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Mission Trip to Trinidad, Barbados, Dominica, and Puerto Rico

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In October 2015, I had the privilege to minister to the people of Guyana. Our missionary team pastor Patrick Philips, from New York (originally born in Jamaica), informed me about hurricane Erica that strongly hit the island of Dominica, causing a lot of damage. I was invited to join him to minister to the people that were affected. After prayer and talking with our mission members, I decided to join our Lord Jesus Christ in the blessed work He is doing to restore hope in the lives of people from this

island. In the process of preparing an itinerary and purchasing the airfare tickets, I was at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland Tennessee for my course of human development and a class of leadership. During the course of attending these classes, the Holy Spirit got my attention and inspired me to include the island of Trinidad in the itinerary and pastor Tony Lombard, a class mate from the seminary, came to my mind. I was thinking of how I could get hold of him to ask about his contacts in Trinidad because his wife is from that country. To my surprise, the fallowing day in the leadership class, I met pastor Tony and he gave me pastor Joel Ali's information. I immediately booked the flight assuming that the Lord had something special there. I believe I was guided and led to include this country in the trip to praise His name because he knows best and provides for us when we humble ourselves and submit to His will. As I prepared the itinerary to include the island of Trinidad, (Port of Spain city airport) on the way to Dominica I had to stop to the island of Barbados. We were given a connection with pastor Wesley Dear, provided by pastor Joel Ali who just met him before our arrival.

Mission to Trinidad

I left Chicago with my daughter Debbie, who decided in the last days to join us on this mission trip to the Caribbean Islands. On the way, we had a layover in Miami and brother John





Buia met us from Detroit to join us on this mission trip. We arrived safely at the Port of Spain airport and pastor Joel and his team from the church welcomed us and drove us to his home where he has a guest house and provided a room for everyone. We brought supplies for children, such as bibles and other goods to distribute to the poor. On Saturday morning, November 26th, we went to the city of Port of Spain and ministered to the sick people that

were at the government hospital. Together, with the team from the local church, we shared the love of God with the people that were laying down on their beds because of various sickness and diseases that affected their health and wellbeing. We also prayed that God will touch and heal their mind, spirit, body, and whatever place in their life needs a fresh touch of God's presence and healing intervention.

Fresh Insights About Healing and Spiritual Intervention

As I prepare to write this mission journal reflecting on the recent happenings of the church in Trinidad (pastor Joel told us about the South African deception), I am inspired to write about some insights. These are freshly imparted by the Holy Spirit; that of which I feel strongly about to write in this report. I learned through the years of doing ministry and praying for people that we must do our part, however, if the haven does not respond with an anointing or surge of God's rays for healing nothing, there is we can do in this regard because healing is a supernatural intervention of God's presence. There are general promises in the bible for people to believe and proclaim: "By Jesus' stripes we are healed," but there are particular applications for certain people that God responds and heaven manifests its favor. The ministers should have discernment when God is doing something specific and must see in the spirit and say what is shown by the Lord. This of course is only if the Lord releases certain



knowledge or the minister hears "thus says the Lord." There must be a clear discernment from the Holy Spirit because when a message is not fulfilled and confirmed, people can get discouraged and confused; but God is not the author of confusion. A minister must speak to people only when God speaks to them, and it should not be from their own initiative. I never forget the moments of spiritual intervention when I was literally pulled by the Holy Spirit, anointing to pray for a certain situation or



person with the clear words of knowledge boldly approaching the throne of grace, experiencing the heaven open and seeing the result of prayer and God's intervention. This kind of knowledge and clear words from God has increasingly became a lost art in today's modern church, but not for those ministers who live in the Spirit and desperately desire to experience the power of an answered prayer to critical life situations.



