

Tauranga Dove Fellowship

Comment on June meeting

The afternoon started with a reflection on "Who I am in Christ" and used many scripture verses to convey His love for each of us. The Lord wanted to show us just how much He loves each of us. His river of love is flowing freely for all of us. The focus was a large red heart and flowing from that were ribbons, which flowed right to the back of the room. The ribbons were the colour of the rainbow and on each ribbon was attached different size red hearts with scriptures.

Our quest speaker Sandra King shared her amazing faith journey over the past twenty years. 1991 the Lord led Sandra to leave her 3 adult children, sell all her possessions here in NZ, and go to China to work with Children. She enrolled at the university in Sichuan to learn the language. Within 6 months a 3 day old baby was abandoned in the bike shed, Sandra to her home and cared for her. This was the start of her ministry in China.

The Lord told her she would open orphanages. Sandra learnt to be bold in her walk with the Lord she would go to a house that the Lord had shown her and say I need this house for babies and each time they would give it to her. ***There is a boldness that comes from Christ and you have to be aware when Christ is leading you to do something, you have to do it.***

Sandra has lived by faith over the past twenty years, she used up very quickly the money she had from the sale of her possessions, she has had to lean on the Lord for everything. Anything that she is given is sold and the money used for the children. Sandra has been through many trials, she has been poisoned, had guns held at her head, interrogated for hours, spat on, humiliated, abused and much, much more. She has pulled babies out of the rubbish bins, out of the gutter, had babies left at the gate. Sandra conveyed an absolute grounding and belief in the word. The very safety of the babies depended on this.

Every baby she brings in she immediately holds up and say's to the Lord "Lord Jesus you have given me another baby. What do you want me to call her/him what scripture goes with this baby for the rest of their life? When the baby is adopted the scripture goes with them. 585 babies have been adopted all over the world; most go to Canada and America.

Sandra told us, "how we use the word of God is very important. The word of God is the sword of the spirit and what ever it say's, believe it and take it to heart and say I'm going to do it. It is a doing thing, it is about accepting God's word and doing". Sandra gave us many examples of the scriptures being put into practise

The women were very impressed and moved by Sandra's talk and wished they could have spent more time listening to her. I received many positive comments including;

"I found Sandra's talk just wonderful and would have liked her to speak longer. She was so full of practical, real life examples of God's sovereign hand at work in her life and His love for the helpless infants she has looked after in His name."

"I loved listening to Sandra King speak. She really uses the word of God for direction in her life. I know that we have had many speakers who have also spoken about the power of God's word in their testimonies, but this time it just seemed to sink in."

"I found her talk about working with orphans in China very motivational and affirming."

When women come together to pray and fellowship, the power of the spirit comes alive in them. When they hear how the Spirit is working in others, the fire begins to burn in their hearts and they desire to respond to the Holy Spirit's call on their life.