

Chapter 1 : Faith To Execute: Birthing Your God-Given Vision | GOD TV

*Birthing The Vision [Annette H. Dove] on calendrierdelascience.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Annette Dove, Founder and CEO of TOPPS INC., unlocks chambers of her journey to building a non-profit organization in Pine Bluff.*

This will be the chance to see the results of the extensive refurbishment carried out in July. It also begins their next exciting project, setting up a new clinic at the hospital! Everyone is very excited. The aim of the clinic will be to provide to pre-natal, and post-natal support for the mothers, as well as providing training and support for mid-wives, and providing critical supplies like birthing kits, medicines. This also were we can store our beanies, and perhaps even teach some of the mothers to knit, so they can also produce some beanies. We will be posting updates to our website, and sending out a newsletter with updates. If you would like to get these Newsletters, you can sign up below in our footer. Midwife vision supplies birth kits to mothers in need. Beanies, blankets and more We have fantastic people that knit, crocket and sew beanies, blankets and more to give to the new born babies. This helps support a new born babies survival, and gives the mothers and staff at the hospital a sense of belonging to a global community. Medical supplies Midwife vision provides supplies crucial medical supplies including sterile gloves, anti-bacterial gel, live saving drugs, pressure monitors, hospital beds, and so much more! Training Helping Babies Breathe HBB is a training program that teaches the essential skills of caring for healthy babies and assisting babies that do not breathe on their own after birth. As a qualified teacher of this program, Jan educates those in under privileged areas, to help save lives, one breath at a time. Volunteers Midwife Vision sponsored visits by experienced volunteers who provide their time and expertise to save lives. Many of our volunteers donate not only their time, but the cost of airfares and accommodation. These volunteers provide an invaluable service, and we are grateful for their ongoing support. What do we do 5 ways we help! Amana Hospital is a regional referral hospital that caters for women in labour and their babies per day. The Labour ward, Ward 5A, usually has a operating theatre running throughout the day performing life-saving emergency C-sections. It has 10 beds in total " two high dependency beds for really sick mums or bubs " and 8 labour beds. There are no sheets, no air-conditioning, usually no running water or power due to irregular power shortages , very limited privacy and a shortage of vital medical supplies such as medicines, birth kits and gloves. But despite this strenuous circumstances the staff are highly skilled and extremely lovable.

Chapter 2 : Death and Birth of a Vision - Marketplace Leaders Marketplace Leaders

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Pat Chen Giving birth to a vision can be likened to bringing forth a child. Four key elements must be present to ensure a healthy delivery. In this season of spiritual renewal throughout the earth, we hear a lot about travail and "birthing," particularly related to intercession. They are not always the carriers of the vision themselves. But those who intercede are like spiritual midwives who assist in the birthing process. During childbirth, midwives rely upon four key elements that should accompany a healthy delivery: If a woman has problems giving birth naturally, it is due to the misalignment of at least one of these four factors. Get Spirit-filled content delivered right to your inbox! Click here to subscribe to our newsletter. Whether God has called His church to birth new souls into the kingdom or to bring forth a vision or a purpose, obstructions can arise. But what is wrought in secret spiritually will make a big difference in the open later for the kingdom of God. Although the church may feel it lacks power against the wiles of the devil, we have hope for whatever we need because the Bible says, "Power belongs to God" Ps. Another reason for failed childbirth may be due to the passenger—that is, the baby. When the mother is overdue, the infant is sometimes too large for her body to deliver. We must acknowledge our need for one another. Fear can cause a women not to relax enough for her body to make the necessary changes. In the spiritual realm, fear may come upon believers with a vision, causing them to delay too long. This fourth element is also critical in natural terms because a baby poised in the wrong position can stop the birthing process. If the baby holds its head in an odd position, problems can result. Position must also be correct in the spiritual realm too. We need to be in the right place, at the right time, to bring about revival and the purposes of God. God promises that His people will give birth to the plans, visions and purposes He has given them because He will help them. His Word tells us that we will have fruit from our intimate walk with Christ, and our fruit will be healthy and will multiply. Intercessors have been given the task of aiding in the birthing process. By praying for the perfect alignment of power, passenger, passage and position in each "birth," they will act as spiritual midwives to bring about His purposes in the earth. Help Charisma stay strong for years to come as we report on life in the Spirit. Click here to keep us strong!

