



## May eNewsletter

*I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give.*

*—Jesus, your Bridge for Peace*

*John 14:27*

### 1-4 Faith Leads B4P Medical Practitioners

Ready to go wherever God calls

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*"Every morning, I have the strength to go on"*

"My soul is rejoicing when I go into the health facility. And the energy permeates every cell in my body. I come home and I am completely wasted and cannot do a thing—twelve hour days, seventeen days in a row. But when I go in the door of the facility, it is like a blanket from heaven comes over me. Every morning, I have the strength to go on. That is not from my body, but comes from the power of God."

Carol was going to say "no" when she was asked to work with Covid patients, but then felt a strong leading of the Lord and said, "Yes." Over twenty years ago, Carol met

with us monthly to pray for God's plan for B4P to be established. She

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also volunteered to help with other B4P needs before she moved to Florida. The faith that resonated through Carol's words reminded me of a conversation I had with Audrey, B4P missionary and RN in a NYC school. We spoke in March after the lockdown began. Inspired by these conversations, I asked other nurses and doctors in B4P ministry to share their compelling faith stories of how

their relationship with Christ has impacted their experience during the pandemic. In the midst of their busy-ness, they generously wrote their testimonies which follow, but first let me tell you about Audrey.

Audrey guards the health of children of NY emergency workers during the pandemic. She spoke with conviction, "This is what God called me to. This is what He prepared me for." Her noble attitude, the apparent grace in her words, deeply moved me. I sensed the real Presence of the Holy Spirit in Audrey's determi-

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Audrey and Bryan Carrott



Fernanda with son Daniel



Fernanda at work in Fortaleza, Brazil

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nation. "I don't know where they might send me. The medical staff is being moved around as needed. But I'm ready to go wherever God calls." Audrey has an adult daughter and a teenaged son at home. Her husband Bryan, B4P missionary, stood alongside her in prayerful support in the midst of the serious implications her career has for all of their family.

### **The Hand of God by Fernanda Ku-charski, RN, Leader of B4P Brazil**

I have felt and witnessed the hand of God during the COVID-19 pandemic. I am a nurse at a Primary Care Health Unit on the outskirts of Fortaleza and I am on the front line of facing the virus since the beginning. Health conditions here are always fragile. My patients are poor or very poor. The conditions of the Health Unit itself are also precarious. Most of the time, employees' personal contributions keep the clinic running. We have to buy our own protective equipment, which is insufficiently supplied or of poor quality when delivered by public agencies. Everything is lacking: masks, oxygen, catheters, medication, etc. In this current time of struggle against an invisible enemy, my main weapon is prayer.

I pray the 40 minutes to and from work. I pray for healing for the known sick, for those who asked for prayer and for the unknown and forgotten. I count on backup from intercessors around the world, starting with my mother, my most fervent intercessor, and my husband Fernando, my main intercessor. Through B4P I am interconnected with a prayer network, relying on people on B4P social networks that respond to various prayer requests, especially Kevin from

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whom I most often ask for help. I feel a legion of angels beside me enter the battle with me daily.

My job is an average of 80 visits per day, with many overtime hours due to the large number of people in need of care and the professionals on sick leave. **I see the hand of God with me because I haven't gotten sick or brought the virus into my home** (which is my worst nightmare). I have several co-workers and their sick relatives hospitalized, some in serious condition in ICUs, others whose bodies did not resist, but I still stand.

I had to purchase new clothes, a new hygiene routine, shower at work at the end of the shift, and avoid seeing my elderly parents. But every time I arrive home I praise and thank God for the health of the people who are dear to me. Ending an exhausting day at work and seeing my husband and son safely at home is priceless.

God has been very merciful to me and even with all tiredness, sleepless nights, and body aches I thank Him because "the Lord has helped us so far!" And finally, I invite you who are reading this testimony to say the prayer that my son Daniel says every night before going to sleep, "Heavenly Father bless all sick people all over the world. Amen."

### **An Instrument of Peace by Dr. Florence, OB/GYN, B4P RaphaEl Medical Missionary**

Annette asked me to reflect on what my relationship with the Lord has been like during this time of COVID-19. So I thought, "How have I been praying during this pandemic?" For a long time I have started my days with prayer. Usually they are prayers of gratitude: for my life, my family, my work, the blessings of life that I have been fortunate to receive. However,

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as the pandemic has unfolded and I've seen patients in my practice either affected by it or anxious about becoming infected and affected, things have shifted. I have begun to pray more for wisdom, and strength and compassion. I pray to be more like Jesus, the 'Wonderful Counselor' that Isaiah speaks of. I pray to bring more peace to those who are struggling to find it. Particularly for my prenatal patients who should be able to enjoy the precious, wondrous time of pregnancy, I pray that I can care for them with some semblance of normalcy, because what could be more normal than bringing a baby into the world? Like St. Francis, I pray "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace".

