

Sewell Story – July 2015

Lascelles and Team Visit:

This month we had a team from YWAM Tyler come up here to encourage and visit with us for a couple days. It was led by two members of our ministry's leadership counsel, Chris & Debbie Lascelles. They were on a several week outreach in which they were doing evangelism at college campuses in the North East, but when they joined us it was primarily for prayer and worship. One night we met at a local church that a friend of mine pastors. As we were praying the Lord showed me a vision.

The Vision:

I saw a clean cut on an arm. The cut was healing along the line almost like a zipper. As it closed it turned into solid clean skin. This was a quick healing. The Lord spoke to me that this was relational hurts being healed in our area. They included hurts between churches, between pastors and between members of different churches. He said that this is happening right now.

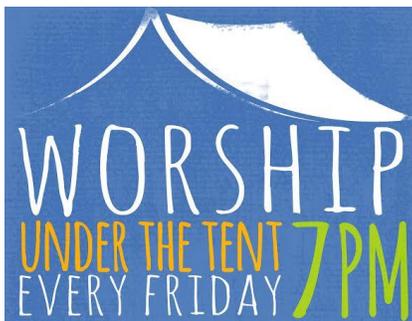


Then I saw a nasty wound. It was more like a virus and infection. It was also being healed, but this was a different wound. It was much slower to heal, because the nature of the wound was different. The Lord showed me that this healing was happening because of our friends and fellow local ministers, Ben and Joanne. He showed me that they were, are and will be healing people who were hurt by churches. These are deep hurts. It will not happen quickly, but it is happening and will continue.

Explanation:

This summer our YWAM team joined with Ben and Joanne's ministry helping to start a weekly worship service. We started with about twenty people and decided to just get together and worship and pray. I was expecting only a dozen or so people to show up for these nights, but it quickly grew into DOZENS (plural)! The cool part is not just having an event with more than four people at it, which has been our experience here. At the end of the very first service the Lord opened my

eyes to see what He was doing. It wasn't about the worship. That would come later. I looked and saw Christians from different churches shaking hands and talking to each other. I'm sure this seems insignificant to you, but it's not. The Upper Valley region we live in has been plagued for as long as I've known it with independence, fighting and a lack of trust. Churches and ministers have resisted each other. Fights and unforgiveness have lasted years and even decades, but at this simple worship event I was watching God erase the bad years of the past and heal relationships with handshakes and simple conversations.



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