

**Mission trip to UAE (Dubai and Sharjah) Qatar, Nepal, Bhutan, Philippines, and Malaysia
Hope for Asia**

November 30th - December 21st, 2015

As we approach the end of 2015, it is good to take time to reflect the goodness and the blessings of our God. As we began 2015, I planned to take a “sabbatical year” due to the fact that I traveled to the mission field in many countries for over 20 years but because we devoted our life and mission to the Lord, He had a different and beautiful plan from the beginning of the year. In our church, we called this year “the family year,” which redirects the purpose of the year of mission to involve family members such as the wife and children.

In the month of January, I continued with my masters counseling program at Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee. One morning, the Holy Spirit inspired and guided me to go on a mission trip to Nepal and involve my wife in that mission trip. This trip began with going from Chicago to Dubai, then Nepal, Bhutan and finally, Thailand. Coming home with our heart full of gratitude and praying for the people that we just ministered to, the Holy Spirit spoke through a prophetic word that soon a great earthquake will happen and many will die under the rubble of destruction. On April 25, when the news came of the devastating earthquake in Nepal, I was moved with compassion toward the people that we visited and wanted to do something for them. I decided with my daughters Dina and Esther that we would go and visit Nepal and minister to the people that were affected. After I came from the Nepal mission trip, my son in law, Alex Jeremiah Mihaila, approached me, recognizing that I have involved many people with the



missions throughout the years but that I never called him to get involved. I responded that if he was ready and if it was God’s Will, we would join a group of ministers from the New York area on a trip to Guyana, a South American country. Together, with my son in law, we joined as a team and had a great mission trip to Guyana in the month of October of this year.



As I was ministering to the Guyanese people, traveling from town to town, I felt the Holy Spirit very clearly moving me to go to the Himalayan country. I responded during the great revelation and divine guidance and I said, “Lord if you want me to go to Nepal again this year please have my son Louis join me this time.” Louis was not allowed to travel due to some restrictions, including not having a passport. The good news was that when I came home, Louis said that he was permitted to travel – and just needed to motion for an approval. I prayed like always, for the country in which we would minister to and for the right time for departure from Chicago toward the mission trip to Dubai, Sharjah, Qatar, Nepal, Bhutan, Philippines and Malaysia. The “right time” as it turned out, was to leave Chicago after Thanksgiving on November 30th. I began purchasing the necessary airfare tickets and visas, especially for Bhutan, a very costly trip and of which I needed a local travel agent to complete. I was very confident

that the Lord Almighty originated this mission trip. I sensed the Holy Spirit moving constantly to pray for the country and the specific places that I needed to reach and minister to people with prophetic messages to correct and encourage them in the walk with the Lord. Many of them declined from the path of Jesus’ righteousness and fell in the pit with no water (Zachariah 9:11-17) or dig broken cisterns that do not hold any water (Jeremiah 2:13).



Through the years of walking with the Lord and joining Him in the work that He is doing globally, I more clearly see His presence moving in the ministry and I discern His voice and guidance clearer. Praise be to His name that He teaches and guides us toward His purpose. It is very true that the eyes of the Lord are everywhere and He shows Himself strong to those that seek Him with all their heart (Chronicles). The way of the righteous is known to the Lord and His guidance is perfect with all the details that are so important for the Will of God to be fulfilled at the right time. The Lord has a great plan and the devil cannot stop it, the devil fights to diverse God's plan with His children.

During the preparation time, we could not take into account one very important aspect and detail of this mission trip, which was Louis's passport issue. The passport was scheduled to arrive before our departure from New Hampshire's main passport office however, due to the Thanksgiving holiday it was delayed. On Friday, two days before departure, I became a little worried and concerned about this delay because the system showed that Louis's passport was still in the process of shipping to us and I knew that we needed to do something to get the passport by Monday. While I did not know what to do about this issue specifically, I had confidence in the Lord because I knew it was important for Louis to be involved in this trip. In our community, every year, the Friday after Thanksgiving we have a special night of prayer where believers from many other cities come for a night of Thanksgiving and for a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit's presence. I was asked by the leading pastor to give a word and I also shared my concern about Louis's passport issue with the congregation, knowing that the Lord will give a word and a solution to the problem. During the prayer time the Lord revealed to one prophet that the mission came from the Lord and to be confident that he wants me to bring restoration to many people from different countries. At the end of the service a man approached me and gave me the solution to get the passport faster. This solution was to go to downtown Chicago's passport office and have them contact New Hampshire and get a new passport right on the spot. We went there Monday and the agent emailed the New Hampshire passport office about the situation. Unfortunately, no one responded before closing time. At that point, I needed to rush to the airport to catch the flight by myself. Louis canceled the flight that night and was left very discouraged.

