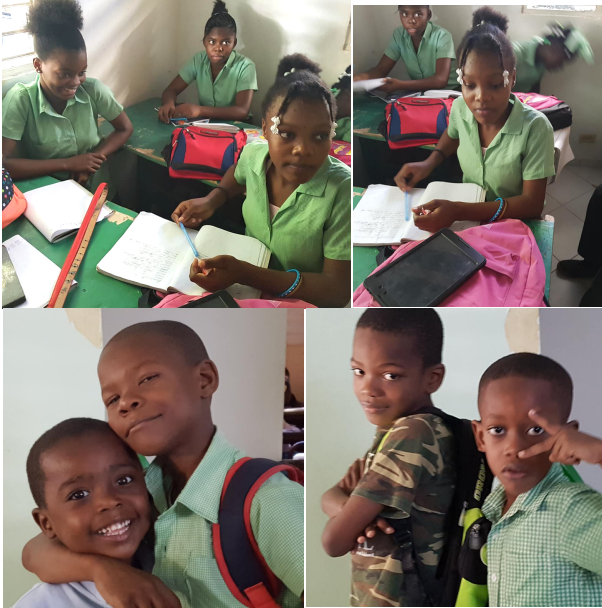


## STORIES FROM THE FIELD



She is only sixteen and attending our Christian School in the Dominican Republic (DR). Her sister is in her twenties and has been able to support the family through prostitution. She does not want to have her younger sister having to do that so she raises the fiscal needs of the family. However, now she is pregnant and cannot work and there is still need to support the family. Can you imagine the discussion around the bowl of rice they are all eating for supper.

Then there is the story of the two brothers—older then the ones pictured here, whose mom supported them through prostitution. They were in the older teens and tried to help mom out in anyway they could. They lived in the “slave quarters” at the edge of town. The older boy was falsely accused of stealing a chicken and the police got involved. He was so stressed out that he took his life. The younger boy was able to speak English well enough to translate for a medical mission team from Canada and was able to make enough money to buy a couple of pigs that he would raise to have other pigs and help mom out with the finances

so she would not have to work so hard and turn over so many “tricks”. One morning the boy woke up and found both of his pigs stabbed to death by a neighbor who was jealous. Tell me... how do you minister to these people. How do you make hope real to them and try and help them persevere. How do you make the gospel relevant and the love of Jesus real to them? This is both the heartache and the joy of missions. You can be part of a mission team to bring love and resources into the frontlines of battle where the devil thinks he is winning. You can fall in love with these amazing people and make a difference. Many of you are doing that.

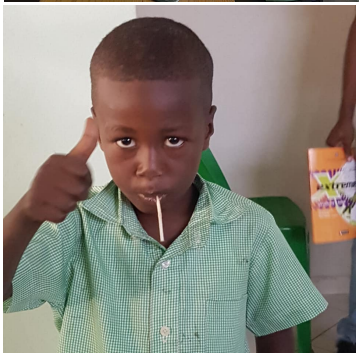
### PASTOR NOELSON & FAMILY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Noelson and his family are having an amazing impact in Sosua, DR. Their school is a light in the midst of darkness and hope in a cesspool of depression. They are providing education, food and support to families who are oppressed and traumatized. We were able to see joy, hope, peace and the warmth of community in the school you empower us to operate.

Trying to get the required documents for Haitians in the DR are usually met with all kinds of obstacles and costs beyond possibility for the average Haitian in the DR. There have been occasions where a Haitian is required to show that he has the proper documents to the police and then the police would tear them up. The constant fear and harassment puts continuous stress on these people. If you do not have the right documents you are denied access to government facilities like hospitals and schools. Think about it. Put yourself in their position without funds to escape. If they are deported back to Haiti—they sneak back into the DR because Haiti is still worse then the DR. What a comparison of the depths of misery.

On the way back from Haiti, the bus was pulled over and told to disembark. Even with both pieces of identity, the officials were giving Noelson a difficult time stating that he needed another document which he did not have with him, nor was it required. We need to pray for this man and the work he is doing. He is also a church planter and has planted several churches last year on top of the fact that he is the principal of our school with its own unique challenges.

There are 44 students during the day and about another 30 in the afternoon to be taught and fed. The school is a place of peace and stability for these families in the midst of the stress. Making a living is incredibly hard for these parents and it can be very discouraging. What would you do—NOW what can you do.







December was a busy month in Haiti at the Sam I Am centre. Terry and I spent less than 24 hours in Haiti during our last trip due to political uncertainty as a result of the people's discontent with the government. However, the short time we spent there had the greatest impact I have experienced during my many trips to Haiti.

As I have shared with you many times over, our area of ministry is in one of the poorest areas of Haiti and it is a region prone to drought. Therefore, the risk of starvation is real. CEO Ministries, with the support of our benefactors, has been trying the best way we can to make a difference in the lives of the people. My visit after 15 months of absence due to health issues and the presence of Terry after five years have energized Pastor Namphy in a way that I have never seen before.

