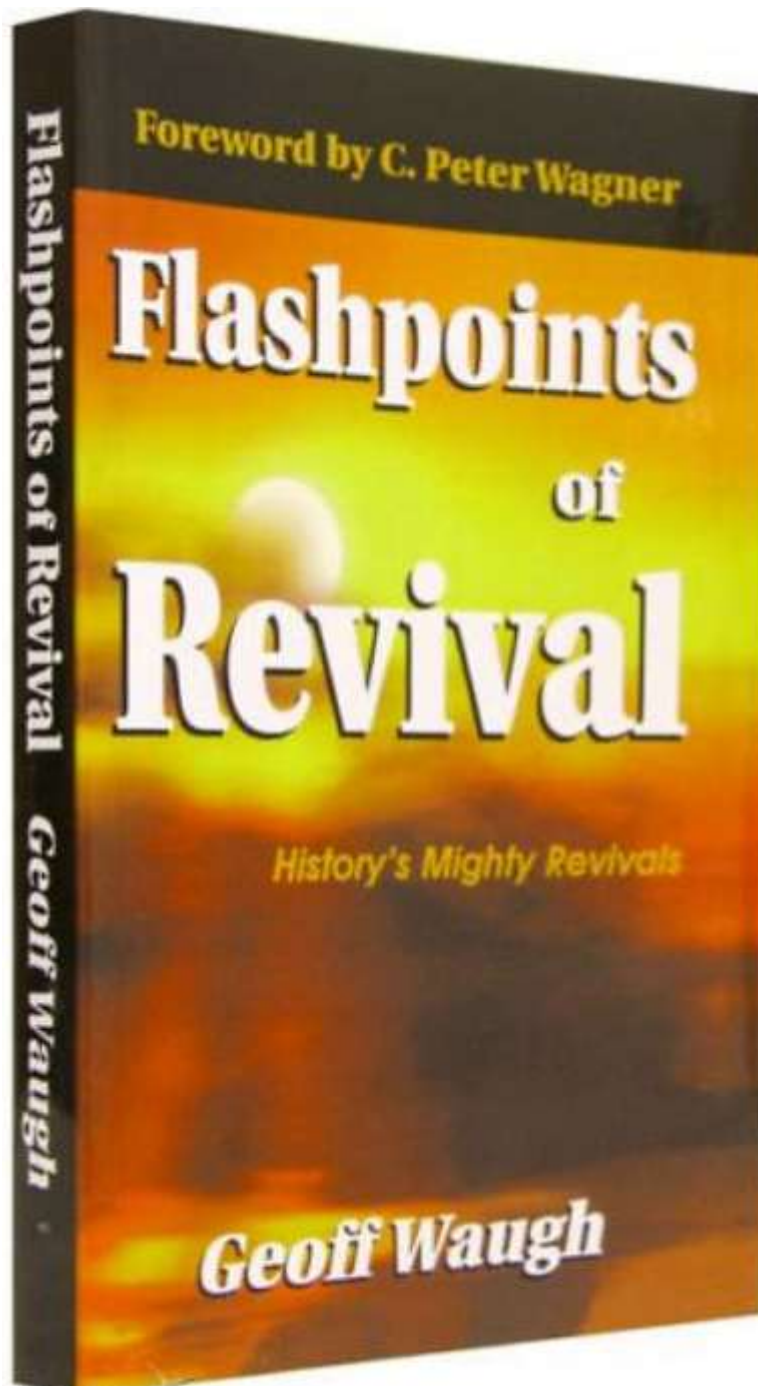
The wide diversity of people from different denominations and countries there impressed us. Visiting pastors and leaders in these revival meetings confess their sins of control, pride, theological rigidity, jealousy and fear of people's opinions. Many are reconciled and work publicly together for God's glory, not for the glory of their own denomination or theology. Churches which once competed, blamed others for sheep stealing and criticised each other, have confessed their sins of division and hatred, found reconciliation and an astonishing love for one another. Many of them now co-operate to minister this blessing together

We joined the crowds of over 1500 each morning and night, enjoyed the low-key sensitive worship (knowing very few of their songs), appreciated the balanced teaching, and received personal prayer.

Both of us appreciated the gracious, caring way people prayed for us, and others. No rush. No hype. No pressure. Whether we stood, or sat in a chair, or rested on the carpeted floor, those praying for us did so quietly with prayers prompted by the Holy Spirit. Those praying laid a hand on us gently, as led, and trusted the Lord to touch us. He did. Warmth and love permeated us. We returned to our hotel after the meetings aware of increased peace and deeper assurance of the Lord's love and grace.

Our visit included a day's bus trip to Niagara Falls. It seemed like a parable of God pouring out his Spirit in abundance. We stood in the tunnel lookout under the roaring wall of water, and sailed through the spray below the falls in the Maid of the Mist ferry. Niagara Falls reminded us of our awesome creator and provided a time of refreshing in another way.

After returning to Brisbane I noticed that people I prayed for received strong touches from the Lord, most resting in the Spirit on the floor. We needed people to be ready to catch those who fell, to avoid them getting hurt (then needing extra healing prayer!). Some of them had visions of the Lord blessing them and others. Many people from many denominations came to our meetings and found renewal, refreshment and empowering.



Flashpoints of Revival
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Chapter 4: America: Pensacola



My next round-the-world ticket, also in the June-July vacation, took me to England, visiting relatives, and then on to Pensacola in Florida in the south east of the United States in 2002. Security was exceptionally tight after the 9/11 attacks in America the previous September. We had to remove shoes, belts, and empty our pockets as we progressed slowly through two or three x-ray checks in each boarding queue.

I flew to New Orleans from Miami, drove a rental Ford Escort over 200 miles to Brownsville in Pensacola on the southern coast, found the church and booked into a nearby motel. Local accommodation and tourist businesses profited greatly from the thousands visiting that Brownsville revival in Pensacola!

Lightning hit the main church auditorium building on July 4 (their national holiday!) the previous week, knocking out their electrical system. So we met in their new octagonal Family Worship Centre seating 2000, built for revival overflow crowds. I attended their Wednesday to Friday night meetings. They sounded much the same as any Assemblies of God service at home, but with a wonderful, powerful presence of God, hard to describe, but easy to soak in.

I liked the spontaneous bits best. Before Friday night's revival service some people in the singing group of over 50 people on the stage began singing free harmonies without music while they waited for the sound system to work, and we all joined in. It sounded like angels harmonising in continual worship. Wonderful. No need for words!

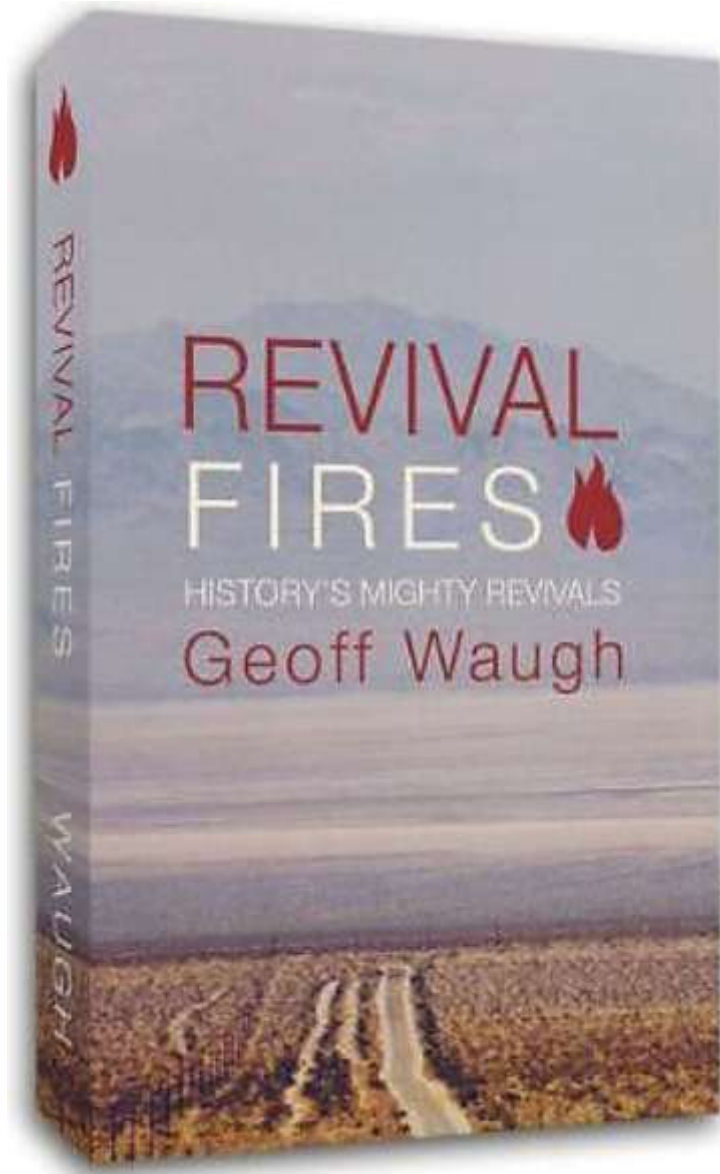
Later, during the service Lindel Cooley (top photo right), their worship leader, led spontaneously from the keyboard without other instruments, singing the chorus of an old hymn from his youth (and mine) – 'Love lifted me'. All the oldies joined in, and then it went on to a verse sung from memory. It moved me deeply, from my own boyhood memories, especially as I had just then been asking the Lord for a personal word or touch from him.

A visitor preached, calling for faith and action. Their prayer team prayed for many hundreds at the 'altar call' – short and sharp, but relevant and challenging. The man who prayed briefly for me spoke about national and international ministries the Lord would open for me.

The Pensacola style of revival felt more strongly Pentecostal than the Vineyard renewal style at Toronto, but both were saturated with the powerful presence of the Lord. That wonderful presence touched me most.



The Pensacola congregation had been praying earnestly for revival before it began on Father's Day, June 18, 1995. Evangelist Steve Hill (photo) spoke that day and a thousand people streamed forward at the altar call. John Kilpatrick the pastor (top photo left), was overwhelmed for four days. They registered over 26,000 conversions in the first year of that revival and over 100,000 in the first two years. Thousands of lives were dramatically changed. It spilled out into the community with crime and abortions dropping significantly.



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Chapter 5 – Brazil

In June 2008, I saw something of God’s mighty work in Brazil. George and Lisa Otis and the Sentinel Group hosted a conference in Belo Horizonte and a group of us visited communities that have been transformed in Brazil.



Lagoinha Baptist Church, Belo Horizonte

We worshipped on Sunday in the huge Baptist Church of Lagoinha in the city of Belo Horizonte. This church of about 35,000 holds four services every Sunday. The sanctuary is round with two high galleries. Before the worship service began they baptised about a dozen people in the baptistery high above the platform. Their worship leader, Ana Paula Valadao, is well known in Brazil. She led worship at the conference and has led national worship gatherings with over one million attending.

The worship service ended, as always, with an invitation for people to give their lives to God. As people streamed forward, counsellors joined to pray with them. People in the sanctuary let down banners saying, “Welcome to the family of God”.

We visited the city of Teresopolis, just north of Rio, where a whole community that once existed on the city’s garbage dump, now lives in a beautiful new valley nearby. We met youths from former gangs, now transformed into prayer and evangelism warriors, and we prayed with them on the prayer mountain there.

Then we flew north to see the transformation of Algodao de Jandaira, a rural town which suffered from 24 years of drought, until God answered prayer. My story draws on information from the Sentinel Group report.

The Valentina Baptist church in Joao Pessoa hosted us. Many of them had cried out for a fresh move of God. A quiet choir member began to have vivid dreams about a town called Algodao de Jandaira. Later they discovered such a place existed in a desert area with no proper roads.

A prayer team drove there, as we did. When the team arrived at the outskirts of the community, they were shocked by the poverty of its 2,200 inhabitants. The community well stayed dry. The team approached one home and discovered it was the only evangelical home in the community!

The church sent a team once a month with needed supplies. These follow-up trips continued through 2003. At the end of each visit, after they had delivered their meager supplies

of food, salt and clothing, the team would walk up to a rock outcropping above the village to pray. We prayed there also.

That year the congregation decided to help the people of Algodao de Jandaira at Christmas. They took their supplies and continued to pray earnestly for God to intervene.

On January 24, 2004, the team returned to Algodao de Jandaira. About five miles from the community they approached a riverbed they had crossed dozens of times before. This time raging waters coursed down the channel. Parking their vehicle, the ecstatic believers hoisted supply sacks onto their shoulders and waded across the river.

As they walked the final stretch to town, a spirit of worship overcame them. Reaching the edge of the village, the team stood in astonishment. From the rock outcropping that served as their prayer station, a waterfall was pouring forth life-giving water upon the community below. Children ran in the river, splashing and laughing all around. Men watered their horses, while goats drank their fill.

Shortly after their previous visit the heavens over Algodao de Jandaira had unleashed a deluge. Water exploded out of previously dry wells with such force that huge boulders were tossed into the air like pebbles. After the “Flood of Blessings” – the 24 year old mayor’s term for the recent miracle – they drilled 45 wells to tap what hydrologists now say is a substantial water table under Algodao de Jandaira. We met the young mayor and prayed with him.

The land now produces fava beans, papaya, guava, and other crops. Bees generate high quality honey, goats yield record amounts of milk, and the river is filled with fish and shrimp. For the first time ever they can sell their overflow produce to public schools and outside distributors. The photo is of baptisms in the dam.



Algodao de Jandaira’s population rose to 3,000. The Valentina congregation has planted a church and social center in the community, and holds joint services there with a local Assembly of God congregation. Today, a substantial majority of Algodao de Jandaira’s citizens follow Christ as their Lord and Savior. When glory is to be given, it is given to God rather than their former patron saint, Padre Cicero.

The mayor’s leadership has landed multiple federal grants worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Recently, when he presented his case for a further grant, Algodao de Jandaira was the only community in the state of Paraiba to win a grant.

We worshipped in the Valentina Baptist Church, now powerfully Spirit-filled, and also in the Christian pioneers’ home in Algodao de Jandaira, and out on the street in front of that home. That family hosted us. We worshipped and praised God on the rocky outcrop near the town, where their prayer teams had prayed each month. And I swam in the cool fresh water, now flowing through the low dam beside the town.

God answers prayer! Not always as soon as we want, and not always the way we want, but he does. I left Brazil filled with awe once again. Revival has made Brazil the country with the third largest number of Christians, after America and China.

Chapter 6 – Ghana: West Africa



A young pastor in Ghana in West Africa, invited me to hold meetings there. So I arrived with three others from Brisbane during our college break in July, forgetting it was monsoon time in Ghana. We flew into a deluge of rain on the Monday. Our hosts planned night meetings in the market from Tuesday, with morning teaching in a local church.

“Can we hold the night rallies in the church?” I suggested. “Oh, no,” they said. “Only church people go there. Meetings in the market attract the crowds.”

“What about the rain?” I asked.

“God sent you, so he’ll do something,” they responded, full of faith.

We drove for over an hour in pouring rain from Accra, the capital, to the town of Suhum in the hills for our first meeting on Tuesday night. The heavy rain had flooded the power station there so the whole town was in darkness. We prayed earnestly, asking God to take over. Within 15 minutes the rain stopped, the town lit up with power, and we began.

The host team began excitedly shouting that it was a miracle.

“We will talk about this for years,” they exclaimed with gleaming eyes. And we had not even started the first meeting yet! We had clear skies and large crowds all that week.

Soon the musicians from one of the local churches had plugged in their instruments to the sound system. The loudspeakers did not face the faithful Christians gathered in the fluorescent-lit open area, but pointed at the surrounding houses, the stores, and the hotel. Those excited Africans sang and danced for over two hours, attracting hundreds to the service.

My interpreter that night didn’t know English really well. I think he preached his own sermon based on some phrases of mine he understood or guessed, and apparently he did well. When we invited people to respond and give their lives to Christ, they came from the surrounding darkness into the light. Some wandered over from the pub, smelling of beer. They kept the ministry team busy praying and arranging follow-up with their churches.

We moved about laying hands on people’s heads and praying for them. People reported various touches of God in their lives. Church teams prayed for hundreds of people. Many were saved. Many were healed. One man testified, “I came to this meeting blind, but while you were singing I found I could see.”



Each day we held morning worship and teaching sessions for Christians in the Apostolic Church, hot under an iron roof on those clear, tropical sunny days. During the second morning I vividly ‘saw’ golden light fill the church and swallow up or remove blackness. At that point the African Christians became very noisy, vigorously celebrating and shouting praises to God. A fresh anointing seemed to fall on them just then.

Although it didn’t rain the whole time we were holding meetings there, the day after our meetings finished, the torrential rains began again. The following week we saw floods in Ghana reported on international television. Later on we received letters telling us how the church where we held our morning meetings had grown, expanded their building, and had

sent out teams of committed young people in evangelism. Through that experience, God showed us a glimpse of what he is doing in a big way in the earth right now.

Our friends, Don and Helen Hill, accompanied Meg and me on this trip, and Don wrote in detail about this trip, and many other trips, as included in *Journey into Mission*.

Here are Don's comments about our arrival in Ghana:

We were in Ghana in response to a call from Pastor Nana Korankye of Wintel (win and tell about Jesus) Ministries International, one of the numerous small Christian groups in Ghana. Pastor Nana had read one of Geoff's articles on renewal and wrote to him earlier in the year with a plea *to come over to us in Macedonia, you will cry when you see how poor we are*.



So we finally had Pastor Nana in the flesh. Here was the man who was head of the Wintel (win and tell) Ministries of Ghana. Wintel consisted of perhaps a dozen faithful souls dedicated to changing the world for God, just one of thousands of such groups found throughout Ghana, which was at least an outwardly switched on Christian country in contrast to the mainly Muslim communities through northern and central Africa.

Christianity was in evidence everywhere, particularly on the highways and byways, where every vehicle, be it a car or a truck was painted in bright colours and carried a Christian slogan.

Very little was actually revealed at our first meeting. I think that although they fully expected us to come, they didn't have money or resources and now we were there in the flesh they had to get on with it. Vaguely, the situation began to unfold, but we had some language problems and Ghana runs on rubber time.

The plan was for us to participate as a team from Australia in a three night open air crusade and three day time seminars at Suhum, which was *not far*, but turned out to be some 60 kilometres and an hour and a half drive from Accra.

We found as they said in their invitation letter that they were indeed poor, in fact so poor that Pastor Nana did not even have a bicycle because his had been stolen the previous week. And yet their faith was strong enough to write that letter, and God provided their every need. We cried as they said we would, not so much because of how poor they were but rather for our own lack of faith compared with their faith. So we were exhorted to pray and vaguely told that perhaps the rain might stop tomorrow. ...

Pastors Nanu and Meena (photo) hosted our morning meetings in the church.

We found as the meetings progressed more and more people were coming and the joy continued to flow. As we talked to more and more people we learned that very few of the pastors knew each other and the meetings were a great opportunity for unity and strengthening the local churches. During the last session many testimonies were given and many blessings and healings were reported. Interestingly most had occurred at the market place at the night meetings.



Chapter 7 – Kenya: East Africa



I met Francis Nyameche, a youth evangelist from Kenya, when he studied for his Bachelor of Ministry degree in Brisbane, graduating in 2000. Since then I've visited him in Kenya a few times.

His father, Samson Nyameche, founded the Believers Fellowship Church in Kisumu, Kenya, with 2000 involved, and he established over 30 churches in scattered villages. He runs an orphanage for 50 children on his family farm.

Frank had a vision of Jesus when he was five, and was powerfully filled with the Spirit as a teenager. He became the youth pastor in his father's church and spoke at local markets where hundreds were saved and Spirit-filled. Frank evangelized in many places in Africa.

Supported by his wife Linda, Frank began Nairobi Believers Mission (NBM) church in the slums of Kibera, Nairobi, where a million people live, jammed together in small mud brick homes with rusty iron roofs. I've had the privilege of teaching leaders and speaking at meetings there. In spite of poverty and political unrest, their churches continue to grow steadily.