My wife drove me to the airport, as per usual, and the words that she expressed to me were not of faith but of distraught feelings. I responded with the words from the book of Psalm. I said, "Praise be the name of the Lord and the enemy is definitely defeated." I had confidence in God because I knew He was the originator of this trip and to have my son Louis by my side. When I arrived in the Emirates airplane, a false prophet approached me as he came to the back of airplane to pray. He said, "Wait for me to finish my prayer and I will say something to you." I watched him as he was doing his ritual and also prayed myself to the living God that will give me the right words to say and for my strength to be firm on the faith of the Lord Jesus. He lifted up from his knee and said, "You are a bishop doing the mission of Jesus in different countries, but a lot of pastors and bishops give up on their faith and come to Islam because living by faith does not work, you need to use common sense and your mind in the issues of this life." I told him I personally know the Lord and have confidence in Him and on His Word. He is the only true living God that honors those that honor Him by faith, because without faith it's impossible to please God. I continued and said that those that he claims give up on the faith were not grounded or rooted in the true God, the living God, the creator of everything, and so the man left and did not argue with me anymore.



I praised the living God again, who gave me the confidence to not look at other people that try to distract from faith. I also tried not to even look at myself so that I would not feel depressed because of the situation, but to look at Him and always be impressed, filled with Holy Spirit's fresh presence.



I arrived in Dubai and lodged at the mission house, as I had many other times. During the night, at about 2 AM Emirates time, I heard a very powerful voice speaking in the room where I was by myself. "The issue with Louis' passport is resolved." I woke up right away even though I was very tired and exhausted and called Louis and he answered. "I got the passport and I am running home to get the luggage so I can catch the flight to arrive in Dubai tomorrow night." I was so happy to see that the Holy Spirit was accurate and that He spoke and reassured me that those who trust in Him with confidence, He will never let them down. On December 1st, I joined 35 teens from the Philippines that were working in Dubai, and this day we did a special fast at the mission center to encounter God's presence face to face and be energized in the spirit and refreshed. God's presence moved mightily during the worship service, teaching about restoring the true image of God and moving from one level of glory to another in the Holy Spirit. At night, together with pastor Ajmal Khan, from the Pakistan community church, who was so kind to donate to the Nepal victims, went to the airport and picked up Louis. I thanked the Lord for this great victory!



I write all this because details are very important when walking with the Lord, for someone that does not know the plan of God does not look at all the details as being important, but for me, I saw the hand of God orchestrating this mission trip. For this reason, all the details are very significant and of great value. The Lord intervening is seen throughout the history of the Bible in the crisis of His people. He always gave victory to His people that joined Him in the work of His mission because it is always about Him and His mission. We are workers together with Him and He blesses His work, confirms His words with signs, wonders, and miracles, to fulfill the needs of His people and give good gifts through the Holy Spirit. The next day, Thursday, December 2nd, together with Louis, we flew to Qatar to minister to a group of Romanian people that came to Qatar for work purposes. We had a great Thursday night teaching from the Word of God and powerful prayer.



The service concluded about midnight and the next day, Friday; we flew back to Dubai to minister to the Pakistan community church in Sharjah-UAE. About 450 people heard the message of God preached from the scripture text: 2 Samuel 9:1-13. "Enjoying the covenant's blessings" and interpreted in Urdu by brother Atif Khan. At night, the same day, we arrived at Kathmandu in Nepal and our contacts bishop Ram Paudel and his son waited for us and welcomed us back to Nepal. Saturday morning our team sister, Yangchen from Bhutan, and brother Prabu, from India, joined us. Both of them are very faithful to the Lord and also to Blessed Hope International Mission.



