

The HISstory of my first Fire Flags, “Vessels of honor”

It all began in 1986 when I first got saved. My skills as a seamstress and painter and little did I realize, prophet, began to become enmeshed and I began desiring to produce banners that would express what God was teaching me and showing me about Himself. It wasn't until August 1987 when I had a radical encounter with the Lord that took me to Heaven and I saw His Strategy Room where I learned the living expression of Him as Jehovah Nissi, the Banner from Exodus 17 and its significance in this Earthly realm. I saw what Heaven's agenda looks like here on this Earth from Jesus' perspective and knew His desire expressed in Him teaching the disciples the “Lord's Prayer”.

As I embarked on this new trajectory into His character, He met with me again in an unusual way at Burger King. I was simply having a cup of coffee watching my then very young children play in the playground there. There He told me to look at what I was holding in my hand. I was a little surprised, as I was just holding a cup of coffee. However, there were flames imprinted around the bottom of the cup and I could hear Him say, “I will put a Fire Flag in your hand.” And so began to road to discovering painting on silk; yet another expansion into a medium I had never tried before!

As I am asked of the Father to release my original Fire Flags to a spiritual son in California, He is yet teaching me still. My first revelation of the immense capacity of Elohim; Creator God, was seen in Turkey in 1998 as a participant of the Worship team for, “Celebration Ephesus” under the Direction of Lora Allison. We had a day off and had the opportunity to tour a silk rug making factory. From the very start, to be able to see and hear the silk worms eating mulberry leaves, seeing the natural dyes used from plants and roots, to the end of the process; watching women weaving the rugs in the courtyard of the factory, the Zoe life of God was evident.

The download from Heaven as it was seen and made manifest in Luke Chapter 8 in the silk itself being a conductor of His virtue has forever changed my ministry and the way I teach the significance of expressing His character; from that moment on. Just as we are carriers of the anointing of God, so are the tools we use to express what is not only inside of us, but outside of us as well.

It all began in 1997 as my flags took their first journey overseas to Romania with City Church from Cogan Station, Pa. They were on a mission to release the Fire of God on a piece of land given to a non-denominational, non-State Church. The first time in Modern history, land was released for the purposes of God outside of the State Church agenda. The power of God was made so manifest between the flags and their partners; we were unable to even remove the poles out of our hands for a very long time; they were electric. My partner and I, Michala, were stuck together at the forehead and couldn't be parted. The flags carried that anointing home to the USA with me.

In 1998 I brought my Fire flags to Israel, Turkey and the Ukraine. It has been a privilege to stand on the land of our Savior, worshipping in those places of eternal significance, joining with the declarations of many generations; "Our God reigns!" The significance of joining with Elijah's prophetic declaration of power through the acceptance of his sacrifice by fire on Mt. Carmel in 1 Kings 18:38 took on a whole new meaning for me. Partnering at "Celebration Ephesus" with the words of Kent Henry's song, "Send you fire, send your rain", bringing a visual display of his words in a place the Queen of Heaven had reigned and was de-throned in Acts Chapter 19. The revelation of the prayer of agreement was added to the significance of not only the visual display in fabric, but also in the joint expression of a group of God's people. In the calling to go to the Ukraine for the first time I asked the Lord what He was up to. I received instructions to create a flag based on the theme that God as Lord Sabaoth is Sovereign. Banner Ministry in Ukraine was birthed in a city called, Zhitomir in November 1998 at the largest Charismatic

Church in Ukraine. That year I taught at, “The Ministry Training Center” in Kiev under the direction of Koinonia Ministries; founded by my spiritual parents, Rick and Bette Strombek. The video school has been presented in over 47 churches and now the Flag and Banner ministry has blanketed the country of Ukraine. The Lord began to teach me concerning the significance of the Apostolic calling on my life along with His desire to partner with me in Habakkuk 2:14. He desires to see the Earth filled with the knowledge of His glory. He desires us to partner with Him in bringing it forth. We get to partner with Him in the re-building of the Tabernacle of David at this time in HISstory. It was an awesome thing for me to see fire flags present during the “Orange Election” in Kiev in 2004. I shared my gift of silk painting with a young Ukrainian girl in 1999 on a return trip, and she continued the legacy, training up others and perpetuating the building of this Tabernacle of David in Ukraine.