The Bible mentions God's favor and spiritual intervention with stories such as the many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha, where only Naaman Syrian (army commander) was healed and many widows during the Elijah famine who needed help but only the widow from Sarepta benefited from spiritual intervention. Only people that know God and live with Him in a serious matter are led to a rich oasis of divine intervention, benefiting from moments of transformation, and receiving eyes to see and ears to hear God's voice for deliverance and healing. Jesus did not do

anything on His own but only did what He saw the Father doing. We should follow in the same way and minister to others with healing, deliverance, and prophecy, only if we are certain that God is telling us to say something through a revealed word from above for the people or situations of which we are sure God's voice is controlling. When I read the book of Acts and I saw that every chapter is impregnated with the spirit of growth and development of the primary church and the evidence of signs and wonders of God confirmed through healing, deliverance, and victory over the evil forces of darkness, I was very encouraged to subscribe to God's revealed word and seek an experience the mission field of ministry. This is the knowledge and revelation that was imprinted in my mind very strongly as I ministered to people throughout this mission trip. I was very reluctant to say anything in regard to divine revelation unless I truly felt it was God's doing because I need to have my eyes and ears open to see and hear what the Spirit of God is doing and saying in the world: such as a genuine salvation of people from their sin, deliverance and healing people, directing and guiding people in the truth, getting them out from errs and confusion misled by others that left the straightway of Jesus. It is my sincere desire to see people delivered from the bondages and traps of the enemy and to see them expand their understanding in this area of the supernatural, raising at a new level of faith and breakthrough.



I have seen that many of the problems in today's world are spiritual and require a spiritual solution. Many people in our world today have difficult lifestyles and have crooked patterns to break in order to choose a new direction of freedom, wellness, and healing. Some family's today are at the end of their ropes because only people that minister under God's authority and anointing can set their loved ones on different path and direction, despite the fact that they are seeing self-destructive behavior, there are many broken, un-kept promises, and pointless excuses. In order for ministers to be efficient and effective, they must feel compassion, the hearts must be broken, crying out to God on behalf of others. For this condition to be met, ministers first need to experience and to see deliverance for themselves, to increase their prayer vocabulary that will give them the ability to pray effectively for others and receive a greater authority over the invisible forces of darkness and see many people healed, delivered by the released power of God through faith. We know that we have tremendous authority when we spend time in prayer and stage an intervention to see breakthrough; for yolk to be broken, captives to set free, eyes to be open and blinders to be cleared, praying and interceding strategically to address the very core and root of the problem and watching, seeing, hearing the words and power from God change the worst (dismal) of

circumstances. So even when we do not hear God's voice or see the Spirit concerning in some situations, we should not sit still, watching the situation, hopelessly doing nothing, seeing the enemy dominate the situation. We need to bombard heaven, seek the Lord until we see a breakthrough and see the heaven respond and bring results. Ministers do not have all the answers but they depend on the Lord and always seek Him persistently and His wisdom delightful in Him.

Continue Learning and Improving Minister's Spiritual Life

Ministers and spiritual workers must continue growing in spiritual knowledge, gaining new insight and developing prayer language, voicing and verbalizing all the spiritual conditions of people to whom we minister and this happens by doing and practicing. Through participation in mission trips, my understanding in this area has reached a new level for the glory of God and has benefitted the people that I minister. When we understand that mission and ministry is a God commission and when we desire to see great spiritual resources and to help outside ourselves, our abilities come through the Holy Spirit. We have God's presence with us guiding, protecting, providing for us, inspiring and showing what things we should pray for as we read in Romans 8:26, 27.



