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**KRISTEN WILLIAMS OF APPROACHING THUNDER, RETURNS TO OREGON FOR  
“ARISE! 2011” & “PORTLAND METRO BLITZ - 2011”, MAY 3-8th:**

OREGON CITY, USA – April 20, 2011 – Kristen Williams, leader of “Approaching Thunder”, will be returning to Portland, Oregon, from New Zealand for two main events: “ARISE! 2011”, an area-wide, multi-denominational, gathering hosted by The Transformation Network and Portland International House of Prayer, on May 6-7<sup>th</sup> and for “Portland Metro Blitz, 2011, which will be hosted by several area churches, May 3-8<sup>th</sup>.

ARISE! 2011, will be held at the Canby Grove Conference Center and will focus on extending a call to a generation to arise... to occupy their full destiny and identity in Christ... to access Kingdom realities and dwell in the glory of God! The event will feature speaker Kristen Williams, Friday, May 6, at 7:30pm. Kristen will be imparting Kingdom Truth and challenging a region to pursue wholehearted devotion to God. After that, participants are invited to join a house of prayer experience with worship, intercession, prophetic evangelism and the arts. Prayer and worship will take place through the night at Canby Grove Conference Center. Participants will be asked to come and take a stand on behalf of our city and the Portland region. Saturday there will be space dedicated from 10am-4pm for those who want to create prophetically through prayer and worship. A short workshop will be given at 10am. Teams will gather for treasure hunting beginning at Noon. Participants are free to come and go with free Registration that can be accessed at [www.arise-pdx.eventbrite.com](http://www.arise-pdx.eventbrite.com).

May 3-8, Portland Metro Blitz – 2011, will feature a series of stops that will be open to the public, featuring speaker Kristen Williams from New Zealand:

Date	Event	Time	Address/Location
Tue. May 3	Jump-in! (Youth & their parents)	6:30 – 8:30	West Linn, OR (RSVP at <a href="mailto:events@approachingthunder.org">events @approachingthunder.org</a> )
Thur. May 5	Oregon City Evangelical Church (Young Adults – all welcome)	7-9:30pm	1024 Linn Ave., Oregon City, OR
Fri. May 6-7	ARISE! Sponsored by Portland Intl' House of Prayer & Transformation Network	7pm- all night prayer	Canby Grove Conference Center 7501 South Knights Bridge Road, Canby, OR
Sat. May 7	Destiny Christian Fellowship	6 pm	13865 SE King Rd, Happy Valley, OR
Sun. May 8	Destiny Christian Fellowship	10 am	13865 SE King Rd, Happy Valley, OR
Sun. May 8	Westside Vineyard	6 pm	5656 SW Humphrey Blvd, Portland, OR

*\* Schedule is subject to change. Check Facebook; “Approaching Thunder”, for late-breaking changes.*

This is the fifth year in a row that Approaching Thunder events have been hosted in our area. Each is a cross-denominational invitation to take our place on the front lines of what God is doing and resist the status quo!

Kristen Williams is the Principal of the Annesbrook Leadership College and a member of the Senior Leadership Team of Annesbrook Church in Nelson, New Zealand. He also leads Approaching Thunder, an itinerant ministry that travels extensively to New Zealand, Australia and the United States. Kristen is a powerful communicator with over twenty years experience in ministry. His passion for revival is evident in every meeting where he preaches as he communicates that passion with clarity and rich humor. He is devoted to raising up believers who understand their calling and worth in Jesus and challenges all to live lives in radical abandonment to the person and purposes of Jesus. His ministry will inspire and encourage believers, as well as seekers, to radically fulfill the purposes of God for their lives.

More information can be found on Facebook, and Twitter by searching Approaching Thunder or at [www.approachingthunder.org](http://www.approachingthunder.org).

“Portland and the surrounding area, are once again, in for an incredible time as one of New Zealand’s best, comes to stir things up and contend for renewal in the Pacific Northwest.” said Events Coordinator, Lisa Erickson.