Before the Kibera slum church moved into their corrugated iron shed they met in a community hall. I taught leaders there, and spoke at their Sunday service with about 30 people. We gave them real bread for communion, not just symbolic cubes. The Spirit led me to give them all the bread we had, just a couple of loaves (not five barley buns as the boy had in Scripture).

"Can I take some bread home?" asked a young man at our communion service in the slums of Nairobi in Kenya, East Africa. We shared real drink and two loaves of bread together among 30 people in their corrugated iron shed where I was the guest preacher.

"It's your bread," I answered. "You decide." He quickly shoved a handful of bread into his pocket. Then most of the others did the same. Two weeks later, Francis, the young pastor, emailed me: "I've visited the slum homes of those people and they are still eating that bread. It's still fresh." Apparently God multiplied it.

Francis added: "Actually the miracle continued months after we began NBM and were feeding members each Saturday afternoon with tea and bread. God continued multiplying the food and there was always enough."

My glimpses of revival in Kenya with Francis in the slums, with his parents in the orphanage, and teaching pastors and leaders from over 30 of their churches, reminded me that God uses the weak things of this world to confound the mighty.

People with limited or no resources still see the Kingdom of God come powerfully among them.

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Evangelism at Kibera slum

Chapter 8 – China

China

One of my most humbling and stirring experiences of revival happened in China in 2007 where Christians have been severely persecuted for over half a century, and it is still illegal to hold unregistered meetings, free of government control and restrictions.

I loved it there among such humble, hungry, receptive, grateful, gentle, and faith-filled believers. I was often in tears just being there, appreciating their heartfelt zeal in everything. I have rarely been so impressed anywhere. No concerts. No acting. No hype. Just bare essentials.

What a big and wonderful family we belong to, and our Father is so proud of his family there, I'm sure. One memorable night I had the privilege of speaking to a roomful of about 30 house church leaders, a meeting alive with faith and expectation. We all prayed for one another there.

I visited China with a student from college. His parents worked there. The woman pastor evangelist of a house church invited us to her church in a high-rise unit. The young man who met us at the gate feared that the security guard might ask awkward questions, but as we walked in around 7pm, the guard had his back to us, talking to someone else. When we left after midnight, the guard was gone, probably sleeping.

Around 30 people sat on the floor and sang softly in worship. We spoke and then found that no one would leave until we had prayed for them personally. That took a while! They were happy to slip away one-by-one, just as they had come. Most were new Christians who believed because a Christian prayed for their healing. They believed in prayer and miracles just as in the Book of The Acts. Their simple, strong faith and humility moved and challenged me deeply.

Food on the small kitchen table welcomed everyone, some of it brought by the visitors.

About 30 of us crowded into a simple room with very few chairs. Most sat on the thin mat coverings. They sang their own heartfelt worship songs in their own language and style, pouring out love to the Lord, sometimes with tears. The leader played a very basic guitar in a very basic way.

Everyone listened intently to the message, and gladly asked questions, all of it interpreted. There was no need for an altar call or invitation to receive prayer. Everyone wanted personal prayer. Our prayer team of three or four people prayed with each person for specific needs such as healing and with personal prophecies. That flowed strongly. I knew none of that group, but received 'pictures' or words of encouragement for each one, as did the others.

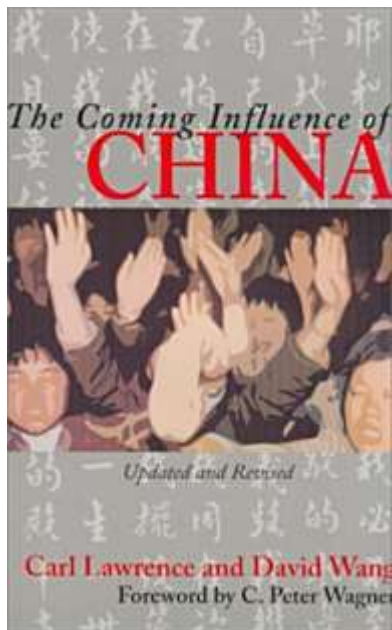
While prayer continued, some began slipping quietly away. Others had supper. Others stayed to worship quietly. It was a quiet night because they did not want to disturb neighbours or attract attention.

Most people in that group were new believers with no Christian background at all. They identified easily with the house churches of the New Testament, the persecution, and the miracles, because they experienced all that as well. Many unbelievers become Christians because someone prayed for their healing and the Lord healed them.

Afterwards, some of us drove to a local park just to pray with an elderly gentleman, unable

to go to the meetings. He had been wounded in the 1989 student uprising in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. He thanked us so eloquently for coming to his country to support and encourage his people. I was deeply moved. So much personal support, encouragement and evangelism happen that way, so simply.

It neither looked nor sounded like a Western revival! It wasn't. Yet it was part of one of the greatest revivals of the last half century, bringing over 100 million into the Kingdom of God.



Carl Lawrence and David Wang tell about that revival in their book, *The Coming Influence of China*.

“The Spirit told us what to do”, an article reproduced from the book with links on www.renewaljournal.com, tells of two teenage girls starting 30 churches in two years amid strong opposition.

Here is part of that article, reproduced from the book and in [Renewal Journal 12: Harvest](#). It tells about two visitors asking the girls how they started 30 churches in two years.

“What did they do? How did they do it? Ask them what they did?”

When asked, they looked astonished. “What did we do? Why nothing. Yes, we did nothing, nothing.”

“You did nothing? You have thirty churches – the smallest with two hundred and twenty people, the largest with almost five thousand new Christians! And you did nothing?”

“No, nothing. We just prayed.”

“I know you prayed, but what else did you do?”

“After we prayed, the Holy Spirit would tell us exactly what to do. We would keep praying and he would tell us what to do, and we would do it. Then we prayed and then he would tell us what to do. We would do it and keep praying.”

“Dear Lord, they *just* prayed ... and the Holy Spirit told them exactly what to do and they prayed. ...”

The pastor laid his hands on the shoulders of the two sisters. Behind him his two guests, on their knees weeping, joined as they ‘just prayed’.

Chapter 9 – Nepal

A friend of mine worked with the United Nations in Nepal. He loved to help and support pastors and leaders there. We visited him many times and I spoke at pastors and leaders meetings in Kathmandu, in West Nepal and in East Nepal. Some of those pastors walked for two or three days across the high ranges just to attend.

Their churches are saturated in prayer. I prayed in their “Power House”, the upstairs prayer rooms of their church in Kathmandu. Those small upper rooms were open 24 hours a day and many people went there to fast and pray, sometimes for many days.

We saw God’s Spirit move beautifully and powerfully in those meetings. Many were filled with the Spirit and healed. I heard a young man from one of their church bands praying eloquently in beautiful English – but he cannot speak English. They pray for one another with strong faith, expecting God to save, heal, deliver and anoint them.

The dedication of those Christians impressed me. Most of them had been imprisoned for their faith many times. One young pastor conducted a Christian wedding which infuriated relatives so they complained to the police and he spent a month in prison for disturbing the peace. Our host had been severely beaten while in prison. Two young evangelists were shot to death when we were there. They had returned from Bible College in India and were accused of spying. God gives those Christians amazing peace and joy amid the persecution, just as in the Book of The Acts.



Pastor Raju Sundras (Photo), our host for many of our visits, tells about our visit there at Easter 2000.

Greetings in the name of our Almighty God Jesus Christ from the land of Himalayas! The Lord continues to do great things in this land, we have not much to do but to praise Him and thank Him for every good gift raining on us from Him and only Him.

It was a great blessing from the Lord to send us a team from Australia mid-April. The fellowship, the Word from God, the mighty touch of the Holy Spirit, the love of Christ flourishing from our Australian brothers and sisters, the awesome presence of the Lord throughout the rushing schedule of conferences, trips, and visits, overwhelmingly expressed the great love of our Lord Jesus Christ towards this nation. During the short stay of about two weeks with the team of eight people we had the privilege to see the ministry of the Holy Spirit through them in several occasions. ...

Out of about 200 participants in the conference by the grace of God 100 of them were baptized in the Holy Spirit praising the Lord, singing, falling, crying, and many other actions as the Holy Spirit would prompt them to act. About ten of them testified that they had never experienced such a presence of the power and love of God. Some others testified being lifted to heavenly realms by the power of the Holy Spirit, being surrounded by the angels of the Lord in a great peace, joy, and love toward each other and being melted in the power of his presence. Many re-committed their lives to the Lord for ministry by any means through his revelation.

On the second day of the conference the trend continued as the people seemingly

would fall down, repent, minister to each other in the love of Christ, enjoy the mighty touch of the Holy Spirit, singing, prophesying, weeping, laughing, hugging, and all the beauty of the Holy Spirit was manifested throughout the congregation by his grace and love. One woman of age 65 testified that she never had danced in her life in any occasion even in secret, but the Lord had told her that she should now dance to him and she was dancing praising him with all her strength. For hours this outpouring continued and the pastors of the churches were one by one testifying that they had never experienced such a presence and power of God in their whole Christian life and ministry.

Some 60 evangelists declared that they were renewed in their spirits by the refreshing of the Holy Spirit and they are now going to serve the Lord in the field wherever the Holy Spirit will lead them to be fully fledged in His service. In the last day of the conference while praying together with the congregation and committing them in his hands, many prophesied that the Lord was assuring them of great changes in their ministry, life and the area. While the power of God was at work in our midst three children of 6-7 years old fell down weeping, screaming and testifying about a huge hand coming on them and touching their stomachs and healing them instantly. After the prayer all the participants got into the joy of the Holy Spirit and started dancing to the Lord, singing and praising Him for His goodness.

Before leaving Gochadda while we were having snacks in the pastor's house a woman of high Brahmin caste came by the direction of the Lord to the place, claiming that she was prompted by a voice in her ear to go to the Christians and ask for prayer for healing of her chronic stomach pain and problems, and that is why she was there. We prayed for her and she was instantly healed and we shared the Gospel, but she stopped us saying, "I need to accept Christ as my Saviour so don't waste time!" She accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour being lifted in spirit, and even the body as she said she didn't feel anymore burden in her body, and spirit, Hallelujah!

We held another conference in Nazarene Church pastored by Rinzi Lama in Kathmandu. Ten churches unitedly participated in the two days gathering where about 100 people participated. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit continued in this conference refreshing many in their spirits and bringing much re-commitment. We showed the Transformation video. All committed themselves for constant prayer to bring transformation to their cities too by God's power.



Regional pastors and leaders at Gochadda



Praying for regional pastors and leaders

Chapter 10 – India

Darjeeling

Dr David Mangratee hosted our visits to Darjeeling. A gracious, pioneering Apostle in the Himalaya mountains, David said our visits opened new doors for him to work among all the churches. People from many churches joined together for our meetings on renewal and revival. His own congregation at Mt Hermon had experienced revival, rapid growth, and had launched missions to remote regions. David translated my book *Flashpoints of Revival* into Nepalese, adding his reports of his involvement in revival, as part of his doctoral studies.

Here is his report about revival beginning in Darjeeling.

Revival broke out in Darjeeling in 1960. The person God used in this great revival was Rev. David Mangratee. Born into a Hindu family, I had a wonderful birth. I asked the Lord, when I had a vision of the Lord, whether my father had died before I was born and had lived again, for I was told by my parents that my father died in the year 1933. He was to be taken for burial. People had made everything ready. He was kept inside the coffin ready for taking him the burial place. But before they could take him he woke up and lived again. After this my father lived for another 20 years and died again in 1953 never to rise again. During my vision I asked the Lord whether this was true. The Lord answered, “Yes, because I wanted a man with a miracle birth.”

On Pentecost Sunday in the month of May, 1960, one of our church members got filled with the Spirit of God. She spoke in tongues and prophesied. Then in the month of June that same year the Holy Spirit came upon the believers mightily. They were filled with the Spirit of God and God blessed them with gifts of the Spirit, especially the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge. By this, lost money was found, lost souls traced, sick healed and sin uncovered. Many miracles took place in the ministry, even raising the dead. The work faced a lot of opposition in the beginning but the changed lives of the first Christians made their mouths shut.

New Delhi

Our team visited Grace Bible College in New Delhi founded by Dr Paul Pilai. Paul had stayed in our home in Brisbane when visiting Australia. He was converted after a young Christian girl prayed for his healing while he was very ill in hospital and he recovered miraculously.



Paul Pilai and his family pioneered India Inland Mission, sending out thousands of evangelists and pastors across India. Their Bible College, the largest in India, had 600 students studying under-graduate and post-graduate courses, with 200 evangelists sent out each year.

He told us how his students and teams started new churches in villages and towns. They often faced angry opposition. One fanatical group burned their tent meeting and attacked them, hitting them with clubs trying to kill them. They broke Paul’s arm and burned the tent. But suddenly Paul’s team was surrounded by handsome Indian men who miraculously moved them away to a safe place nearby. The team

could see their burning tent in the distance. Those angels told Paul that God would send him back there. A few years later they were invited back and started a church there in a home.



Grace Bible College, and their large orphanage, train people to evangelize and plant churches, especially among unreached peoples. Their graduates often face persecution and some have been martyrs. What a humbling privilege it was to pray with the staff there and speak to the crowded hall full of such committed students (Photo).

I had the humbling honour to speak to their students, and also pray with the staff at the Bible College. Most of their graduates face hostile communities as they plant churches in Hindu villages and towns. We heard about two of their graduates who were shot dead in West Nepal when we held our meetings in West Nepal in 1998.

Paul gave this report of challenges facing their graduates:

Manoharpur, where Australian missionary Robert Stains and his two sons were killed by burning them alive in their vehicle, is seeing a mighty revival. Thousands of tribal people are coming to Christ.

Several of our teams are using the 'Jesus' movie all over that area where Bajrang Dal killers are brought in from outside that area to attack Christians. Killing of Christians may continue in that area, but the prayer of saints all over the world is making a change. Many Bajrang Dal killers also are coming to know Christ in miraculous ways.

Our churches in Kashmir are suffering much as the war is raging there between India and Bin Laden's high tech Islamic 'Mujahideen' (holy warriors) with Pakistan as their base.

With Chinese technology, and enormous amounts of Arab money, Pakistan and Afghan terrorists believe that there should be a nuclear war in South Asia for the conquest by Islamic terrorists as an 'historic Jihad' as a final holy war to wipe out Christianity. This big blow to Christian work in Kashmir will affect us for a long time to come.

Two of our Grace Bible College graduates working in Rukum district in Nepal were shot dead by the Hindu police for baptising Hindus in Nepal. Secret attacks are still going on while thousands are coming to Christ all over Nepal. More than 42 leading evangelistic organisations organised and directed by Grace Bible College graduates are working all over Nepal today.

Today there are more than 2,000 believers worshipping in different house churches in Bhutan secretly. Having an open border with India, Indian Christians are the only missionaries there. No church buildings are allowed in Bhutan. Many students graduated from our Bible College are working in Bhutan. This Himalayan foothill kingdom needs the Gospel desperately, and we need your continuous prayer and support for this strategic ministry.

Chapter 11 – Sri Lanka

I taught Philip and Dhamika George, at Trinity Theological College. They came from Sri Lanka where Philip's brothers and sister are pastors, prayerfully supported by their godly parents. Philip and Dhamika, based in Brisbane, have raised many thousands of dollars for mission, especially in Sri Lanka. They invest in God's Kingdom, and see miracles continually.

I conducted their miracle wedding in Brisbane. It cost them nothing. Not only did they have no minister's fees, but also the church, the flowers, the bridal party's clothes, the banquet, and the wedding video all came free, without them asking for any of it! Philip earned money while a student by cleaning St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, a beautiful, gothic church in the heart of Brisbane city. So they offered him the church for the wedding. The people arranging flowers for the Sunday service the next day made it special for the wedding also. A student friend's mother owned a clothing boutique, and donated all the bridal party's outfits, normally rented or bought. Philip boarded at the Salvation Army hostel near the college, so they gladly provided the smorgasbord wedding breakfast for 100 people. Another friend offered to video their wedding. Imagine the family's surprise when they saw that video in Sri Lanka.

They also provided their 'miracle' rental house freely to a mission team from the South Pacific for a month. They bought that house with no money, just a generous loan from a lady they befriended, and sold it two years later for a large profit, which wiped out all their debts and contributed more to missions. Philip had inherited land near Kandy and his brothers, and brother-in-law Suresh, had established churches in the area. So our mission trip took us from Nepal to India to Sri Lanka.

We were involved with church meetings most days, a pastors' conference and also in dedicating their land for God's purposes. A beautiful fresh water spring on his land gave them the opportunity to build a water-bottling plant there and to support family ministries and missions by selling the water in Sri Lanka and internationally. We returned with a small team two years later in 1998 to dedicate the new water-bottling plant on their land.



View from Philip & Dhamika's land near Kandy

Teams from the Renewal Fellowship visited Sri Lanka with Philip and Dhamika, staying with their family and relatives, speaking in their relatives' churches and local Bible Schools, and praying with their people.

We had the privilege of dedicating the spring water bottling factory built on their land there, supplied by a fresh mountain spring on their property. That provided income for their relatives' ministries in their churches and Bible Schools. In spite of ethnic war with the Tamils and many Buddhist threats against churches and pastors, God moves strongly in the nation. Some of Philip's relatives have been taken to court, imprisoned, and had bomb threats, but they continue to trust God and serve him.



One store room was set up that day as a chapel for the dedication service. Philip and Dhammika and members of their family spoke about the miracle of the spring water on their land and I blessed the project before turning on the solitary tap and filling the first bottle.

God has blessed that project, dedicated to him and used to raise thousands of dollars for ministry and mission. The project has expanded over the years and now supplies bottled spring water internationally.



The dedication of the new water-bottling plant

Chapter 12 – Myanmar

In January 2009, I visited Myanmar (Burma) for the first time, also on mission. This time I enjoyed being part of three generations of our family on mission together, with my son Jonathan and my eldest grand-daughter Jemimah, as well as my sister Hazel all involved. Jonathan's friend Andrew Rogers organised team visits there for many years. Andrew had lived with us for a couple of years when he studied at university.

It's tough for Christians in that Buddhist country, and pastors and Christian groups, including many of our friends there, do a wonderful job in caring for victims of ethnic and religious conflict such as in their homes and orphanages. We worked with leaders in the Apostolic Church there. They run orphanages in Yangon, a Bible College out in the country, and they bring their pastors together for an annual national conference. So we stayed in an economical hotel in Yangon and the team served in two groups, one helping at the orphanages and one team travelling daily to the pastors and leaders conference at the Bible College out of town.,

The Bible College is small, but students are very committed and extremely grateful. So were the pastors, some of them coming from very hard, remote areas. They were all so appreciative, and of course want return visits. Those return visits developed into annual short-term mission trips, usually in December-January.



Praying together

Jonathan and Jemimah did a lot with the children and youth in the two orphanages, and Jonathan helped with practical work. My sister Hazel visited the orphanages and attended some of the pastors' conference.

Hazel provided help for the Bethel Baptists and their orphanage as well. We both spoke at their church, and prayed for people there. She and her husband Kerry returned there, and people in their home church at Orange support that ministry in prayer and practical ways. After Hazel died in July 2011, Kerry continued to support their work and now they have a beautiful two storey accommodation building dedicated to Hazel.

Some of us travelled daily to the Bible College for the conference, 1½ hours away by side-saddle covered truck. Jonathan helped with building their pig sty, so their pigs could be an income producing project. I helped teach the pastors about revival and taught the students at the Bible College. We prayed together in faith for God's mighty purposes in their land.

As in all the countries I have been privileged to visit on mission, not only do we see God blessing the people abundantly, but we too are abundantly blessed.

Jonathan reported, "On our last day a number of local people came to me and expressed their deep gratitude that we came over. There is a level of joy and encouragement that they receive from our simple presence, from white people coming to a tough environment to try and help practically and spiritually. It is so humbling to be told over and over that they are praying for us. May it go back to them a hundred fold."

Jonathan, and members of his family, then returned every year in December-January to help with the orphanages and to help expand orphanages and schools. These trips also included teams from Bellbowrie Community Church in Brisbane with Scott Farrell actively involved in raising funds and helping.

I returned in January 2011 with my sister Lynette, and again taught at their Bible School for the annual pastors and leaders conference. Then Lyn and I visited Don and Kay Fox in northern Thailand, spoke in some churches and taught pastors and leaders for a day in their Bible School, which at that time it was just a roof with open sides.