Chapter 3 : Ultrablocs - L'Échographie en anesthésie

Our vision is a world in which every person is able to start life and develop from a deep sense of trust, able to express his or her soul's full purpose for this lifetime, and able to live in harmonious relationship with themselves"and all life"on this earth.

The purpose of Redeeming Childbirth is to motivate and inspire Christian women to incorporate the Lord in the birthing process through example and mentoring. But the difference in a redeemed childbirth is seen in the mind, heart and soul of the woman. We have many opportunities for spiritual growth in life. It may not look the same for all. My heart desire is that my sisters in the Lord would look back on their pregnancies and birthing experience as a spiritual milestone that can encourage and edify others. That even if they have hard pregnancies, experiences traumatic births, or even if they loose a baby" they would be empowered to keep their eyes on Jesus through it all. My heart cries out on behalf of what many sisters have suffered and endured in these circumstances, but God is the one and only Healer. I want to rejoice with them, when I hear their testimonies of strength and growth" their stories of sanctification. I want to rejoice with sisters who have top of the mountain birth experiences and praise God for the gifts and good He has done in blessing them. And lastly I want to inspire women to dream" of what He can do. That women who are expecting would live with anticipation of what to experience, not dread and fear. Will you pray for this ministry? Pray for more women to be encouraged and blessed by the message, that they might be encouraged in their spiritual walk with the Lord. Pray for the church, that this message would inspire women to integrate their faith and invite Jesus to be a part of this journey toward motherhood. Pray for the unity among women in the body of Christ. That birth would again begin to be a common bond that ties us closer, not divide us. Pray that women would not be judgmental, but encourage one another in the Lord. Will you pray for each woman to truly be vulnerable before the Lord and allow Him to convict their hearts if they have idols. Ask God to show us our sin and ways that we are acting and responding like the world and not like daughters of the King. Will you pray for these mothers-to-be to do their part in preparing for this journey, but for our sisters to remember to surrender their plans unto the Lord and His will for their lives. May we all come together and support one another! Join me on the blog and subscribe here! I would love to visit over at my other online home as well where I write and speak on marriage, parenting, and faith. Visit me at Leaving a Legacy or on our other facebook page!

Chapter 4 : The Birth of a Vision

BIRTHING A VISION Pastor Susan founded Embracing His Call with the purpose of teaching how to know God's heart, to love unconditionally and to stand on God's Word when facing challenges.

I need to say this upfront so that when you are reading, you would not be asking yourself some puzzling questions. The truth is that I have never been pregnant before. So, although I am making use of the concept of pregnancy, I am writing not as an experienced person. The smile on your face right now is the reason why I wrote this paragraph. For me, the process of writing mirrors the process of childbirth. There are some similarities that I believe will help us in our journey as writers. For the purpose of this write-up, we will explore three. For the writer, ideas can be gotten from anyone anywhere and at any given time. A TV program, an experience at school or work, nature and an idea from a book are examples of how we can get inspiration on what to write. However, just like with conception in biology, not all ideas should be followed up on. Ideas should be put to test in order to ensure that only the best concepts are considered. This requires absolute sincerity. Do not allow your love for an illustration or a concept stop you from seeing that the idea is not suitable for writing. For me, I try to get ideas from everyday activities such as sports, politics and entertainment. Also, I make use of current trends in my country or the world at large. The reason why I pay attention to these sources is that they make it easier for readers to relate to the message I am trying to pass across. Most importantly however, I get inspiration from the Holy Spirit through the scriptures. I believe that the Bible is the word of God and that it was given for our edification. However, beyond the letters, the Spirit of God gives life to the word 2 Corinthians 3: It connects dots that we never even knew existed. After conception, however, there is an important phase that should not be overlooked. Can you imagine how things would be if delivery came immediately after conception? I thought as much. That brings us to the second phase: There are few things that are useful in their raw form. Most things that are of value usually require a process to get that value from them. The Gestation period is the time between conception and birth where the mother carries the foetus and allows it to develop. In relation to writing, this period is the one when you take time to reflect upon the ideas that you have in mind. It requires time for meditation as well as internal and external deliberations. Although you have a mental picture of what you want to pass across, you still need to consider which illustrations to use, the length of the article, the audience you intend to reach and other important issues. There is no universally accepted gestation period for an article. It depends on the nature of the assignment you are working on. Using the animal kingdom as an example, the gestation period of a goat is two months, while that of an elephant is about 21 months! Did I hear someone say Wawu! While it is not right to terminate a pregnancy, in writing you can decide that an article is not worth pursuing or it is not yet time to follow through with a particular project. It may be that you have to keep it in a special folder and let the passage of time strengthen your resolve or give you the required experience to discuss the subject. To sum it up, this period is the process of developing and fine-tuning your ideas so that they are of the required quality. Also, it can be a phase of discarding or deferring some ideas and projects. However, this is not the end of the process. After all, what is the benefit of a child that never leaves the womb? From the passage, the problem is not with the conception, neither is it with the gestation period. In fact, the children have come to birth. In other words, the ideas have been tested, well thought out and developed. However, there is no strength to bring them forth. This phase, just like the previous two, is very important. If the process of delivery is not well orchestrated, the idea can become a stillbirth. After you have taken all the pain to get ideas and incubate them, you must realize that your job is not yet over. You need to birth the dream. You need to birth the vision. Several people have unpublished novels, skits and scripts because they have not taken the extra efforts to deliver them. There is no single solution because the problems faced are not cut from the same cloth. However, for every challenge that you are facing, there are several others that have overcome. Seek ways to connect with them. If your problem is your writing style, you might need to buy books or attend seminars. If your challenge is a lack of visibility, you would need to read books that deal with improving your online and offline presence. You get the idea, right? So today, decide to start that blog, write that book, edit that scriptâ€¦

