

Birthing Your Prophetic Dreams and Visions

A few years ago I had a somewhat perplexing dream. In this dream I was about five months pregnant. Now, for starters, I'm not married and had no reason to be pregnant. I was trying to deny it, but my mid-section was clearly swelling—and it wasn't from eating too many tasty empanadas from the corner Cuban café. In my dream I asked a trusted friend what she thought. To my dismay, she said, "You're definitely pregnant!"

To say I was none too happy would be a monumental understatement. A flood of thoughts rushed at me in my dream state. "How will I get all my work done with a newborn baby to care for? I'm too busy for this! My life is challenging enough as it is. This is certainly no time to complicate things with a baby!" Even still, I knew there was no way of escape on this one. I had a sense that I really didn't have a choice in the matter. This baby was coming into the world in about four months whether I liked it or not.

Then I woke up...perplexed.

Two 7.4-Magnitude Earthquakes Rattle Japan

Rattled again. Two underwater earthquakes hit Japan on Thursday morning.

The 30-mile-deep quakes spurred a tsunami warning for the already devastated northeast coast of Japan, with a three-foot

wave expected. But officials lifted the warning hours later.

The quakes ranked 7.4 on the Richter scale and shook buildings in Tokyo, about 200 miles away. One quake struck about 41 miles east of Sendai and another 200 miles northeast of Tokyo.

Daystar Founders Acquire Orlando Public TV Station

- ✘ The founders of Daystar Television Network have acquired WMFE, Orlando's public TV station, for \$3 million.

Marcus and Joni Lamb acquired WMFE, known as Channel 24, through a company called Community Educators of Orlando. The acquisition is pending Federal Communications Commission approval.

WMFE announced a decision to sell its television station on April 1, citing financial strain from decreased donations, critical uncertainties in federal and state funding, and predicted increases in programming costs.

What Libya's Civil War Means for Evangelism

- ✘ Rebel troops are fighting for freedom in Libya. But Libya Dictator Muammar Gaddafi's troops on have forced the rebels out of their Brega stronghold.

Now, Libyan rebels are criticizing NATO for not doing enough to help. The anti-government forces only have about 1,000 official military troops to lead hundreds of untrained civilians with a passion for freedom.

Clearly, the unrest in Libya is different than in other Middle Eastern nations. Although anti-government protests have turned violent in Yemen and Syria—and although tensions continue rising across the Middle East—there is a true civil war in Libya.

Charisma News caught up with Dr. Mark Gabriel, who was born and raised in Egypt as a Muslim before converting to Christianity, changing his name, and moving to the U.S., to discuss his take on Libya and the future of the evangelism in the Middle Eastern nation.

Social Networking ‘Sanctuary’ Launches

✘ Tired of Facebook? Looking for a more spiritual alternative where you can fellowship online with those of like precious faith?

There’s a new Christian social network online that aims to gather people who name Jesus as Lord.

Dubbed SanctuaryNet.net, the online community just launched. It offers free profiles for Christians who want to meet new friends, arrange Bible study groups, and search for Christian resources. The site also invites business owners, churches, ministries and organizations to create listings and classifieds on the network.

Women At Risk Urges Prayer for Muslim Women

☒ Some ministries are suggesting Crescent Project's "31 Days of Prayer for Muslim Women" as a resource to pray for Muslim women in the month of May. Women At Risk International is one of them.

"Women At Risk International is an international organization that creates circles of protection around women and children that are at risk in 25 countries," explains ministry president Becky McDonald. "We address 14 different risk issues. Many of them are issues that the Muslim world of women deals with."

Terry Jones Calls Christians Cowards in Never-Before-Aired Footage

☒ Terry Jones may go down in Charismatic church history as a religious zealot who burned a Koran, inciting riots in Afghanistan that killed nearly 20 people and injured another 90.

Indeed, Fox's Bill O'Reilly called him an "insane Christian" and an "idiot" with "blood on his hands." And members of his former flock are vocal about his cult-like rules.

Jones has said he's willing to die for what he believes in,

and he just might. There are significant death threats and even bounties on his head.

How does the mind of a man who essentially disregards the strong advice of both the U.S. president and the Catholic pope think? New raw interview footage at DoersTV.com offers some insight into the thought process of the pastor much of the world has painted as a villain.

Congo Measles Epidemic Kills At Least 210

✘ Infants born in the Congo today are battling two deadly diseases: measles and cholera.

Indeed, measles are spreading quickly in the African nation. According to the latest figures from local health authorities, 16,112 suspected cases of measles have been reported since early 2011. At least 210 are dead—90 in the Katanga province.

Measles is highly contagious, and can lead to pneumonia, severe dehydration, blindness and death, especially among children. When a population has not been vaccinated, measles can kill between one and 15 percent of afflicted children, according to Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF). That number rises to 25 percent among those with impaired access to healthcare. It only cost \$1 for the vaccine.

Health and humanitarian workers report that the measles virus has spread beyond a few rural areas to cities and is poised to move beyond five provinces to the rest of the country.

Quran Burning Leads to Violence Against Churches

Nearly two dozen have died, including seven UN workers, and nearly 150 are wounded as a result of the demonstrations across Afghanistan that began April 1.

The murders took place in Mazar-i-Sharif after extremists overran the United Nations compound there as the frenzy began to take hold.

The protests were driven by anger at a self-named Christian leader who supervised the burning of a Quran in front of about 50 people at a church in Florida on March 20 following a mock trial. Todd Nettleton with Voice of the Martyrs says, "A small church in Florida held what they called a 'trial' for the Quran. They ended up finding it guilty of whatever charges, and they lit the Quran on fire."

Lay Evangelists Encouraged to "Facebook" the Gospel

✘ It's National Networking Week—but not the kind of networking you might think. No, it's not about organizing power lunches to make new business and ministry connections. It's about using social networking tools to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

During National Networking Week, Christians are encouraged to

post more God-honoring social networking updates—one a day all week.

With 500 million people on Facebook—that's 7 percent of the world's population—and another 50 million people on Twitter, the opportunity to spread God's Word is real and growing.

Imagine if the apostles in the early New Testament days could update their Facebook status and impact the lives of hundreds or thousands of people all at once?

[Reinhard Bonnke](#) is a good example of using Facebook to reach the masses. His Facebook page has more than 250,000 members and he posts inspirational messages several times a day. One of his recent messages reads, "This world has false standards, false values, false gods, and false heroes. Its honor is a wreath of fading fame. True greatness is not bigness or spiritual prominence. It is doing the will of God."