There are many clogs and impurities in our human vessels of flesh but the Holy Spirit that is inside of us and over us continues to consume the sin that is in our life that if left dormant and unattended can create confusion, and displeases God when we are not tuned to His frequency to hear His real voice. As Jesus said, "my sheep hear my voice." To minister efficiently, we need to continually examine and ask God to search their hearts and bring to His light any hidden sins or iniquity so that the Holy Spirit cleans our hearts for Him to be endowed with the same anointed and Holy Spirit power that God the Father of heaven filled His son Jesus to do good and heal all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him as we read in book of Acts 10:38. We are called to continue the work that Jesus began and was done through the hands and ministry of the apostle after they received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts cap.2). The same power that enabled Jesus and His disciples is available to us to command sickness and disease, to live in the name of Jesus. However, we need to see and hear if the heaven responds and confirms His words. I have seen that there are situations where people sin willingly and open the doors to the enemy to be afflicted and God did not respond with healing until a certain time because His purpose is to make the disobedient and rebellious son or daughter partakers of His holiness, divine nature as the author of Hebrew in cap 12: 4. The book of Ecclesiastes in chapter 3 :1-8 says "there is a season for everything and I believe there is a time for sickness and a time for healing." Psalm 107: v 17 20 says that the foolish people through their foolish ways of living become very distressful and their life comes near to death but in their distress and critical conditions created by their own disobedience, they turned to God and repented and He healed them, sending His words and they experience moments of spiritual refreshments, healing and transformation.

Turning to God and serving Him only closes the entryways of the enemies and cancels his legal access to our life to inflict with sickness and diseases and the Lord will bless our bread and water and depart sickness from our home as we read in the book of Exodus 23:25. The Lord

promised in the book of Malachi cap 4:2 "to those that fear the LORD and honor His name will raise the Son of rightness and healing is under His wings." God promised us strength to endure and resist temptations to return to old lifestyles, sinful habits, vices, and to overcome tests, trials, and live in victory and liberty serving Christ with gladness and excitement. Only through a serious commitment and determination to be filled with the Holy Spirit will help us resist and overcome temptations and negative thoughts and evil influences of the former life. The Holy Spirit residing inside of us helps cast down every stronghold and to make every thought and imagination captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5) that dwells inside of us through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit that also fights for us and protects us from any falling, as the book of Jude 24 reads. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made strong in the time of weakness, sitting above every other dominion, power, or thought that can rub ministers of the peace of God. Another condition that we need to meet in addition to being filled with the Holy Spirit is to submit to God, and in doing so, we can resist the devil as is stated by apostle (James 4:7), "and God gives us power to drive away any adversity and live in freedom that is ours purchased by Jesus and made us free indeed." But freedom must be protected and counteracted because the old behaviors and vices try to come back to dominate, rule, and ruin our life so we need to resist and counteract like David counteracted and attacked Goliath. He responded, "You come with sword but I come against you with the weapons of the Lord," and the Lord gave him victory. If we continue to surrender to the Holy Spirit and the word of God, we will receive strength to say no to temptation in the critical moments in which we need it.

The Holy Spirit will help and motivate us to live a consecrate life, resting in the Spirit, moving forward to a great purpose and destiny, building the spiritual life as we are guided by the Spirit and not giving any provision for the flesh to awaken its desires. As Apostle mentions in Romans 12 :1, 2, servants of God should present our bodies (that belong to God because we were purchased from the domination of the enemies with a price) as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. We should not conform anymore to the standard and mentality of this world but we should be transformed by the renewing of our mind, that we may prove what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. Be careful to not live in the past but place the past behind, always moving forward for the goal set before us, remembering that we are new creatures in Christ, moving to perfection in Christ, living behind all condemnation from the old lifestyle. When our accuser, the devil tries to bring any condemnation from the past, we should confront him with the verse written in the book of Romans chapter 8:1, which says that those with no more condemnation are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but a life lined up to the Spirit of God. A new preoccupation with the things that have eternal value, spring up in the life that is imparted with anointing, a new affection, and new tenacious desires to please God at any cost and do not allow anything to break the sweet relationship and fellowship that more precious than anything else in the world.



