

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.*

Proverbs 19:17 is appropriate to start this report about our mission work in Haiti and Dominican Republic (DR): As supporters of CEO Ministries, this is not unknown to you since your generosity has allowed us to reach out too many, in many countries in the world.



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** It has been a challenge to keep the school in DR opened since the passing of Pastor Noelson. We were able to keep the school going until last June to ensure the 50 boys and girls completed their school year. My trip to DR was to ensure the school is opened to welcome the students. Your prayers have been answered. The new teacher, Mr. Serge Menier, from Haiti is ready to ensure the opening of the school to welcome the

students. The new team of four teachers is ready to create: a welcoming and safe environment, a spiritual and a learning environment for our students.

We are very thankful to our two couple-benefactors who faithfully provide the financial supports to keep the school opened. We are thankful to Pastor Walter and Carol Warkentin of Dominican Vision for their support in DR.

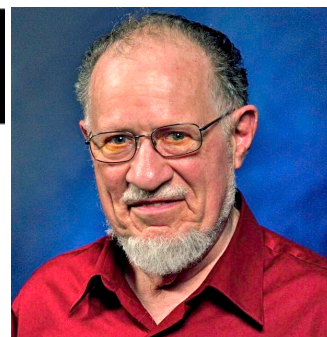
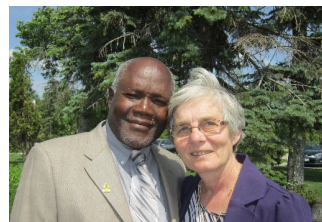
**HAITI:** The highlight in Haiti was the Summer Vacation Bible Camps. 700 children and young people enjoyed day camps and weekend camps during the month of July. We are thankful for your prayers. We have transported over 600 campers during the month of July. The communities involved in VBC and the campers were blessed by the opportunity to learn about the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ, good food, useful skills (how to mix paints to paint houses, etc.) and, a safe and friendly environment. Many campers came to



know Jesus as their Saviour and friend.

Pastor Namphy and his team want to thank you for your financial support. It has made the camps possible. Your prayers have upheld them through the challenges of doing ministry in Haiti.

The mission field is crying for mission minded individuals. If God calls you, give us a call. We have needs for educators in DR to teach English and Arts. In Haiti, we have a need for carpenters, plumbers, electricians. If you cannot go, encourage a friend to go.



**Alfred Clement Bell**

April 1, 1936 – July 31, 2019

Alf was born in China to missionary parents and later had to flee the communists and came to Canada.

Alf began as a pastor and then served over 30 years as a chaplain in Federal penitentiaries and dealt with some of the most challenging cases during that period.

Upon one of his many retirements he became involved in various Baptist churches and in different roles of ministry. He was never scandalized by any person's failures and taught a theology of powerlessness and total dependence on Christ.

For the past 10 years, among many other things, Alf served on the Board of CEO and was the personal friend and mentor of Dr. Terry Lewis. His insight and wisdom on many issues enhanced our ability to help others.

In the early years with CEO Dr. Alf and Dr. Terry (a paradox) produced a video series in which Steve Bell contributed with his gift of music. It was called "The Story of Us: Living in Biblical Community". Not only were there videos but also manuals to study how to live Christianly. We still have a few of those series left—part of an eternal legacy.



## PRAISE GOD FOR C.E.O. MISSION TRIPS THIS SUMMER



**Canada:** Terry and Elizabeth, along with their dog Shalom, crossed the Western provinces meeting with supporters along the way and enjoying the fellowship of God's people and sharing with them the things God is doing. We were able to attend the memorial service of our sister-in-law and be with extended family. It was also a mini-holiday as we drove through the yellow granola fields, the lush green valleys, and the majestic mountain splendor. The eleven days and five thousand miles of quiet beauty and seeing some of the sites we have not been to since the children were younger brought back many fond memories and gratitude to God for all He has given.

