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This magazine is intended to encourage you and provoke you to thought and prayer about what you consider is His will for Christchurch (or your particular dwelling place) and your life.

When I came to Christchurch in 2001, I heard “Rebuild the Walls” as the clear call of God to the church in Christchurch. I understood this to mean fixing and replacing foundations in each of our lives that otherwise could not support the walls or the building into our lives that God wishes to do. The reconstruction period has certainly been for the last 10 years that I have lived here (and probably longer), but I believe that, for one reason or another, so many of us have not given Him permission to do His work of transformation in us.

Over the years while I have lived here and talked with others about our spiritual lives, it has seemed to me that many of us do not understand the journey to spiritual maturity, or that the failures that will be experienced in our walk are as normal a part of growing as successes are. We need courage to walk the path of believing, trying, falling over and getting up again.

I felt a change in our Father in Heaven’s agenda around August 2010 which I understood to mean that His work in our lives would be carried on under some duress. We have now been caught up by the force of what Holy Spirit is beginning to do in us as we respond to disaster and turn to Him for more help and closeness.

I believe that our Father is continuing with His agenda to bring into His Family those who do not yet know Him but is using a changed approach – rather than primarily through “revival” meetings and events, it is much more on a one to one basis. We are daily finding ourselves faced with the need to grow up quickly, in order to deal with the problems and the souls that He faces us up to, who need what we have. I believe there are things under way across the city and the nation right now that are part of a much larger picture if we can see it.

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Transformation in the nation part 3

By Ross Monk

In the book of Haggai which we have been discussing, the prophet begins to get an understanding from God as to how He sees the people.

Sadly, in the first chapter, the people are in a sorry state as they are seen to be people who are satisfied with loss. They bring money home to put into a bag with holes in it and are saying one thing, but God is trying to catch their attention so that they might face reality.

He is seen to be lovingly God who is trying to break into their self constructed temporal world to bring about the manifestation of His glory and His purposes.

At the latter end of chapter one, God begins to stir up the spirit of His people. This happened really quickly as it took only 3 weeks once the prophet got their attention.

God was not about to write them off.
He was about to completely change their lives.

God has been talking over the last few months to me about His power to 'Transform'. He wants to bring about a sovereign transformation to the people of this nation.