use the gifts that God has given you to expand His kingdom! What processes do you go through before you write? How do you ensure that your ideas grow from your mind to your paper? Are there any materials, websites or courses that you have found helpful in your journey as a writer? In what way has this article helped you? How do you intend to make use of the lessons you have learnt? This is just the beginning though. Next week, we will consider a very important matter in our journey as writers. Feel free to share.

World Outreach Ministries is an affiliation of interdenominational missionaries and humanitarian workers who need a dependable home office. It was established over 38 years ago by Jason Peebles in as a (c)3 nonprofit organization.

A mystical, extra-dimensional police officer, The Vision was published by Marvel predecessor Timely Comics during the s and s, a period which fans and historians call the Golden Age of Comic Books. Decades later, editor Stan Lee and writer Roy Thomas decided to add a new team member to the superhero-team series The Avengers. Thomas wanted to bring back the Golden Age Vision, but Lee was set on introducing an android member. Thomas ultimately compromised by using a new, android Vision. Thomas wanted the character to be white as befitting his ghostly name, but printing limitations of the time would have rendered him colorless, with un-inked paper where his skin should be. He settled on red as he did not want Vision to be green like the Hulk or blue like the Atlanteans. Thomas recounted, "I felt that a romance of some sort would help the character development in The Avengers, and the Vision was a prime candidate because he appeared only in that mag So they became a pair, for just such practical considerations. It was finally followed up in The Avengers " This was followed by a second volume numbered 1 "12 Oct. Journalist Karen Walker later commented, "This image alone has probably done more to shape how future writers and readers perceive the character than anything before or since. Nearly a decade after that came a second four-issue volume Oct. Vision appeared as a regular character in the " Avengers series, from issue 19 January through its final issue 34 January The Vision again appeared in a solo series, Vision, with 1 that started in November and ended with 12 in October Fictional character biography[edit] Debut of the Silver Age Vision: The Avengers 57 Oct. Cover pencils by John Buscema. Ultron sends his new servant to lead the Avengers into a trap. The Wasp is the first to encounter the synthezoid, and describes it as a "vision" while trying to escape. Adopting the name, the Vision is convinced by the Avengers to turn against Ultron. This was part of his plan to nurture a relationship for the Scarlet Witch that would prevent her from having any children, as her power level meant that any offspring she might have could threaten the cosmic beings of the Marvel Universe. He eventually regains control of his body and becomes team leader. The Avengers recover the parts, and Dr. Pym rebuilds the Vision, but with a chalk-white complexion. The twins are absorbed back into Mephisto, which temporarily drives Wanda insane. Although she recovers, Wanda and the Vision separate, each operating on a different Avengers team. Remaining a member of the Avengers, he briefly becomes romantically involved with teammates Carol Danvers a. Marvel and Mantis before attempting again to reconcile with the Scarlet Witch. This causes a series of catastrophic events that includes the Vision crashing an Avengers Quinjet into Avengers Mansion. The Vision advises his teammates that he is no longer in control of his body, and then expels several spheres that form into five Ultrons. The Avengers destroy them, and an enraged She-Hulk tears apart the remains of the Vision, having been driven to a breaking point by the rapid slew of attacks against the Avengers. Doom forced Scarlet Witch to send Vision against her teammates. He then goes to Utopia to confront Magneto , threatening Magneto to tell him where Wanda is. Magneto uses his powers to subdue the Vision but spares him, saying he believes Wanda still cares for the Vision and that Magneto does not want to hurt her more. Captain America talks to the Vision afterward, telling him he needs to move forward. X-Men " storyline, Vision claims that her use of his body to attack his friends is something that he cannot forgive and, while he banishes her from the mansion, he also sheds tears after her departure. After departing the team, he is shown visiting Billy Kaplan , the teenage reincarnation of one of his sons. Marvel to leave the team, it is revealed that he is working for Kang the Conqueror as Kang mounts his latest assault on the team, [41] having been contaminated when Kang interfered with his recent reprogramming. In the series, he lives in Fairfax, Virginia with a newly-created synthezoid family: They attempt to live a normal suburban life with Vision working as a consultant to the president, but they find socializing with neighbors difficult. The Grim Reaper attacks their house and nearly kills Viv. Unbeknownst to him, Agatha Harkness has a vision of the future and warns the Avengers that Vision and his family will cause a genocide. Virginia reveals to Viv that she had murdered her classmate. Seeing that Vision would go down a dark path if he killed Victor Mancha, she flies to

