

FIRE SOWERS

Living Outreach Ministries

The first part of Firesowers started on Thursday 5th February. Gaspare, Emy and Simona landed at Liverpool Airport from the warmer climes of Naples, Italy. Greeted by snow, much to the delight of Simona who had prayed hard for snow for days, the first stop was fish and chips at Hollingworth Lake. On Thursday evening (after snowball fights and snowman building) Gaspare spoke at the FGBMFI dinner evening.

Gaspare's story is one of near death experience! A motorbike accident on Italy's Amalfi Coast Road sent him into a cliff. One of Naples leading doctors, on holiday with his wife, was passing the scene. He was able to administer the first vital help needed and call the air ambulance to transport Gaspare to Naples Hospital. Gaspare experienced the bright white light but it was empty - later after meeting his future wife, Emy, a committed Christian, he has the assurance that next time he encounters the white light Jesus will be at the centre welcoming him home. Forty three operations later and Gaspare is now able to walk again and his life has changed dramatically in so many years following his encounter with a cliff!



Gaspare, Emy and Simona prayed powerfully with lots of people over the weekend and people received a fresh touch of God's love and healing.



On both Friday and Saturday Gaspare and Emy joined Halifax's Street Angels seeing the work carried out on the streets, meeting volunteers and Halifax's MP Linda Riordan who had become an Angel for the night.

Gaspare spoke and challenged men at a Breakfast in Noah's Ark Café in Halifax - he talked about the problems with religion in Italy and then prayed with many as well as for our nation. On Saturday night Gaspare shared his life at Power Praise and many people came forward for prayer and ministry. On Monday he spoke at the FGBMFI Dinner in Grimsby sharing his life and laying down the challenge not to go through near death before meeting with Jesus.

Lot's of sightseeing - Halifax, Shibden Hall, Skipton, Malham Cove, York, Lincoln and Cambridge and lot's of fish and chips - an enjoyable weekend where God proved himself real to many.

Next to arrive was the first team from Brazil. Headed by Dario Luiz, Pastor Jose Gomes and Apostles Antonio and Dirlei Lima landed in Halifax at various times of Saturday and Sunday. The first appointment was the Sunday morning service at The King's Centre. After introducing the team Dario spoke powerfully on the need to take Christ to people

outside of the church, to the very people Christ would spend time with - the drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes, etc. He spoke of his own experiences of seeing thousands of drug addicts released from addictions in Brazil through a project he started. The blood of Jesus is the answer to the needs and hurts of people in our communities...

After a typical English Sunday lunch the team spoke at FERN Christian Fellowship in Haworth. Many were prayed for and ministered to.



On Monday lunch time a Business Lunch was organised - invited guests including High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, Deputy Mayor of Calderdale, Halifax Town Centre Manager, Police, Solicitors, people from Calderdale Council, councillors, business and community leaders met with the Brazilians and heard what the church in Calderdale is investing into our communities through projects such as Street Angels, Project Colt, CICS (schools work), Pregnancy Crisis Centre, The Leprosy Mission, FGBMFI and The King's Church. Many good conversations were had and many good links made.

Monday through Thursday the Halifax Firesowers events take place. Four very powerful nights where the Brazilians spoke, shared their hearts and life with us, and

believed for God to do amazing things! Lots of people received prayer and healing for emotional and physical problems, releasing from past hurts and seeing demons cast out.



On Wednesday a special night of impartation was held - Dario, Jose, Antonio and Dirlei, along with Paulo Simoes, a Brazilian Pastor in Manchester bought lessons learnt in Brazil that could be keys to seeing similar things happen in the UK. These words were:

- Prayer*
- Dependence on the Holy Spirit*
- Desire to grow to a new level*
- Have a passion for people*
- Honour people*
- Connect people with Jesus*
- Make disciples always*
- Churches should grow to get people*

Each person received prayer from the team of Brazilians along with Paul McMahon of The King's Church and Paul Blakey of Street Angels / FGBMFI - asking for God to raise up people who would have a Brazil vision for the UK.



On Monday Dario and Mark Russell visited FGBMFI in Hull - both Dario and Mark spoke and shared about their lives - with Dario then offering to pray for people (after the meeting had closed) - two hours later many needs, demons, sickness and emotions had been dealt with and prayed over.

On Thursday a miracle night was held - one lady who had spine problems for 20 years and was uncomfortable whenever she sat down was prayed for and sat down with no pain. Others learnt that often un-forgiveness towards others and self prevents healing and so many were prayed for in that area.



On Friday it was time for the first team of Brazilians to leave. A good week was had, and as well as the

meetings and events they saw much of the North of England including Fountains Abbey and Shibden Hall and even tried on the Mayoral robes in Halifax Town Hall!

Friday night Firesowers Hot Zone - a special night for young people with Halifax Central Church Band playing loud and radical worship and Rachel, the organiser of Firesowers in Southall, London, and Dario's son Lucas joining us for the night.



Rachel spoke on the need to see ourselves as God sees us - as people of worth and value with purpose and hope. Dario then spoke about the need to come to Jesus and allow his blood and love wash us and clean us and restore us - several young people responded to the call for ministry with deep emotional and spiritual needs prayed over and addressed.

Rachel, Lucas, Dario and the two new Brazilians, Eudaldo Oliveira and Jesse Santana then met at Fairtrade Café and joined the Street



Angels.

Saturday was a day of resting and visiting Halifax in preparation for the final few days in the North of England before Firesowers in London commenced.

On Sunday the team spoke at the Redeemed Church of God Strong Tower African church in Halifax's YMCA. Many people received prayer and the pastors and leaders of the church were prayed for in what was a very powerful morning.

Following a spicy African lunch Dario and Jesse went to FERN Fellowship in Haworth with Paul and Eudaldo visiting Vida Brazilian church in Manchester. Both evenings were fantastic with people responding to God's love and ministry for peace, healing and deliverance.

On Monday Jesse and Eudaldo visited York and enjoyed seeing the Minster (older than Brazil), the train museum and The Shambles. All the team then met up for a wonderful

carvery lunch.



On Tuesday the Brazilians held a day of prayer and fasting for our nation. God showed them some of the problems stopping breakthrough in the UK, the main two being:

The lack of full time Christian leaders - how can the church grow when ministry is part time - full time people are needed to work at reaching out with the Gospel message.

The Sunday mentality of the church

- in the UK generally we meet mainly on a Sunday whereas in Brazil it is typical for churches to meet four times a day. For those who work shifts, for those who have families with commitments, for those who want more than once a week church needs to become almost 24/7.

Joining with the Strong Tower church prayer meeting on Tuesday night helped conclude the time of prayer for the UK and again people with emotional problems and demons set free.



The final celebration in Fairtrade Café was an awesome evening - we prayed in unity for Halifax, for FGBMFI, for the churches we had visited, for the people we had met, and for this last month to be a springboard to revival in the months and years to come. Amen!

