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“Whatever He Says, Do It!”

“Christ’s followers press against the world’s mindset”

“Why does it seem that the whole of Rome is rushing in the opposite direction?” I wondered. Perhaps they were headed for the city center, following the aroma wafting on the night breeze of fried “festival cookies” dusted with powdered sugar and baked for *Carnivale* (Mardi Gras) only at this time of year. Maybe they were charging to order gelato at the corner store, where scoops of your chosen flavors are mounded into cones and served up with fresh whipped cream and a block of chocolate on top. Seven of us on the Rome B4P Team often needed to step off the sidewalk into the street

to dodge the pedestrians coming at us shoulder to shoulder with the force of an army. Fr. Seleverio, B4P member (4 foot something in height, but a giant in God) held tightly to my hand and forged through the mob exclaiming, “Permisso! Permisso!” Like Moses and the Red Sea, the crowd parted before him. Ed called, “Slow down!” I responded, “I’ll see what I can do!” After all, it was not in Fr. Seleverio’s godly character to ease up. He typically ploughed through the circumstances.

His fortitude was admirable. He arrived from Africa to Rome hardly six

months ago, but was conquering language, transport systems, finances, and studies well ahead of the timetable of the usual adjustment period. He was very open about how he overcame challenges. He introduced himself as, “Fr. Seleverio, the one filled with the Holy Spirit!”

Daily, we meet new people on mission in Rome and often I heard him repeat his self-introduction, “...filled with the Holy Spirit!” The very solution to challenges given to us by Jesus Himself.

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Nina, Annette, Fr. Seleverio... Knocking on new doors



Ed and Nina minister in the name of our Bridge for Peace, Jesus

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Jesus counseled His followers, "If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. I will talk to the Father, and He'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. ...you know Him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!" (John 14:15)

Down through the generations, when we receive the Holy Spirit, our understanding is opened and power is given.

As the Rome Team entered the prison here in Rome where Paul was incarcerated, we shook our heads at the unimaginable horror. We descended the spiral staircase, moving slowly into the damp, dark pit underground. Above us, a hole was carved through the rock, the hole through which Paul would have been lowered into the filthy water that filled the subterranean prison below. How did Paul stand it? How did he choose to keep proclaiming the gospel though he had multiple experiences of prison and knew persecution was probable if he continued to preach and teach?

The answer lies in Acts 9:17. Paul

had been blinded. Ananias heard Christ's instructions to go to Paul. At first Ananias objected, because Paul was at that time a great enemy of Christ's followers. But then Ananias became determined to respond, perhaps whispering to himself, "Whatever He says, do it!"

Ananias, "placing his hands" on Paul said, "The Lord Jesus...has sent me...so that you may be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Paul's eyes.

By the Holy Spirit, Paul continued to live by the words, "Whatever He says, do it!"

When in Rome, I am deeply moved by the lives of Paul and Peter, both martyred in this city. This year, Nina from the US and Jeanne from Australia responded to the call to pray for and with priests, students, teachers and leaders in Rome. We join for these weeks with those who carry the banner of Bridge for Peace in Rome throughout the year.

The B4P Prayer Walk in Rome continues since 1998 when B4P heard God speak. B4P has taken to heart the scripture, "Whatever He says, do it!" We are mid-mission now and lives have been changed.

Several suffering physical pain for months have been healed. "I am so grateful to be pain free! Really, God is good." Some suffering depression report a new sense of lightness, one says "as a butterfly." Others testify to spiritual renewal. "It was as though my prayers were just mechanical, but now I feel new fire." Others say, "I thought God had forgotten me. But I see you coming here to pray and I know He sent you to me!" Others testify, "B4P prayed for my sister and she is now okay." "B4P prayed for my cousin to get employment and he is now working!" "B4P prayed, I had no means to keep going, and now God has opened the way for me." One Asian priest is awaiting a biopsy report. Please join us in prayer for him.

Christ's followers press against the world's mindset. Like Fr. Seleverio on the Rome streets teeming with people, we are anointed to be bulldozers, pressing through the onslaught of obstacles. Your prayers for B4P, your giving to B4P, and your going with B4P make a difference. In the Name of Jesus, I pray that whatever He says to you, you will do it!

—Annette



Louise, Tim, and Sally

*"The Father is looking for worshipers who are simply and honestly themselves before Him" Jn 4:23*

Holy Spirit Encounter Team in India

January 2020: Text reports popped up almost daily from the Australian B4P team traversing southern India. Sally and Tim Worner made first contact, veteran Louise Goderie followed. India is #10 on the list of 20 countries with the highest rates of Christian persecution. The team ministered the love, peace, and power of Jesus Christ—our Bridge for Peace—in a diverse array of villages. One of the venues was to be in a church which had recently burned down in an act of violent persecution. Read on for some of the reports.