the jail and murders Victor herself. Virginia proceeds to drink water with corrosive properties from a Zenn-Lavian water vase they have in their home, and asks Vision to sit with her until the water kills her. Seeing her enables him to free himself of the virus, which spreads to the Hydra Dreadnoughts and shuts them down. In extreme cases he can discharge this same power through the Solar Jewel itself which amplifies its destructive effects considerably, albeit at the cost of losing most of his resources. By interfacing with an unknown dimension to which he can shunt and from which he can accrue mass, thus becoming either intangible or extraordinarily massive, the Vision can change his density, which at its lowest allows flight and a ghostly, phasing intangibility, and at its heaviest, a density ten times greater than that of depleted uranium, [54] which gives him superhuman strength, immovability, and a diamond-hard near invulnerability. On one occasion, the Vision uses this extreme density to render unconscious the villain Count Nefaria; [55] at other times, he thrusts an intangible hand into them and then partially re-materializes it, a process he describes as "physical disruption. The Vision was trained in hand-to-hand combat by Captain America, is an expert in the combat use of his superhuman powers, and is a highly skilled tactician and strategist. The Vision is an expert on his own construction and repair. He can now split himself into smaller parts and change shape. Proctor would wind up switching the bodies of both Visions and have his version infiltrate the Avengers as his mole.

Chapter 6 : 25 best Birth Vision board images on Pinterest

writing for a change - birthing the vision #WFAC This is the introduction of this series: WRITING FOR A CHANGE THE INTRODUCTION It would help you understand the reason behind the WFAC concept.

