

World Mandate Ministries Tribute to Rev Rodney Francis

Founder of Gospel Faith Messenger

We pay a special tribute to a great friend, supporter and mentor of over 20 years, Rev Rodney Francis. It is with great sadness that we share of the sudden and unexpected home call of our dear friend, colleague and mentor Rodney who went home to be with the Lord in November 2021.

Rodney, with his dear wife Jean, led the Gospel Faith Messenger ministry for over 50 years. GFM is a Five-fold ministry equipping the saints to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to live the spirit filled, and spirit empowered lives and ministries.

It was indeed Rodney's ministry that gave birth to World Mandate Ministries. Peter and Elaine first met Rodney and Jean in September 2000, just after Peter had given his life to Jesus. Rodney and Jean lived in Hamilton, New Zealand and would make trips to England, spending up to 3 months at a time in itinerant ministry around the UK and parts of Europe.

The hallmark of their ministry was the release of the prophetic and releasing people into their God ordained destinys.

Rodney taught believers how to recognise the voice of God, and to step out in obedience to the voice and Word of God.

Both Rodney and Jean had significant input in Peter and Elaine's life when, in December 2000, Rodney was preaching in a Sunday evening service when suddenly he stopped and turned to Elaine.

He began to prophesy a ministry that the Lord had given to Elaine and that Elaine was at that time currently incubating something.

In the prophecy, Rodney spoke of chicks that were incubating and would be hatched and when they hatched they would form into a beautiful and creative ministry that would touch the lives of many.

Little did we know way back in December 2000 what the Lord had in mind and up His sleeves.

Ever since that time, Rodney has followed World Mandate Ministries with keen interest, supporting in prayer and godly mentoring.

In 20 years. He kept Peter and Elaine updated with his own work and ministry and supported them in the work that God had he had seen by the spirit of the Lord.

When Rodney and Jean were in the UK, they would invite Elaine to minister with them.

In 2004. They invited Peter and Elaine to New Zealand, where together they embarked on a six-week ministry tour of the North Island of New Zealand, and Kuching on the island of Borneo.



Rodney leading the Equipping Station in Hamilton.

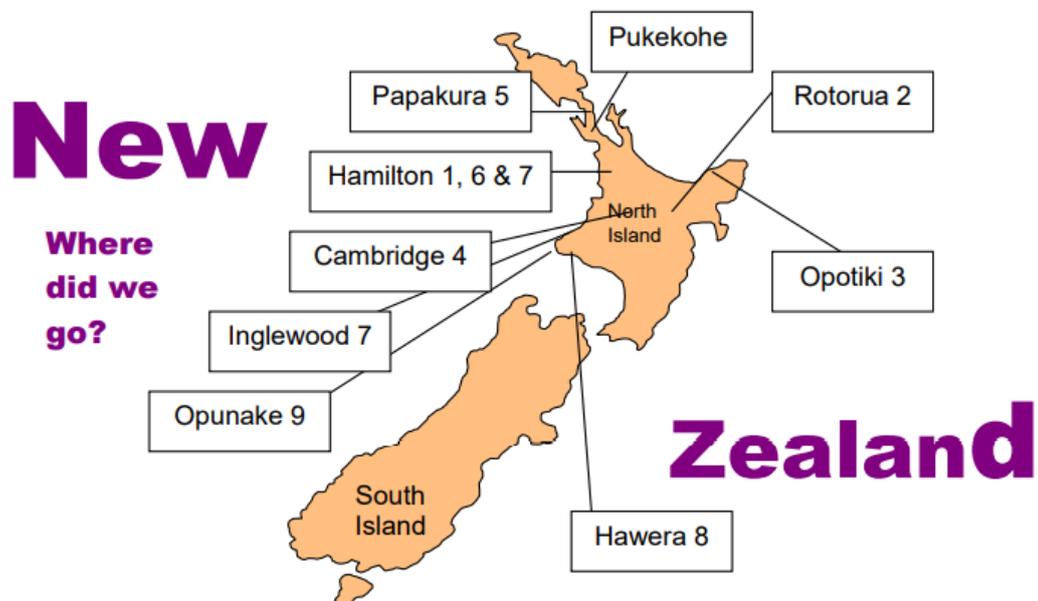
Each week people would attend and learn how to minister in the power of Holy Spirit.