I am always grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ that through His Holy Spirit He has guided and connected us all over the world with Godly, faithful people and removed from our way insincere, unfaithful people. This Saturday, very early, our team together with the Nepali jail ministry went to minister to a church in a village near Kathmandu where most of the members lost their homes during the earthquake this year. We encouraged them to be strong in faith of the Living God and distributed clothes and also provided financial help. From there we came back to Kathmandu and ministered to the church founded by bishop Ram Paudel. The presence of God was so strong during the service and people were so blessed and refreshed. What a privilege we had to minister the Words of the Living God that brings life to the soul and offers healing to the body. We distributed a full box with clothes for the people and helped them with money. Most of them are living in critical conditions during this time of political unrest when India (the main supplier of goods) closed the border and everything got very expensive. People waited for days to get gas to cook or to heat their homes during





this cold season in the Himalaya region. In the afternoon we visited the church “Vision of Salvation” in Dhunedhara, Banasthali. It was completely demolished during the earthquake and 17 people died under the rubble, including the pastor and his son. Another son took the lead of the church and moved it into another location where they have a new building. Our team prayed for them and encouraged them as they are still recovering and grieving their loss. While 17 lost their lives, 7 of their members were seriously injured as well. We helped them with money to finish the school construction and donated to help the members.



Sunday morning, on December 5th, together with Nepali jail ministers, (Narinda, Joy, and others) we visited a jail near Kathmandu and ministered with the Word of God to about 250 inmates – we gave them blankets and hygienic supplies. Most of the guards and the director of the prison were present during the delivery of God’s message, which took place in the prison yard, and all the attention was given to the Glory of God. Monday, December 6th, we went on a city tour and visited the king’s palace, the place where the last royal family was killed and ended the monarch dynasty ruling in Nepal. We know that kings and queens are temporary but the King of Kings is Jesus Christ. He established a kingdom that rules forever, His kingdom is eternal and so are those that are under His ruling authority.



At noon, we booked a flight to continue our missionary journey to Bhutan and visit Christ’s family from a country that is hidden in the mist of Himalayan Mountain. But as



gold, rubies, pearls, and all kinds of precious values are hidden from the eyes of the simple people, so are the precious souls that are saved by the Lord Jesus and live in a restricted country dominated by the Buddhist religion. I am honoring the Lord for the families that we are connected to in this country and for the new connection that the Lord has brought in our path, ”Himalayan Faith Ministries” represented by pastor D.K. Rai (David). This man of faith has great courage and enthusiasm to



preach the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of Buddhist and Hindu people and wants to construct homes for churches. We helped him with some money toward construction projects and we had a desire to help his ministry if it was God’s will. I visited the family that our ministry helped. This man had a kidney failure and is in need of a transplant, still waiting for a donor. His situation is very critical; the household had a very depressed atmosphere due to the suffering and their impoverished situation. We prayed with them and a climate of God’s presence was established immediately, but the family needed to seek the face of God consistently, to keep the atmosphere of God’s presence that is so important in crisis situations, to sustain and be a shield of protection, provision, and peace.



The quality time we spend with other families in the word of God and delivery of prophetic messages shape the future and releases burdens and the plan and purpose of God flourishes. God always has a good plan and purpose for His people but people must accept, receive, revive and obey. A time synonymous with frivolity and cheer – family

ties are made stronger with visits and gift-giving. After we spent 3 quality days in the region of the Himalaya we departed, flying over Everest, and stopped in Bangkok for a few hours. Our intention was to stay for few days and minister to churches. When booking the mission itinerary, I was surprised that my wife expressed her desire to join us in the Philippines during this mission trip. Our mission director, Edgar Garza, who came to the Philippines for the first time with me, wanted to send his daughter, Amaranda Garza, to spend a month in Manila working with missionary Alina Voda. The perfect day for Amaranda to fly was December 9th, after her



final exam. Her departure was at noon heading to Manila, which also determined the day that my wife would fly to Manila and arrive on the 10th of December at midnight. This changed our schedule and we could not minister in Bangkok, Thailand anymore, but together with our team, Kesang and Yangchen flew to Manila and met my wife and Amaranda there.



of Dipolog, on December 10th, a group of Romanian missionaries arrived from Arizona, Missouri, Portland, and Detroit lead by Pastor Cornel Avram and Pavel Pop. On the 11th when our team arrived, we heard about the wonderful work and charity help the team provided for the pastors and churches in the Mindanao Islands. On the 11th at a night service, pastor Cornel Avram preached a great evangelistic sermon and many hearts surrendered and others rededicated their life



fully to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that pierced their heart. Among the people to come forward was also my son, Louis, which previously had the issue with his passport in the first place. Now, he surrendered his life to Jesus Christ, to receive his heavenly passport through being born again by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.