The following year, 2012, I returned to Yangon with Jonathan's family and taught again at the annual pastors and leaders conference with Graeme and Val Rogers, Andrew's pastor parents. After the conferences I flew north to Tachileik on the Thailand border with Pastor Lian, Andrew, Jonathan, and Scott, We spoke at their church and Bible School there, including at the Graduation Service for Bible School students. Then we flew south to Tayngyi and visited Inle Lake and the village on the lake, with home meetings in pastors' houses, including a home meeting in a home above the lake. Then we flew back to Yangon and the next day flew on to Singapore and Brisbane.

Jonathan and his family returned each year with his children gaining valuable experience in leading, speaking and praying with people, including Dante with his guitar and Jemimah with her flute. In January 2017 my daughter Melinda and her daughter Joelle joined them and then in December-January 2017-18 I joined them all again along with Melinda and her daughters Joelle and Dana. So we had three generations of our family there again, including my grandchildren. How I love to see them all growing in serving and helping and praying with so many, especially with young people.

These trips included team visits to the coast, the delta and north to Thayet, helping and praying with people in churches, schools, orphanages and hospitals, as well as raising funds for orphanages and giving supplies such as over 700 blankets in one visit. The team raised support for orphanages and schools in this tragically war-torn land.

I believe that God continues to open doors for us to serve and honour him and bless his people.

Chapter 13 – Malaysia

KY Tan from Malaysia, husband of a keen and capable college student I taught, came with me on mission in Fiji in 2009. Following that he arranged for us to visit his home city of Melaka, capital of the coastal state of Malacca in south-west Malaysia, for a week in April, 2010, around Easter.

We flew to Singapore and then drove by bus from Singapore Island across the bridge into the Malaysian peninsular, south of Thailand and Myanmar/Burma. The customs officer was interested in my box of books and resources, mostly on revival.

My very gracious and helpful hosts, Julian and June Ma, met us at the Melaka bus stop beside a large, modern shopping mall, and then, after sharing a marvelous meal together, drove me to their beautiful home. We drove to meetings in their impressive Mercedes cars, busy businesspeople also active in their church, the City Christian Church. They kindly drove me back to Singapore after the mission.

Most of our meetings were at their church, but we also participated in the city's Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI).

At all the meetings I was led to tell about current revivals and moves of God's Spirit, especially as their church is part of that revival movement. Their pastor, James, had led the church into revival ministries with powerful worship, faith and responses in all meetings.

I was not only impressed with their worship team, but also with their technical team. They matched songs with appropriate backgrounds and even during messages were able to quickly put up Bible references (obviously doing so constantly) and could show internet references and locations as I talked about them.

We prayed for people at every meeting and encouraged them to pray for one another in their seats and at the end of each meeting. That was familiar territory for them – so different from most churches.

When you step out in faith and pray for someone specifically, and stay responsive to the Spirit, you receive insights and 'words' just for them. Many are renewed, their faith strengthened, and they receive impartation and anointing from God's Spirit as you pray in united faith and humility. "Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16-17).

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City Christian Church, Melaka, Malaysia



Chapter 14 - Thailand

We have an open invitation to visit our friends Don and Kay Fox in northern Thailand. We knew them when we worked together in Christian Education in Brisbane and eventually we bought their house there after they moved to America to work with Teen Challenge and others in helping youth.



They fell in love with the Karen refugees from Burma during a YWAM mission trip to northern Thailand. So they eventually returned to live and work there, built a simple two-storey shack, and raised support for the children through “Handclasp”, the mission agency they founded. Their wall has over 600 photos of sponsored children who were helped through school and college.

After visiting Myanmar with my sister Lyn, we both flew the scenic trip across the peninsular to Bangkok and then one hour north to Chang Mai in northern Thailand and met Don and Kay there around 2pm on Monday, January 10, 2011. We all drove five hours south-west to Mai Sot on the Myanmar/Burma border, slept in a local hotel, and on

Tuesday morning drove on to the crowded Burmese refugee camp on the mountainous border with Myanmar/Burma.



Over 60,000 Burmese live in bamboo and thatch huts there, and thousands more along the border, mostly Karen people escaping genocide. Thousands of children became orphans, cared for by aid and mission organizations. I had the honour of teaching at the Bible School there for 30 refugee youth who want to serve and evangelize their own Burmese people.

We all drove back to Chang Mai for an overnight rest and then drove north for four hours up into the mountains to Don and Kay’s base in the village of Musekee. There they work with the dynamo lady Siami who organizes an orphanage, school, and local projects. That evening we joined the regular evening devotions of the children living there. Like Yangon orphans, they are beautiful, obedient, friendly and earnest.



On Friday we had a lively session at the Bible School. Siami gave a vocal and written translation. This photo summarizes teaching on the Holy Spirit, with a puzzle. If the squares were all square, how many squares do you see? Some see 16, others see up to 30. It depends on your perspective, as also for life in the Spirit.

Their temporary rural Bible School building for the district was an iron roof, one front wall, and planks to sit on. We had many

standing outside as well.

At the weekend we had meetings in the main village church as well as at the orphanage, and as always, we prayed with and for many people. They reported on answered prayers for healing and empowering.

I returned to visit our friends Don and Kay in northern Thailand with Andrew Chee on our return trip from Nepal in August 2014. We arrived at Chang Mai, via Bangkok, on a Monday night and again stayed with Don and Kay at their rooms there. On Wednesday we all drove on the now improved roads up into the northern mountains to Musekee, and joined the children at the orphanage for their evening devotions, once again enjoying their singing and speaking.

We talked and prayed with various groups during the week and on Saturday we had a full church for a pastors and leaders seminar. They came from ten churches in the area and asked many questions about faith and healing prayers. We had teaching and ministry sessions with 50-60 of their pastors and leaders, and again a lot of prayer for empowering, anointing and healings.

Then on the Sunday we both preached at different churches and again prayed with many people. I had an email from one of our interpreters telling me how those prayed for have been testifying to answered prayers, and one woman is back at work even though the doctors said she would need 3 months off work to recover.

At all meetings we prayed with people including for healings and deliverance. We're always encouraged when people report that their pain has gone, as happened often. I am constantly aware that it is God who does it all, and together we all are a part of what he is doing, especially in prayer.

We drove back to Chang Mai on Tuesday, September 2, and flew to Bangkok and on to Brisbane on the long overnight flight, arriving home on Thursday morning, ready to rest and recover.



Pastors and leaders from 10 churches in northern Thailand

Chapter 15 – Philippines

Dr Charles Ringma invited me to teach graduate subjects at the Asian Theological Seminary in Manila in the Philippines where he taught. Charles and his wife Rita also worked with Servants Mission, managing their guest house and headquarters. I had known them in Brisbane when they were the inaugural directors of Teen Challenge in Australia.

So I stayed with Servants Mission and found my way to the seminary on hot, crowded Jeepneys, adapted from the popular army jeeps with passengers sitting side-saddle, or standing and crouching. Most Jeepneys sported brightly coloured religious texts and slogans – *Jesus is Lord, God is love, Hallelujah, Blessed Virgin*, and hundreds more.

I taught M.Th. subjects during the June vacations in 1994 on Revival History and in 1995 on Signs and Wonders, and visited huge churches in Manila. My assistant lecturer invited me to a church he had established. People there responded quickly, loved praying for one another, and expected healing and miracles.

A student in our class invited me to her home to pray for her sick daughter. The little girl slept on her mattress on the floor, so I just rested my hand on her and prayed. She slept on. Next day her mum brought her to enjoy our air conditioned classroom, happy and healthy.

During the class seminars, my students reported on various signs and wonders that they had experienced in their churches. Many of them expected God to do the same things now as he did in the New Testament, but not all!

“We don’t seem to have miracles in our church,” said one student, a part-time Baptist pastor and police inspector.

“You could interview a pastor from a church that does,” I suggested.

So he interviewed a Pentecostal pastor about miraculous answers to prayer in their church. That student reported to the class how the Pentecostal church sent a team of young people to the local mental hospital for monthly meetings where they sang and witnessed and prayed for people. Over 40 patients attended their first meeting there, and they prayed for 26 personally, laying hands on them. A month later, when they returned for their next meeting, all those 26 patients had been discharged and sent home.

In Manila I joined the team of Servants Mission in their guesthouse base. They worked with the poor in the slums and most lived in the slums with the people they served. They lived simply, identifying with the people, trusting God for his supernatural intervention in personal and social needs.

I found it moving and challenging to visit the tiny slum homes where Dr Dorothy Mathieson and Judy Marsh from Gateway Baptist lived and worked then. Conditions there in the slums made the rest of Manila look luxurious, even with the city’s regular electrical brown-outs, jammed telephones, cracked and gritty streets, and badly broken road drainage awash with sewerage in heavy rains.



Philippine Jeepney

Chapter 16 – Solomon Islands

God poured out his Spirit on children and youth in the Western Solomon Islands from Easter 2003. They loved to sing and pray daily in the church after school. God gave them visions, revelations, words of knowledge about hidden sins and bad relationships and many other spiritual gifts such as healings and speaking and singing what God revealed.

God revealed to a young boy the name of a man who stole a chain saw from the timber mill. A church member had been wrongly accused of that crime and sacked. He was reinstated after the man who stole it was confronted and confessed.

A mother asked me what it meant when her young boy had a vision of Jesus with one foot in heaven and one foot on the earth. I immediately remembered Matthew 28:18 – *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*



South Pacific revival mission team at the home of



*Hosts Sir Peter and Lady Margaret Kenilorea
First Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands*

A team of law students from the University of the South Pacific Christian Fellowship in Port Vila, Vanuatu, joined me with some others in Honiara and the Western Solomon Islands

in December 2003. Sir Peter and Lady Margaret Kenilorea hosted the team in Honiara. Sir Peter was the first Prime Minister of the independent Solomon Islands, and was then the Speaker in the Parliament.

Dr Ronald Ziru, then administrator of the United Church Hospital in Munda in the western islands hosted the team there, which included his son Calvin. The team had to literally follow Jesus' instructions about taking nothing extra on mission because the airline left our luggage in Port Vila! We found our bags at Honiara two weeks later after our return from the western islands.

The team experienced the strong revival on Nusa Roviana Island across the lagoon from Munda. We took the outboard motor canoe with Rev Fred Alizeru from Munda. Children and youth lead the worship in a packed church. Then many of them slept on the floor during the speaking and while the team prayed for the people.

We held meetings in the main church at Munda as well as in surrounding villages and churches. There the children and youth always wanted prayer, because they often had revelations and visions when prayed for. They loved to lead the worship with revival songs in their own language.

National Christian Youth Convention

We saw God touch around 1,000 youths at a National Christian Youth Convention in 2006. One night at the convention they responded, running to the front of the open-air meeting. For half-an-hour their worship team sang "He is Lord" while we prayed for them. They fell like dominoes. Many testified to healings, visions and revelations. One young man returned to his village that night and found his mother ill, so laid hands on her and prayed for her. She was healed. His brother then asked for prayer and he too was healed. The young man had never done that before. A whole group from the Kariki Islands, further west, saw revival in their islands on their return. God moved powerfully in every meeting they held and in personal prayers.



Youth from the Kariki at the national convention saw revival begin in their islands straight after the convention

Chapter 17 – Vanuatu

Vanuatu, formerly called the New Hebrides, is a nation of over 80 islands between the Solomon Islands and Fiji. It has seen many revival movements.

Many revival movements swept the South Pacific islands. I was blessed to see some.

God's Spirit fell on the Law School of the University of the South Pacific just after Easter 2002. The Law School is in Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu. Many were dramatically saved and transformed. Those committed students also went on mission to other South Pacific nations and to Australia. Now they are lawyers and leaders, and a president of their Christian Fellowship became a Member of Parliament in Fiji.

A team of law students visited Tanna Island in Vanuatu with me for a revival weekend near the famous volcano there.

One Sunday night at the church in Port Vila, the capital, where most of the students worshipped, a local nurse testified how God led her to pray earnestly for a dead girl, killed by a truck, and after more than half an hour of praying in the Spirit she saw that girl live again.

Some of those teams came with me to Pentecost Island in Vanuatu. God has been moving there in unusual ways for a hundred years.

Pentecost Island

Significant events associated with the coming of the Gospel to South Pentecost included a martyr killed and a paramount chief's wife returning from death.

Thomas Tumtum had been an indentured worker on cane farms in Queensland, Australia. Converted there, he returned around 1901 to his village on South Pentecost with a new young disciple from a neighbouring island. They arrived when the village was tabu (taboo) because a baby had died a few days earlier, so no one was allowed into the village. Ancient tradition dictated that anyone breaking tabu must be killed, so they were going to kill Thomas, but his friend Lulkon asked Thomas to tell them to kill him instead so that Thomas could evangelise his own people. Just before he was clubbed to death at a sacred Mele palm tree, he read John 3:16, then closed his eyes and prayed for them. Thomas became a pioneer of the church in South Pentecost, establishing Churches of Christ there.

Paramount Chief Morris Bule died at 111 on 1st July, 2016, the son of the highest rank paramount chief on Pentecost Island. After a wife of Chief Morris's father died and was prepared for burial, the calico cloths around her began to move. She had returned from death and they took the grave cloths of her. She sat up and told them all to leave their pagan ways and follow the Christian way. Then she lay down and died.

I met another chief, Chief Willie Bebe, when I stayed at his tourist bungalows on a quick one week visit to Pentecost Island, initially to see the famous land diving. Men, and even boys, would jump at different levels from the 30 metre high bamboo towers with vines tied to their ankles. This spectacle originated on Pentecost Island, the only place in the world where it's done. Bungi jumping is a modern version of this land diving.

The first time I went there, in 2003, my host Chief Willie asked me to throw out an afflicting spirit giving him a headache, literally. He said that 'enemies' had cursed him. So we prayed together, bound and cast out attacking spirits, and he felt fine.

At other times, on later visits, people asked me to help them get rid of strong invading

spirits such as one that haunted a house by ‘jumping’ onto the stones on the floor at night. We prayed and it was gone after that. However, that impudent one ‘jumped’ on the stones in my bungalow that night, so I had to cast it out in Jesus’ name, and it never returned. It’s rather weird to hear something ‘jump’ into your dark room at night!

In May 2003 I took a team from the University of the South Pacific, Vanuatu campus Christian Fellowship (CF), to Pentecost Island for a weekend of outreach meetings on South Pentecost. The weekend brought new unity among the competing village churches. The Sunday night service went from 6-11pm, although we ‘closed’ it three times after 10 pm, with a closing prayer, then later on a closing song, and then later on a closing announcement. People just kept singing and coming for prayer.

God opened a wide door on Pentecost Island. Another team of four students from the law school CF returned to South Pentecost in June 2003 for 12 days of meetings in villages. Again, the Spirit of God moved strongly. Leaders repented publicly of divisions and criticisms. Then youth began repenting of backsliding or unbelief. A great-grand-daughter of the pioneer Thomas Tuntum gave her life to God in the village near his grave at the Bible College.

These first visits opened the way for many more since then. I returned during 2004-2005 to teach short-term courses on revival and the Holy Spirit and New Testament Christianity at their beautiful Bible College at Banmatmat in South Pentecost. Friends from Brisbane joined me there and that also developed into many return visits with mission teams holding village revival meetings. We saw many healed and many delivered. I loved to encourage the local pastors and leaders to step out in faith and keep praying for their people.

Many village revival meetings went late. Many people received prayer. Many were healed and discovered many spiritual gifts, especially revelations, words of knowledge and wisdom, visions, and deliverance. In one village where God’s Spirit moved strongly I heard angels singing beautiful worship around 3am in the quiet of the night.

Teams from Pentecost Island have already visited surrounding islands in Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, and Australia, leading revival meetings. We look forward to more!



Bible College Chapel

Chapter 18 – Fiji

Fijians have seen many powerful moves of God’s Spirit such as when churches joined in unity and repentance in 2001 following the coup and rioting in 2000. See the Sentinel Group’s DVD, “Let the Seas Resound.”

My book, [*South Pacific Revivals*](#), gives many examples of healings of the land following prayer, reconciliations, and destroying idols. That transformed communities and the ecology. I was blessed to be part of teams from our Brisbane churches visiting Fiji and I have worked with Fijian revival teams. Here are a few more local examples of touches of revival.

Law students from the Christian Fellowship (CF) of the University of the South Pacific experienced strong touches of revival at their Christian Fellowship (CF) at their Law School in Vanuatu. The leaders were mostly from Fiji. They grew strong in faith. I appreciated opportunities to lead revival mission teams with them in Australia, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, and Fiji.

I spoke at the combined inter-tertiary Christian Fellowships prayer rally weekend in October 2008. The Fiji School of Medicine Christian Fellowship organised and led it. Over 500 tertiary students met for two nights of worship and prayer.

The Fiji School of Medicine Christian Fellowship has about 200 doctors in training with some trainee dentists. They impressed me. Their leaders seek God, and respond strongly to him. Their worship team led a combined campuses rally on a Friday and Saturday. Buses brought in groups from the various universities and colleges. Different Christian Fellowship (CF) groups presented powerful Pacific dances to strong Christian songs. The prayer team prayed personally for over an hour at the end of each meeting for the hundreds of tertiary students who responded, while the School of Medicine CF continued to lead appropriate and anointed worship.

Romulo reported:

Inter-tertiary went very well at Suva Grammar School that was hosted by Fiji School of Medicine CF. It was an awesome two nights of fellowship with God and with one another. The Pacific Students for Christ combined worship was a huge blessings for those that attended the two nights of worship. Pastor Geoff spoke on Obedience to the Holy Spirit - this being a spark to revival and power.

Students came in droves for prayers and the worship lit up the Grammar School skies with tears, repentance, anointing and empowerment. The worship by Fiji School of Medicine students brought us closer to intimate worship with the King. It was a Pacific gathering and each and every person there was truly blessed as young people sought a closer intimate relationship with the King. We were blessed beyond words. Thank you all for the prayers, the thoughts and the giving.

Roneil, a Fijian Indian, added, “It was all so amazing, so amazing that words can’t describe it. For me, it was obvious that the glory of God just descended upon the people during the Inter-tertiary CF. I’ve never seen an altar call that lasted for way more than an hour. I myself just couldn’t get enough of it. It was and still is so amazing. God’s anointing is just so powerful. Hallelujah to Him Who Was, Who Is and Who is to Come.”

Similar scenes have been repeated in the following years as well. University and college students responded in huge numbers. We prayed for hundreds of them. Their leaders do that

constantly also.

I was deeply moved to see God's Spirit powerfully present at two congregations of the Redeemer Christian Church of God. Pastor Jerry is senior pastor of their churches in Samabula, Suva, and in his seaside home village of Kiuva north of Suva. Romulo described part of our visit in 2009 this way:

Two of the memorable highlights were the washing of leaders' feet at RCCG Samabula and the worship service on Wednesday at RCCG Kiuva village. In fact I remember picking up the pastors on Sunday morning, and seeing Pastor Geoff carrying towels. I said to myself, 'This is going to be fun.' And fun it was.

God was teaching the church the principles of servanthood, demonstrated not just by words but by actions. It was a moving experience as Pastor Geoff on his knees started washing feet, drying them with a towel and speaking into the lives of leaders. Powerful also was the fact that Pastor Geoff's leading was to wash the feet of leaders.

That Sunday former PM Rabuka, who heard of the Pastor's visit, came to church for prayer. Of course the leading for Pastor Geoff to pray for leaders meant Rabuka would get his feet washed too. One of the acts that will be embedded forever in my mind was seeing Rabuka sit on the floor, remove his coat and wash the feet of Pastor Geoff and KY Tan. He then dried their feet with his 'favourite' Fiji rugby coat (he played in their national rugby team). I was blown away by this act of humility, as demonstrated by Christ on his final night with the disciples before his arrest and execution.

On Wednesday night, (their last night in Suva), we were at Kiuva village in Tailevu. The powerful and angelic worship of young people and kids in Tailevu made the atmosphere one of power with a tangible presence of the Lord in the place. We saw a glimpse of revival and the power of God at work in such a simple setting. I was blessed to witness for myself the prevalent hunger in the body as lives connected with God. In all, it is purely refreshing being in the presence of God and being touched and filled by the Holy Spirit.