Equipping Station, Hamilton

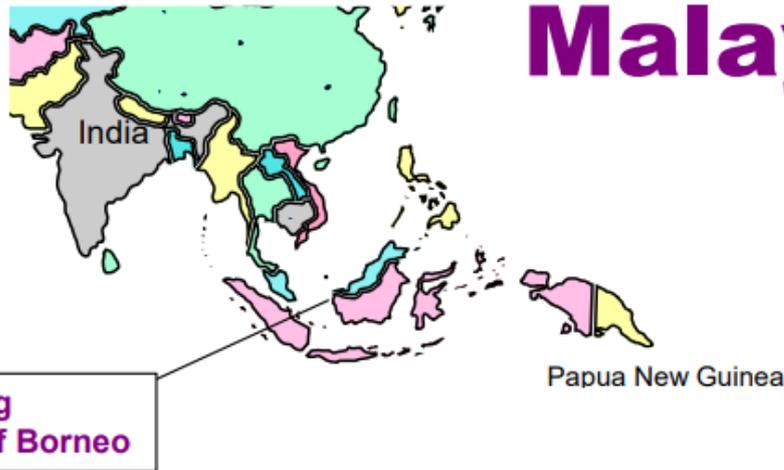
Elaine ministering alongside Rodney at the International Training School Kuching, held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Kuching. Here over 100 hungry souls met each day from 9am to 3pm, then again in the evening to receive teaching on the prophetic ministry.



Rodney ministered with great sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and great impartation took place as we worked and ministered together.



From 30th May to 6th June we were at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Kuching, East Malaysia, ministering with Rodney Francis & Harvey Walker.



Malaysia

Following our month in New Zealand we travelled with Rodney Francis and 16 other New Zealanders to Kuching.

Here we held an International Training School, bringing practical and Biblical teaching on the subjects Dreams and Visions.

Rodney led the school and as a five-fold minister was not afraid to share ministry with others. He ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit with great wisdom and deep compassion. He always created a safe space in which believers could learn, step and make mistakes.

Everyone who worked and ministered along side Rodney was encouraged to be who they were naturally without feeling pressured to be something or someone they were not.

Rodney's own ministry was that of Prophet and he faithfully discharged the five-fold ministry of the prophet in equipping and raising up other prophets to be faithful and fruitful in their ministry.



**Pastors David & Iris Kueh
Leaders of Emmanuel Baptist
Church – Kuching.**

Both Rodney and Jean ministered unconditional love to everyone they met, served and ministered to.

They are both godly ministers whose lives are worthy of honour and to be emulated for the godly example they set.

Again in 2010, Rodney invited Elaine to minister in Kenya with him and his team of 30. Elaine took a team to minister alongside Rodney in a prophetic conference for a week.

This ministry trip opened up wonderful doors of opportunity, with Elaine being invited by the Pastor to return the following year and host a ladies conference.

Following that initial conference, Elaine was invited by the pastor to speak at the two Sunday mornings service, which may seem nothing extraordinary. However, Elaine was the first woman to preach the Word of God on a Sunday morning service in the 80 year history of the church.

This truly ground breaking move of God led to Elaine being invited back to host ladies conferences for the following two years. These in turn opened up doors of ministry for the sisters of that church. The pastor and leaders repented and acknowledged that women had been incorrectly held back. Within two more years, lady elders were appointed and one lady that we know of, at that time was released to be overseer of the church planting ministry of the church.

Rodney was a great encourager and exhorter and it was he, who strongly encouraged Elaine to return to Kenya to lead the ladies conference. Elaine would be the first to admit that Rodney was one of two God appointed ministers that modelled God's heart and vision for releasing believers into ministry..

We thank God for Rodney and Jean's lives and the precious and loving way they inputted into World Mandate Ministries.

We mourn with Jean, Mark and Tanya for the passing of Rodney. We rejoice with Rodney that he has now received his eternal reward and is with his Father in Heaven.

Only by the grace and mighty hand of God has World Mandate Ministries become the beautiful and creative ministry that Rodney prophesied.

Thank you Lord for sharing Heaven's gift with us through the life and ministry of Rodney Francis.

Peter, Elaine and all of the team members of World Mandate Ministries.



Len Buttner, Esther Muguro, Elaine, Rodney Francis, Bishop Samuel, Founder of All Nations, Rev. Moses Muguro