Since we did not have time to consult and plan as usual, upon my return here we have used the phone to plan our next projects. Namphy was inspired by the Holy Spirit as he shared with me to do something during the Christmas seasons to alleviate the suffering of the people in his community.

We made the decision **not** to use a tractor or bulldozer to improve the new road rather we hired the local men and women to do it by hand while creating employments for the local men and women. Over twenty-five local people were able to work for two weeks using picks, shovels, machetes and wheel-barrows to do the job. Thereby generating some income to care for their family. *AJP*

#### BRIAN & SANDRA UPDATE

Brian and Sandra are a very busy couple. Brian continues to work as our technical advisor and on web development and Facebook promotion of events. He also continues to accompany the director to Latin American countries to serve as his translator.

Sandra serves as our bookkeeper with Bob Mondor, who is our accountant. She also helps when it comes to some technical matters and serves as an advisor on translation of materials.

This photo was taken in the home of Pastor Norman and Marcella Coss in Pine Falls about one week before it burnt to the ground last spring.



#### RAUDEL & MAYELIN UPDATE



Raudel and Mayelin have just completed their first year in Canada seeking to work with the native communities under the ministry of Canada Awakening. Their children have picked up the English language quickly. God seems to be directing this wonderful couple to plant a "Spanish" church here in Winnipeg and to help other Spanish churches in the Province. CEO plans on joining Canada Awakening and Sea to Sea ministries in facilitating this vision. They are gifted pastors and evangelists

and need our prayer, encouragement and resources to make this happen. CEO will play a small part and hope to raise \$6000 or \$500/month to empower them for this vision. Your prayer and financial designation to them would be most helpful and encouraging.

#### THE INNER WITNESS

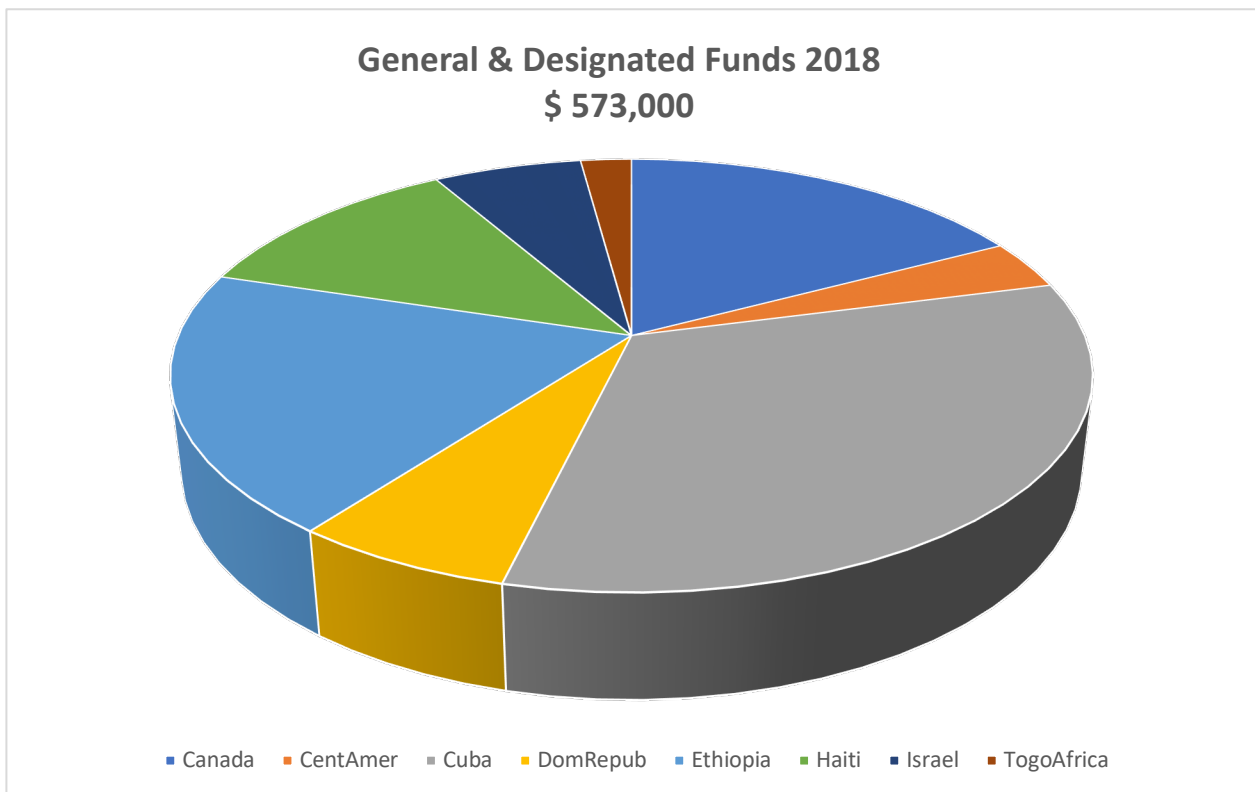
***The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.*** Romans 8:16

