

U.S. Territory Mission Trip and Blessed Hope Int. Mission overview 2016

After traveling to various countries, the Lord put the desire in my heart to visit the state of Texas, especially the Butanes Nepali, in the states mentioned above. This visit was at the invitation of Pastor John from the Nepali church. Pastor John requested that I attend the ministry school that he established to prepare and empower a new generation of ministers. The youths came to Texas prepared to stay a month in the word of God and seek empowerment by the Holy Spirit, and then take what they have learned back to their cities to minister. This vision was inspired by Acts 10:36. These people came with a desire to make a difference in their generation. During the few days that I attended the sessions, I was able to present to them the basis of spiritual counseling; that is having Christ and the Holy Spirit at the center of it. By the grace of God I was able to teach them how to approach people from a biblical prospective. Ministers from different places of the world came to teach and empower this new generation of ministers with different topics. At the end of the program we had a special service of prayer and seeking the Holy Spirit. God himself came and filled all of the hearts that were open to meet with him. I saw His presence manifested in the lives of these youths as they weeping and seeking His face. Prophetic words were released. On July 2nd, there was a graduation ceremony held, where many ministers and others participated and prayed for the youth so that God will protect and keep them under His winds and they would make a difference back in their churches and communities, keeping the good work that He started in their lives and continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and the favor of God. It was a great blessing for me and my, Louis, who also attended.

In the evening, I attended churches in Texas and met with Pastor Joseph Tofenel and other people that moved to Texas from Chicago. It was a great blessing to see them again. During this trip, I also traveled to San Antonio to minister with Pastor Alexandru Trombitas and his church. For about 14 years he pastored a church in Chicago, until he moved 5 years ago alongside with other church members. I was asked to preach at his new newly built church.

On July 3rd, I ministered at the Nepali Refugee church about freedom. That weekend, we celebrated 4th of July – a holiday in the United States, celebrating the liberation from British rule – so the message on this day was fitting. We celebrated the freedom of Liberty from the darkness and the devil's dominion. After the church service, a Hindu family that surrendered their life to Jesus called us to visit their home and sanctify it. We went with the local pastor and other church members. Together, we destroyed all the Hindu altars and proclaimed the domain of Jesus as the Light of the world. After this ceremony, we traveled to Huston to minister to the Romanian Pentecostal church that is located there. I was surprised to meet old friends and family that I grew up with that have since moved to Huston.

I attended the annual conference for the Bhutanese Nepali churches that was held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on July 15th through July 18th. The people that attended the conference were from the Bhutanese and Nepali churches located all over the territories of the United Sates. At the end of the conference, I was invited by pastor Ashock to speak at his church located in Springfield, Massachusetts. I ministered to the refugees that come in the last 7 years from Nepal refugee camps and settled with their family in this area of Massachusetts. There were a few families that just recently arrived from Nepal, and I remembered the wife of one of the families was very sick. This family also did not have any money. Together with pastor Ashock, we prayed and helped the family with some funds for medicine and other goods. We gave \$200 to one family, and \$100

to another one. I also distributed some Christian literature to the people I met, as I usually do, especially to those that I minister to. In most instances, I donate a booklet that offers inspirational and motivational insight: "Divine Revelation that brings a spiritual connection and motivation for mission."

Spending a few days in the area of Massachusetts among Bhutanese and Nepali people was very effective and enhanced my passion more for future missions to the Himalayan and Asian region. Much to my surprise, the church in Massachusetts paid the airfare to go and attend the biannual general assembly for The Church of God that was held on July 22nd – July 27th this year in the city of Nashville, Tennessee. I arrived in Nashville on the very day that the general assembly started. During my stay in Nashville, I meet Church of God ordained bishops from around the world. We had good fellowship and I was able to establish great relationships and connections with many of the bishops who attended. I was happy to be able to contribute some financial help to some of them, as they had to carry the burden of the expenses themselves, many of which came from overseas. For example, Alejandro from Uruguay came with his wife and four children. Meeting Alejandro from Uruguay was a divine guidance. I had in my heart to go on a mission trip to the region of Uruguay and Paraguay but a pastor that I met during my seminary classes was not able to schedule a time to go there. For me, this was just the right time and the right contact to pursue a plan a mission there. Pastor Alejandro set up a display of his vision to build a future Church of God headquarters in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay and was sitting with a set of blue prints behind a table waiting for someone to come that genuinely showed an interest to support him in this project. Soon enough, there I was, showing up to his table, with much enthusiasm to endeavor in his desire. We prayed for guidance, asking if it is God's will to have such a mission trip.