Understanding Our Enemies and Adversary

Ministers should know that our great enemy, the devil, was defeated at Calvary by Jesus Christ, and that people have a choice in who to follow. The Gospel of John in 10:10, Jesus said that, "the devil is in the world to steal, kill and destroy but the Son of God comes to bring abundant life. We see the choice in this single verse. Part of the verse shows bondage and destruction and the other part of the same verse promises an abundant life. Because we are born in sin and we are a fallen human nature, it is easier to follow the fallen nature influenced by the devil and his angelic invisible forces, than to take the cross every day and follow Jesus, to live in freedom and abundant life. The other reality is that Satan won't let people go easily from his dominion and ruling. So if we desire to walk in the freedom of Jesus and want to see people delivered with lasting liberty, we need to study to understand our adversary because he will use anything to destroy the body of Christ. We need to know that even Satan has power to influence, possess, determine and control the mind of people and God has given the Spirit greater power to overcome and defeat Satan's power. We need to know the promises from the bible that says in 1 John 4:4 that "greater is the Holy Spirit that is inside of us than the devil who is in the world." Also, in Luke 10:19 Jesus promised to believers, "Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." The intent and purpose of Satan and his angelic forces is to rule and dominate everything in this world. In this way, the teaching of the bible exhorts that believers should not love the things of this world because the world and everything in this world is temporary. The children of God born out of God's word and Spirit are eternal and so we should love the things that have eternal value. Everything that we love more has a tendency to mold and shape us and our mind. If we love the world and the things of the world, we will conform to those objects but if we chose to love God and His word, worshiping Him we will be shaped and conformed to His image.

The Power of Prayer with Biblical Words

The word of God is assuring us in Isaiah 54:17, "that no weapons formed against us will succeed," which encourages us to stay on the gap for those that we pray and believe that that their circumstances will change. Through prayer, using the language of the bible, the words of God release the power and authority of God, to free the oppressed victim from the demonic spirits that influence and dominate his/her soul and body. This is done through prayer proclaiming the word of God, expelling, denouncing, eliminating demonic forces and all hindrances for the purpose of spiritual development and brings the person into conformity with Jesus Christ, the image of God that once man had but lost through disobedience. The Holy Spirit makes the word of God alive and active to purify us from all unclean thoughts and all filthiness of the flesh to become a holy vessel ready for good purpose and work.



People that are ready for purity and holiness are those that acknowledge that they have issues and are willing to accept prayer to be helped. Through prayer, for those that are struggling, we extend and manifest compassion and ask God to release His power to destroy the root that cause the problem, and then they receive the will and desire to reach for God in the any given situation and to know that there are available spiritual resources and power to overcome in the name of Jesus.



We pray for revelation and in that moment, it opens the door to sickness and disease and by the authority that we have in Christ by proclamation, we pray every door that has access to the situation. In the name of Jesus, prayer warriors can come against any pride, shame, every spirit of fear, binding all kinds of regret, refusal to forget for past failures, and in the name of Jesus can bond the strong man and the dominating power of whatever ruling desire could be and dismantles to nothing. In every issue of behavior, there is a root issue and a dominate spirit that tries to keep control of the situation. Usually people that have destructive behavior or compulsive issues do not realize or see that they have a problem. People that pray for those in need must show compassion and a lot of patience and proclaim authority to bind the spirit that creates confusion. For those that are unable to think clearly, authority must be exercised to break the spirit of retaliation directed toward the person that wants to help, and must come against the fear of loss, defeat, breaking the mental and emotional ties, and bind every spirit that tries to replace human affection with other things. We need to pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the mind and break all the patterns of wrong thinking, wrong perception, double mindedness, schizophrenia, and rebuke any kind of deception, lethargy, laziness, repressed anger, bitterness, tormenting and harassing spirits, and the spirit of self-will and stubbornness, in the name of Jesus.

All of the problems created by the different behaviors can be broken by the power of the Holy Spirit and the proclaimed word of God and victims can experience lasting change. We need to pray against the spirit that tries to distort the victim thinking, and gives a false evaluation and we need to appropriate and apply the precious blood of Jesus over every oppressive thought that dominates their thinking. We pray that the Lord will release His love and give them a determination to fight for their health and life breaking, uncontrollable disappointments and a sense of feeling hopelessness and instead for them to have a new commitment to healthy boundaries with strength, reversing years of destruction and damage, empowering the victim to change generational cycles of unhealthy lifestyles. People are obsessed with something in the mind that are bound deep in the soul. It is experience that proves that the power of prayer, especially when it is done in agreement of two or more people, can break any will of a man as the word of God says, "the heart of the king is in God's hands but the Holy Spirit can touch the mind and heart and give a desire to change and put God's desires and will and speak the blood of Jesus to the mind and to the brain cells and bind the deceit of the enemies." We thank the Lord for releasing the breakthrough. We must pray to the Holy Spirit to purge and clean



from anything unclean. With the blood of Jesus, Satan should not have any power to dominate me.