### **Love, Power, and a Sound Mind by Dr. Scott Silverberg, Director B4P RaphaEl Medical Missions**

Returning from a B4P mission to Guyana on March 16<sup>th</sup>, I was notified that my work location was being closed until at least May. As I spent extra time with the Lord and also went walking, the Holy Spirit spoke. He directed me to the local Southampton hospital to pray outside the ICU windows. I prayed against Covid, the spirit of death, and other

disease processes. I walked around the outside of the hospital praying for the workers inside as well as the patients, and spoke and prayed over a few workers that I met on the way. However, I genuinely wanted to get into the hospital to pray over people. Then an email arrived describing the need for a doctor to supervise a Covid ICU in New Jersey. This was my opportunity.

Over the next three weeks I spent 11 nights working in a Covid ICU in New Jersey. Preparing for this time in the ICU put my faith on trial. It is one thing to say that I will stand on Psalm 91 from the comfort of my own home. It is something completely different to stand on the promises of God while walking into the midst of a

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high concentration of a very contagious and deadly infectious organism.

'You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the **pestilence** that walks in darkness, nor of the

destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you...Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall **any plague** come near your dwelling;' Psalm 91:5-10

The enemy unsuccessfully tried to strike fear into my heart. For we do not have a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind (2Tim 1:7). I denounced every suggestion of fear by quoting the word of God. No plague shall come near my dwelling and my dwelling is my body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I would repeat this same response whenever fear tried to rise up.

Despite knowing that I was protected from this plague, I still took all the precautions to minimize exposure. I did not have fear, but I do have a sound mind. The Holy Spirit reminded me of the temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4 in which He said that you should not tempt the Lord your God. We would not step off the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of a building saying the Lord is our protection and expect nothing to happen. The law of gravity is still in effect and that action would be foolish,

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not an action of one with a sound mind. Therefore, I wore all my protective devices and was careful regarding personal hygiene.

Entering the Covid unit I was immediately surrounded by the reality of this deadly virus. All 26 beds were filled with people in critical condition. Each day I would walk around the unit and pray for the patients. I laid my hands upon the sick believing and expecting them to recover. I have never had the experience of a military field hospital during combat, but I wondered if there were similarities. Once a person left the unit for whatever reason, another person came in and took their spot.

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Some people recovered and were sent from the unit. Others died. Personnel rejoiced boisterously over a recovery, but often expected death. Not expecting recovery or discussing the imminent death of patients in poor condition was a way of coping, of preparing oneself for the possibility of death. One patient was doing poorly and the nurse in charge of her would say, "Well, she is going to

die soon". Yet, her actions said, I will do everything I can to give her a chance to live. When a patient died, the team would again do their best to give someone else a chance at survival.

Thinking back upon my whole experience in the Covid ICU and the time spent with God each morning alone in that New Jersey apartment, I am thankful for the experience. I have a better understanding of what other health care workers are experiencing who had been managing these patients at least a month before I arrived. These people are still taking care of many patients still recovering from this illness, and need to be held up in prayer for protection and strength.

God's faithfulness to draw closer to me as I draw closer to Him has been awesome. I know He is preparing me for the next part of my journey as an ambassador of the King, wherever that may lead me.

*As Dr. Scott urged, pray for medical personnel. As Fernanda taught her son Daniel, pray for those who are sick in the world. And as Dr. Florence discovered in the midst of this pandemic, pray for continual wisdom from the Holy Spirit. We worship Jesus Christ, our Bridge for Peace.*

—Annette



### Ongoing

**We're here to pray for you.** Call in requests 631-730-3982, contact us online at [info@bridgeforpeace.org](mailto:info@bridgeforpeace.org), or take advantage of these other opportunities:

### Facebook Live Events:

- **Fridays @ 7:30 pm EDT**  
Interactive worldwide ministry team brings inspiring testimonies, scriptures, and *Prayer Suites* (See below)
- **B4P Prayer Suites**  
Contact [info@bridgeforpeace.org](mailto:info@bridgeforpeace.org) to make an appointment for personal prayer with B4P ministers.
- **B4P Global Pentecost Celebration Sunday May 31 at 5:00PM EST**

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### TV Times

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Sunday 3 a.m. Channel 20  
Monday 7 a.m. Channel 115  
Tuesday 12 a.m. Channel 20

**Manhattan MNN 3p.m:**  
Alternating Mondays starting May 25

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