Tailevu youth worship in their village

Chapter 19 – Germany

A big blessing in teaching at Bible Colleges and Theological Colleges in Australia is meeting and teaching committed students from many countries. Many of my mission trips came from visiting former students who are now pastors and leaders in their own countries. Mostly that has been mission in developing countries.

David Metzner, however, came from Germany. He turned up at Christian Heritage College looking like a hippie with long braided hair – rather different from the other students. He did not need to conform! Soon we discovered that he would step out in faith at every opportunity, and create many opportunities to move in faith.

He led a team of Bible College students who would pray for others at the end of the weekly chapel service for students from all the CHC schools – Education, Counselling, Business, Arts and Ministry. We had to encourage the prayer team to be quick, as lectures continued straight after chapel.

Students like David (and Francis from Kenya, and Grant an Australian from China) helped make classes lively and powerful. They moved in faith, expecting things to happen, especially when we pray. The tutorials they led were always interesting, often involving everyone in stepping out in faith.

Just before David returned to Germany with his Bachelor of Ministry degree, he invited me to join him there to encourage revival among renewal groups and churches. Soon the way opened for me to go. David and his charming parents Leo and Andrea hosted me in their compact two storey home in Roth, north of Munich in southern Germany. I really enjoyed the forest walk from their home to the town centre and castle in Roth.

David and I spoke at three different churches and many home, youth and prayer groups, with David interpreting for me in German as well as speaking himself. What fun! We constantly prayed for people, again with David hovering to interpret my English. Flowing together in unity in prayer is so effective and creative.

One day we explored Nuremburg with David's friend Jonas, and prayed prophetically at the parade ground where Hitler had stirred the masses. Later David and Jonas were involved in planning for massive European Christian youth conferences there with international speakers, especially from Bethel Church in California.



David and Jonas at Nuremberg and at the parade ground there

David's pastor, Peter, drove us around key missionary places in Bavaria, southern Germany, where the gospel first arrived in Germany.



Later David drove me to Herrnhut in north-east where Count Nicholas Zinzendorf led the powerful Moravian revival movement which touched the world. Moravian missionaries in London led John and Charles Wesley to saving faith.

I loved the tree lined one kilometre long walk between the two villages of Herrnhut and Berthelsdorf. Zinzendorf originally lived in his castle at Berthelsdorf but later moved to the Moravian refugees' settlement at Herrnhut on the land he gave to them there.

The Holy Spirit fell upon that revival movement in 1727 at a communion service in the Berthelsdorf Church. The Moravian refugees had suffered severe persecution and found refuge on the land that Count Zinzendorf gave to them.

So it was a moving experience to stay at Herrnhut, join prayer groups there, and walk to Berthelsdorf, and pray together at the church there (photo).

The Moravian Revival is the first revival story I recount in my book [*Flashpoints of Revival*](#). We used that as a text book in my college classes on revival.



Chapter 20 – Israel

At Roth in Germany I discovered cheap return fares to Israel, returning via Rome with a train trip back from Rome to Munich and Roth. So I took the opportunity to visit Jerusalem again, 33 years after we had taken our family there in 1980. Again I stayed in the Christ Church hospice near the Anglican Church inside the Old City of Jerusalem, close to its Jaffa Gate. See my books, [*Exploring Israel*](#) and [*Mysterious Month*](#).

Again I walked the 2.5 miles around the Old City walls, past its seven gates in the 1000 year old walls rebuilt by Crusaders. Those walls encompass the Temple Mount at the east of the city facing the Mount of Olives, a short walk across the Kidron Valley.

My five days in the Old City of Jerusalem gave me opportunity to visit key biblical sites there once again and walk where Jesus walked, even along that final walk to the cross from the Roman army's barracks in the Antonia Fortress beside the temple along the route now called the Via Dolorosa – the way of sorrows. Again I could walk and meditate in the beautiful, serene Garden Tomb site just outside the old city walls. Again I could climb the Mount of Olives, past the ancient olive trees in the site of Gethsemane, and look over the city from the top of the mountain near where Jesus ascended.

It's always a moving experience for me to visit Israel, the land of the Bible, with its long, crucial history. Here Jesus lived and died and rose again.

Jerusalem is not only the city of Jesus' last week, his sacrificial death on the cross, and his mighty resurrection. It is also the city of the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost, 50 days after Passover. That Pentecost event is typical of revival when God pours out his Spirit. Here are characteristics of revival seen at Pentecost.

1 Divine sovereignty (Acts 2:1,2): God chose the day, the time, the place, the people, uniting old covenant promise with new covenant fulfilment. His Spirit came suddenly.

2 Prayer (Acts 1:14; 2:1): The believers gathered together to pray and wait on God as instructed by the Jesus at the ascension. All revival literature emphasises the significance of united, earnest, repentant prayer in preparing the way for revival and sustaining it.

3 Unity (Acts 2:1): The disparate group meeting 'in one accord' included male and female, old and young, former zealot and former collaborator, most of the twelve and those who joined them. Their differences blended into the diversity of enriched unity .

4 Obedience to the Spirit (Acts 2:4): Filled with the Spirit they immediately began using gifts of the Spirit as 'the Spirit gave utterance'.

5 Preaching (Acts 2:14): Peter preached with anointed Spirit-empowered boldness, as did the others whose words were heard in many languages.

6 Repentance (Acts 2:38-39): Large numbers were convicted and repented. They were instructed to be baptised and to expect to be filled with the Spirit and to live in Spirit-led community, and that succeeding generations should expect this also.

7 Evangelism (Acts 2:40-41, 47): The new believers witnessed through changed lives bringing others to faith in the Lord daily.

8 Charismata (Acts 2:43): The era of the Spirit inaugurated supernatural phenomena including glossolalia, signs, wonders and miracles, demonstrated powerfully.

9 *Community* (Acts 2:42-47): The outpouring of the Spirit brought the church into being as a charismatic, empowered community which met regularly in homes for discipleship instruction, supportive fellowship, daily informal Eucharistic meals, and constant prayer.

10 *Rapid church growth* (Acts 2:47): Typical of revivals, The Lord added to the church those who were being saved. This eventually transformed the community of Jewish believers into a constantly expanding community embracing all people.



The Old City of Jerusalem from the south with the Temple Mount central, and Kidron Valley and the Mount of Olives to the east (right)



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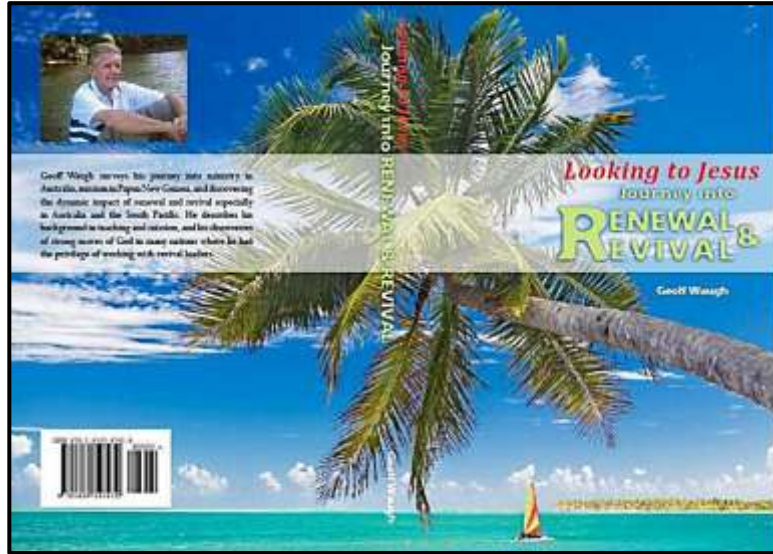
I met my wife Meg during our mission teaching in Papua New Guinea. Later I was involved in short-term teaching and evangelism missions in Australia, in Ghana and Kenya in Africa, in Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, China, and in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji in the South Pacific. Don and Helen Hill joined in many of those mission trips and Don's memoirs give more information in the longer book, [***Journey into Mission***](#).

Teaching Ministry and Mission subjects in Bible Schools in Papua New Guinea led to teaching at Trinity Theological College (also part of the School of Theology at Griffith University) and Christian Heritage College in Brisbane, Australia, as well as on many short-term missions. My Doctor of Missiology degree is from Fuller Theological Seminary and I am the founding editor of the *Renewal Journal* and author of books on mission and revival including *Flashpoints of Revival* and *South Pacific Revivals*.

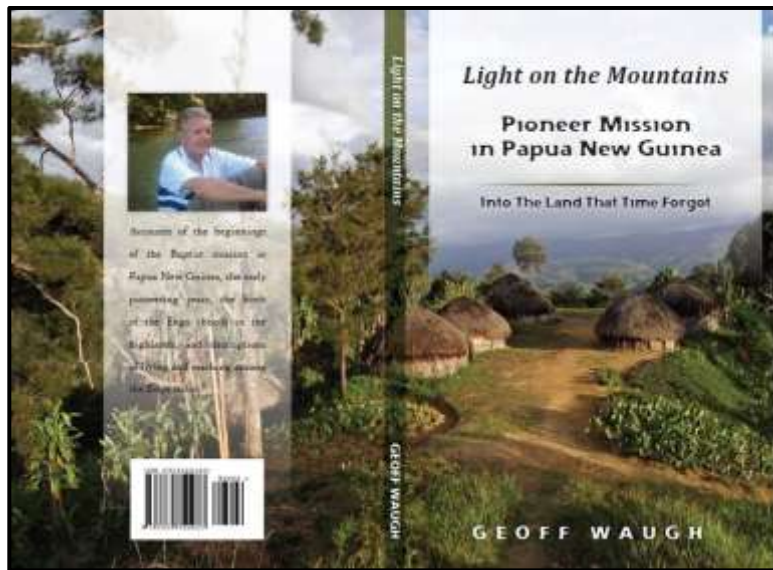
Blessed with three adult children and eight grandchildren, our family lived and grew through creative times together including living in community with others for a decade, and later in extended families. Our families excelled in study and in their chosen activities including teaching, nursing, sport, dance, information technology and helping people.

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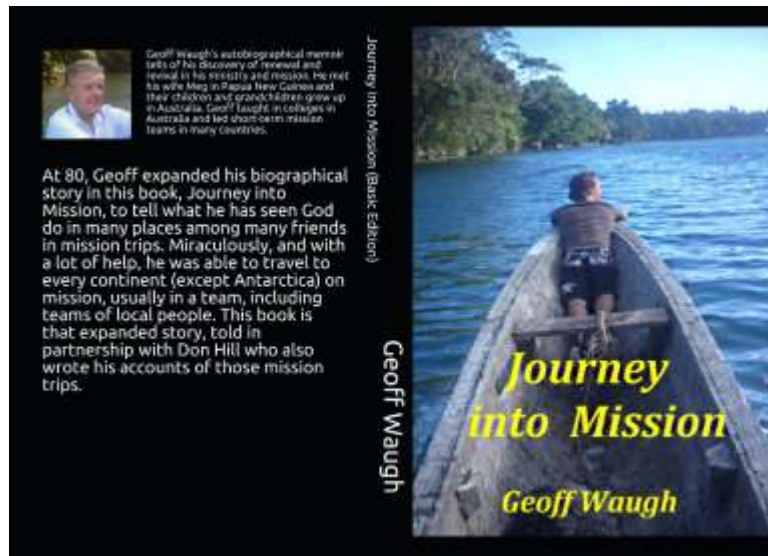


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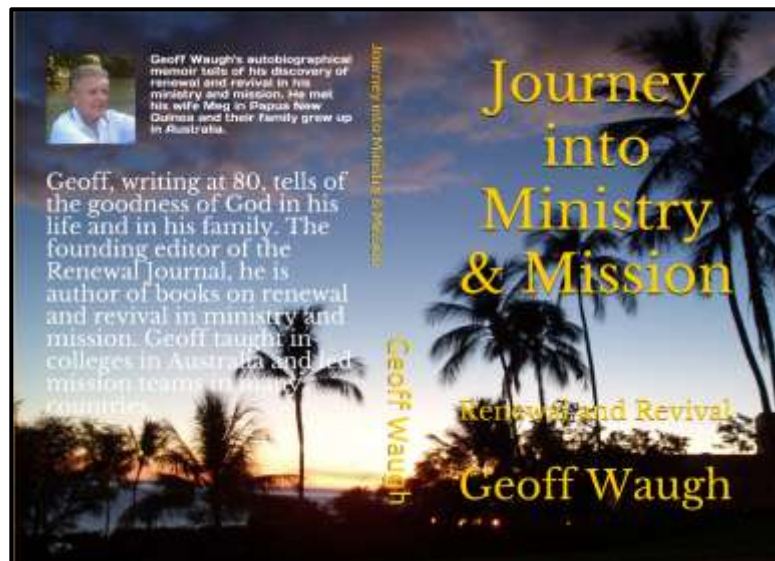


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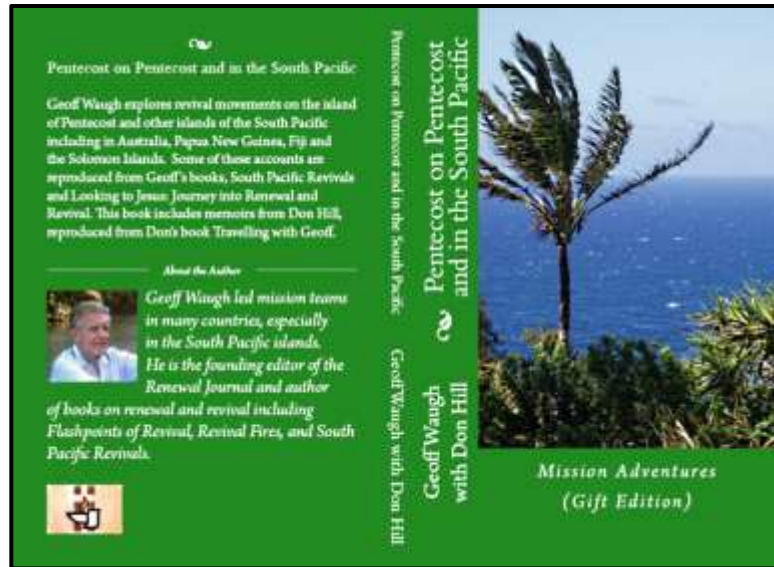


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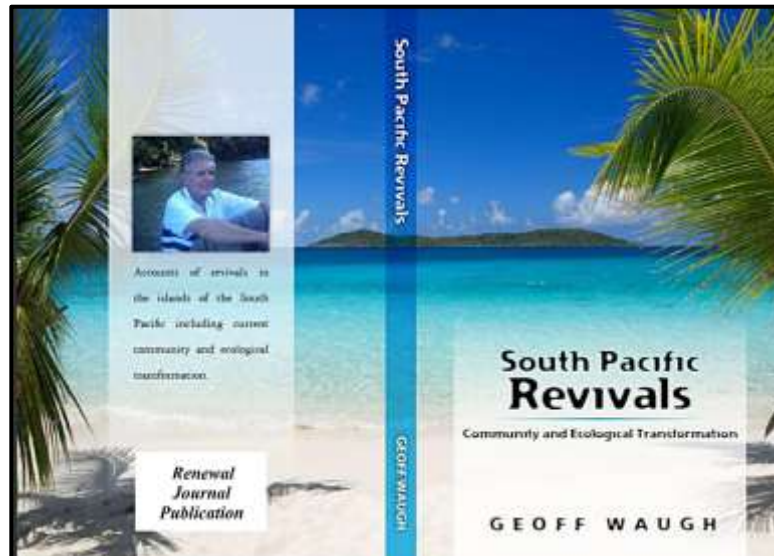


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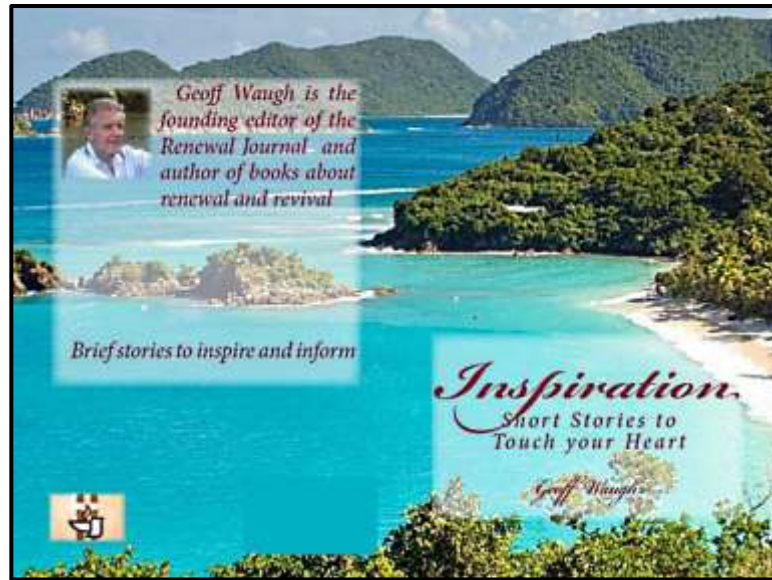
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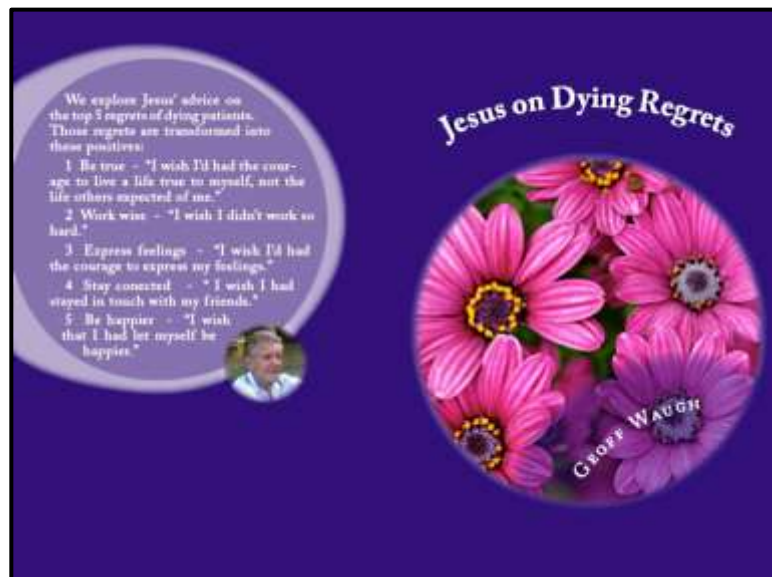
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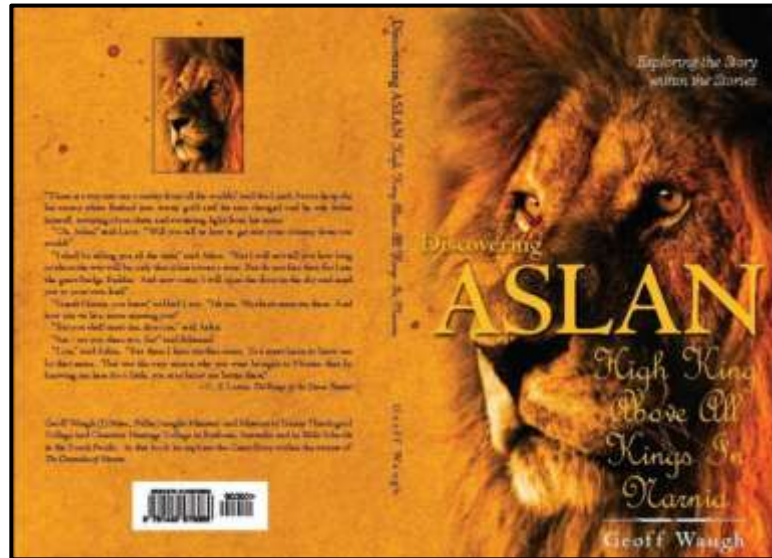
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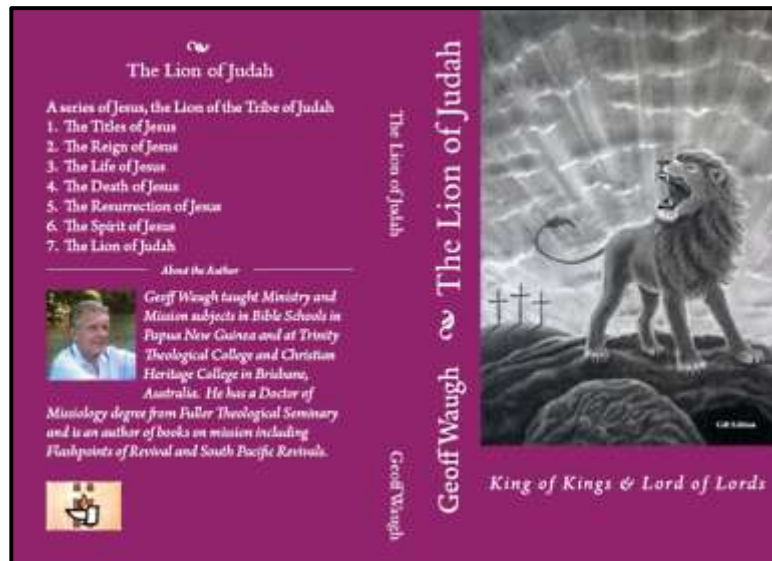
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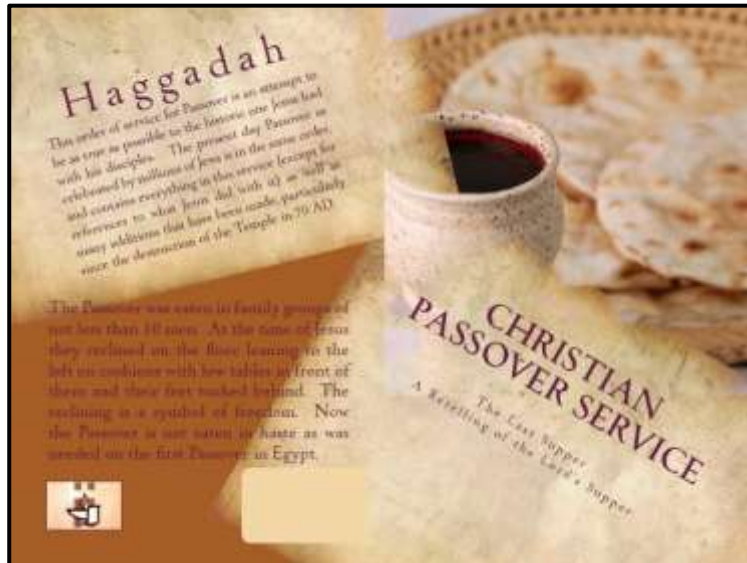


