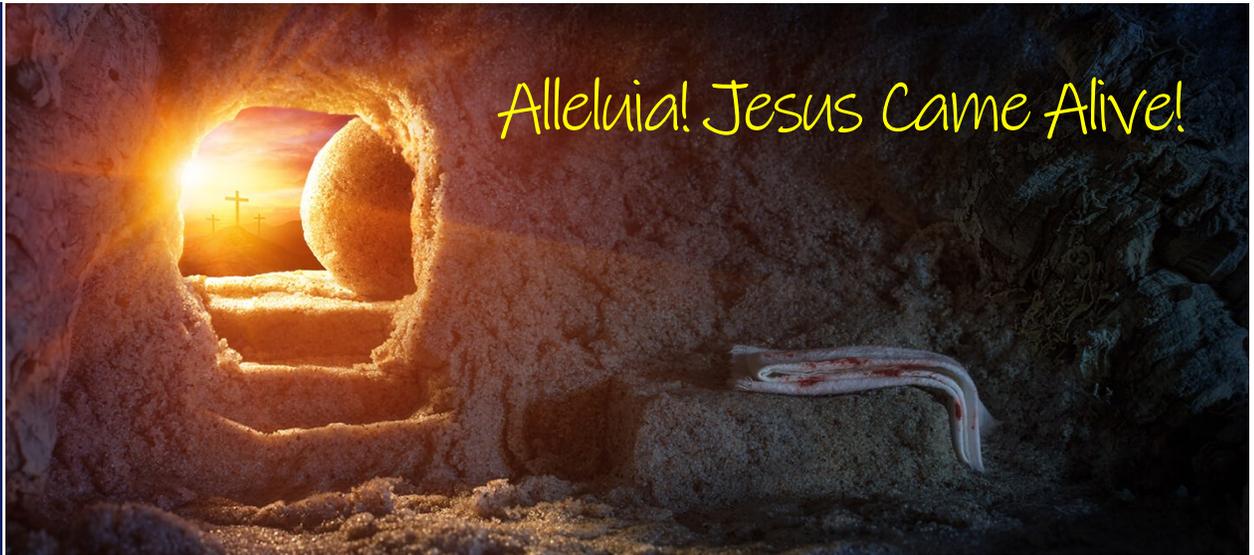




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They Came Alive

“Jesus Christ...made her new on the inside.”

She pressed her fingers to her temples and said, “My mind is spinning. I can’t stop the thoughts.” Head bowed, eyes downcast, shoulders slumped, she sat in the pew at the healing service. Her young face was lined with tension. She looked broken. Memories consumed her, continuously demanding attention until she felt shattered. She wept through the telling of her story. I listened, conflicting emotions flooding me like a storm surge.

Fierce anger swelled up in me as she confided the trauma she suffered through abandonment. Painful

repercussions hounded her into adulthood. The compassion I felt for this tormented young woman was followed swiftly by a wave of certainty that Jesus had paid the price at the cross to release her from despair. Faith released a rush of gratitude and determination to listen to the Spirit and pray according to what God spoke.

I knew I had to forgive her parents—whom I had never met—before I could effectively minister to her. I could never pray for her in the power of the Holy Spirit until I consciously decided to forgive them, because

unforgiveness does not come from God. I made an inner declaration—“Lord, I forgive them for what they did.” Tilting the ear of my heart toward Jesus, I nodded to myself as He spoke to me. All of this ran through my heart and mind in less than a moment.

With permission to place my hand on her shoulder I said, “In the Name of Jesus, I pray for your brain to relax.”

“That’s it! That’s what I need.” She looked up at me, tears streaking her

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Catch a Wave to the Praise Cruise!!!

Cruising this year on **Sunday the 4th of August at 4p.m.**

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- BBQ Chicken dinner
- Ranan music ministry
- Healing Prayer
- Refreshments
- \$55 per person Rain or Shine



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cheeks. She swiped a hand across her face. I sensed that the Holy Spirit had lightened the mood and followed the Holy Spirit's lead.

"Well, I never prayed that before!" I said with a hint of laughter in my voice.

Unshed tears glistened in her eyes, but they sparkled with a new joy. She sniffled, smiled, and laughed. "My brain is relaxed! Usually, day and night, the thoughts never stop. They bounce around in my head like that old *Pong* video game."

We talked about support materials to keep her newly relaxed brain filled with God's Word. "I'm not a reader, but I bought your book *Spiritual Secrets About Suicide* last time you were here and I couldn't put it down. I read it all in one night. But, I gave it to a friend that needed it. I'm getting another copy right now."

Four days later, a mutual friend met this young woman and phoned to tell me, "She is totally changed for the better. She even *looks* different."

An athletic and attractive blonde told me her story. She had suffered for decades—though her marriage appeared happy, her children successful, her grandchildren blessed—a vi-

cious war raged inside of her. She had been abused as a child, burdened with unthinkable responsibilities, and continually discarded by those closest to her. As I listened empathetically, she related stories that she had never told another human being. She spoke without emotion, as though disassociated from the events, but emotions flooded through me—compassion, faith, gratitude, and anger. Irate about the cruel betrayals and abandonment she had endured, I chose to forgive those I had never met, then sought inner quietude and listened for the Holy Spirit to guide me on how to proceed.

The Holy Spirit showed me an inner vision of a heart twisted, shriveled, and calloused. She had learned to live in the safety of her head after experiencing the repeated pain of rejection. With permission to put my hand on her shoulder, I spoke to her about forgiveness as a decision, not as a feeling. I asked if she would decide to forgive. God helped her to say, "Yes." Courageously, she spoke the names of those who had wounded her. She paused, it seemed the list was complete, but suddenly she added, "Oh, and I forgive myself!"