Once overgrown and primeval, it has become a backdrop for a vision that is taking form – a vision that has been years coming into focus. The social, economic and political elements of a community are as interwoven as are those of a great nation. With this in mind, Tim began thinking his thoughts, dreaming his dreams, and praying his prayers. Neither he nor the people of the community who were to become involved had any idea of the mammoth steps that were about to be taken. Nor had they any idea of the miracles that were about to unfold. For three years, from to , Tim talked to people. He talked to people on the street, people at work, people in their homes – doctors, lawyers, merchants, teachers, bankers, politicians, churchmen, parents, teenagers, retirees. Tim talked about his dream to everyone who would listen, and there were many who did. With a community center, where young and old work and play together, study and learn side by side, there would be less alcohol and drug abuse, so – less crime. The young would be inspired by the old, the old motivated by the young. Mutual interests and concerns would foster respect and understanding – even love for one another. With less crime, there would be less need to fight it and rehabilitate criminals. For the tax-payer, a positive investment backed by voluntarism and donations from groups and individuals, would guarantee a positive return, and offset money otherwise spent rehabilitating people. Just as the trees on the forty-three acres were cut down one by one, so have the obstacles that stood in the way of the vision been removed one by one. The trees were felled by saw and bulldozer. Obstacles to the vision have been felled by prayer and faith. He knew at once he had found what he was looking for, the ideal spot for the Center. The land was valuable and pockets were empty. However, in February, the committee witnessed the removal of this seemingly insurmountable obstacle. Bud Waterman agreed to the proposal. South Whidbey Recreation received this status in April. Ross Jacobson has been with the project to the present time. He has not only donated his personal time, but the expenses of his office as well! With the coming of , more miracles took place. John Watson was the master of ceremonies and distinguished speakers made the evening a memorable one. This included thirty soil log holes, a documentation of his findings from each hole and placing this report on file with the Island County Health Department, Kevin Berry of the Health Department was on the site during the time this work was being done. Fuel was generously donated and delivered to those workmen by Emmett Kramer. This permit was issued by the Board of Adjustment. The legal aspects of both of these transactions were worked out by Ross Jacobson. More photographs will be made to record all phases of the work as the project progresses. Recreation activities of busy ended with Dr. Talbot promised additional help from the University when and where possible. In March of a non-profit organization, Help Inc. The birth of the new District means that the old South Whidbey Recreation needed to be dissolved. Ross Jacobson was instrumental in doing this, and in distributing the South Whidbey Recreation assets to the District. The National Guard was approached through the Office of Governor Spellman, and asked to clear the property. Knowing the property would eventually be cleared, it was necessary to put up gates. What is such a serious endeavor as building a Community Center without fun and laughter mixed in! All proceeds went to benefit the Community Center. It was a great time! The Langley Fun Run was just that – a fun run. What could be more exciting or more encouraging than to see an imposing sign marking the very site of where there will eventually be buildings and paths and busy-ness? Arlene Roe also helped finish the sign. The Mill also donated three 24ft. The clearing of the land still needed to be done! Remember the rings that were reaching out? Now they were touching the U. Navy, CB Unit will be working in phases at their convenience to clear approximately thirty acres of stumps and slash. Yes, those rings were spreading far. Senator Jack Metcalf of the State Senate, and also a member of this community, had already spoken at a dinner on behalf of the Center. He continued to give his encouragement and support. Dorothy Gray of Freeland wrote to President Reagan telling him what was taking place in this far-flung corner of the nation, and he responded with a personal letter, Mr. Reagan commended Tim for his foresight and efforts: Word has come to me of your remarkable volunteer efforts on

behalf of your community. Your efforts and the efforts of everyone involved in this project reflect the best American spirit of voluntarism and goodwill. I commend your fine example. My best wishes for every success, and God Bless you. No one person will finish all that remains to be completed before the Community Center is a living, active organism. The roster of names is long and will continue to grow. And the outreach of the Center will continue to spread. Jim Moore and Dr. Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, Inc. The frame work for the awning was built by Denny Smith. The Fair is always fun and it is a place where a Community Center should be promoted. How will it achieve its goals? There will be special events—tournaments, rodeos, horse shows, more fun runs. There will be education classes in the arts and in crafts, workshops, forums, seminars. The list is endless. It will be the hub of activity where young and old rub shoulders and learn from each other. The little boy tried. He took an eye dropper and very carefully picked the sparkle off the tip of the wavelet. Gently, he put it in a jar, But alas. By itself, the sparkle was only a drop of water. So has it been with the building of the Community Center. For his vision to sparkle, Tim needed the help of all those who have stepped forward and offered what they had to offer—be it money, muscle, or moral support. He needed the help of individuals—their expertise. He needed the help of organizations with their advice. Tim is a sincere patriot, a man who loves his country. Without his love for his country and for the principles on which it is founded, his vision would not have taken on the dimensions it has taken. With people being united in this common effort, they will do just that—stand. Giving birth to a vision is not without pain. There have been disappointments and frustrations, doubts and fears. For how can you have faith when there are no doubts? All of that is history now, happily resolved through the efforts of Ross Jacobson who once again gave of his talents and time. Each disappointment or fear, as well as each step of development, has only represented another obstacle to be felled by prayer and faith. Each trial has been transformed into a miracle because Tim continued to pray. And he kept his faith. Men with a vision do that—pray and keep faith. Tim has faith in the Community Center, that it will be all it is intended to be. He has faith in the people who are helping and who will continue with what is begun. But this man has an even greater faith in God. He has never doubted that through God, his vision could be manifested. You have to be humble when serving Him. C Edith Buck.

