

Treasured Friends:

We have returned from our week in Toronto, full of thanksgiving for the privilege God gave us of sharing with our good brothers and sisters of the historic **Knox Presbyterian Church**. They have faithfully supported us for 54 years. It was a *Journey to Remember!*

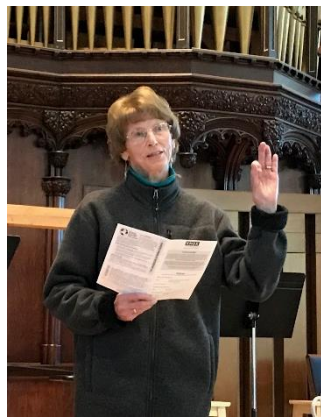


Saturday Morning and Afternoon:

Mary Anne was the key note speaker on Saturday morning. She shared fresh insights from the life of Daniel, God's faithful intercessor who prayed into reality the return of Israel promised through Jeremiah many years before. In the afternoon **Jack** led a thoughtful Seminar, full practical suggestions and resources, on how to pray for Missionaries.

Our hearts were blessed all week-end by the worship, led by **Kristen Westwood** and the enthusiastic presence of a culturally diverse younger generation, so often lacking in even the spiritually alive denominational churches.

In addition to teaching there were so many opportunities for personal ministry as well as wonderful down times with friends.



Sunday Morning and Evening:

Mary Anne spoke twice on Sunday. The services were similar in presentation but quite different in terms of those who attended. The younger generations prefer the late afternoon service and have prepared "Greeters" who wait outside along the busy Spadina Avenue (right across from the University of Toronto) with friendly smiles, greeting those who pass by and welcoming those who wish to enter.

Mary Anne's message this day was truly prophetic. Reminding the congregation of Knox' two hundred years of history to be celebrated next year, she recounted stories of God's faithfulness and ended with the hopeful and challenging words of Haggai (Chapter Two):

Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong...declares the LORD. Be strong all you people... declares the Lord, and work. For I am with you....The glory of the present house will be greater than the glory of the former house, says the LORD Almighty.

Rarely have I (Jack) heard a word given with such spiritual power. This was a message four months in the making. "No," Mary Anne commented, on the long trip back to Tucson, "This was a message I have been preparing for all my life!"

Our Thanks

As we returned home, Psalm 115 was our prayer:

Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.... it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

And we also thank each of you who support us in prayer. We are so grateful for each and every one of you.

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