



**GOD'S AMAZING WORK IN CUBA: MISSION TRIP FEBRUARY 2020:** Dr. Lewis and Victor Funk arrived in Holguin, Cuba from Canada and were joined by Brian James and Steve Ashcroft who travelled 12 hours by bus from Varadero. The next morning started with three days of classes with both Brian and Terry training leadership in Personality Transformation. The excitement of learning filled the room and the conversation outside of the room.

We were honored to attend the graduation ceremonies for two men who had completed the Teen Challenge Program. They had prepared a feast using one of the pigs they raised at the facility and cooked the food over an open fire. While Terry and Brian were



training leaders upstairs at Teen Challenge, Victor Funk was getting to know the men downstairs in the program. He also spent one of the days asking them about what characteristics would be in a perfect dad. He then elaborated on how God the Father had those characteristics. Of the many life-stories they shared with Vic, one that stood out was a man called Gabrielle. When he was only seven years old he saw his mother commit suicide by lighting herself on fire. To often we judge people by their condition without knowing what brought them to the place they are in.

On the fourth day Dr. Lewis and Brian had the joy of training University students and graduates. Dr. Lewis presented two lectures focusing on a practical template for Philosophy and for Psychology. One of the Medical graduates stated that he



A	Appearances of Jesus after the resurrection.
L	Low Status of Women.
I	Immediate Preaching of the Gospel.
V	Voluntary Suffering: Some may die for a Belief but not for a lie.
E	Empty Tomb

especially appreciated how Dr. Lewis made them think as they compared and contrasted different views with Christianity.

In the Philosophy presentation Dr. Lewis also dealt with apologetic arguments such as "Where did God come From" but did not have time to address the issue of "If God created everything then Where did Evil Come From". That will have to be in next year's presentation.

This energetic group was really "hyped" with Brian's two sessions on Contemporary Evangelism. God had us all rivetted on Brian's provocative questions. Brian clearly articulated and delineated the uniqueness of Christianity as "different" than any other religion. Using the text from 1 Corinthians 13:15: "If Christ is not Risen your life is in Vain" along with the acrostic of the word ALIVE he emphatically showed the indisputable proof of the superiority of Christianity. We all looked forward to the next day when we would be visiting remote "Mission Stations" and seeing families C.E.O. is supporting.



On the fifth day we visited "Mission Stations" where the poverty was profound. There was no soap to be had in the entire nation and the soap and toothpaste that the Pine Falls Church put together for us along with clothing items for women was greatly appreciated. Victor checked out the 'truck' the locals built. We were able to supply a rice cooker for one family, a used fridge for another, a bicycle for one lad which saved the family their monthly salary for paying transportation to get him to school and the list goes on. The "lack" of everything is great in Cuba.

In the back woods of Cuba, the Presbyterian of 24 churches who was travelling with us indicated that he had a herniated disc that caused him a fair amount of pain for the last 19 years. The medical establishment was unable to bring him any relief. His wife also suffered from extensive arthritic pain in her knees and little could be done to relieve the pain. On this mission trip we had a young 29-year-old electrician, Steve Ashcroft who prayed for the man and after a few minutes of muscle spasms the Presbyterian had full recovery without pain and started doing push-ups out of joy. His wife also had all her pain dissolved. God is so good.

On the sixth day, Dr. Lewis spoke at the Teen Challenge Sunday morning service about the times God opened the Spiritual eyes to see what the natural eyes could not see and how to touch God. Later that day we took the driver, his family, and the translators for a short time at the beach. This should give you an idea of one of the types of Mission Trips you could join us on and have a fresh experience with God. This report also indicates how your church, like the Pine Falls Church, can get involved by gathering toiletries, women's clothing-especially undergarments, and other things like soap or children's clothing and shoes. Maybe you would like to support a particular mission family at \$20 a month which would double their income. Above all, ask God to direct you in how to get involved with a family, or a pastor, or church and pray for them.



### CEO MINISTRIES INC. HAITI AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Tentative dates for our mission trip to Haiti: May 9 to 16. **Alix & Gertrude Jean-Paul**

The situation in Haiti does not inspire hope as the power of evil tends to manifest itself in every aspect of life in the country. Sam I Am Centre in Lechard remains the point of light inspiring Pastor Namphy and his ministerial team working under dire circumstances to teach the Gospel truth of Jesus Christ. In spite of it all, we are inspired by the power of the Word: *Have I not*



*commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9) and: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10).*

The hope and confidence that God is in control, the children come to the Center for sewing lessons, key boarding, choir and Bible Study. The young people during the Carnival season chose to have three days of retreat to pray for the country and to learn from each other on how to live their faith in a society in deep spiritual, political and economic crisis. As of now 5.5 million people are at risk of starvation. Among them are millions of children. The drought has destroyed our crops. We are planning the drilling a new well to provide water for gardening to produce food for the Center. In a small way, our supporters have made it possible to provide two meals a day for those who come to the Center.



