

## **ABBOTSFORD IS COMING ALIVE**

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After attending the Fresh Fire Ministries Conference in Abbotsford and hearing some of the prophetic words given by James Maloney and Todd Bentley regarding what God has planned for this city and surrounding area I began to see His big plans more clearly.

In 1999, while attending a church in this area, God gave me a vision that I felt was for the Abbotsford area. Although this church building was small it was filled to spilling out onto the large parking lot where hundreds more were listening over an outside P. A. System. But that's not all. There were hundreds more that could be seen coming from every direction. One young man with long black hair, unshaven, dirty clothes and strung out on drugs, was shuffling up to hear some good news. Many people were lame, many were sick. Some blind people were led by others. There could be seen many problems known to humanity. But every face was toward the church building. No one was hesitating. No one was in discussion with anyone. Then I heard a voice say, "They have been drawn by the signs and wonders following". The people had heard about the miracles of salvation, the many healings, drug addicts set free, and much more. This was God's showcase doing what He designed it to do, attract all people, no matter who they are or what their problem is.

As time passed, nothing like that ever happened at that church. In 2003 while attending one of the largest churches in Abbotsford, again God gave me this same vision, except that this time people, as well as many other churches. were coming together because there was an overwhelming hunger and need beyond the usual. Once again I shared with the pastor what I thought God had planned for his church.

Then last night while at the FFM Conference I could see more clearly that God's plan for Abbotsford and area was much bigger than a single church. For some time now He has been preparing people from all ages and all churches. They are beginning to come together with FFM. This organization has international connections and based locally.

God's plan is a foundation first. His people are being rooted and grounded on His Word, free from the religious spirit.

After the Special Ceremony tonight it seemed very clear the church, ACF, had come under the FFM umbrella, and there would be many more churches doing the same. Diana and I breathed a sigh of relief. We have been praying for this for years. These churches that dare come under this umbrella will catch fire too and come alive.

I want to share one more vision I had last week before this Conference began. I saw a window up in the sky like a house window with a frame around it. Through the window it seemed fairly dark, but I could see much activity. This activity was many small, dark figures scurrying in every direction trying to get away. As they all disappeared the darkened heavens became brighter and brighter till the light was too bright to look at. Then I heard the Lord say, "That will soon be the Open Heavens over Abbotsford and area".

Could it be, the coming together tonight of a church and a ministry will bring about this Open Heaven over our city and area?

Bring it on quickly Father.

Isa: 42:9 – Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.