

HEALING BODY & SOUL, CUBA THE BLIND SEE, THE DEAF HEAR, THE LAME WALK



I believe in the inexplicable reality of miracles and God as the great physician but I am not naïve to the realities of fraud perpetrated by false “so-called” healers, and the damage it has done to the reputation of God’s real ability to heal. I am also a skeptic of healings that cannot be objectively measured or verified. I am also cautious, as the early church fathers warned of the apparent healings that are counterfeited by powers other than the Divine. That being said, what the mission team encountered in Cuba was dozens of Divine healing where people who were legitimately blind either had sight improved or totally restored. Unsuspecting individuals on the streets that encountered some of our team members who observed them limping walked away fully restored. The God who manifested Himself and His love through healing is still the same and manifesting not only on the streets of Cuba but also on the streets of Winnipeg. It was interesting to note that the team got surprised when someone was not healed

after so many being healed—that is a switch in mindset.

Healings took place in remote areas, large cities, in churches and on the streets. Pastors were encouraged and trained and lives were forever changed. The number one reason we do mission trips is to put our teams in a context in which God can refresh them and give them a new vision of what He can do through each of us. This was definitely achieved in the testimony of our team members. There was an amazing bonding with God and each other.



Physical healing was not the only way God healed on this trip.

At a packed-out Youth Conference where many had to stand or sit on the floor because of a lack of room God gave a powerful message through one of our teammates, an Iranian pastor, and more than 50 young adults were on the floor weeping before God as Terry encouraged them to die to self and live for Christ and joined them weeping on his knees before the Lord. We all need to re-commit ourselves to understand that *“We are crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me by faith, in which the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”* Paul stated that he died daily. (1 Corinthians 15:31) Terry also reminded them that God had ordained them and that God had an expectation that their lives would count for eternity and bear much

fruit for the Kingdom John 15:16. This was the last night in Havana and God deeply blessed our souls with a sense of His Presence. I am humbled and honoured to know that God can use each of us in spite of all our failures. Paul said he was chief of all sinners and look at what God did through Paul. No matter how you have failed God and others in the past, He never gives up on us and when He uses us for His glory in building His kingdom we stand in awe of Him, and kneel before Him.



BRIEF REPORT ON HAITI AND REPUBLIC DOMINICAN: By Alix and Gertrude Jean-Paul

Our last mission strip to Haiti and DR was the most challenging trip we ever had. The sudden death of Pastor Noelson, founder and director of our sponsored school on February 14, 2019 has created a huge void to fill. He left behind not only his wife Florisena and two children: Abisua 2 years-old and Michael 5-month-old but also 49 regular students and 21 others in continuing education. He



was the only one among our four teachers who had legal papers to be in DR. Many of you were praying and are still praying to find a way to keep the school open at least until the end of June. At some point, both Gertrude and I felt the Holy Spirit’s intervention. It is due to your prayers. We have now a young lady, Samantha (in red) and a teacher Wideleine (in green) to work as an administrative team in the interim to keep the school opened. Freddy is also one of our teachers. The urgency was to open the school as soon as possible so that we won’t lose the students. With God’s grace and insight, we had 19 students on the first Monday and 41

out 49 regular students at the beginning of the second. Praise the Lord for His grace! Samantha has a three-month temporary visa in DR. She has to validate it every 27 days by leaving the country for at least 24 hours. In spite of the turmoil in Haiti, we were able





Mrs. Noelson with daughter Abisua, Gertrude with Michael, and teachers Samantha and Wileleine.

to cross over for one night. It was important for Gertrude to see the Centre and for me to meet our staff to resolve some serious administrative challenges. Pastor Namphy and his team are doing a tremendous work under very difficult conditions. However, no week has passed without 2 to 3 new conversions. The children and young people ministries are making inroads in the lives of families while influencing the spiritual life of many communities. **PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Mission trip to DR and Haiti on April 9 to 16. Pastor Arisnel Mesidor and I covet your prayers for wisdom in dealing with challenging issues while interacting with the pastors and local leaders. We need wisdom to resolve the issues and relationship challenges while glorifying our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Did He not tell us: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me? Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)**