We are in the process of finishing the construction of the Missionary Quarter which will be ready for our first mission team in May 2020. We still have room for a few more. *Dominican Republic: The school is doing well. The staff is doing a great job. The challenge is that the school is in demand by a number of parents who want their children to come to our school. However, our building is too small to accommodate more students. We capped it at 50 students so far. Our teachers have the legal papers to be in the country. Their permit is renewed every month and they will have money to renew their visas at the end of the year. Mrs. Noelson and the two children: Obisua and Michael are doing well. We continue to support them as much as we can. They are praying for a better school building located in a safer neighbourhood **with** a playground.*



## RWANDA & BURUNDI & Joseph Bagaza Family

Received a call from Pastor Bruce Martin of Calvary Temple looking for a ministry that could support the evangelistic vision of Joseph Bagaza. Joseph was part of the Calvary Temple ministry and is now the site pastor of an African church at Riverwood. Bruce shared, *"As long as I have known him, he has wanted to share the Lord with whoever will listen. He is a person of integrity who is a faithful follower of Jesus. I am pleased to recommend him to you with regards to his desire to travel to Burundi and Rwanda in mission."* A similar commendation comes from Todd Petkau, pastor of Riverwood Church. *"Joseph has a huge passion for preaching and evangelism. Joseph feels quite strongly calling him to branch out and serve as an evangelist! I do know that he lives evangelism and has shared Christ with many people on the streets of Winnipeg as well as the African Worship community. I vouch for his character and for him being a man of integrity. I believe he has a heart of a pastor and evangelist."*

C.E.O. is hoping to send Joseph to Rwanda and Burundi at the end of June for possible 6 weeks. A budget is in the process of being developed for which funds will be required. An itinerary needs to be developed in the preparation as we seek the Lord's guidance and direction. Joseph has been meeting with some of our Board and Regional Directors as we seek to enable the passion God has put on his heart. Dr. Lewis has been meeting with him and listening to his story and sensing Joseph's compassionate heart for people.

Rwanda and Burundi are not easy places to serve. Reconciliation and forgiveness for the deep wounds that were caused a decade ago as ethnic Hutu extremists slaughtered 800,000 Tutsi and moderate Hutu people. Only the love of the Holy Spirit can heal such deep scars in that society. As people come to know Jesus and are filled with His Spirit then society can find peace in their hearts. **PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING JOSEPH'S EVANGELISTIC MISSION TRIP IN PRAYER AND FINANCES.**



**BRIAN JAMES REPORTS ON CUBA:** To be transparent with you, I was a bit nervous at the thought of putting on an Enneagram conference in front of dedicated leaders of the persecuted church, who daily sacrifice their lives entering into some of the toughest arenas of evangelism and ministry: prison. During the conference, one of the chaplains (who was missing an eye and who had been to jail himself...which is where he lost his eye) mentioned to me one of his patrons in prison was famous for having cut out the heart of a man and eating it. After hearing that I thought to myself, "I'm supposed to teach this man something about philosophy that's going to help him with prisoners like this?!"

Thankfully, the months prior to the event I had dived deep into the enneagram, applying it to myself, and eventually grasping a practical understanding that enabled me to share it in a helpful way that I think these chaplains would be able to use. Which, was good, because the notes I had prepared didn't match up with the slideshow Terry had for us to use. Simply put; the teachings of the enneagram are useful for helping you see how you "react" in life to the good and the bad that happens in it. It shows how your personality is a crutch, or sometimes a weapon, to get what you want. And if you can recognize that within someone else, you can help them get what they want without hurting themselves or others. It's not about "how you feel" but about how you cope with how you feel - and I think this type of knowledge can become super helpful in situations ministering to people who found themselves behind bars because of actions led by their feelings.

The conference went well and the leaders got a good grasp of it. Needless to say, however, it still wasn't my strength. This portion was more Terry's department and he knocked it out of the park. Now, the evangelism workshop, on the other hand; was more my style. We had a small room packed with about 18 university students, all of whom were doctors and engineers. It was refreshing to see such a young and intellectual crowd hungry for methods on how to share their faith better. And I was honored they were willing to listen to us.

At the end of the day, sharing your faith has less to do with how smart you are and what you know about apologetics, and more about how you connect with people and work around the stigmas they have about religion. This is something I've gotten really good at over the years, and it was a pleasure to share with them. One of the parts I enjoyed most about it was being able to see their eyes open and their faces relax when I told them that being a good evangelist requires them to be less "religious," and more neighborly. This is something Cubans are already good at, and with a few strategic questions to lace throughout a conversation, one's quality level of



evangelistic conversations will go through the roof. They were also quite excited to be rewarded with balloon animals every question they answered right. There was lots of note-taking going on.

