

PRAYER WALKING FROM CAPE REINGA TO KAITAIA, New Zealand.

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12th July, 2002, I awoke with the words, (strongly impressed on my mind), “Inestimable losses occur if people think that they can take the land without marching through it”. The night before I had been reading *Genesis 13:17*, where Abraham was told by God to walk through the length and breadth of the land and He would give it to him.

6th November, 2005, I sent an email to 40+ leaders, most of whom frequently gather at Pakaraka, Northland, New Zealand, and asked them if they had any witness about prayer walking through the land. One senior pastor, (who is also the chairperson of the largest ministers’ fraternal in Northland), responded to say, that the night before the email arrived he had a strong dream of walking through rural countryside with a church congregation.

With this encouragement, and the conviction that we had to make a move, we booked a motel in Pukenui, mid way between the Cape and Kaitaia, from Sunday, December 11th, to Thursday, December 15th, intending to walk and pray from the Cape, as the Lord enabled us. In the back of my mind was the thought, “Is this really You Lord?” The next day Daniel Garton emailed us and offered to walk with us. And a day or so later Marc Hageman also contacted us.

Saturday, December 10th, we traveled to Kaitaia, and after an encouraging service at the Kaitaia Abundant Life Centre, on Sunday 11th, Dorothy, Daniel and I left for Pukenui.

Late afternoon, Sunday 11th, we drove to the Cape and prayer walked about 5km south, through heavy rain, wind, thunder and lightning. Dorothy drove the car as our pick up.

Monday 12th, we prayer walked from 5km south of the Cape to Waitiki Landing, and after a lunch break another 5km south of that, a total of 21km for the day.

Tuesday 13th, Marc joined us, and the three of us prayer walked south to the town of Te Kao, and then later in the day another 6.7km south. This was a total for the day of about 26km.

Wednesday 14th, Dorothy drove Daniel and Marc north of Pukenui, about 18km, to the previous finishing point, and they prayer walked to Pukenui. At the same time I, (Ken), prayer walked from Pukenui south to the Waiharara shops, about 18km. So the total covered that day was 36km. Our average speed of travel was about 5km per hour. Wednesday evening, Daniel and Marc returned to Kaitaia by car as necessity required.

Thursday 15th, Dorothy and I left the Motel and drove to the Waiharara shops. I then prayer walked from the shops to Awanui a distance of about 15km, or 3 hours walking. There were a few sore muscles by then! A blister too.

Friday 16th, the pastors of The Lighthouse, (A.O.God), Kevin and Glenys Coombridge, joined Daniel, Marc, Dorothy and I for the last leg of 8km from Awanui to Kaitaia. Glenys and Dorothy drove the vehicles.

The total distance from the Cape to Kaitaia is 112km. After completing the walk we were sure it was of the Lord.

As we, (a few individuals), walked through the countryside we prayed for the people, the land, the church and those in need. We used a sheet of scripture revelations for Northland, and a list of prayer topics of high priority. As we did this there was **an increasing sense of ownership, authority, identity and ability to break through in prayer**. Something happens when you prayer walk in obedience to the will of God. *Joshua 1:3* “**every place where the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given unto you**”.

As the Body of Christ becomes unified and in one accord, the impact of its prayer walking will be profound, effective, and lasting, to further the establishing of the Kingdom of God in the earth. I believe that the Lord has revealed to me that this is not a one-man band approach of one or two people. I believe that the Body of Christ needs to own it and move together. At least several churches combining in each region need to march through their own area or district.

Preparation for prayer walking.

Be fit and able to walk 3-4 hours at a time.

Use good shoes that are worn in.

You need to have: hat, water bottle, parka with rain hood, pack, energy snacks, plasters and sleek, jersey, dark glasses, puttees to keep stones out of your shoes, and you might also like to take an umbrella, walking stick, camera, map, sun screen, toilet paper, paper towels, cell phone.

Accommodation, food catering, transport/pickup and toilet stops need to be planned.

The speed of walking is critical. Find the comfortable walking speed of the slowest person and all walk at that speed. Do not force the pace or you will have someone unable to continue.

Walk facing the traffic so that you can move well out of the way as the trucks and vehicles go past.

Pray for weeks beforehand for the right kind of weather to prayer walk in. Blazing hot sun can be very exhausting. Cloudy, overcast days, with cooling breezes and light showers are very helpful.