**Cuba 1:** Grant and Roberta were in Matanzas province working with pastors and overseeing pastoral support and humanitarian aid. A new program is being developed in the town of Marti where each congregation takes a turn putting on a meal and an outreach to their community where your entrance to the meal is you bring a neighbour family that does not know Jesus.

**Cuba 2:** Jim Manness spent two weeks in Cuba and was in Havana province and Matanzas province doing some administrative work for C.E.O. Jim is an accountant and he reviewed the books with our Cuban bookkeeper, Lenia, in Bolondrom. Jim also met with our teams in Cardenas and in Allamar to review the ministry in those areas and to prepare them for Dr. Terry's visit in September.

**Ethiopia:** Berhanu's specific purpose on this trip to the capital was to bring Humanitarian Aid to the persecuted Jews and to share the gospel in various ways. He will also seek to develop ways to help organize groups to help the more unfortunate ones in their midst. Part of this trip is to assess needs and determine ways to meet those needs.

**Honduras:** We have been able to partner with a new group out of Stonewall to work with ex-convicts in Honduras to teach them how to become carpenters. Fifteen thousand dollars were raised to purchase tools for training and use and a team is down there helping them build small houses for their families to live in—this is a restoration ministry both in relational skills and carpentry. We were also able to acquire a vehicle for Ernesto Pinto for extensive travel and oversight of these kinds of projects and the church planting, pastor mentoring, single women's training, and children feeding stations.

**Dominican Republic:** Alix has just returned and school is starting for our Haitian students in the DR. We were able to acquire a trained and experienced male teacher to, in part, replace Noelson who died in the spring. The summer camp program was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by not just our students but many of the children in the neighbourhood. We are presently looking at the possibility of acquiring a new facility for our school that would have tremendous potential. The cost is \$85K in U.S. dollars.



## PRAY FOR OUR FALL MISSION TRIPS AND EVENTS

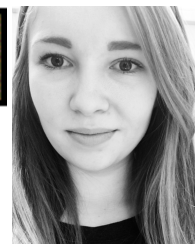
**Canada: September 5:** Board meeting. Pray that the Board has wisdom in the major decisions it needs to make with respect to personnel, finances, global challenges, and strategic planning. **October 18-20** is our Board Retreat and there is a need for a Spiritual In-depth look at the ministry and seek God's leading. Your prayer support for this as our missionaries and administration gather and invite the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us. **November 4<sup>th</sup>** we are hoping to put on a special appreciation and recognition dinner for those who have volunteered and worked with our "Heart of the City" ministry to the homeless and prostitutes of our inner city here in Winnipeg. There will be an opportunity to give and get involved but the main focus is to hear testimonies of what God has done by these volunteers will make this Informational evening a spiritual highlight to God's Redeeming Power. Venue has yet to be secured. If you would like to attend/or host/or sponsor a table email us at [ceoministriescanada@gmail.com](mailto:ceoministriescanada@gmail.com). —stating your intention and we will get back to you on it. Tickets will probably cost about \$20 per attendee.

**Cuba: September 18-25:** Dr. Terry will head to Cardenas to meet with Leaders and have meetings in several locations. He will also go head to make sure everything is ready for the "Addiction Training" conference for those working with addicts that will be held **Nov. 23-27** in Allamar. Dave Klassen will bring in a team with Tim Fletcher for that conference. **November 14-21**, Dr. Terry and Brian James will be headed to the other end of Cuba to do a special training program for some of the top teaching leaders in the country on the use of the Enneagram as a personal method of Spiritual Transformation. We will also be doing a training session for some of the best university student Christian leaders on building both a philosophical template and a psychological template for influencing their generation. Brian will be training them in Contemporary evangelism for their generation.