Chapter 7 : Discover the Birthing From Within philosophy and approach

The Vision And Mission of Redeeming Childbirth The vision is that Christian women would unite under one head, Christ, who is our Cornerstone and begin to minister to one another in an edifying way with regard to this season in a woman's life.

God wants every one of us to have a dream for our lives. What is your dream? When we are expecting something great for our future, we are essentially "pregnant" with potential to see what we hope for come to pass. Just like a natural pregnancy, there is a gestation period – a time period when your vision is shaped, structured and developed. Understanding the process is key to having success and bringing your dream to fulfillment. Conceiving Your Dream A birth always begins with conception. You must believe what God has for you. The promises of God are for everyone who puts their trust in Him and follows His wisdom. In Christ, we all have an equal opportunity, and we are on a level playing field. We just need to understand that we will have to go through some things to be prepared for our dream to come to pass. God partners with you so your relationship with Him grows stronger during the process. When God planted the dream for this ministry in my heart, everything began to change. All of my priorities, plans and focus had to change. The Birth Process Remember Ecclesiastes 5: This is known as "transition", and it can be excruciating. Then, through a great deal of prayer, faith and determination, something miraculous happens. The very thing that caused you the most agony becomes the catalyst to bring your vision into existence. And that experience brings amazing joy! So hold on to your dreams and visions. Be encouraged – and never, ever give up! She hosts the Enjoying Everyday Life radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.

Chapter 8 : Birth of A Vision: Waiting and Fulfillment :: Global Leadership Dynamics

As God gives you wisdom on how to execute His Vision, it's up to you to develop your character. As you go through various seasons of the process, you may experience "birthing pains". The temporary distress you're facing at the moment does not necessarily mean for you to stop pushing.

Where do I start? Who do I partner with? How will I pay for this? Where will the resources come from? Questions may flood your mind. Doubt may have set in. Stagnation may have stalled your purpose and future plans. Worry and fear may have attempted to cripple your action steps to progress and move forward. If God gave you the vision, He will bring it to pass. Here are a few steps that can help guide you along the way to birthing the vision: Understand Timing To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: This moment has purpose. As God matures your heart and leads your actions, every experience in your process will produce fruit that will help you keep, handle and maintain your promise. Your process was designed to mature you not destroy you. This season is for your good; not for your destruction. Lord, help me to understand my season. Lead me and guide my hands according to Your Will. Wise Counsel Where no counsel is, the people fall: Good Character sustains empires. Your pain may be an indication of your stretching. Surround yourself with Godly Counsel that will help you birth out and preserve the New. God will give you the Words to say as you go. Execute in His timing. Perversion produces destruction For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: Many times, most times, the enemy wants to stop you in your tracks, even before your Destiny takes begins. A whorish woman or man can derail your increase and delay your promotion. Your God Given business was not given to you by God Himself in order to fulfill your lusts, but this vision, His Vision, was given to you in order to advance and promote His Kingdom. The enemy, Satan, comes to steal, kill and destroy your Destiny, hope, dreams, vision, peace and harvest John The enemy wishes to rob you every chance he gets. Through perversion, the enemy twists the plans that God has for you and lures you to default on your God Given promise. When you exalt yourself as God and forget that it was He who gave you the insight, power, knowledge ability and authority to get wealth and create that business, He will have no other god s competing with him. Join us as media missionaries!

Chapter 9 : 4 Principles for Spiritual Birthing â€” Charisma Magazine

Miracle Arena For All Nations is a Ministry founded on the word and based on Biblical principles, and through our ministration wants to see people healed, delivered, and set free through Social.

