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Destiny Beyond the Grave

2 Corinthians 4:18 "while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

I am becoming more and more aware that we must live in the light of eternity. Our earthly destiny is far less important; it's only real importance is as it bears on our eternal destiny. I wonder sometimes if we become too occupied with our successes this side of the grave. Perhaps my sharing about our recent experiences will illustrate this.

You will be aware by my previous newsletter that our beautiful fourteen month old granddaughter Amelie died of HiNi (Swine Flu) on July 18. This was devastating to our daughter Johanna and her husband Lou as Amelie was their first child who they had prayed for so earnestly. At twenty six weeks into the pregnancy toxemia endangered Johanna's life so the baby had to be taken by caesarean when only 660 grams. This resulted in hundreds of prayer warriors praying for Amelie's health and destiny. After a roller coaster ride she came through to good health; amazing answers to prayer.

It became more apparent that this little girl was a child of destiny. Of course all our grandchildren are very precious, but there was always a very wonderful presence that accompanied Amelie. I would frequently go about the house saying, "She is so beautiful". There was a supernatural calm tranquillity about her. People who came were awe-inspired by her. Even people who heard about her, but never saw her, became strangely attached to her. She seemed to belong to everybody. We constantly said, "She is a child of destiny". I often said, "This child will live for a hundred years". It wasn't to be, she was swiftly taken to be with Jesus. After all those miracles, all the hundreds of prayers for her health and full life, our last desperate prayers were never answered our way.

People, believers and non believers, haven't stopped talking about her funeral service; it was awesome, crowds came, some from other countries. Those who attended were overwhelmed by the atmosphere of God's presence and love that descended on us all. Someone said, "All this for a little girl only fourteen months old, how can this be".

I am convinced that Amelie was truly a child of destiny. Her destiny was not of earth, but for a heavenly calling beyond the grave. She was always looking up, perhaps to the world beyond, we only have glimpses of it; the Bible gives us little insights, but in our temporary human state we cannot conceive that indescribable scene of glory. As it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1st Corinthians 2:9.



That eternal world is far more real than this world, it is full of excitement, creativity and eternal purpose beyond all we have ever experienced or conceived. Amelie will be fulfilling her eternal vocation and destiny. Her parents have experienced heart wrenching loss, but they have had the privilege of giving birth and loving a special child on her way through to her eternal inheritance and destiny. We to, as her poppa and grandma, have had the awesome joy of knowing and loving this extraordinary special child.

She never learned an earthly language, but now she'll be learning her heavenly language. She experienced nothing but love on earth, but now she'll be enveloped in love far beyond all human love. She lives in a world where all is light with no shadows - Jesus is that light.

All of us are just passing through. Our real destiny is beyond the grave.

2Co 5:8 "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

Death is no longer our enemy; it is our servant that takes us from this world to that world.

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