Ministering in Trinidad Through Radio and Visiting Local Churches

From the hospital, our team, consisting of locals, were invited to go on the hill outside of Port of Spain and pray for the city. The country is pleading for God to send His Spirit to convict people of their sinful conditions, to repent and see the way of life through the rightness of Jesus Christ. We all prayed in agreement that God will deliver and awaken people and bring revival throughout the city and the island. I believe there is power in prayer agreement because God said that one person praying puts to flight one thousand evil spirits but two people in agreement of prayer outs to flight ten thousand of evil spirits. All over, people are bounded by evil and could not see the presence of God to come to a relationship with the Holy Spirit. Coming from the prayer to the city, we passed by the Issac Christian station, who invited us to come and present our testimony for a life transmission throughout Trinidad and the Tobago Islands. My daughter, Debbie, was given the opportunity to sing a few Christian songs. This opportunity was more than what we expected or anticipated, but this is the beauty of walking with God on your side; he always does exceedingly more than we think or ask about. Life in relation with Jesus Christ is very exciting and you will never get bored. From the radio station we went to a grocery store and purchased goods for 15 families in a very poor area where we were planning to hold an evangelistic meeting. Our team joined pastor Joel Ali and his team and ministered to a group of people that came Saturday night to hear the word of God. We prayed for them and gave bags of groceries and some clothes that we brought from the USA. A lady with two children that we met and visited her were living in miserable conditions since her husband left her years ago and she did not have any support. Pastor Joel told us that her grandfather that was a pastor after God's heart and helped a lot of people through the ministry, but since he is with the Lord in eternity, this girl made a wrong decision and now she is suffering the consequences.



The next day, on Sunday, our team visited families in the neighborhood of the Global Revival Ministry Church and distributed clothes and other goods, prayed for people and invited them to the church service. After, we attended the local church service. Pastor Joel asked me to minister to the church people with the truth from the bible that purifies the hearts of people that were intoxicated with errs and a lot of confusion. Pastor Joel expressed an unhappy experience and unbiblical teaching that was spread by a South African so-called apostle. This man went astray, as he required that people bow down before him, a practice that is not allowed in relation to angels nor to human beings. What was seen here was a human craving attention and pride, a surely unbiblical practice.

I was led to present the conditions of our human heart. In that presentation, I explained that we are responsible to choose to be a temple and a house of God or in the alternative, to allow

ourselves to become a worship place for Satan. Preaching and teaching from a biblical perspective, the heart without God and the transformation and light of the Holy Spirit is empty. The challenges that people have brought them to their knees to examine their own heart, surrender, repent and recommit their life to Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "blessed are those that have a clean heart because they will see God." In this moment, God was instilling a desire for a clean heart, a thirst for pure love, and a passion for prayer to be filled by the Holy Spirit. This means a purified heart cleaned by the blood of Jesus sees the manifestation of God's Holy Spirit presence, the signs of God's presence and hears the voice of God in a leading and guiding direction. Our team prayed for people and my daughter Debbie worshipped God with songs. At the end of the church service, the pastor asked the lady that had the home in the bad condition that we visited on Saturday night, to come in the front of the church because it was her birthday. I was moved to help her with 2,000 USA dollars for the construction of her new home and handed it to the pastor in the presence of all of the congregation. This offering toward the construction of a new house was a reason for the women to rejoice and be very grateful to the Lord that takes care of those that are in need. We thank the Lord for this great privilege. We greeted the people and as they were rejoicing and then we left and drove to the airport to catch a flight to another island, Barbados.