Saturday, December 12th, we organized and planned a baptism in the Pacific Ocean for the candidates. Friday night after Louis surrendered to the Lord, Louis came in our room and told my wife and I that he wanted to be baptized with the candidates from the Philippines. Amaranda also expressed her desire to be baptized in the water and we

greatly rejoiced for what the Lord was doing during this mission trip. It was as if everything was prepared ahead of time, like a puzzle, everything that happened was guided by the Holy Spirit and things fell in the right place at the right time.

This mission trip was such a learning experience to see everything directed and brought at the right time, from the scheduling of all the flights to the places to minister according to the invisible Hand of God, which moved and guided us with such accuracy in every detail to the fulfillment of the purpose of God. The Word of God became a living reality; the steps of the righteous are guided by the Lord and “..we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” *Ephesians 2:10.*

The children of God that have given themselves to God’s Holy Spirit and His word are living in the Spirit and walk according to the Spirit and are not fulfilled by the desires of the flesh. This is what we experience when we allow the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to transform and renew our mind. It is then that we understand what the Will of God is for us. All that is good, pleasant, acceptable and perfect for our life in every circumstance. Many times people do not perceive or see things the way they really are but the way they seem, so if we are transformed and go through metamorphosis by the Holy Spirit and grow in the Word of God, we see things the way God sees them, we receive the Mind of Christ. After the baptism, all the teams had a lunch together with the baptized new believers at a Dipolog restaurant.





In the afternoon, we went to a church dedication in the mountains which was constructed with the funds provided by a Romanian church from Missouri. Hundreds of people came to the event and we prayed, dedicating the place of Worship to the Glory of God and for the Salvation of people from sin. At night, we returned to the Simbran family home and had a great time with the family sharing, encouraging, and helping them monetarily with love offerings.



Sunday morning we departed from Dipolog toward Disakan and on the way, we stopped at a church by the ocean and worshipped with the people that came very early in the morning to be filled with the Glory of God's presence. Our team encouraged the people to be strong in the Lord and to not give up their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ – the author, the performer, and the finisher of our precious faith, to Him be all the glory. We donated money to help the people from this very poor church next to the ocean shore. When we arrived at the church in Disakan that our team built by the Grace of God, dedicating it last year in December, we held a great celebration of the one-year anniversary. Pastor Ray Rodriquez, together with missionaries Joseph and Jaclyn from Sacramento organized a great assembly and were waiting for us to arrive and preach the Word of God. Together we thanked the Lord who guided us years ago miraculously and gave this vision to build a church with an apartment on top (1st floor church and 2nd apartment for missionaries). What beautiful and quality time we spent together sharing and rejoicing for the goodness of God. Across the street from the church is a children's home and dispensary that need to be completed. Next to the church a home is located which the Lord had built through us for the Albiso family and was completed for them to use and be happy, thanking the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness to the people that are walking upright and are faithful in small things.



Our team lodged in the apartment above the church and used this place as a base to minister in the surrounding neighborhood to the very poor people living in the huts, their homes on the of ocean beach. Our team participated with funds to help the celebration of the one-year existence of this church in Disakan. Food and beverages were provided to everyone that attended this event. We blessed the Lord because we did not expect this great blessing of us meeting during this mission trip. The Lord surprised us with good things and gave us many reasons to be glad despite the difficulty that we encountered when we left Chicago. But with the difficult moments come life-changing lessons on humility and gratitude. We came to this mission trip with a great blessing from God to impart to people everywhere but there were a lot of odds to be beaten and still we encountered a lot of new obstacles but we knew the One who was at the center of this mission. He will clear every way so blessings will be shared and the purpose of God will be fulfilled completely, exceeding even our own expectations. Last year when I visited the Philippines in December we purchased another land to build a home for the Albiso family. This family gave birth to 15 children; however, I decided the last day and did not have time to complete the documents with the lawyer. Due to the fact that the lawyer was not there, the seller took advantage and raised the price on the square meter and sold only half of the parcel for the amount of money we agreed to buy the land. Now, the documents were done and land was already surveyed, so I agreed with the owner of the land to purchase it for the amount of 150,000 pesos. This land was bought to bless the children from the Albiso family.