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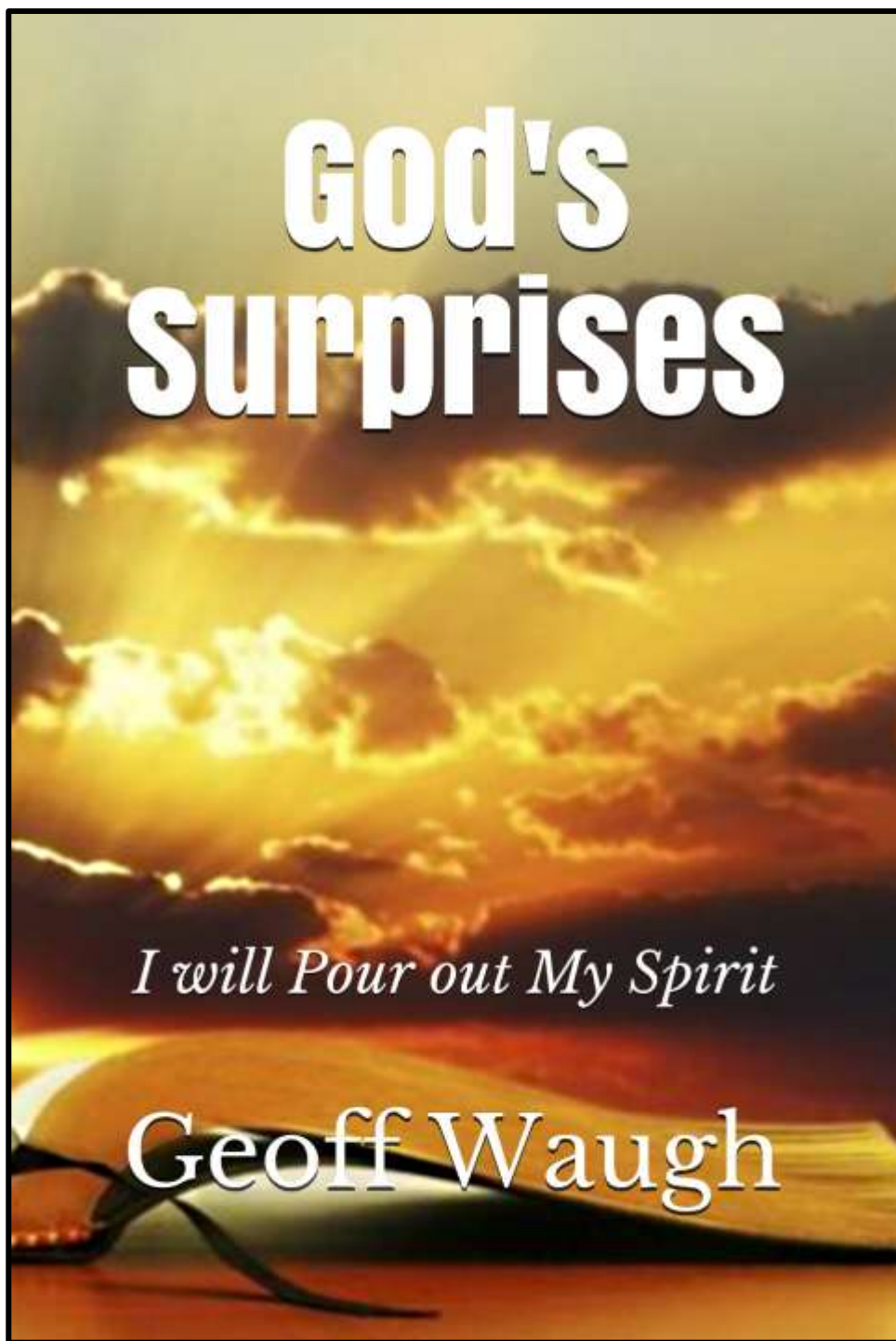


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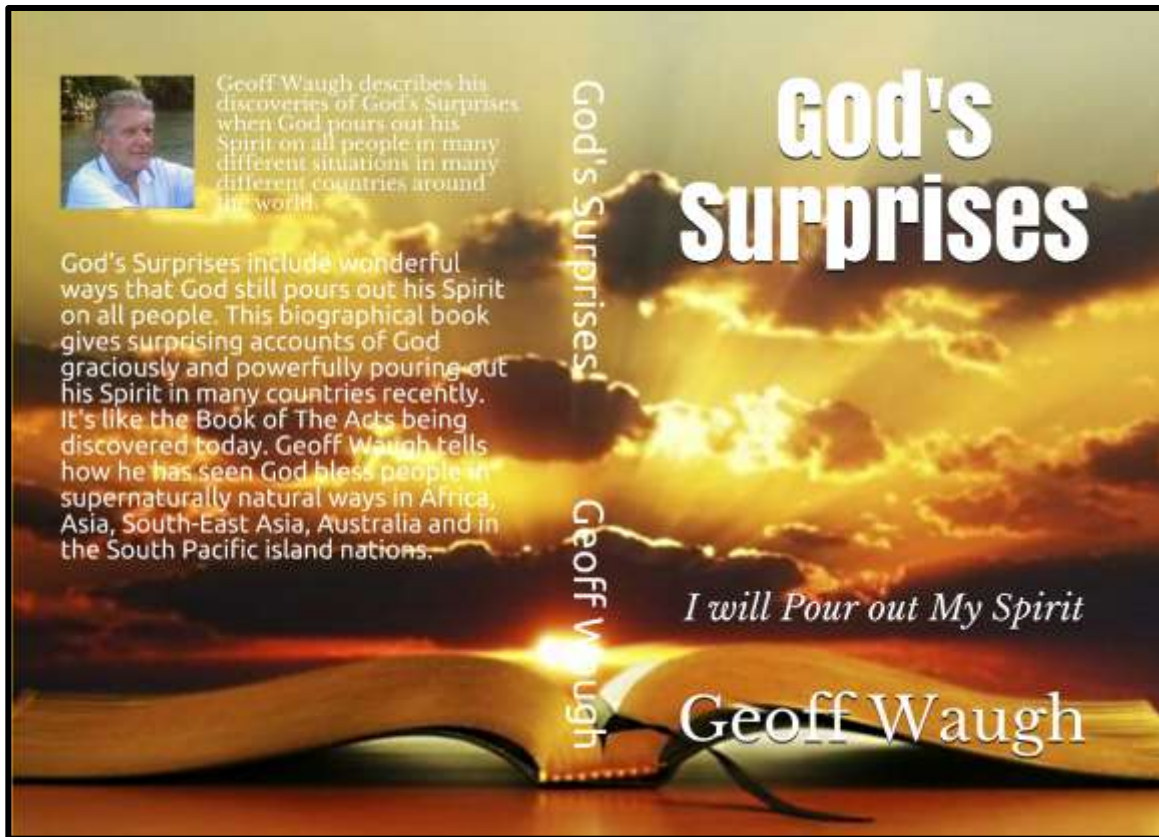
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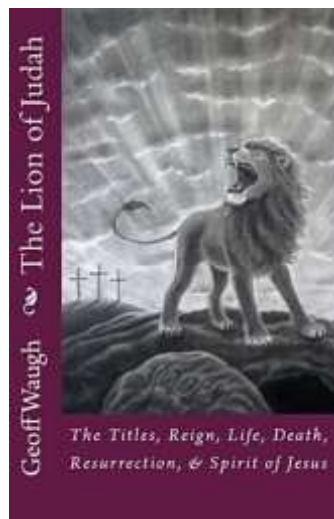
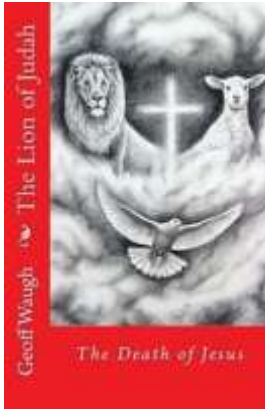
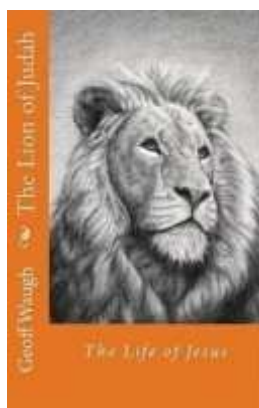
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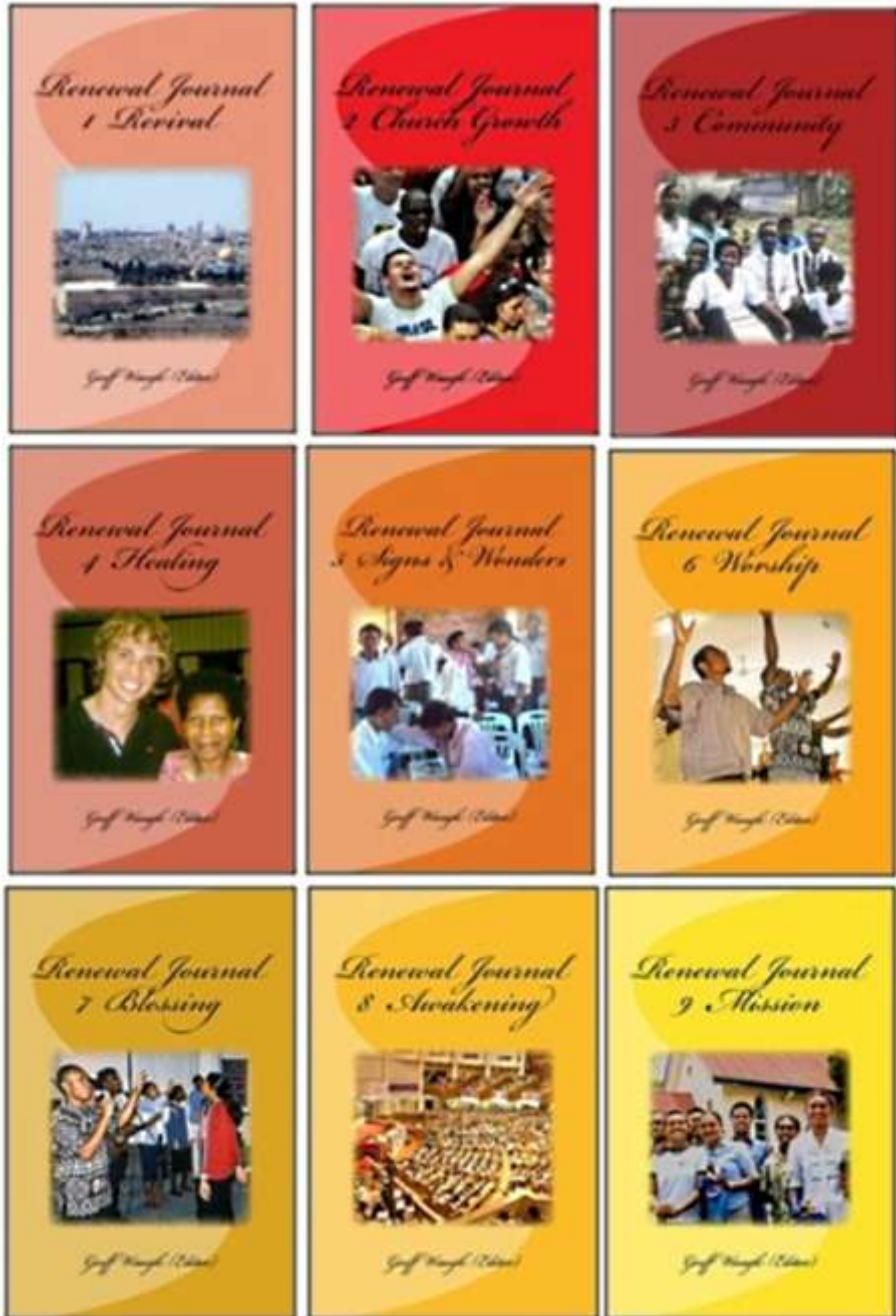
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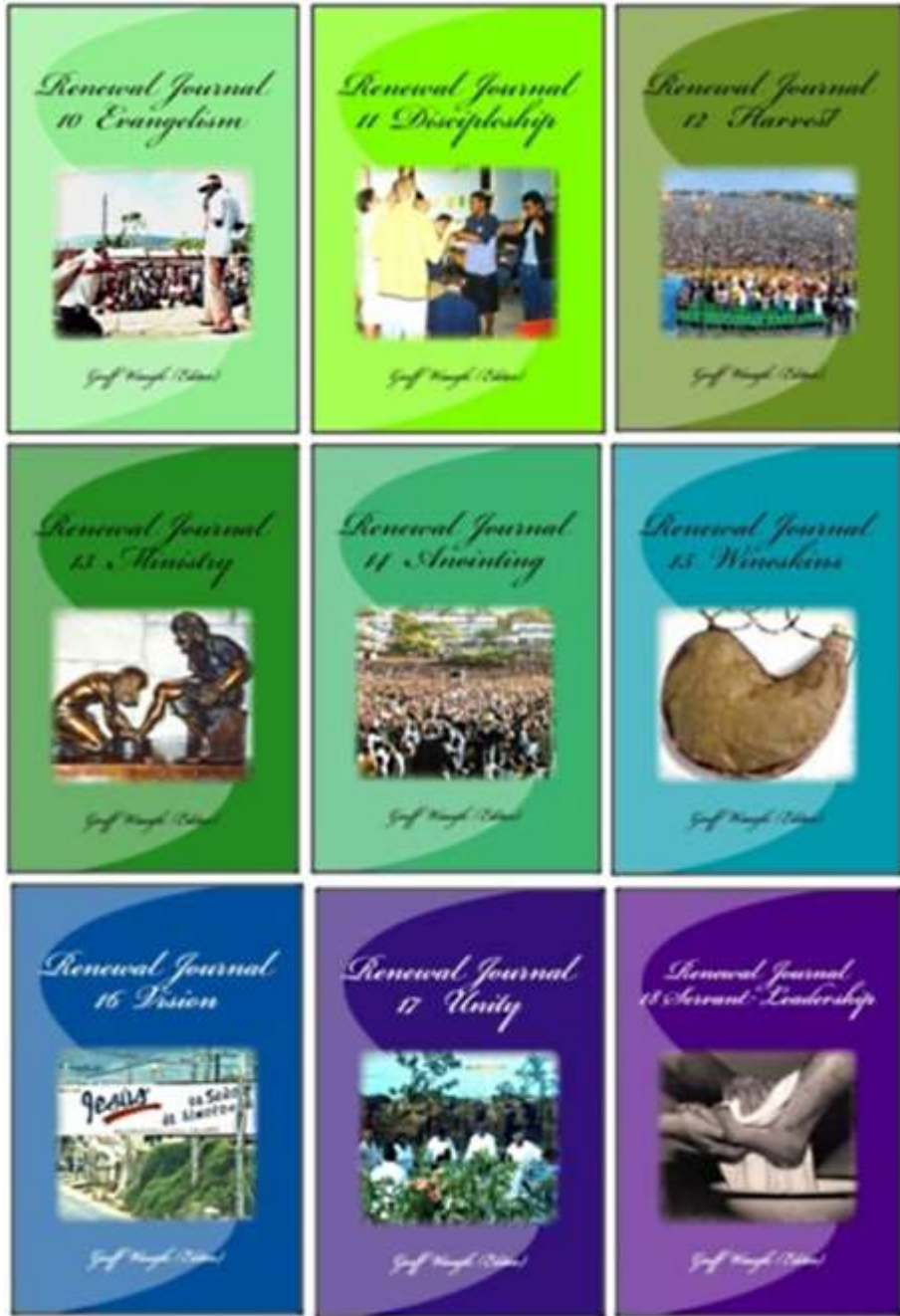
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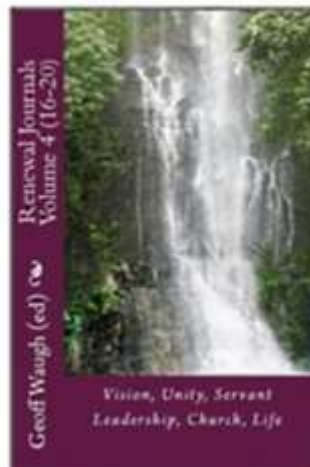
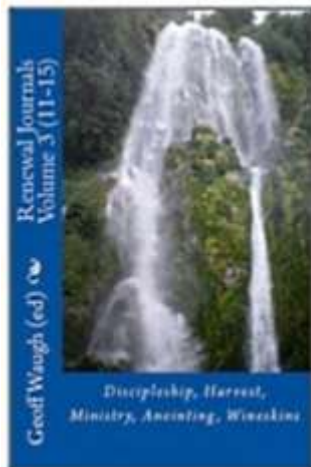
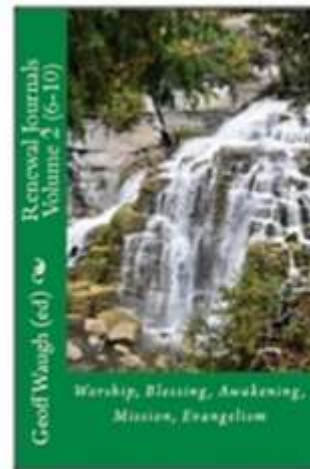
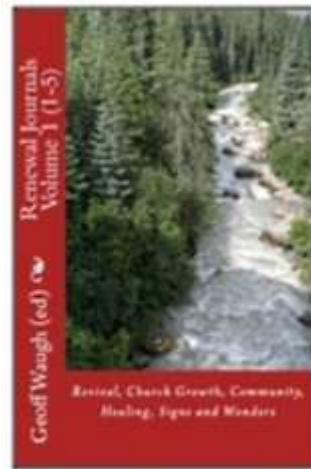
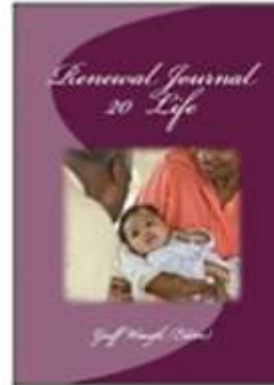
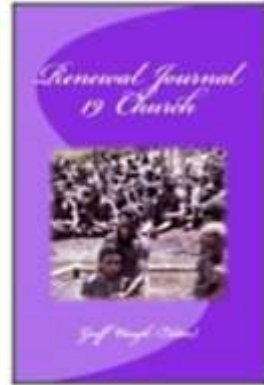
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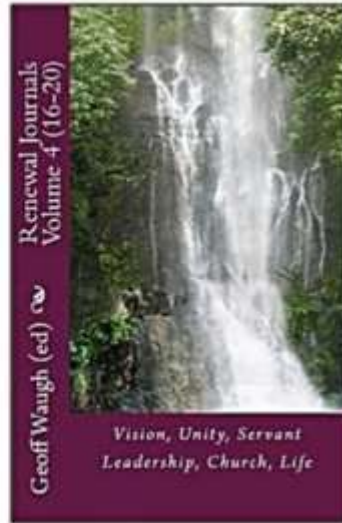
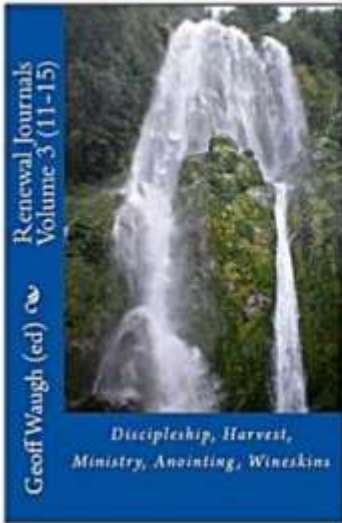
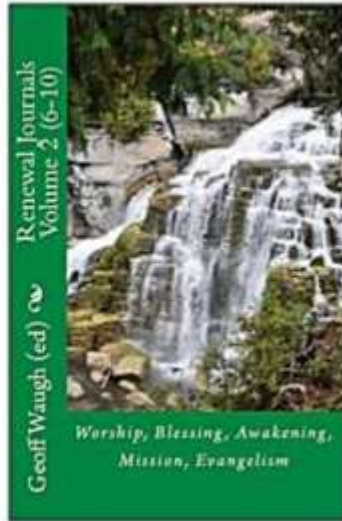
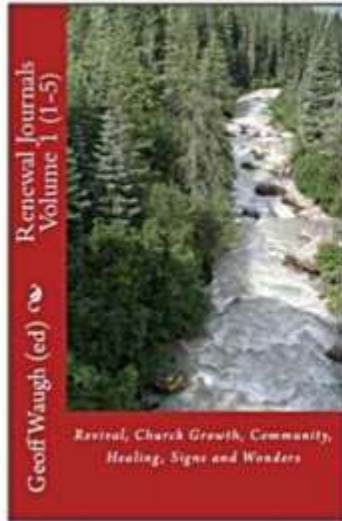