I met many other great people from around the world at this general assembly and developed friendships, exchanged contact information, and shared mission projects we are developing for extending the kingdom of God. To my surprise, my desire to reach the world through the mission for Jesus Christ was very well aligned with the vision "FINISH" that was presented by the newly elected general overseer, bishop Tim Hill. I had a wonderful time and feel privileged that I was given the opportunity to meet these great people of God. I was also able to share my ministry experiences and distribute the booklet "Devine Revelation" that causes a radical transformation and revival in our hearts for mission. Another important connection was made with the Church of God bishop from Kingston, Jamaica that invited me to a mission trip in Jamaica to help his church repair their old roof. Before I make any plans for a mission trip I always ask the Lord to guide my steps according to His purpose because according to Ephesian 2:10 "We are His masterpiece created for the good work that God has prepared for us to walk in." Fruitfulness is always rejoicing and God's desire for us is to go out of our comfortable zone and serve others as an act of worship and to honor Him that saved us from our own self ego and instead to have love from God to serve others.

Romanian Pentecostal churches 49th Conference in Chicago

Since the beginning of the Romanian migration to the United States and Canada, Romanians have organized churches in the land of freedom and opportunity. The churches from the foundations want to meet annually in an appointed city to have a conference for a time of fellowship and refreshing in the presence of God's Holy Spirit and unity. This year, the annual conference was scheduled and appointed in Chicago, Illinois, at the McCormick place.

Approximately 6,000 people from United States and Canada attended the conference. It was such a time of blessings and impartation. Among those that attended were two missionaries from the Republic of Moldova, Victor and Octavian, who are working in Egypt as full time missionaries. When I heard about their intention to participate in the conference, I gladly accepted for them to come and stay at our home. I was able to contribute financially toward the expense of traveling, to them and to other ministers from Romania and other cities throughout the United State and Canada that came to this conference. At the conference, I distributed free booklets called "Divine Revelations" and another book written by missionary and chaplain Robert Brown, "The Road to Lokichogio" (Bibles for the Sudanese Persecuted Church)

Blessed Hope International Mission Conference

Every year, after the Pentecostal church conference that takes place during Labor Day weekend, we set up a weekend for a mission conference at Golgotha church. This year, we had the conference on September 9th and September 10th. Among the ministers and missionaries that attended were some that I met at the Nashville general assembly. This was Dr. Fred Garmot, a professor at seminary, a founder of a great leadership Lab Life Principles, and a missionary that raised money and built a city of 7,000 homes in the country of Cambodia. Dr. Fred held a leadership lab in our Blessed Hope International Mission building and a group of people attended, among them was our board from Blessed Hope International Missions. On Sunday, the mission conference continued at Golgotha church in Oak Lawn. Other missionaries in attendance were from Ethiopia, Afghanistan, and Egypt, all of which contributed to the conference, giving their mission testimony and exhortation. I financially contributed to some of their expenses for travel and accommodation.

Visiting and Attending Church Of God Men and Women of Action Conference in Cleveland

Dr. Fred Garmond visited and ministered in Chicago during the mission conference at Blessed Hope International Mission. It was very beneficial for not only a leadership's insights and principle impartation but also in connection with other Church of God charitable organizations. He connected me with Men and Women of Action of which I happened to be available to attend their annual conference. I was introduced and connected to committed men and women of God that have a heart to be in action when natural disasters occur in the United States or around the globe. I was asked to give a summary and testimony of our involvement in ministry and charitable work at Blessed Hope International Mission. I donated \$200 for the Men and Women of Action organization toward their general fund.