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Our team met with the family to see if it was worth doing this and something came to the surface that stagnated the work in this church. As we sought the face of God and read the Word of God concerning the matter, the Holy Spirit manifested and brought

reconciliation to the situation. We were very grateful to the Lord trusting that He is in control of every situation and triggered at the right time the emotion that was necessary to clear the confusion that was created by bitterness that some leaders had in their mind and heart. We prayed for them and with tears in their eyes, reconciled and came to understand the real purpose of the church which was to bring people together in the unity of the spirit, peace, and harmony. We told them that without this principle, the Holy Spirit does not breathe life in the ministry and our effort is in vain without the efficiency and effectiveness that comes from the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I told them that



around the church building there are a lot of huts where there are hundreds of children that do not know how to discern right from wrong, living dominated by generational curses, and the church is there for the right purpose. The ministers had a great responsibility to respond to their need and reach them with love and care. Monday morning we ministered to the prison in Manukan and provided hygienic supplies to the inmates that attended the service. In the afternoon, we visited homes and prayed for the sick people, providing them with rice and financial love offerings, sharing the love of Jesus and encouraging them to attend the church.



Tuesday, December 15th, the team returned to Manila and contacted missionary Alina Voda to visit the medical clinic that she has been involved with, working with sick and poor people in Antipolo – a solid cement factory area. She had started a new building construction and we were able to visit this new facility under construction. It is amazing to see a girl that trusts and walks with God and that can do for the people for the Glory of God. On the way to Alina Voda's center we visited other churches that Dr. Adewya, a professor from Cleveland Theological Pentecostal Seminary, referred us to. This visit was for a future development. At night, we ministered to a church in Antipolo and prayed for the people to restore the relationship with the living God to receive fresh anointing for an effective life with fresh revelation, renewal of perspective in every situation, restore confidence in God during the crisis situations, and believe in an omnipresent Godly intervention that knows how to fulfill every promise. My wife returned home to Chicago on Thursday morning and we spent one more day in Manila meeting people and shaping the future of life with purpose and meaning according to God's Will and design. On Friday morning, our team headed toward the Manila airport where part of



the team returned home. My son Louis and I traveled to Malaysia to visit a family from Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan in the state of Sabah.



We arrived in Kota Kinabalu and our friend pastor Edwin Richard waited for us in the airport. Together, we flew to Sandakan and ministered to Victory Life Church where my daughter in law, Joyful, has 5 brothers residing and working there. We ministered to the church Friday night and the Lord gave us powerful words that compelled us to search our heart for faith on the right track.



On Saturday, we participated at the inauguration and dedication of one family's store to be of service to the community and honor God. Sunday morning, December 20th, we ministered to Victory Life church in Sandakan and after some quality time of fellowship with the family and church members we were dismissed and flew back to Manila where we

left and headed toward Dubai and back home to Chicago; counting all the blessings that the Lord had given to us on this mission trip and all the blessings of this year as well as throughout all the years joining Him in the blessed work of His mission in the world. As 2015 draws to a close, it is time once again for us to relax, reflect, and review the words that the Lord gave me years ago when he saved me:

“I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.” Psalm 2:7-8

These words cross my mind when I do not understand what God speaks of. Of course this verse refers to Jesus the Son of God but Jesus went up and the Holy Spirit came down on this earth to fulfill the mission of God that Jesus began in the nations and continues with us in obedience to the Holy Spirit if we have Jesus – and trust Him and let go – He will take you to places around the world because He wants to share His love and light around the world to the nations. We are called to reflect Jesus’ heart and this beautiful life to the world.

“Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah. Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.” Psalm 85:1-3

Hope: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalm 27:1, 13-14*

Joy: *Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Psalm 126:2-3*

Love: *I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. Psalm 89:1-2*

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. Psalm 89:15

Rev. Constantin Lupancu together with the Blessed Hope International Mission Team





