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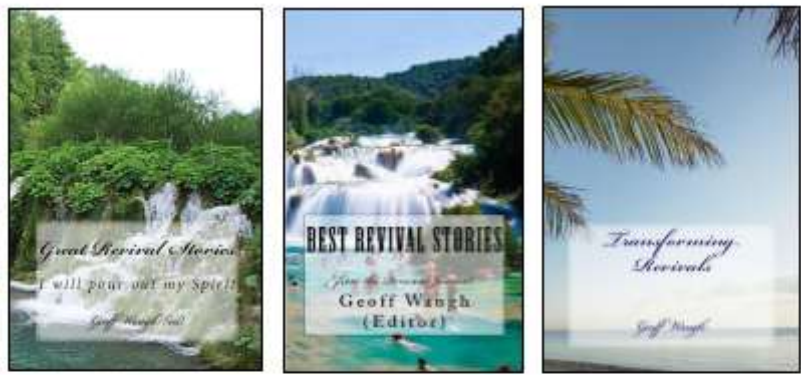


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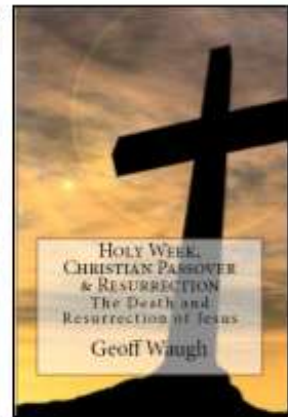
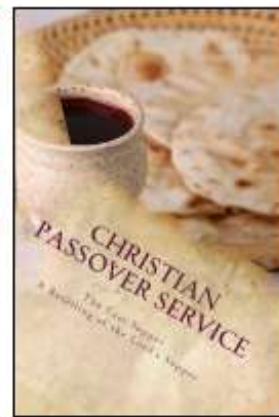
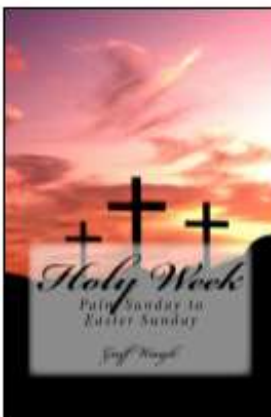
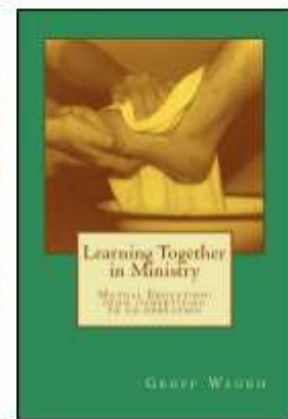
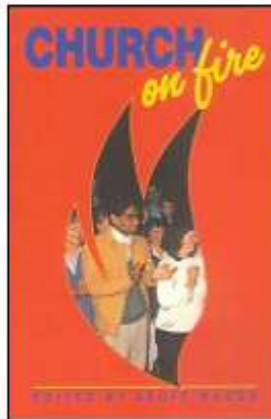
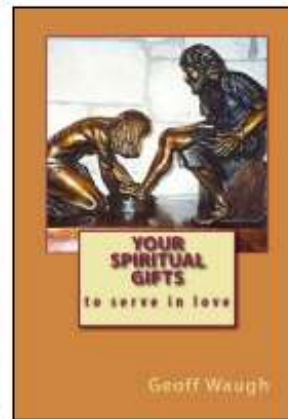
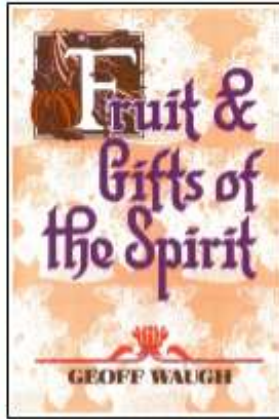
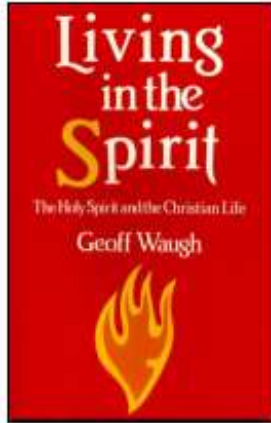




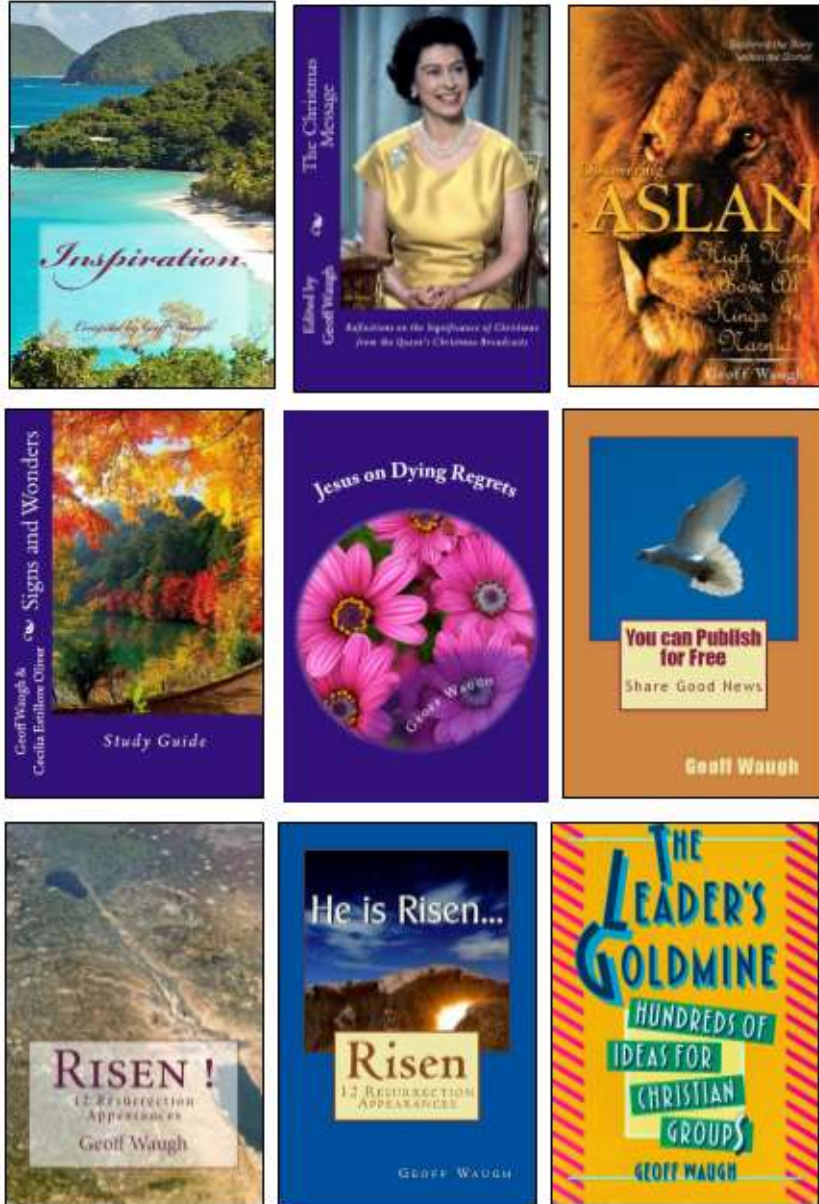
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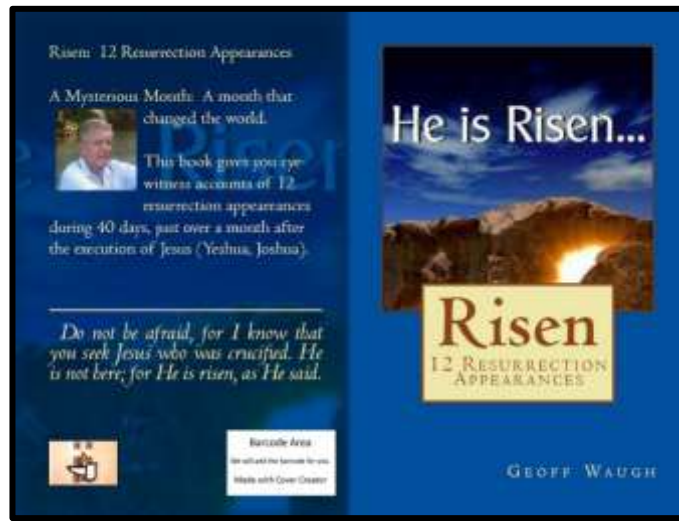


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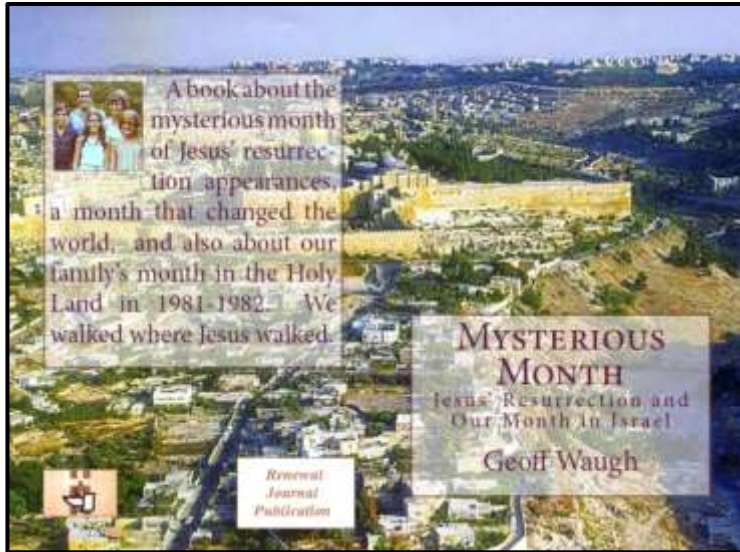
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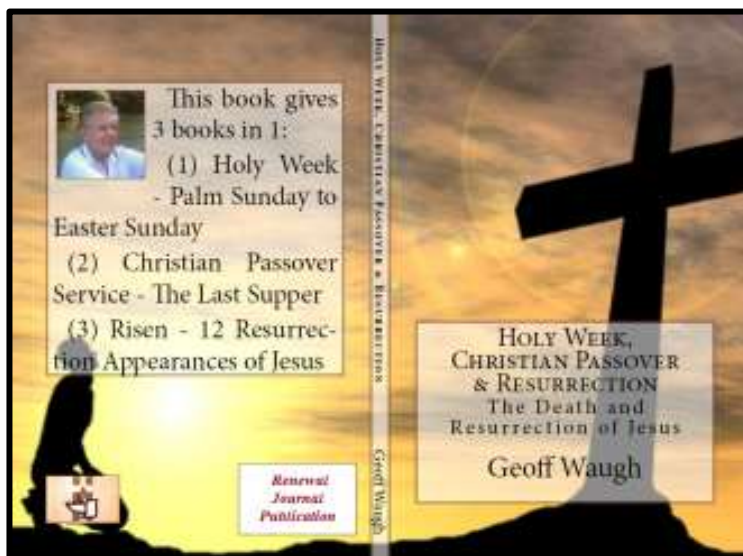
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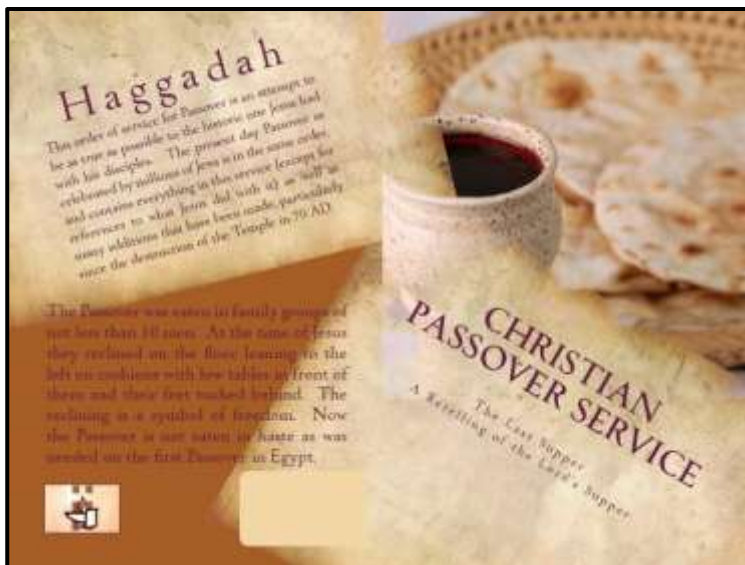
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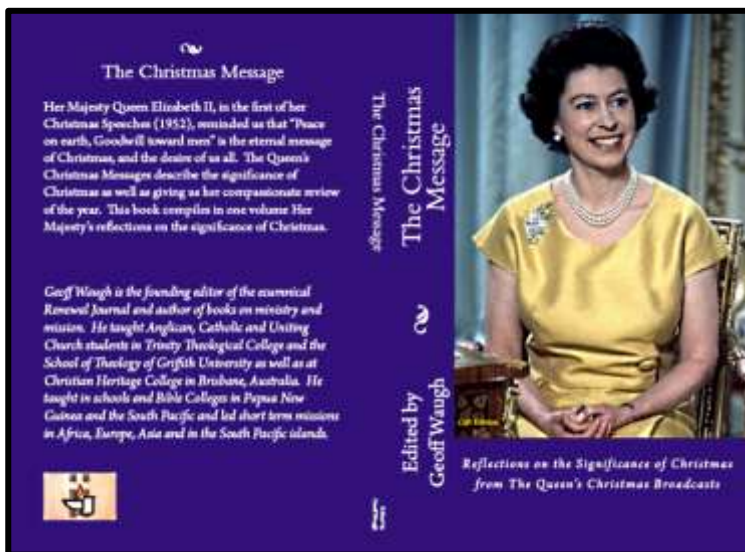
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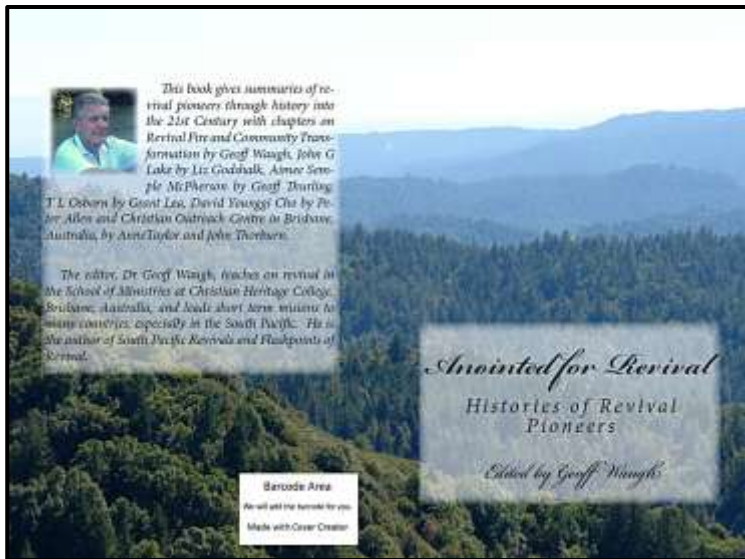
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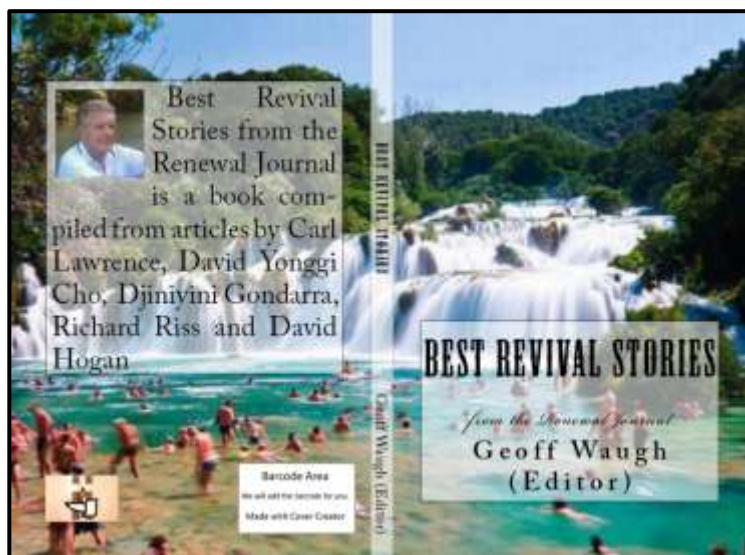
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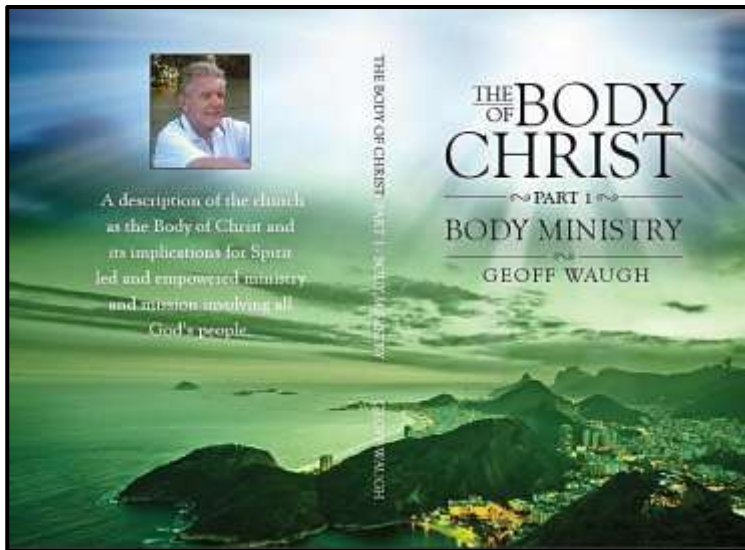
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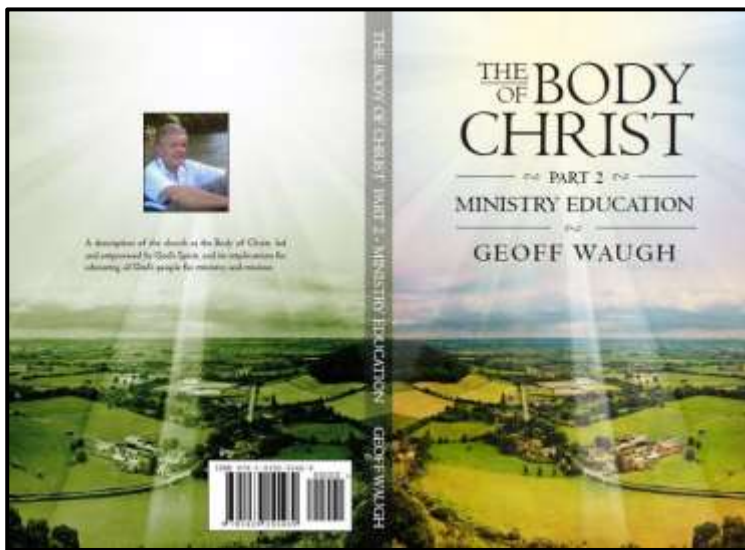
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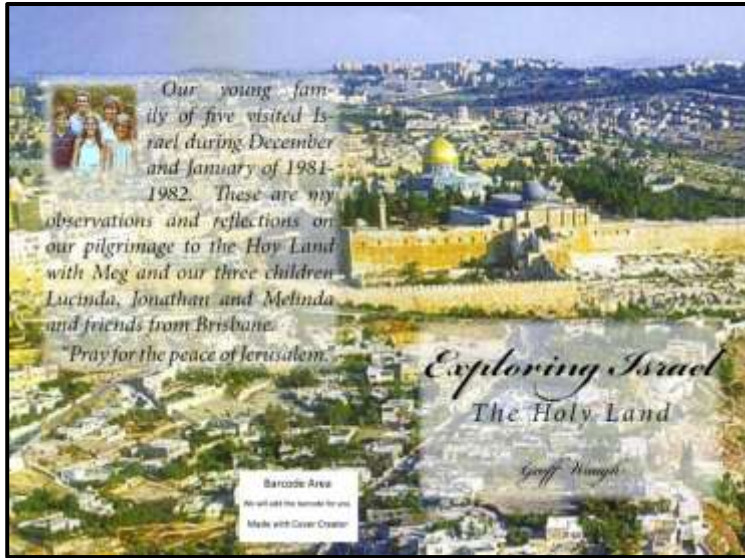
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The Body of Christ, Part 2: Ministry Education