*Speaking personally, this last year was a very difficult year. God still did great things in ministry and used me in some amazing ways in spite of the challenges I faced. I want to share so that you will know how to pray for us and for those who can identify with me—perhaps it will give some hope.*

*The medical results indicated that I had three mini-strokes and that I have a brain aneurysm. They also indicated that I had pushed myself beyond my limits and was facing "burn out". I was experiencing deep depression and anxiety attacks. I lost the will to live. The story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19 became a comfort to me. There were other medical issues that were causing difficulty and some results are still pending.*

*One of the major things that seemed to be missing was my inner witness. For years, I would catch myself praising God, telling Him that I loved Him, and just worshipping Him without trying to. It was spontaneous. Often, I was not aware that I was doing it and sometimes others mentioned it to me. Regardless of what I was doing or focused upon it would happen without my conscious awareness of it, until I caught myself doing it. What a powerful comfort and joy that was for me. I am not sure when I lost it, but it seemed to be missing all last year until the last few weeks in December.*

*I am slowly recovering but it seems like my brain gets overloaded very quickly these days and I seem to tire quickly. I still exercise and swim a couple of kms each week. My dog has been a source of comfort in ways that humans can't. I am spending more time in the Word and in prayer. God has raised more funds this year than ever before. We are doing more things with more people and God is blessing. In our weakness, He is made strong. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31*



**In Home-Town Winnipeg: New faces joined the Team in 2018:** Just at the end of the previous year we were joined by **John Mark Wilderspin** who operates a Christmas Care Program that delivers clothes and food hampers to people who live on the streets. This Christmas was his second event with the Team and was able to raise close to \$4000 thanks to the generosity of the people in this city. **Bill Klassen** has been on a few Mission Trips with the Team and has now joined the Board of Directors. **Jon Philips** has operated **Heart of the City** for over a decade providing help to people who work the streets of Winnipeg, along with the homeless, the refugees, the addicts, and various functionally challenged individuals that need help. The team continues to grow as we see the “fields around us that are ready for harvest”. Thank you Lord for sending the labourers.

### **MEN'S MISSION TRIP TO CUBA** **FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7**

Dr. Lewis will lead a 7 men team to Cuba to train pastors and hold pastor and youth conferences to equip pastors to train their congregation in God's healing ministries. Pastor Tom Campbell and Kevin Penner will conduct some of these training sessions. There will also be an outreach to the very poor with food and evangelism along with reaching out to a centre that provides a home for addicts. Work on Restoration House continues as we renovate the premise to house pastoral families who are going through challenges and need help. It will also serve to help retired pastors who have no place to go. Additional funds are needed to complete this phase of the project so that these facilities can be put to use. We are trying to complete two more bedrooms in the dorm and the two dormitory washrooms. We also have the Chapel for teaching and kitchen for the residence. Another \$20,000 is required to complete these additions.





### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$150/person for weekend which includes room and meals.

You can register by phone, email, or on our Web Page as seen at the bottom of this page.



## WARLOCK TO PREACHER

This is an amazing story of a man who grew up in the occult, and practised witchcraft. He became a powerful leader in the occult, in Cuba, and was changed by the power of God.

The God who did that can break whatever grip of darkness that holds your life from what God wants it to be. Come, hear, and respond to the Power of God. Bring a friend.

### English/Spanish

- Feb. 1-3 Men's Prayer Breakfast – Norvilla @ 7 am Friday  
Mission Fest Manitoba Friday to Sunday  
Friday – Amilkar @ Spanish Church Winnipeg  
Saturday – Amilkar @ Spanish Church, Brandon
- Feb. 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast- Covenant Church @ 8 am (not speaking)  
@ 7 pm Kilcona Alliance, Norris Road, Winnipeg (pending)
- Feb. 5 Radio & Television Recording
- Feb. 6 To Be Announced (TBA)
- Feb. 7 TBA
- Feb. 8-10 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Perkins on Henderson at 7 am.  
CEO Prayer Retreat, Wilderness Edge, Pinawa Friday to Sunday  
Feb. 10 @ 10:30 AM Amilkar: Pine Falls area: **Christian Faith Fellowship**  
Hwy 11 near Silver Falls and  
@ 7 pm St.Owens Penticostal Church, St.Owens in Beausejour area
- Feb. 11 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Covenant at 8 am (not speaking)  
@ 7 pm... @ TBA
- Feb. 12 @ Bill Klassen Cell Group
- Feb. 13 @ 7 pm... @ TBA



**Watch for it...** *your 2018 income tax receipts will be mailed to you in the next couple of weeks.*

**It is Now Time...** *if you have prayerfully considered how you can financially empower others through CEO in 2019 you can fill the Automatic Withdraw card enclosed and you will never have to send another one in by mail and you will never forget your faith offering.*

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