## HEART OF THE CITY—WINNIPEG



My name is Morgan and I have been serving with Heart of the City for 5 years. God planted in me a heart for missions and ministry at a young age - long before I knew what a prostitute was - and as a young adult I heard about this ministry and I knew I was meant to live out Jesus' call to care for this particular group of vulnerable people. Below is a story I wrote a year or so ago that depicts a fairly normal Tuesday evening experience. The name has been changed for her safety.

It was one of the first almost-too-hot nights of the summer. We drove towards the low evening sun, windows down, allowing the heavy summer wind to flow through the van, when we spotted our most expected. She was a silhouette walking straight towards us, waving her arms both emphatically and carelessly. Her familiar swaying gait for a moment seemed crucial to the structural integrity of this particular street. As though the concrete would lack purpose without it. In fact, with a presence so iconic, she can clearly be identified on Google Street View if you know where to look, which is both endearing and devastating all at once. We have seen Theresa act almost as a mother to the other girls, which I would credit partly to the natural age gap, partly to her expert knowledge of the streets, and partly to the missed opportunity of having a family of her own. Despite the babyish speech and youthful impulsivity which make her out to be a highly unlikely mother figure, she has earned her status. She needs to be needed. Her many years here, combined with an inevitably debilitating upbringing have left her with a self-worth lower than the dust that blankets the North End. Layers of hurt and insecurity and disappointment buried under volume and confidence and an "I don't give a —" attitude. For being one of the most regular sights she is one of the most unpredictably dynamic characters. She is a woman of passion, displaying either exuberance or rage and very little in between.

This particular night she asked for a ride home. It was still early, but she had been out for more than a day. She sank into the back-bench seat beside me, suspiciously lively and upbeat. "I'm gonna drink my apple juice" she said as she elbowed me and let out her usual raspy heh-heh. Naively I said, "Gotta get that vitamin C". My words echoed stupidly as I glanced sideways to see her swig back the remainder of the foamy yellow liquid in her disposable water bottle. It was not apple juice. The sharp bitter scent of her cheap poison slapped me quickly then dissipated.

"The last forty-eight hours have been awful", she blurted. "I was raped!". My ignorance begs to know what about this work is not considered rape in some capacity but I choose to trust the difference, dismiss my suburban innocence and listen like she is the last voice on earth.

"It's like he took the last bit of goodness from me. I've showered so many times trying to scrub him away but I can still smell him!" Her tone changed. "All I can say is the cops better get him before I do or they'll be arresting me for murder! I'll kill him! I'll \*\*\*\* kill him!".

Meanwhile, the front of the van may as well have been in a different time zone. They were busy interacting with more women we knew and happily agreed to shuttle one a couple blocks. Theresa had only been in the van a minute or two but her anxiety was building quickly. The more turns and stops we made — as few as they were — the more volatile she became. She was hardly in her seat anymore, proclaiming repeatedly, "Take me home! I just want to go home already!" The subtly slurred words went on to say she had prescription anti-depressants at home for which she clearly did feel a desperate need. And she wanted another shower. We were now back enroute and for a moment she must have remembered we loved her. She slumped intently onto the front of my shoulder, head pressed almost under my chin, my arm around her. "I'm sorry, I'm sorry!" she babbled.

Whatever little I said to her then and at any point that evening to express my attempted understanding at how hurtful her experience was and our genuine love for her, was lost in her mind's dizzy sea of chaos. "Thank you for holding me", she said softly after a while as she straightened back into the seat.

And if that's all either of us remember then that is more than sufficient. In that moment, as much as I was there to act as Christ would to her, she too was to be treated as though sitting beside me were Christ himself. We handed her four sandwiches out the front window. She reminded us of what she had said before - that she takes as many sandwiches as we give her and combines all the meat and cheese into one sandwich. We ignore the question of wasted bread and laugh to ourselves at her high standards of sandwich ratio.



