

On Saturday the 26th March our first Dove Out Reach Day dawned with heavy rain and wind hitting the Bay of Plenty. This did not disturb our serving hearts to step out and follow the Lord's call. Leaving Tauranga at 8:30am we were eager to get to Whakatane.

As we neared the Whakatane turnoff we started praying and claiming scriptures and prophecies. The area was so beautiful, the sea on one side and the hills on the other. We just knew our praise and worship was opening Whakatane to allow the Jesus to enter. God lifted the team to such a new level "What an awesome God we Serve" The team and those that came to assist spent an amazing time in prayer before the meeting, the power of the Lords presence, and manifestation of the Holy Spirit was so evident. The empowering grace of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the team, the speaker, the music, and on all the women present. The team and the Tauranga ladies came together to support, bond and work together for the good of the Lord. This was so that the fruits of God's plan for the Out Reach Day would be fulfilled.

Anne Claessens was an amazing inspirational speaker. Anne's testimony was so right and the way she shared her life experience, very gentle and humble, and with a touch of humour, so great to hear a testimony about someone's initial struggles. Anne is so full of God's great love and protection for herself and her loved ones. A real sense of the Lord's hand is visible upon her life. Anne shared healings that happened in her life and to those she loves.

We have an amazing God in and around us. Anne's journey with the Lord has been life changing, and nothing or no one can come close to it. Is her life easy, no way. God is her burden bearer, her rock and help in times of trouble, her refuge. Without Him she can do nothing, but with Him anything is possible.

The Day ended for some of us with Mass, a perfect way to give glory and honour to God for such an amazing day. A huge Thank You to St Peter Chanel Parish for allowing us to come share Dove with them. Thank you to all those who came and supported us, it was very much appreciated.