In 2000 they made their way into the Amazon jungle bringing with them the visual display of Holy Spirit to the Chi wheaten Indian Tribe. Our team taught on the Holy Spirit as we see Him in the infilling, empowering, manifestation of prayer, healing and personhood as our advisor. To be able to be so deep into the jungle and amazed by God to meet three Elders of the Tribe with staffs from Exodus 17, whom the Holy Spirit revealed God as Jehovah Nissi, the Banner is further evidence of the transcendence of God in His ability to reveal Himself no matter where we are, no matter who we are, no matter our language or culture. If we desire to know Him, He will not disappoint!

In 2002 they traveled to the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. Amidst a governmental uprising on the island our team released the fire of God in Diplog City along with a very hungry group of God seekers; through worshipful expression in spontaneous song, dance expressions and lots of flags! To this day, the flags we left there are still flying, 16 years later. Another country, another living stone set in the building of His tabernacle. A deeper revelation of Zechariah

3:17 was released; partnering with God in the desire to rejoice. "The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." The Mighty One is Lord Sabbaoth- God of Angel Armies. In the midst of a civil uprising 30 miles away we were able to praise God and release into the atmosphere over the country a joy that remains.

In 2004 they made their way to Kampala, Uganda. Amidst a Youth Retreat targeted at healing those who were sexually abused, God's power and healing virtue were released as the Youth reached out to touch the flags even as the woman with the issue of blood is shown doing in the Gospels. Many testified of experiencing God's tangible presence and fire burning inside of their bodies and hearts. The fire of God's approval was released as the youth became aware of His love for them no matter what their current condition. We are never to fear the fire of God as it is His "Quanna" love being expressed for us, in us and through us.

In 2006 Inner Court Ministries was invited to be a part of the 100 year Centennial Celebration of Azusa Street. Along with a team of women who came from several different states and members of my church we ventured out to California to bring His fiery presence both in the natural and spiritual; to partner with what God had ordained for our trip. Each team member had been given a specific prayer assignment to fulfill while we were there. Our assignments on the trip were an honor! A team of 50 men, all carrying 12 ft fire flags, led the parade to the event location headed up by Jack Hayford and his team of organizers. Isaiah 62:10 "...Clearing the highway and removing the stones for the people." We lifted up the Banner of the Lord in a way that was a fierce expression of His power in us, as Solomon expressed in SoS 6:4. Our second assignment as a team was to man the prayer tent for 120 straight hours with fire flags, which we did joyfully in shifts! The revelation of the bowls of prayer came to each of us in different ways. We joined with generations of people who pray and have prayed for revival to come

to our nation again in the ways demonstrated 100 years ago at this particular location. A visual manifestation of fire upon a place and upon a people is the cry of our hearts even now.

And so the story of these holy vessels of the Lord continues and broadens its influence over the next generation through my spiritual son in California. In this story I have shared some of the significant assignments, but there have been many others throughout the years; 27 trips to 17 different countries bringing with them the residue of each place they have been: spiritually and naturally.

Reproductions of these first Fire flags now reside in 147 countries across the world, being used by those who understand how much the Father loves the fire on the altar, the fire seen and experienced by those that love Him, sold out fiery ones, the burning ones who are not ashamed to display His glory no matter what it may look like. Those compelled to express His heart through the gifts that reside on the inside. Releasing the fiery presence of the Spirit; releasing His character in whatever dimension is needed: for God is love, and He will love us whether we want Him to or not.

Even as visual worship transcends borders, boundaries, culture, age, disabilities and denominations, so does His love. John 4:23 is still Jesus' heart: "My Father is searching for those who will worship Him in spirit and truth".