"Great night of ministry. Saw legs lengthening, backs and necks healed, pain disappearing..."

"Thanks, amazing prayer warriors, for standing with (us) during this mission. There is such a spiritual battle over this nation. We know your prayers and love are sustaining us, keeping us safe, giving us strength physically and spiritually. We couldn't do it without you. One team. Love you."

"Many healings today plus people receiving the power of the Holy Spirit and praying in tongues."

"Ministered tonight at a small community gathering. Continually humbled how God is bringing us to these small, out of the way communities of

faithful believers. Can see the impact the message is having on people... an endless stream of healings. Girl with neck pain for 8 years totally set free. Another girl with severe leg and arm pain left pain free tonight.

"Continue to see many physical healings. Pastor B healed of whooping cough. One of the local brothers had a bite on his face that wasn't improving. Prayed for him last night and today it is closed up! One of the teachers tonight had pain in his knees, pain now gone. Praise God."

"Led people into receiving the Holy Spirit. Many delivered by His power and started praying in tongues. One young boy came wearing glasses. After prayer his eyes were healed and he no longer needed glasses! Rough traveling to the next village with a small group of believers among the local Hindu population. Instantaneous healings. Another young man's eyes healed. He had 'shaky' eyes which became calm and he was able to focus after receiving prayer. Back pain, leg pain...another lady whose body was racked in pain all set free. Thank You, Jesus."

"The day expanded into 7 meetings (churches, community groups, prayer groups, house meetings, inside and

outside meetings, in the city and in villages). Prayed for hundreds of people, saw many instantaneous healings, salvations, and saw the Holy Spirit move powerfully."

"The potential ministry place had been burnt down recently and many of the believers had left the area. This is a continued reminder of the dangers believers face here."

"Louise gave her testimony on forgiveness. Sally had everyone ask the Holy Spirit to reveal who they needed to forgive. Many physical healings followed. Forgiveness is key."

"One lady testified that all arthritic pain had gone from her arms, she felt freer in her legs to walk more easily, plus her sight was better."

"During a house call we prayed for a very sick lady. She lifted her arms pain free and was filled with joy. In an outlying village a woman's lump disappeared. A man struggled to walk and was in pain for 18 months since breaking his leg. He'd lost his job and the leg was not healing properly. The leg was totally healed and he began to run! This same man was deaf in one ear, and he also received his hearing back. Praise Jesus. At the same event a girl with a swollen liver received healing."

—Kevin



To Rome or to Roam?

"Lord, do You want me on the Bridge for Peace Prayer Walk in Rome Team this year?" Susan asked. Many of us question God about where and when. Susan is a woman of prayer and the leader of B4P Nassau in New York. She served on the Rome Mission a few years back. Her gifts of active listening, hospitality, and prayer fit the need perfectly. She grew in the Lord while on mission and brought Christ's peace to others. But, she would only go if God directed her. While waiting for God's answer, she found herself praying the phrase "To Rome or to roam?"

After some weeks, the Lord made it clear. She would serve on the B4P inside mission team. Every B4P mission has two teams—the inside home team and the away team. The inside team prays together and sends prayer reports to guide missionaries in the field.

Soon after her decision, Nina (Rome missionary 2020) asked Susan to be her personal intercessor. Susan accepted. The Holy Spirit was asking Susan to deepen her commitment to the Rome Team. Still, the phrase "to Rome or to roam" continued to show up in Susan's prayer.

As Susan meditated on the meaning of "to roam" she thought of a woman who suffered with debilitating arthritic knee pain. She thought perhaps she should make a prayer visit. As Christ sent His disciples out two by two, Susan phoned Larry. They had studied Foundation for Healing and attended the B4P post-graduate practical. Susan suggested they team up for a house call and Larry replied, "Let's go! When should I pick you up?"

Arriving at the woman's home, they found her in extreme pain.

They commanded the pain to go, with faith in the Name of Jesus. The lady testified with joy! All of her pain left.

Susan says, "B4P Mission is 24/7. Even when we are standing on line in the supermarket. We are always representing the Lord. If I feel impatient on line, I ask myself *am I representing the Lord well?* And I decide to change my attitude."

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21) Christ encourages us to think with a mission mentality. Bringing healing to the nations is a lifestyle, whether we are called to Rome or to roam.

—Annette



March

- 1 Rome Mission Report 3p.m.
St Francis Cabrini, Coram
- 7-15 Mission Guyana
- 22 St. Sylvesters Religious Ed.
Int'l Luncheon, Medford

Lord is it I? Live Drama presented:

- 28 TBA
- 29 St Francis Cabrini, Coram 3pm

April

- 7 Samantha's Li'l Bit of Heaven 7pm

May

- 4 B4P Annual Yard Sale 8a.m.-4p.m.
On the Great Lawn, Wading River

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Event Details

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TV Times

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Sunday 3 a.m. Channel 20
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