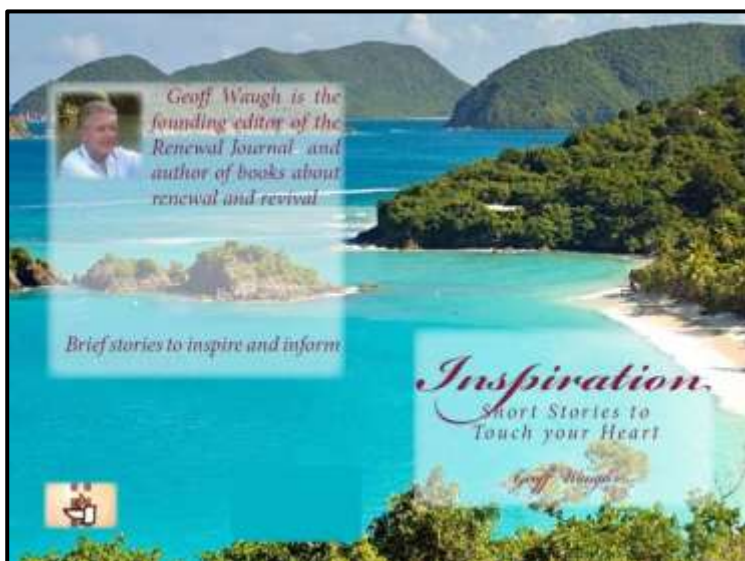
Exploring Israel (colour)



Exploring Israel (black & white)



Great Revival Stories



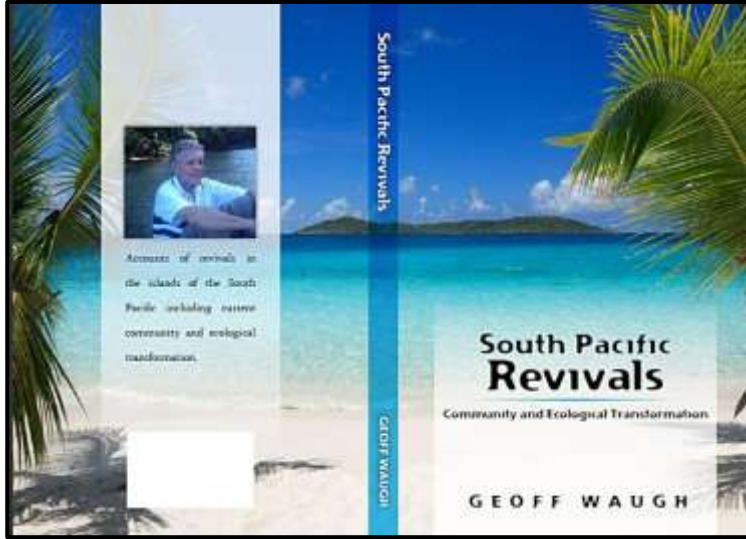
Inspiration



Renewal: I make all things new



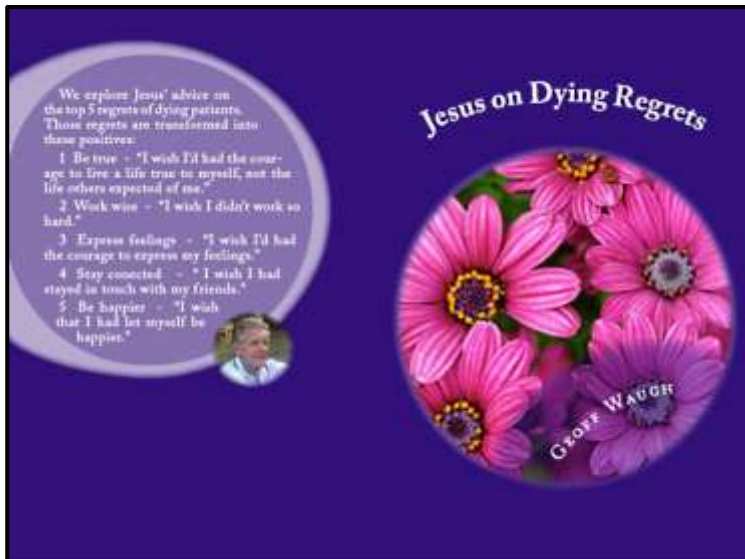
Revival: I will pour out my Spirit



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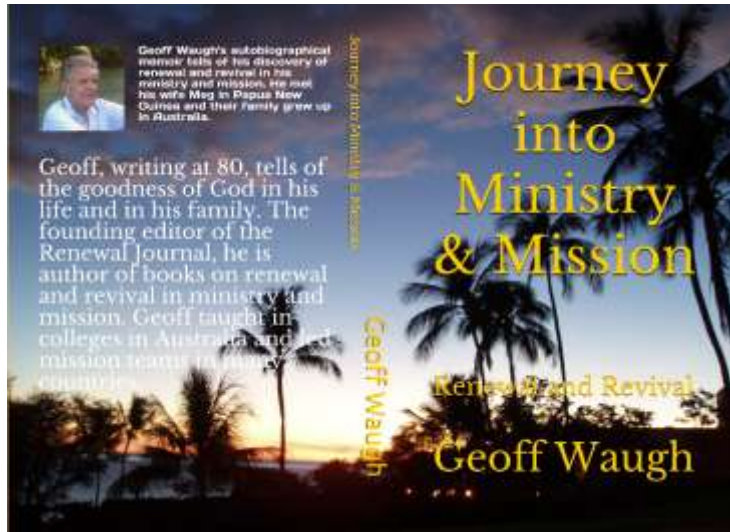
Transforming Revivals



Jesus on Dying Regrets



Looking to Jesus: Journey into Renewal & Revival



Journey into Ministry and Mission

Condensed from two biographical books:

Looking to Jesus: Journey into Renewal & Revival

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Renewal and Revival Books - details

Selection of most popular books



Inspiration

Brief stories to inspire and inform, 85 pages (2011)

- 1 Saying Grace**
- 2 The Surgeon**
- 3 Cost of a Miracle_**
- 4 The Son**
- 5 What would you do?**
- 6 You are my Sunshine**
- 7 Special Olympics**
- 8 Everything we do is Important_**
- 9 Friends**
- 10 Coming Home**
- 11 Red Marbles_**
- 12 Surprise Hidden in Plain Sight_**
- 13 Choices_**
- 14 Prayer PUSH**

- 15 Cracked-pots**
- 16 A Girls' Prayer**
- 17 A Boy's Insights**
- 18 Shirley and Marcy**
- 19 One Liners**
- 20 I Choose**
- 21 The Gold and Ivory Tablecloth**
- 22 Behold the Man**
- 23 Family Worship**
- 24 Eternity**



The Christmas Message

Queen Elizabeth II describes the Significance of Christmas

Introduction

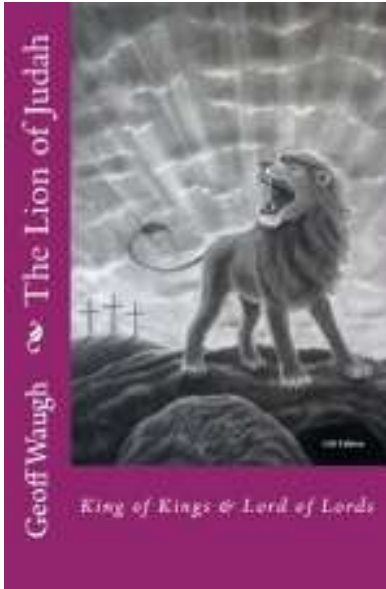
The Christmas Message: Annual Broadcasts from 1952

Christmas Carols and Songs

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King of Kings and Lord of Lords

The Titles of Jesus

The Reign of Jesus

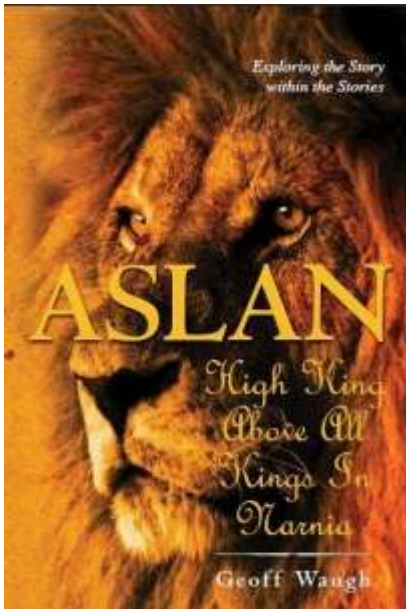
The Life of Jesus

The Death of Jesus

The Resurrection of Jesus

The Spirit of Jesus

The Lion of Judah - all in one volume



Discovering Aslan:

High King above all Kings in Narnia

Exploring the Story within the Stories by C S Lewis

Introduction

1. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Aslan is on the move

2. Prince Caspian

Each year that you grow you will find me bigger

3. The Voyage of the 'Dawn Treader'

By knowing me here for a little, you may know me better there

4. The Silver Chair

Aslan's instructions always work: there are no exceptions

5. The Horse and His Boy

High King above all kings in Narnia

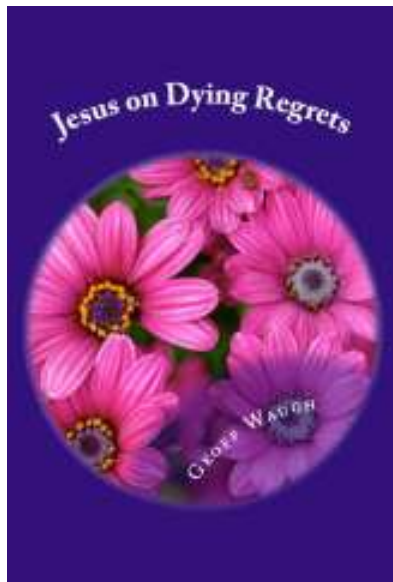
6. The Magician's Nephew

I give you yourselves ... and I give you myself

7. The Last Battle

Further up and further in

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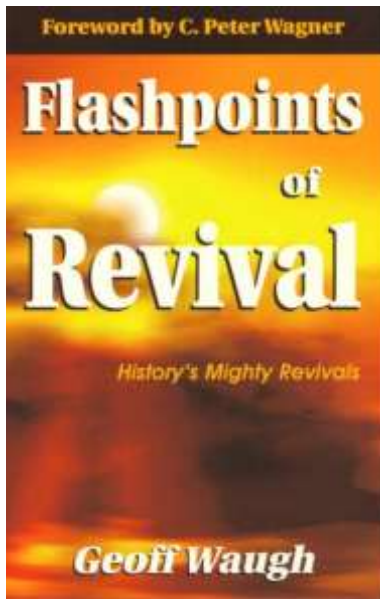
Jesus on Dying Regrets

Advice about the top 5 regrets of the dying (2015)

Introduction

- 1 Be true**
- 2 Work wise**
- 3 Express feelings**
- 4 Stay connected**
- 5 Be happier**

Conclusion



Flashpoints of Revival:
History's Mighty Revivals

2nd edition, enlarged, 213 pages (2009).

Foreword: by C Peter Wagner

Preface and Introduction

1. Eighteenth Century

- 1727 – Herrnhut, Germany (Zinzendorf)
- 1735 – New England, America (Edwards)
- 1739 – London, England (Whitefield, Wesley)
- 1745 – Crossweeksung, America (Brainerd)
- 1781 – Cornwall, England

2. Nineteenth Century

- 1800 – America (McGready)
- 1801 – Cane Ridge, America (Stone)
- 1821 – Adams, America (Finney)
- 1858 – New York, America (Lanphier)
- 1859 – Ulster, Ireland (McQuilkin)
- 1859 – Natal, South Africa (Zulus)
- 1871 – New York, America (Moody)

3. Early Twentieth Century

- 1904 – Loughor, Wales (Roberts)
- 1905 – Mukti, India (Ramabai)
- 1906 – Los Angeles (Seymour)

1907 – Pyongyang, Korea
1909 – Valparaiso, Chile (Hoover)
1921 – Lowestoft, England (Brown)
1936 – Gahini, Rwanda (East African Revival)

4. Mid-twentieth Century

1947 – North America (Healing Evangelism)
1948 – Canada (Sharon Bible School)
1949 – Hebrides Islands, Scotland (Campbell)
1951 – City Bell, Argentina (Miller)
1962 – Santo, Vanuatu (Grant)
1965 – Soe, Timor (Tari)
1970 – Wilmore, Kentucky (Asbury College)
1970 – Solomon Islands (Thompson)
1971 – Saskatoon, Canada (McCleod)
1973 – Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Burke)

5. Late Twentieth Century

1975 – Gaborone, Botswana (Bonnke)
1979 – Elcho Island, Australia (Gondarra)
1979 – Anaheim, America (Wimber)
1979 – South Africa (Howard-Browne)
1988 – Papua New Guinea (van Bruggen)
1988 – Madruga, Cuba
1989 – Henan and Anhui, China

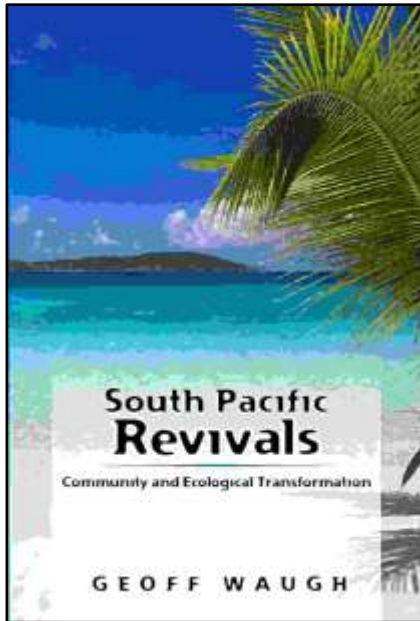
6. Final Decade, Twentieth Century

1992 – Argentina (Freidson)
1993 – Brisbane, Australia (Miers)
1994 – Toronto, Canada (Arnott, Clark)
1994 – Brompton, London (Mumford)
1994 – Sunderland, England (Gott)
1995 – Melbourne, Florida (Clark)
1995 – Modesto, California (Berteau)
1995 – Brownwood, Texas (College Revivals)
1995 – Pensacola, Florida (Hill)
1995 – Mexico (Hogan)
1996 – Houston, Texas (Heard)

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Addendum: Revival in the 21st Century

Revival in the South Pacific: Vanuatu, Solomon Islands
Transforming Revival: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu



South Pacific Revivals

A brief survey of historical and current revivals in the South Pacific islands, 182 pages, with over 30 photographs (2nd edition 2010).