Barbados

Barbados is an island that I learned about from a student that I met at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee. When our travel agent sent me the proposed itinerary and I saw that we needed to make a stop at this island, I said it is from God because I knew someone from there and he could connect us with churches to minister at. To my dismay, when I called him to follow up on my request, he never responded, despite having reached him by text message and receiving an initial response that he will make some calls on the island and will send me contact information. But we trusted in the Lord almighty, knowing that we are in His service and He connects the right people for the right purpose to form a Godly network in the Spirit. Just before we arrived to Trinidad, pastor Joel meet pastor Wesley Dear

from Bridgetown. He was the right man with the same vision and purpose for God's kingdom and I praised the Lord for His choices because "God's thoughts and ways are different than ours, His plans and choices are always better and higher than ours." Our team arrived to Barbados during the time when the country was celebrating 50 years of independence from the British and all of the people were full of awe and joy as





they held hands together throughout the island, demonstrating a spirit of solidarity and unity. I said that real freedom and unity that we humans have is only in the unity of the Holy Spirit, accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. Pastor Wesley gave us a tour throughout the island as people were holding hands and celebrating. We continued our journey to the island of Dominica.

Dominica

This island was very affected by Hurricane Erica and had a mud slide on the mountain area where lot of homes from a few villages were destroyed and people were relocated in a safe area. After this devastating hurricane, pastor Arthur from Church of God in Dominica, contacted bishop Patrick Philips from New York with a proposal to visit the island for the work of ministry and construction. We joined on this effort. As we arrived to the island, Douglas Charles' team from New York composed of bishop Patrick and Marylyn Philips, Yvonne Slowley, and

Vinola Souden. They welcomed our team and had a plan for ministry and construction to accomplish as much as we can in our short time on the island.



Pastor Arthur assigned us to a project to build a house to a very poor family and we started with our contribution of labor, paid materials for concrete foundation, and labor workers to rush the construction because it was a rainy season and every day it rained a few hours. Every night our team held evangelistic

meetings in a local church of God. Soon after, we found out that this island does not have much interest in godliness and the people are very cold and insensitive to the Gospel of Jesus. We started a fervent prayer for the people, praying that the Lord will send His Spirit to cause awakening and revival. We arrived Monday afternoon and on Thursday, a part of the team went and purchased groceries and visited the home for the elderly. We prayed for them and gave them groceries and other goods. My daughter Debbie read the bible to them and encouraged them to seek the Lord, the source of strength and hope. On Wednesday, we visited the prison at the capital of the island where there were 240 inmates incarcerated. I purchased hygienic supplies for everyone and we presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ and an altar call was made for those that freely wanted to



surrender their life to Jesus Christ. To God be all the glory and honor because 24 inmates surrendered their life to Jesus and we prayed for them as they repented and committed their life to God with determination. I gave them a few bibles and other Christian materials but we did not have enough for everyone. My daughter Debbie ministered with songs.

On Thursday and Friday, we visited the devastated area and villages that were abandoned because people were forced to be relocated in more safe areas, living in homes constructed by charitable organizations. Despite the fact that most of the people left the villages, while we drove through these villages, we still met a few people that did not want to move from their homes and we prayed for them and gave them donations in the form of clothes and money. On the way back to our base, we visited the sites where people from the affected area were relocated and gave them donations of money and clothes as well, and prayed for them and encouraged them by the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

By Saturday, the foundation and slab was poured for the house that was assigned for us to do and I paid for yards of concrete material. On the way back to Chicago, we had a layover in Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico is a country that is in the Caribbean archipelago but is under USA administration and has almost the same lifestyle as Americans. We had the privilege during our short stop to visit the old and new city of San Juan. Since it was Saturday, I could not make any arrangements for ministry, however, we were able to visit the city and enjoy a time of rest and reflection to the goodness and privileges that the Lord gave to us during this mission trip. God favors those that are walking humbly with Him to benefit from everything that is good. Nothing that is good will be hidden from them because God lives in high places and in holiness and He is always with them that are humble and fear Him.