Noelson Family Fund

Pastor and Principal Noelson passed away suddenly from issues related to being a diabetic. He was the National Director for CEO in the Dominican Republic. He was a pastor of several churches, many of which he started. He was the principal of our school for Haitian children neglected and rejected by the Public School system. He was an advocate for the well-being of Haitians in the DR where Haitians experienced persecution. He was a tireless advocate for the poor, the mistreated, the rejected, and the hungry.

Noelson had a wife and two children and was a principal of a school of over 70 students and their families. He was extremely well-respected in the communities he worked in. God made him an amazing servant of the people in the love God put in his heart.

CEO Ministries has set up a "fund" to help this family that has NO other support than what we give. We encourage you to prayerfully and generously give to help support this family. Either on your cheque or donation card write the name Noelson and we will place it in that fund.



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MINISTRY TO MUSLIMS: CEO has a ministry to Muslims but is experiencing increasing dangers. We are saddened deeply by the tragedy in New Zealand perpetrated by a single individual who we would obviously think had some mental and moral problems. Fifty precious people were killed. They had family and friends. The world and the media were rightly outraged by this horrendous act by an individual. I am a person who values life: the life of a protected unborn sea-turtle, or the life of a protected unborn Eagle's egg, and the life of an unborn *unprotected* human. God cares about the sparrow that falls. When it comes to humans, I value the person's life regardless of race, creed or religion. What I do not understand is why the world, and even the Christian population in the Western World, were not equally as concerned or horrified by the massacre of 200

Christians in Nigeria that took place at the same time by a group of people employing machetes and gunfire to slaughter men, women, and children, burning down over 140 houses, destroying property, and spreading terror. Those slaughtered were precious people that had family and friends. Where is the compassion for them? Nor was there an outcry when over 6000 Nigerian Christians were slaughtered last year in Nigeria—mostly women and children by the same group of people. If it is an insane act of racial hatred for one individual to kill 50 people—what then do we call it when a group of people kill 6000 people, mainly women and children. Just to even voice these questions I get criticized from even professing Christians as being inappropriate, or intolerant, or bigoted, and certainly politically incorrect. If the wisdom of this world cannot tolerate debate or discussion and censor opposing perspectives preferring a "borg mentality" controlled by the wisdom of the "collective" there can be no resolution to the challenges facing humanity. Like lemmings, they hurl humanity to the abyss as a result of their unfortunate disrespect and intolerance to even consider or value dissenting opinions.



However, true Christians do not get their marching orders from the "collective" of this world. **This is a "Missions Issue"** whether we like it or not. Christ's authority is over all other authority and He has commanded us to go and "disciple" (not just evangelize) **all** nations. (Matthew 28) He has given us a "*ministry of reconciliation*" and appointed us to be His ambassadors. (2 Corinthians 5) **This is a "Family Issue"** as our brothers and sisters who have chosen to leave the hate and intolerance of extremists are literally being slaughtered and most comfortable Christians in the West do not even pray *earnestly* for them. Converted Imams and ordinary Muslims who know what the ninth chapter in the unaltered and unabridged Qur'an commands Muslims to obey, are bewildered by the "bewitching" of the West. Christ's kingdom began with the blood of our Saviour and is continuing to be built by the blood of the martyrs. We have missionaries working in very dangerous situations and we are being more discrete in giving details but know that they are putting themselves in "harm's way" trusting Christ to protect them and their families. **They need prayer support.** They sacrifice all kinds of comforts we take for granted for the sake of building the kingdom. **What does God ask of you?** (This article is written by Dr. Terry Lewis using News articles from various sources and in consultation with a Muslim convert and with those who work with Muslims.)