The Holy Spirit began to resurrect her

heart. I prayed for God's softening grace to touch her atrophied heart. "Every godly hope that died, come alive. That which has shriveled, be renewed," I prayed. "Plump up, heart. Yes, become spacious." The Holy Spirit entered into the roomy place with healing power, removing the dead and infectious waste that was poisoning her mind and body.

In the days to come, she told me she began to feel more, to hear God speak softly to her heart. As she heard the Lord more easily, her over-active mind quieted. Jesus Christ resurrected her life, made her new on the inside.

In the silence of the tomb, God spoke loudly. He still does. In Him, those people bowed down under the weight of shame arise. Christ calls to victims of depression and despair to stand tall, while He rolls away the boulder that boasted of its power to hold them. Christ beckons and they respond—forgiving, receiving healing, finding hope again.

Through Christ's power, they came alive. Through Christ's power, we come alive. Happy Resurrection Day to us all!

—Annette



Zambia 2109

B4P RaphaEl Medical Missions traveled to Kitwe, Zambia in April with a team of five. The theme for this trip was ministry through teaching.

We were welcomed to the region by the District Commissioner (a presidential appointee who oversees Kitwe), the Copperbelt Regional Director for the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia, Hospital Administrator, and our good friends Rev. Lubuto and Dorcas Nsofu of Beth Adonai Ministries.

On Sunday, the day after our arrival, Scott preached in Rev. Nsofu's church. Prior to him giving the word there were several testimonies and a giving of thanks for work accomplished on previous trips to Zambia. God's faithfulness to His word was evident with several new souls added to the Kingdom and many healings manifesting: abdominal pains relieved, knee pains abolished for Dorcas Lubuto's wife, a cyst draining and back pain vanished.

The hospital teaching team went to work the next day presenting lectures to many medical students, doctors, midwives, nurses and midwifery students. They also conducted practice opportunities so that the stu-

dents could improve their skills in neonatal resuscitation. (See photo) Topics taught were Obstetric Emergencies, Anesthesia for Labor and Emergency C-sections, and Neonatal Resuscitation.

Members of the team visited the labor wards and nurseries to observe the needs and conditions of these facilities. What they found was that the conditions were poor, and the needs were great. There is a high infant and maternal mortality in Zambia, and we are hoping to make an impact by improving protocols, continuing teaching, and acquiring much needed equipment for the facility. B4P RaphaEl is looking to partner with Kitwe Teaching Hospital and the Zambian Ministry of Health to achieve the goal of reducing the mortality rate.

While the hospital team was teaching the medical professionals, Scott was teaching at the Beth Adonai Institute. There were Bible students, pastors, and other lay people who attended the lectures. Scott taught on the foundational principles of our identity in Christ with an emphasis on understanding the difference and significance of our body, soul, and spirit.

These students are extremely poor and most come from the bush villages. Lubuto said that he is hoping to get more sponsors because there are many more young people who are wanting to come to the institute. Lubuto and Dorcas will be traveling to the US in October.

Pastor Andrew Muleya, who was one of this week's students, talked about teaching the "Foundation for Healing" course to his church before leaving for Bible school in South Africa. He stated that many of the members were visiting the hospital and praying for the sick. They continued when he was in school for two years. Now that he is back, he wants to continue teaching the foundations in churches of his friends in different parts of Zambia and Africa. He has asked for many more copies of the book.

At the hospital we met a member of the Medical Christian Fellowship, an organization of medical students, who had gone out on mission to other parts of Zambia to minister Jesus. Pastor Andrew may be attending one of their meetings to introduce the Foundations book to see if they are interested in learning the principles of healing. If they do, we will need to ship many more books to them.

—Dr. Scott



Lord is it I? (And Other Probing Questions)

“Why didn’t I ever know about Jesus before I did?”

Nathaniel’s question opens the dramatic B4P presentation of *Lord is it I?* Apostles emerge from the tableau of Da Vinci’s Last Supper and the tableau of history to reveal their thoughts and emotions—their hopes and fears, their doubts and confusion, their admiration and amazement concerning Jesus

Christ. They’ve followed Him as His closest companions for three extraordinary action-packed years—and they have questions!

James the Younger asks, “How can (Jesus’) death serve the cause of the kingdom?”

Thaddeus asks, “Can it be true that love is power?”

Philip adds: “For months I had watched Jesus do His works—I saw but I did not see! I heard what He said but did not understand... accepted what He did, yet demanded more proof. Is this how I have failed

Him? He Who is God Himself?”

And have you ever asked this question which Judas Iscariot asks: “How can I make Jesus see the great possibilities of MY plan?”

In the final scene, final line of the drama a deeply troubled Thomas

asks, “I wonder what Jesus meant that one of us would betray Him?”

No one could pose questions

that penetrate the heart or motives like Jesus. He doesn’t ask in order to get information. He knows all our answers beforehand. No, He wants to move us toward confronting our own heart. In one scene He asks Peter, “Who do men (you!) say that I am?”

After a performance this year, a woman approached during hospitality time. “My husband is still sitting in the back of the church sobbing.”

The right question can pry open long sealed areas of our heart and let the light of Jesus Christ shine in with all His loving grace to bring healing and transformation.

—Kevin

Judas Iscariot asks, “How can I make Jesus see the great possibilities of my plan?”

May

4 Yard Sale, Wading River 9-3:30

10 Solomon’s Porch Prayer Group St. Anthony’s, Oceanside 7 p.m.

17-18 Foundation for Healing Course Wading River, space limited

31 St Aiden’s, Williston Pk Healing Service / Annette speaking 9 p.m.

June

28 Uganda Mission through July 12

July

2 Brazil Mission through 15th

Aug

4 Praise Cruise! See ad pg 2

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