Sometimes, the wait can be years, as in the lives of Abraham, Moses and David; in others, a matter of just days, weeks and months. God is the source of new life. In our spiritual journey of knowing, trusting and loving God, birth is experienced through the reception of faith, hope and vision. Whether it is a man or woman coming to new life in Christ, a tired disciple experiencing hope and renewal or a depleted leader receiving new vision â€” like it or not, waiting is a requirement of the birthing process. In the New Testament, thirty-three years transpire from the birth of Christ until His passion, death and resurrection. In this way, the messianic prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and others are fulfilled hundreds of years after their original utterance. For our purposes, I would like to take a closer look at the disciples who waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit after the Ascension of Christ. For the first disciples, the waiting period ended up being ten days between the Ascension of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This intense ten day waiting period between the Ascension and Pentecost culminated in the explosive birth of the Church. For those in the Upper Room â€” it was a matter of days, for the Hebrew prophets â€” centuries. But ultimately, the waiting ended and the promise was fulfilled! In Acts Chapter 2, the Apostle Peter preaches and three thousand come to faith and are baptized in one day. This incredible birthing of the Church has never stopped but continues to multiply each day in every nation of the world. In February of , I had the privilege of training Anglican pastors in South Sudan, the newest political nation on the face of the earth. Now in , South Sudan has been experiencing turmoil and fighting between political factions, yet the Church is strong and growing. In parts of the US, Europe and other nations, church attendance may be in decline as compared to previous decades. In March of , we returned to Tokyo, Japan as international mission workers after an eight year absence. Through this work, I witnessed and helped encourage the growth of immigrant congregations throughout the United States with the evangelism tool of The Alpha Course in many language translations including Spanish, Chinese, and Arabic. Through our ministry at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Hollywood, we also witnessed and participated in the growth of the Christian community throughout the media industry. Then, after two years in Montreat, North Carolina, forming a non-profit ministry called Global Leadership Dynamics, we received a surprising call to return to Japan! We had no plans to return to Japan but God had other plans. After leaving Tokyo with two little girls in , we returned in with three little girls and a little boy named Isaiah! Three months after landing at Narita airport, our fourth daughter Abigail Grace Zebley was born at a birth clinic in Tokyo on June . The past year of transition has been an amazing process of trusting God through the birthing process on several levels! Along the way prayer and worship has sustained us through the stressful adventure of mission service with a large family plus having a child in a foreign culture. Praise God, the food is simply delicious in Japan with natural weight-loss included! One observation I have made is that waiting can become more difficult the closer you near the birth promise. These are the moments when we need to trust God through prayer and worship not increased activity! The problem for the modern wired disciple, however, is that we have a huge temptation to engineer things or analyze the process via the internet and the connectivity of social media. These activities can make us feel secure and confident at first but they actually fall short in bringing us the real confidence and trust that only comes from prayer. In prayer, we are reminded that the One who began the birthing process of the vision is also the engineer who will see it through to completion. Two days before the birth, my wife and I became a bit frantic trying to monitor her contractions through an internet app on my smartphone to guarantee that we would be an easy driving distance to the birth house. Traffic jams are common in Tokyo driving. The result of our efforts that Saturday afternoon in June led to a hectic day including the unnecessary cost of a hotel adjacent to the birth house. The next morning, we returned to our home with no choice but to simply trust God we would have enough time to get to the birth house when labor commenced. On Monday evening, labor began easily and we arrived with plenty of time to spare. Our local church in Tokyo had been praying for several weeks at our request that we would have enough time to arrive

safely at the birth house. In all of our frantic efforts, we forgot that those prayers were being heard and answered. Perhaps, you are in the birthing process of a holy vision. Remember then, that the timing, power and provision all belong to God. Prayer is the real work you are called to in the waiting process. The work of prayer allows us to partner with God in the birthing process. Simultaneously, it prepares our hearts to receive with great joy the fulfillment of the vision. Christian Zebley lives in Tokyo, Japan with his wife Kay and their five children. Together, they seek to share the love of God in Jesus Christ through daily living and the ministry of Global Leadership Dynamics. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister. GLD is a ministry to and for leaders, specializing in leadership training, coaching and assessment. GLD works in cities and nations worldwide for prayer mobilization and strategic partnerships to advance the Kingdom of Christ.