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## HONDURAS & GUATEMALA: ERNESTO & MARINA PINTO



### Women Conference, Lejamani, August 3, 2019

On Saturday August 3; I travelled to Lejamani, Comayagua, 3 hours from San Pedro Sula, along with 3 other women and our driver. We arrive on time; settled in our hotel for the night and then left for the Conference. We open the Conference with 65 women plus men and children in attendance. Pastora Sonia Trejo from El Progreso; shared the message on prayer, with the theme "Connected with our heavenly father without Interference" based on Mathew 26:36-43, Mathew 7:7, Ephesians 6:18.



After, I invited the women that needed prayer to come to the altar and we prayed for each of them. Surprisingly, not only women came, but also some of the men who attended the meeting as they were going to serve the women the refreshments after the Conference. It was a special time where the Holy Spirit moved in the midst of each person and with tears told their life story to our heavenly Father.

### Sewing Classes

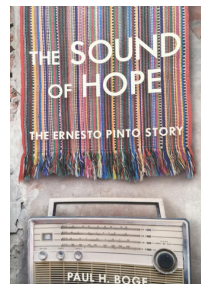
After the meeting, I had the opportunity to meet with one of the women who is meeting every Saturday from 2:00- 5:00 pm to learn how to do sewing. The plan was to meet with the teacher but she wasn't able to be there as she had to stayed home taking care of her son whose suffering with the terrible sickness of Dengue. Hundreds of people have died in the last 3 months. One of the students is a recent widow as her husband passed away 6 month ago and left her with 3 boys, ages 15, 11 and 9 and she report to me that 2 month ago she started to come to the sewing classes. Now she needs to earn money to supply her family needs. With excitement she told me that she's learning how to cut patterns and starting to sew. We had a very fruitful time during this weekend and saw how Pastor Joel and his wife Lesbia encourage witnessing in their community where the Lord has entrusted them to serve him.

**Prayer request:** Dilcia the widow with 3 young boys, that the Lord will supply all their needs and that she finds support in their church community. For the sewing school teacher and for her son's health that he'll recover soon. Pastora Maria as she's pastoring in a nearby town call Ajuterique. Pastor Joel and his wife Lesbia and their 3 young kids for strength and encouragement as they witness in their community. For every man and women of the Lejamani Church, that they continue to grow in the Lord and to be his witness to those who need Jesus in their lives. For the Dengue; a deadly disease caused by mosquito bite; that is killing hundreds of people--mostly children. Thanks for CEO and each of the supporters for their heart for the lost as even that you are not in this country but you are doing your part through your prayer and financial support and have entrusted Ernesto and me to do God's work in Central America. May the Lord Bless each one of you abundantly.

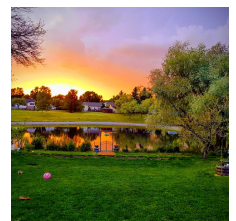
**Urgent Need for Funds in Honduras:** *The building we have been using for the past 5 years to daily feed more than 100 children is being sold and if we do not buy it we will be forced to move. We have wanted to buy it but never had the funds. The cost is \$ 45,000. Please, prayerfully consider helping us in this matter. We have until the end of September to resolve this. Ernesto P.*



**Two Books:** The Biography of Ernesto Pinto is inside the cover of Paul Boge's book called, **"The Sound of Hope"**. It is a delightful read of God's calling and ministry of this man. You will enjoy and be inspired by the drama and blessings of God as well as the heart-ache of loss that brings tears to the eyes. At times, it is a thriller of a life/death murder gone right grip on your imagination. The other is **"How to Share your Faith and Win People"**. This is an interactive book that not only challenges our excuses for not sharing our faith but also motivates and equips us to do just that. It helps you understand how to be effective and sets out an individualized plan to make it happen. Brian James shares his own experiences—both humorous and 'not so funny' as God taught him helpful ways to minister.



Both these books are recommended reading and you can purchase them through C.E.O. for \$20 plus shipping or receive the book you would like as a gift of gratitude for your contribution of \$50 or more to the ministry for reaching our world with the Gospel of Jesus.



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