I'm So Not Excited by beth@sight.org | Feb 8, 2019 | If you had asked me two years ago where Togo is, I would



have responded, "Isn't that off the coast of Australia?" I'm excited about seeing a place on the planet where daily life is radically different from how I live 24/7 in the buckle of the Bible belt in Tyler, Texas, USA. But that's not what I'm most excited about seeing. I'm excited to be in the operating room for four full days as one Togolese person after another gets their blinding cataracts cut out in less time than it takes to get my hair cut. I'm excited to watch our skilled Sight.org medical team, (all of them native Africans who live there), working like a well-oiled machine to give vision back to 150 adults. I'm very excited to watch our patients' faces light up and to hear their voices shout with delight. I can't wait to see their feet dancing in celebration as the darkness lifts when the eye patches come off. But that's not what I'm most excited about seeing.



I'm excited to ride up into the rural hillsides in the Sight.org van, seated between Lewis and Beth as we pick up four children – little ones who've never seen their parents, family, or friends due to cataract-induced blindness since birth. I look forward to watching them the day after surgery when they look into their parents' eyes for very first time. But that's not what I'm most excited about seeing. **It gives me chills to think about bringing these now-seeing children back to their families and communities.** The ten-year-old boy, who has had no friends, will now be chasing the soccer ball along with the rest of the guys. The seven-year-old, who was born the same month as Sight.org in June 2012, will gaze at the African sky for very first time. As satisfying as these scenes are, they're not what I'm most excited about seeing.

Raymond will drive us to three villages in the Elavagnon region where our medical team has brought vision to 2221 people since we first ventured into this Voodoo and witchcraft-dominated region in 2016. **I'll meet our Togolese brothers and sisters in Christ who heard the good news of Jesus and accepted his offer of forgiveness and eternal life when our medical team brought them the gospel.** I'll join their evening circle around the village mango tree as the African sun sets and the solar-powered audio device begins playing the New Testament in the Ewe dialect. I'll probably clap, sing, and dance the praises of Jesus with them. Those of you who know me know I mean that literally! But even these new Christ-followers are not what I'm most excited about seeing in Africa.

I find myself nervously and excitedly looking forward to seeing God work by the power of His Holy Spirit, drawing people out of the spiritual abyss and into the glorious light of His Son Jesus. I am awestruck at the thought of watching Him rescue his creations from the fear of death which has held them captive all their lives. As incredible as that will be, it's not the number one thing I am looking forward to seeing while there on the equator. **What I am most excited about seeing is God in all His glory.** The best definition of "glory" I've ever heard is from my pastor Gary Brandenburg who said, "glory is when the invisible God is made visible." I'm looking forward to seeing His glory as relationships form between our team and our patients. As He surprises us with the things we need, right when and where we need them. As He empowers us beyond our talents and training to do His works of healing that are clearly beyond our capability. As He opens blinded minds and hearts to the great love He has for each person. As He restores hope to people when their vision is restored. As He becomes visible in people who place their faith in Jesus because they believed our message. As He calls more people to become a part of Sight.org as they watch the surgeries live on Facebook. **Lord, open their eyes. And open mine even wider.** Written by Todd Hinkie, Sight.org Director of Strategic Growth and Development

HONDURAS: ERNESTO & MARINA PINTO: During the month of February, Ernesto and myself were in Honduras visiting the children dining center in La Lima, where Pastor Roberto and his wife Vicky are caring for 128 kids from the community. They feed them from Monday to Thursday and on Saturday they receive a light snack after the kids' program. Besides running the Feeding center in La Lima, Pastor Roberto is helping pastors from other cities to begin a feeding program for children, as the need is growing all over the country. He teaches the pastors how to register the Feeding Centre so they can fulfill the Government regulations. He also helps the pastors with information on how to go and knock doors to receive support from Business around the community. We also visited the Lejamani Church where they also run a feeding Center three times a week and they have a group of twenty-nine children. On the day we visited them they had a celebration with a piñata and cake after their lunch. It was very emotional to see the excitement in every child while they were enjoying breaking the piñata.



