

## Occasional Update #6

Tuesday 30 August 2022

### HOW WILL THEY HEAR?

#### Greetings!

A lot of prayer goes into praying for our Government, and there's nothing wrong with that – it needs our prayers! But *our Government is a reflection of our society* – its voters, the MPs they choose, and the choices our MPs make when it comes to passing legislation.

Our nation desperately needs a spiritual revival! The vast majority of our people are not Christians, do not follow the Lord, do not believe the Word of God – and live accordingly.

**Franklin Graham** (son of the late Billy Graham) is coming to New Zealand in November. His father was a worldwide evangelist for many decades, and through Him the Gospel was preached, and huge numbers of people heard, believed, and now follow the Lord. Here is a great opportunity to see the lives of thousands of New Zealanders transformed by the Spirit of God, in response to the sharing of the Gospel – many more people saved, born again, lives changed, Godly influence, and increasing righteousness – here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Paul, in **Romans 10:13-15**, put it this way ...

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim Him?

And how are they to proclaim Him unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Franklin Graham's "**God loves you**" meetings will be held in the largest stadiums in Christchurch (12 November, in Christchurch Arena); Wellington (16 November, in TSB Arena); and Auckland (19 November, in The Trusts Arena). All meetings start at 7pm.

For further information, see <https://godlovesyoutour.nz/>

Righteousness is shown in the lives of those who walk righteously, in God's eyes. This brings blessing to a nation. Unrighteousness is shown in the lives of the ungodly, and is harmful to our society. **Proverbs 14:32-34** tells us that ...

The wicked are overthrown by their evildoing, but the righteous find a refuge in their integrity.

Wisdom is at home in the mind of one who has understanding, but it is not known in the heart of fools.

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

### FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYER

To see our nation transformed, we need *our* hearts transformed, and the hearts of our people.

To see our government transformed, we need righteous people, and elect righteous MPs.

To see revival, we need a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a conviction of sin, and a transformation in the lives of those who repent and become followers of Jesus.

#### **How will they hear?**

Through the personal witness of God's people, by word and by their living example.

Through the Church that Jesus is building – His followers, Christian organisations, Christian use of the media, missions, outreaches, and so on. **ALL SUPPORTED BY PRAYER!**

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