To add to it, Terry had included deeper lessons on logic and philosophy that the students sopped up like dry sponges. You could hear a pin drop as the class grinded their mental gears over logic, thought tools, and philosophical principles they never heard in university. And to wrap it all up, we finished with a class on how to include prayer and miracles in evangelism with a bit of practical application.

Over the next few days, Stephen and I would receive text message updates from Maylin, the translator that was with us, how the students were stepping out and applying what they had learned (specifically regarding the praying/miracles bit) and were excited to report that they were getting results on the spot. The whole ordeal went so well, they invited us back in September to do another evangelism conference, this time with around 200 students to pack out the place. God willing, this is something I would do as a life's calling - to wherever that call would take us, helping the body of believers become better at sharing and showing just how awesome Jesus is.

### *Heart of the City*

The Heart of the City. We have replaced the van for \$ 16,000 and the team is going out on Tuesday to try and share Jesus and pray for the needs of those on the street. With sandwiches, hot coffee or chocolate, gloves, toques, parkas they seek to meet the immediate practical needs.

**We need:**

**4 people to give \$100 / month= \$ 400**

**8 people to give \$50 / month= 400**

**16 people to give \$25/month= 400**

**What Does God want YOU to Do?**



## *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bar-B-Q*

**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

**A CELEBRATION OF PRAISE**

**2020 LEGACY VISION**

**\$ 40,000**

**MAKE RESTORATION HOUSE  
OPERATIONAL**

**IS GOD TRYING TO GET OUR ATTENTION:** Whether through the instrumentality of man or the natural consequences of a 'fallen' creation the Sovereignty of God has allowed a 'little bug' called COVID-19 to mock the powerful militaries of the world in their ability to defend themselves. Is He allowing this to get our attention? Liberal mindsets in Canada, U.S.A., Israel, and around the world are butchering babies by the thousands. Extreme zealots are slaughtering others in the name of their religion, and using finances and power to overcome those who are weaker to advance personal, temporal pursuits. Christians are being slaughtered for body parts and the blood of the martyrs are crying out. The locust in Africa are claimed by secular media as being of Biblical proportions blocking out the sun and devouring crops. What more will it take for 'hardened' hearts to melt and recognize that a design requires a designer and a creation requires a creator and submit to Him for their own good. Will it take the loss of a first born throughout the world before the world acknowledges Him—it only takes a little bug.

**IF MY PEOPLE WHICH ARE  
CALLED BY MY NAME, SHALL  
HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY  
AND SEEK MY FACE AND  
TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS**



**THEN WILL I HEAR FROM  
HEAVEN AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR  
SIN AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND**

**2 CHRONICLES 7:14**

**Focus on Prayer and Finances:** At the time of writing which is March 20(first day of Spring) we still need to get one of our missionaries back from Ethiopia. Our Regional Directors and Local Leaders are assessing the needs in each country and we will be providing as much Humanitarian and Disaster Relief as we can based on our donations. We are in urgent need of intercessory prayer and financial support for those far less fortunate without any safety net or government to help them. Please, seek out God's will as to what He would have you do and how He would have you pray.

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Rescue the fallen, Restore the broken, Reconcile the offended, Release the Discipled**

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## Women's Conference, Honduras 2020.

On March 7 we celebrated a Women's Conference in Iglesia Filadelfia (Philadelphia Church) in La Lima, Honduras, under the theme "El hermoso Don de ser mujer" "The wonderful gift to be a Women"  
We had an attendance of 86 women that came from different Church denominations.

We open the conference with a word of welcome and a prayer from Rosibel Elvir, the Ladies group leader from Iglesia Filadelfia (Philadelphia Church) and then Marina continue leading the program.



Every woman received a small package including, a bookmark with the Conference theme and Bible verse, and we gave away 2 gifts during the Conference, and at the end we had a refreshment for every one.

Our guest speaker was the Pastora Marielos de Rojas From the Capital city of Tegucigalpa.





Pastora Marielos begin with a video and presented the message base on 1 Peter 3:3- 5. She used as an example different women's from the Bible as Sarah a woman of Faith, Deborah a Prophet, Anna woman of prayer and Ester a sensible and brave woman, and she encourage every women to be like them.





At the end Pastora Marielos call to the altar those who needed prayer and some of the women came forward for prayer.

We close the conference with a prayer followed by refreshment.





We had very positive comments after the Conference that we have request o keep doing more Conference from other congregations and specifically we have a request to do 1 Conference only for the pastor's wives.

Prayer Request:

- • Please pray that we continue to encourage this women's to live a life full of joy in the Lord.
- • Pray that they trust that in God they are more than conquerors, women of faith, and strength.
- • Pray that we can continue to support them through these Conferences.
- • Pray as we are planning another Conference for this year in a different region

of the country. Join us in Pray that we can get the funds for this conference.









