

HE HEALS SOME BUT NOT OTHERS?



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Have you ever wondered why some people who are prayed for, and at times, anointed with oil, are healed but others are not? I have heard a lot of weird answers but none **solid** biblical answers. On the mission field outside of North America we often see more healings and salvation acceptance then we do in our North American context—why is that?

I have to share with you a real testimony that speaks to this issue in a way that shows God's wisdom. It does not answer all the questions but it does show an amazing truth. George Bell, a retired pastor teaches my Sunday School class. Yes, at 70, I still go to Sunday School and never get tired of hearing the Word of God. I am in a church where I get a double dose of expository preaching and teaching every Sunday and thank God for it.

Some years ago, George was pastoring Kirkfield Park Baptist Church. A young man in his church had a grandmother who attended Calvary Temple, in Winnipeg. She developed cancer. She called Pastor Barber and he came to the hospital with some elders and anointed her with oil and prayed for her healing. She was instantly healed completely. She shared her miracle with her relatives that did not know God. They were impressed but did not change.

Some years later, she got cancer again. She asked the doctor if it was her old cancer returning. He assured her that it was a totally different form of cancer. This cancer became very painful and she could hardly talk. Her name was Borgfjord. She again called Pastor Barber who came down and anointed her with oil and prayed for her along with some of the elders. When people would visit her she was such a blessing to them even though she found it difficult to talk. This time, she was not healed and died of the cancer.

At her funeral, Pastor Barber gave the message. At the end of the message he told the people he felt the Holy Spirit nudge him to do something he had never done at a funeral before. He felt led to ask a question, *For those of you who knew this dear lady—are there any of you that would like to know Jesus, her Saviour, the way this lady knew Him?* There were 27 relatives that came forward and accepted Jesus into their lives.

I am left with a question. Was the healing of the first cancer greater than the healing that took place in the lives of the relatives when the second cancer was not healed? Now, of course, this does not answer all the questions as to why some are healed and some are not. It merely indicates the wisdom and love of God. As for that dear lady, she actually received the ultimate healing and lives today in ways that we cannot even imagine. God is good all the time—even when we do not understand. TL



Cuban Plane Crashes 111 Killed

There were 20 pastors on board. One entire family was killed. We have stayed in some of their homes and trained some of them at our conferences. Their children are left as orphans. Their churches are left without pastors. I do not understand but I know God loves all of them and their families and has a plan.

We had a Canadian team in Cuba at the time. Our disaster relief fund is empty so we took from other programs to send \$5000 to our team to help with some of the devastated families. It is a drop in the bucket but these are reasons we have a disaster funds request.

Cuba is a small island and a very tight community. Families are spread throughout the Island and relatives to those who were lost in the crash grieve the loss. Please pray for them.

*Thank you for all that you have done. Your prayerful support has helped us empower local leadership and meet humanitarian needs. We are in an **URGENT** need for funds at this time... I am not sure what the Lord wants to do but we are dependent upon Him as He leads us into a challenging financial time. Many activities are put on hold as we wait upon Him.*

I am not sure what more I can say on this matter. I think of the little boy who had a small lunch and he gave it to Jesus who blessed it and multiplied it and I pray that He will do it again with each contribution that is given. I will focus on His promises:

Philippians 4:19 - And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 3:20, 21 - Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask and think according to the power that works within us to Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to ALL generations forever and ever. Amen.



ALIX & GERTRUDE JEAN-PAUL

Pray for Alix as he will be in Haiti and the Dominican from June 4-20. He will be revamping the VBS and working with leadership to



solve some transportation and volunteer challenges that we are facing. Alix is still recovering from surgery to his neck and is having some challenge walking because of his hip. Without prayer, we who labour do so in vain. We need you as our team members to join with us and we thank God for each of you who support this work in prayer. We are also very low on finances. Please make that a matter of prayer.



ETHIOPIA BERHANU & IRYNA BERHANU

Berhanu recently returned from Ethiopia. With your gift of \$20,000 he was able to distribute 30,000 training manuals for converted Muslims where God is doing a revival. There were over 6000 Muslims baptized recently. He needs \$5,000 for Bibles and \$50,000 for his trip back to Ethiopia in late September. Above all, he



needs solid prayer support as the region is very dangerous with political strife. He is doing an amazing job training leaders and bringing denominations together to synergize their effective ministry. This is what C.E.O. does in trying to empower local ministries to be more effective. We train and equip. You are part of the team and your active involvement is winning, literally thousands to the Lord. God is blessing in amazing ways. Keep praying!