Preface: Brief History of South Pacific Revivals by Robert Evans

Introduction: Timor, Australian Aborigines

1 Solomon Islands

2 Papua New Guinea, Bougainville

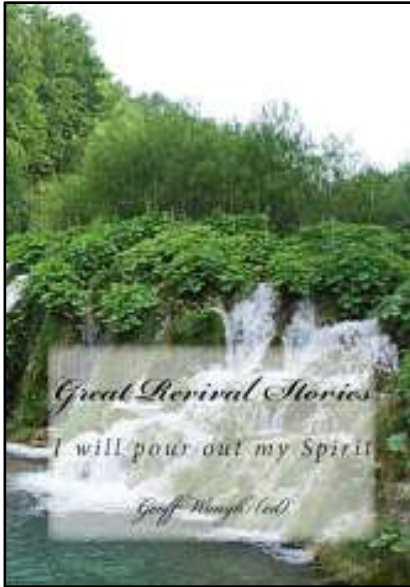
3 Vanuatu

4 Fiji

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Appendix 1: Revival Examples

Appendix 2: Books



Great Revival Stories

Compiled and expanded from two books in one volume:

Best Revival Stories and **Transforming Revivals**

Introduction

Part 1: Best Revival Stories

Stirring Renewal Journal articles on revival

Preface: Best Revival Stories

- 1 **Power from on High**, by John Greenfield
- 2 **The Spirit told us what to do**, by Carl Lawrence
- 3 **Pentecost in Arnhem Land**, by Djiniyini Gondarra
- 4 **Speaking God's Word**, by David Yonggi Cho
- 5 **Worldwide Awakening**, by Richard Riss
- 6 **The River of God**, by David Hogan

Part 2: Transforming Revivals

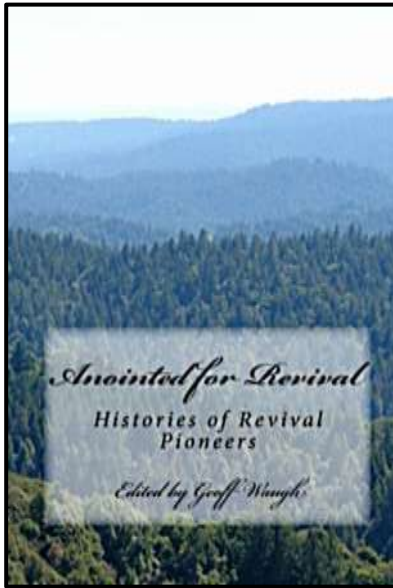
*Community and ecological transformation, adapted from **South Pacific Revivals** and **Flashpoints of Revival** (30 photographs)*

Preface: Transforming Revivals

- 7 **Solomon Islands**
- 8 **Papua New Guinea**
- 9 **Vanuatu**
- 10 **Fiji**
- 11 **Snapshots of Glory**, by George Otis Jr

12 The Transformation of Algodoa de Jandaira

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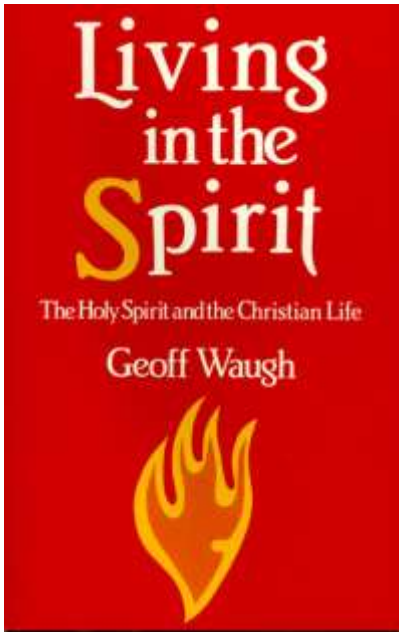
Anointed for Revival:
Histories of Revival Pioneers

Articles edited by Geoff Waugh, 132 pages (2nd ed., 2011)

Introduction

- 1 **Revival Fire**, by Geoff Waugh
- 2 **Jesus, the Ultimate Ministry Leader**, by Jessica Harrison
- 3 **Smith Wigglesworth**, by Melanie Malengret
- 4 **John G. Lake**, by Liz Godshalk
- 5 **Aimee Semple McPherson**, by Geoff Thurling
- 6 **T. L. Osborne**, by Grant Lea
- 7 **David Yonggi Cho**, by Peter Allen
- 8 **The Birth of Christian Outreach Centre**, by Anne Taylor
- 9 **The Beginnings of Christian Outreach Centre**, by John Thorburn
- 10 **Community Transformation**, by Geoff Waugh

Appendix: Revival Books



Living in the Spirit

Personal and group studies, 2nd ed., revised and enlarged, 126 pages (2009).

1. Father, Son and Holy Spirit

God is One

The Father's heart shows God's love

Jesus reveals God's love

The Spirit imparts God's love

2. Born of the Spirit

The Spirit creates

The Spirit re-creates

God acts

We respond

3. Filled with the Spirit

The Spirit in God's people

The Spirit in Jesus

The Spirit in the early church

The Spirit in us

4. Fruit of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit in us personally

The fruit of the Spirit in us together

Growth in the Spirit personally

Growth in the Spirit together

5. Gifts of the Spirit

Power for mission

Gifts for mission

Unity for mission

Love for mission

6. Ministry in the Spirit

Body ministry

Mutual ministry

Wholeness ministry

Freedom ministry

7. Led by the Spirit

The Spirit leads us

The Spirit leads gently

The Spirit leads personally

The Spirit leads corporately

8. The Spirit of the Lord

The Spirit of the Lord in Israel

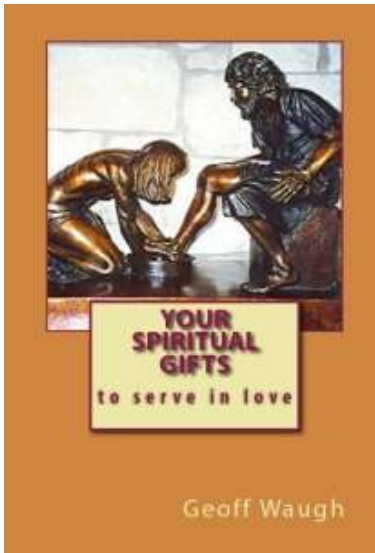
The Spirit of the Lord in Jesus

The kingdom of God

The king: Jesus Christ is Lord

Appendix 1: Voices from history

Appendix 2: Spiritual gifts questionnaire

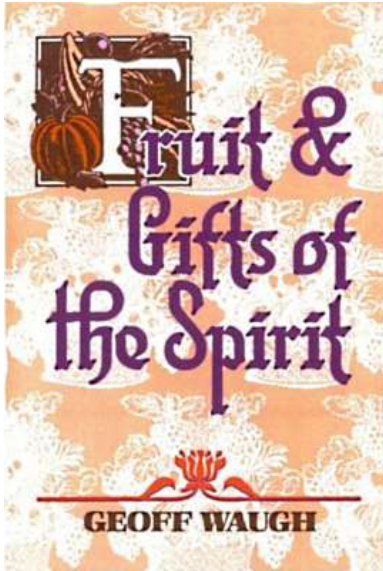


***Your Spiritual Gifts:
to serve in love***

Personal and group studies, 47 pages. (2011)

Introduction

- 1 Your spiritual gifts
- 2 The manifold grace of God
- 3 Motivational Gifts from God our Father
- 4 Ministry Gifts from Christ Jesus
- 5 Manifestation Gifts from the Holy Spirit
- 6 Make love your aim
- 7 Spiritual gifts questionnaire



Fruit and Gifts of the Spirit

Personal and group studies, 63 pages. (1992, 2010)

Foreword

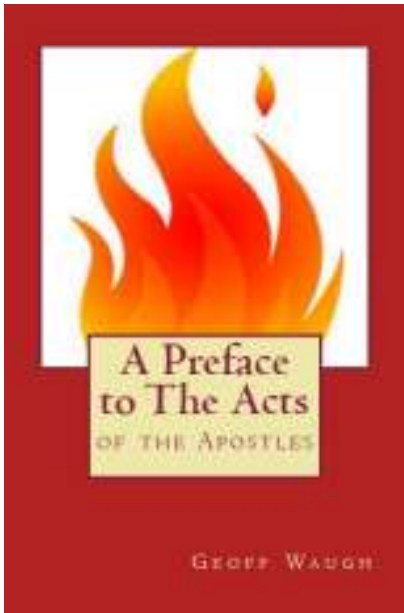
Part I: Fruit of the Spirit

1. The Spirit of Jesus
2. Fruit of the Spirit
3. Fruit of the vine
4. Fruit and growth
5. Fruit and gifts
6. The way of love

Part II: Gifts of the Spirit

1. God gives – we receive
2. Gifts to serve in power
3. Gifts to motivate us
4. Gifts to minister in unity
5. Gifts to manifest the Spirit
6. Gifts to use in love

Appendix: Gifts checklist



A Preface to The Acts of the Apostles

Introduction - Luke's Preface

1 The Title of *The Acts*

2 The Aim of *The Acts*

3 The Author of *The Acts*

4 The Date of *The Acts*

5 The Sources of *The Acts*

The historical sections

The biographical sections

6 The Setting of *The Acts*

The Greeks

The Romans

The Jews

7 The Contents of *The Acts*

Historical and Biographical

Preparation for the witness (1:1-26)

The witness in Jerusalem (2:1 – 8:3)

The witness in Judea and Samaria (8:4 – 12:25)

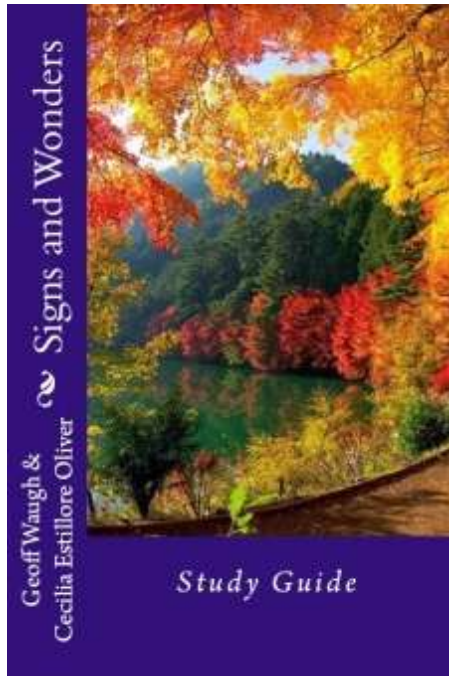
The witness to Jews and Gentiles (13:1 – 28:31)

A Comparison and General Summary

An accurate history

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Appendix - Translations of Acts 1:1-9



Signs and Wonders: **Study Guide**

Studies on the miraculous (2015)

Biblical Foundations

Old Testament

Jesus' Ministry

The Epistles

The Cross

Theological Foundations

The Supernatural

Worldview

The Kingdom of God

Spiritual Gifts

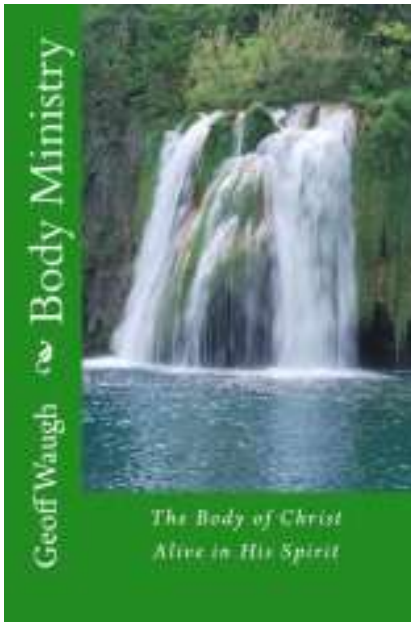
Ministry Foundations

Church History

Case Studies

Practices & Pitfalls

Integrated Ministry



Body Ministry:

The Body of Christ Alive in His Spirit

Foreword: James Haire

Prologue: Change Changed

Part 1: Body Ministry

Preface to Part 1, Body Ministry: Colin Warren

Section I. Body Ministry: from few to many

Chapter 1. Kingdom Authority

Chapter 2. Obedient Mission

Chapter 3. Mutual Ministry

Chapter 4. Spiritual Gifts

Chapter 5. Body Evangelism

Section II. Body Organization from some to all

Chapter 6. Divine Headship

Chapter 7. Body Membership

Chapter 8. Servant Leadership

Chapter 9. Body Life

Chapter 10. Expanding Networks

Part 2: Ministry Education

Preface to Part 2, Ministry Education: Lewis Born

Chapter 11. Open Education

Chapter 12. Unlimited Education

Chapter 13. Continuing Education

Chapter 14. Adult Education

Chapter 15. Mutual Education

Chapter 16. Theological Education

Chapter 17. Contextual Education

Chapter 18. Ministry Education

Epilogue: The Unchanging Christ



Great Commission Mission

Comprising two books

1. Teaching them to Obey in Love

1. Love God

Faith in God – God our Father

Follow Me – Jesus our Lord

Filled with the Spirit – God’s Spirit our Helper

2. Love Others

Love one another

Serve one another

Encourage one another

2. Jesus the Model for Supernatural Mission

1. Jesus’ Mission and Ministry

2. [The Disciples’ Mission and Ministry](#)

3. Peter and Paul on Mission

4. My Mission Adventures

5. [How to Minister like Jesus, by Bart Doornweerd](#)

6. [Power Evangelism in Short Term Missions, by Randy Clark](#)

7. [China Miracle: The Spirit told us what to do, by Carl Lawrence](#)

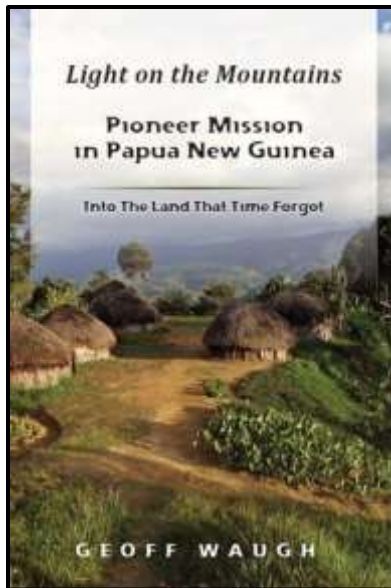


Looking to Jesus:
Journey into Renewal and Revival

Autobiography exploring renewal and revival,

Introduction – Waugh stories

- 1. Beginnings – state of origin**
 - 2. Schools – green board jungle**
 - 3. Ministry – to lead is to serve**
 - 4. Mission – trails and trials**
 - 5. Family – Waughs and rumours of Waughs**
 - 6. Search and Research – begin with A B C**
 - 7. Renewal – begin with doh rey me**
 - 8. Revival – begin with 1 2 3**
- Conclusion – begin with you and me**



Light on the Mountains:
Pioneer Mission in Papua New Guinea

Pioneering mission among Enga tribes in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. 200 pages, with over 60 photographs (2009).

Introduction

Part 1: Pioneer Mission History

- 1. Beginnings of the Baptist New Guinea Mission**
- 2. The Church is born:** the first baptisms
- 3. The Church grows:** community transformation

Part 2: Pioneer Mission Teaching

- 4. Trails and trials:** mission life in the highlands

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Enga revival

Min revival

Renewal Journals

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- 1: Revival**
- 2: Church Growth**
- 3: Community**
- 4: Healing**
- 5: Signs and Wonders**
- 6: Worship**
- 7: Blessing**
- 8: Awakening**
- 9: Mission**
- 10: Evangelism**
- 11: Discipleship**
- 12: Harvest**
- 13: Ministry**
- 14: Anointing**
- 15: Wineskins**
- 16: Vision**
- 17: Unity**
- 18: Servant Leadership**

- 19: Church**

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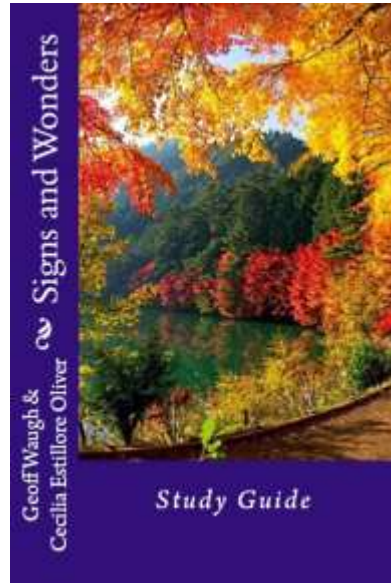
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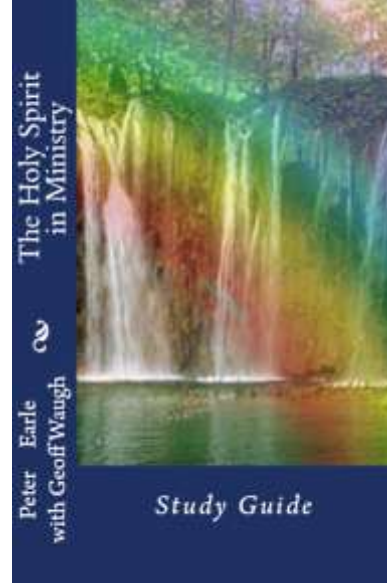


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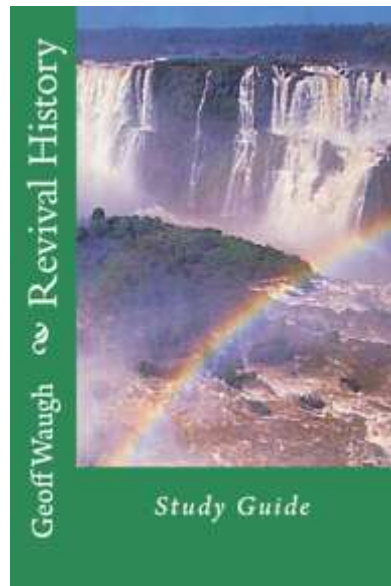


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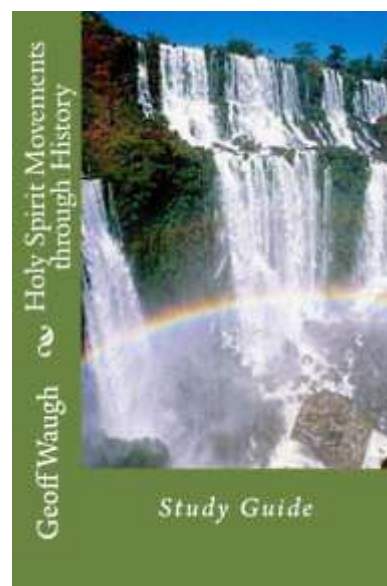


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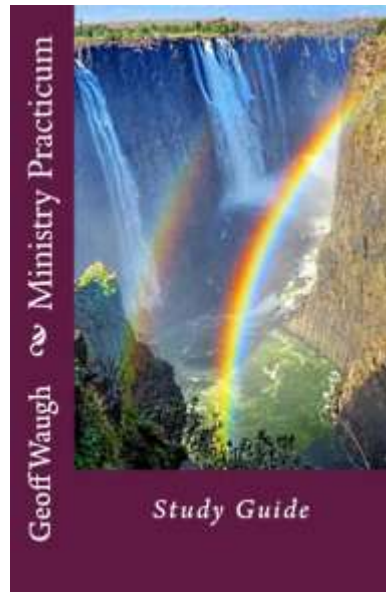
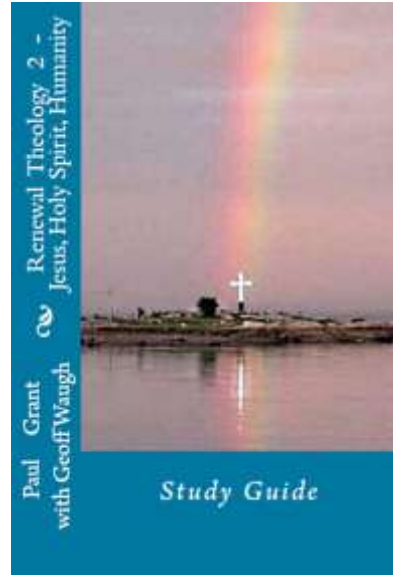
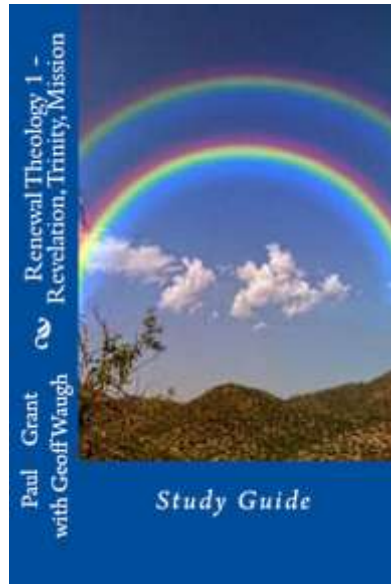
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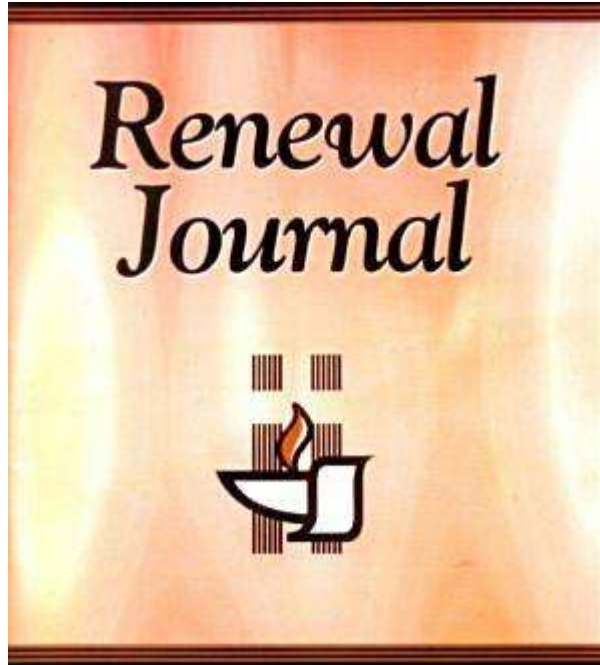
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