

Pete's Prayers Lift Weight From Pembrokeshire

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Travelling speaker and former Mr Natural USA, Pete Samra, recently returned to Pembrokeshire as part of his UK tour. Travelling from Phoenix, Arizona, Pete Samra, who is familiar with both body building and successful church building in South Africa, began his local tour at Heywood Mount Hotel, Tenby, with the Business Men's Fellowship. He then shared with Community Church, Narberth, in the Bloomfield centre; concluding with a visit to Emmanuel Gospel Church, Manobier.

Pete's visits are inspirational and challenging. This year his message to Pembrokeshire is: "God of the second chance". During his third visit to Emmanuel Gospel Church, Pete referred to a familiar Biblical analogy where God is the potter and we are the clay. He described how Jeremiah watched the potter at the wheel, working the clay. When the pot was imperfect, the potter remoulded the clay, squeezing it into position. He likened this to our own lives, in God's hands:

"God is the God of second chances. Clay, chemically, has impurities, yet it can be formed into vessels for aesthetic and practical uses. If you feel you've failed, when you are under pressure and feeling the strain, God can mould you into vessels that not only reflect his image, but are filled with his hope. This hope is not just for us but for pouring out to refresh others." encourages Pete Samra.

Pete shared how God wants to reshape us for his purpose; he laid down this challenge saying: "Often we need to allow God to add his Spirit into our lives to soften our hearts, like when the potter adds water to hard clay, because God wants to produce something useful."

No stranger to hard work and past disappointments, Pete remains faithful to God's calling to build churches in South Africa and spread God's Good News. He relies on God to give him strength to do the things he is called to do. Against all odds, Pete achieved his dream title of Mr Natural USA, and is soon to be acknowledged in the Body Building Hall of Fame.

"When God calls us to do something there is no need to network. God puts you where he wants you, and opens all the doors. We just need to be willing and available. When we give our all to God, he will give us our heart's desires." continued Pete.

Deborah Fiddy, Emmanuel Gospel Church, beautifully performed a version of Jeremiah 29:11 singing: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." at the beginning of the meeting. These words pre-empted Pete Samra's encouraging and challenging words to us all.

Pete believes God wants to bless Pembrokeshire, so we can be a blessing to others. He concluded the meeting with insightful prayers, asking God to give the hope and future he promised.

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