TOGO, AFRICA LEWIS & NAOMI SWANN

Lewis and Naomi live in Tyler, Texas and operate our affiliated ministry Sight.org, in Togo, Africa. In one week alone, sixty patients received their sight having been blinded by cataracts. Their ministry not only gives physical sight to mainly Muslim farmers but also spiritual sight through showing the Jesus movie and working with local evangelical pastors. There are times entire villages come to know the Lord and churches are established. They also have an agricultural program where they train farmers on how to make productive crops. Lewis makes frequent trips to Togo to oversee the work and make advancements for his team. The Togo, government appreciates their ministry.



CENTRAL AMERICA ERNESTO & MARINA PINTO

In May, Ernesto is doing some leadership training in the Dominican Republic with Dominican Vision and would appreciate your prayer support. Ernesto & Marina have a home in Honduras, an extremely dangerous area due to the gangs and the drug route to the U.S.



Ernesto is an evangelist and church planter. Marina oversees the ministry of feeding the children one meal a day. She also has a ministry to women, and especially single women. She seeks to have women trained in occupations that they can support their families. Please pray for this amazing work.



GRANT & ROBERTA KURIAN MISSIONARIES AT LARGE

Grant and Roberta just got back from Cuba helping to establish a summer camp for Cuban leaders and their families. The camp will be held in two stages to accommodate 700 attendees. They were also involved in distributing resources to the pastor families that were devastated by the plane crash that killed 20 pastors. The need here is large and money will not solve the pain and anguish of the orphans. Please pray that God will bring something great out of this painful loss. When the Auca Indians killed 5 missionaries in the 1950's hundreds of young people gave their lives to become missionaries. God can do a miracle and turn misery into ministry. The work done in the Ukraine and Israel obviously had the hand of God touching the lives of orphans, and soldiers, families and government officials. Continue to pray and give as the Lord leads.



JAMES LEE BILLINGS CUBA

James is our newest missionary-in-training and will be commissioned at the June 21 BBQ. He has travelled with Alix

and Dr. Lewis on five mission trips, including Haiti, Dominican Republic and Cuba. He will be learning the Spanish language and working with the only Teen Challenge in Cuba. He will also be working with the Chaplaincy ministry in prisons. James, or Santiago in Spanish is very skillful in mechanics and construction. His two vehicle accidents have left him in constant pain in his back and legs which will restrict some of his activities in those areas. He loves the Lord and would love it if you would become one of his prayer partners and supporters. He also has a great ministry with children. Pray for Santiago as he embarks on a new adventure for Christ.



BRIAN & SANDRA MEADEN CANADA/CUBA

Brian now serves on the Board of Directors for C.E.O. Ministries. He also oversees our technical and video development. Sandra serves as our bookkeeper under another Board member and accountant, Bob Mondor. Sandra's sister, Lenia, serves as our bookkeeper and overseas our ministry investments throughout Cuba. Both Sandra and Brian serve

as translators for teams that we take to Cuba, as needed. They help us understand how to increase our effectiveness in Cuba.



TERRY & ELIZABETH LEWIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, C.E.O.M.

Terry oversees the ministry and Elizabeth keeps our mailing up to date. The work began in October, 1980 and Terry has been privileged to be part of the ministry since then. He has had the joy of seeing many come to know the Lord. He serves under a board of directors. He serves as an evangelist and teacher with a focus in Canada, Cuba, Haiti, Dominican and Central America. What is not listed in these two pages is numerous workers and volunteers serving as national leaders in their own country. We praise God for what God is doing through so many of His children of various nationalities. We encourage you to get behind at least one of these missionaries and support them with your prayers, encouragement, and resources. You TOO are part of God's team to the World. God has called all of us to be part of His kingdom building workers. Matthew 9:38.



FRIEND AND FUND-RAISING BAR-B-Q JUNE 21@ 6:30 LEWIS HOME 10 SUNNY HILLS ROAD, WPG.



**Remember this last Year
Our Friend and Fund-raising BBQ**
This year:

- Gospel Quartet is back by special demand
- Celebrate Terry's 70th Birthday
- Commissioning Santiago
- Fellowship with Missionaries
- Bring a friend, a salad or a desert and a lawn chair.
- Missionaries will share their favourite mission experience.
- Pray for good weather, good food, and great fellowship.
- Pray that God will abundantly bless with resources to meet needs.



Focus on Prayer and Finances: New Website: ceoministies.ca is now up and running with some additional information to be added along with regular updates. You can now make donations on the website. We will be able to keep you up-to-date on all the latest challenges we face and together we can pray for God's intervention. We are also developing the framework in which **Shares can be donated**. This allows individuals to save on capital gains taxes. We are adapting to the changes in our society and trying to make every dollar stretch as far as we can in meeting needs as we, together with God, seek to build his Kingdom in seeing lives changed for eternity. **Thank you for all you are doing!**

We are a Team...**Empowering Ministries to ...**

Reach the Lost, **Revive** the weak, **Rescue** the fallen, **Restore** the broken, **Reconcile** the offended, **Release** the Discipled

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