In Santa Cruz Minas, we are in the process of supporting this church as they started with the feeding center but have to stop because of the lack of funds. They are planning to re-open so many kids from the community can benefit so they won't go to school with an empty stomach. It broke my heart to hear that one of the families did not send the kids to Sunday school because they let the kids sleep late so they will skip breakfast because they don't have food for them. During this trip we participated at the monthly ladies meeting at Pastor's Roberto Church and we had a guest speaker, Monica from Argentina, sharing her personal testimony as a single mother and how' with God's help she experienced God's faithfulness in her life and her 3 children. I also had the opportunity to meet with the coordinator of the women's ministry in La Lima church

and another young woman and they are going to be working with me in organizing two large workshops in the year; one will be in June and October. In Lejamani, Comayagua a group of 4 women keep meeting every Saturday with a teacher from 2:00 to 5:00 pm and they are very encouraged with what they are learning. This year they made skirts for the girls from the dining Center. At this moment we have four sewing machines and need four more for our growing group.

How to Avoid Capital-Gains Tax

C.E.O. Ministries is now able to accept and process "shares". For instance, in a recent transaction someone donated \$20,000 in shares to the ministry. They invested \$10,000 and earned another \$10,000 on their investment. If they were to cash-in and receive the \$20,000 they would have to pay taxes on the interest they gained. But, when they donated their shares to CEO Ministries they received a tax-deductible receipt for \$20,000. In this way they were able to invest in ministry rather than pay taxes on the money. This is good stewardship of the resources God has given us.



HEART OF THE CITY: With spring there is a change of strategy with the ministry to the homeless and prostitutes. There need for winter clothing and hot chocolate is replaced by the need for summer clothing, cold drinks and sandwiches. Every Tuesday night the van wanders through the down streets of Winnipeg watching out for

people in need. The drug problem and prostitution problem become much more visible in the summer.

The other evening the van came across a young man in his 20s panhandling by the Safeway's on Sargent. He came over to talk to Jon hoping he would get some help. He got more than he expected. He was married with two children and at odds with his wife and down on his luck, and in between jobs. He accepted Christ into his life and got some other things he needed. This is what it is all about.

In some future articles we are going to publish some of the stories that this team experiences on the Winnipeg streets. They will share what has been meaningful to them and why they are thankful for the opportunity to serve as volunteers. They have seen all kinds of things on the streets and have been able to intervene and help in some life-saving ways. Our 'donation cards' do not have this new ministry of ours listed but if you want to donate just put a big heart on the card and where it states "other" just write Heart of the City. We need some storage space somewhere in downtown Winnipeg to store clothing and food items so when the van goes out on Tuesday nights they will be able to pick the items up for distribution. We also need funds to operate the van with gasoline, maintenance and insurance. You could also indicate whether you would like to volunteer on one of the rotating teams on Tuesday nights. It only takes a few hours of your time twice a month and you get the opportunity of not only seeing a side of Winnipeg your probably never saw before—but help individuals who have lost all hope and need a reason to keep on living.

Warlock in Canada

We have a professional two-hour video of Amilkar's presentation that he did while he was speaking in churches here in Canada.

His testimony of how God transformed him into an evangelist is powerful. It also gave tremendous insights into how the occult works in lives today and why it is so appealing to the young and those who feel lonely, rejected, bullied, and powerless.

If you would like a memory stick with the video for person use or in a cell group or church we can send you a copy. Just send us a tax-deductible contribution to help cover our costs with your request... Thank you

Focus on Prayer & Finances: We have three mission trips going out in the next couple of weeks. Alix and Arisnell will be ministering in Dominican Republic. Grant and Roberta will be ministering in Cuba. Berhanu will be ministering in Ethiopia. The needs are extensive in each of these locations. Some places are more dangerous than others. We cannot all go but we can all pray and give as God leads. As we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter and focus on what Christ did for us, we ask the Lord to help us focus on His calling in our lives and our obedience to it. May the Lord bless you and Thank you for all YOU do.

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