Other connections that Dr. Fred made were with RIO church in Knoxville, pastor Ronnie Hepperly. This church organized a chaplain meeting and called ministers from Panama. I had the favor and privilege to meet them at the RIO facility in Knoxville. After I spent some quality time getting to know them, we went to a Romanian Church of God church in Knoxville and ministered that evening with pastor Ronnie.

Other important meeting that was held at our Blessed Hope International Mission location was with Pastor Marian Zamfir from the Carans, Sebes, and a Romania team from Blessed Hope International Mission. The emphasis of this meeting was on "the power of our words." Together, with Pastor Marian, we visited homes where sick people were living and we pray for them. I helped Marian financially with \$200 and paid for a round trip ticket from Chicago to New York

to be used for the purpose of ministry.

Ministry to Church of God Emanuel in New York City, Maryland Church, and Reading PH Church of God, Romanian Territory Leadership Conference

New York City has a large population of Romanians but not a large number that are saved or that attend church. With a passion and desire to see people saved and baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, together with Pastor Marian and brother Costel Barsan, we went to New York Romanian Church for evangelism. It was a special night of prayer for the Holy Spirit baptism. The Holy Spirit guided us in the season of the United States election. (I was able to vote early in Downers Grove on November 4th). On his first trip to America from Sri Lanka, Anthony Simon was attending a conference in New York City. I met this pastor years ago when I visited his church in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and to my surprise he arrived in the US to a conference. After the conference he did not have a place to stay or anyone to help him, but the Holy Spirit promised him before he left his country that He would provide as He did for Abraham. At the end of his conference I arrived and made him a part of our team and we stayed together at an apartment in New York. During the time that we ministered in New York, a Romanian and Jamaican church where God blessed us with His presence, I was moved also to pray strongly for the election on Monday, November 7 and I had a word from the Holy Spirit as it says in Psalm 33 verse 15, "He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works." In Job 34 verse 21 it says, "For His eyes are on the ways of man, And He sees all his steps." I was not surprised by the fact that Donald Trump was elected president because the Lord showed me in a morning vision in the month of May this year that he was running ahead of everyone else. In the month of September as I was sharing with other people about this vision nobody could believe that this would happen. I had again another conformation that he would be our next elected president and I trusted more that this was going to happen, even though this would shock the Washington elite. But, it was God who cleared the way and fashioned the hearts of people to do His will because God is sovereign and He is working in large ways and with a bigger perspective than we can know or think. As He says in Daniel 2:20-21 (NIV), "Daniel answered and said: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever, wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." As I was watching the results on November 8 in New York, I was moved to tears and thanks to the Holy Spirit with the people I watched with around 3 am on November 9, when the announcement was made that Donald Trump was elected. This was possible only through the prayer of God's people. We need to continue to pray for our nations and to ask God to use this man that He put in place to lead our nation, despite his human flaws. Fulfillment of prophetic words and vision make the heart glad and gives a reason to rejoice in the Lord who confirms through moving the hearts of people to fulfill His purpose. The words of incoming vice president Mike Pence, a man who has a personal relationship with God that said in his speech right after election that he was "grateful to God for His amazing grace" blessed so many hearts that are expecting this nation to come back from the brink of destruction to a personal relationship with God. Traveling to many nations around the globe I can say that we all should be very grateful to God because we live in this great and blessed nation. From New York our team went to the Church of God in Maryland where pastor Filip Ioan pastors and ministered one night during the prayer meeting in the city Hagerstown. The next day we went to Reading, PA where we attended the Church of God Romanian territory annual conference led by bishop Tony Lane. I was asked

to give a testimony about the mission trips that I have been involved with for many years. During the four days of the conference I met one of my friends and neighbor that I had not seen for 35 years. This was a great joy for him and I to see each other after such a long time and to share. As we press forward to the end of this year and into the next year we are so grateful for what God has empowered us and will continue to empower us to do for His kingdom.