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"How is the pot roast?" I asked the man with brown shaggy hair when he paused from his attack on a plate full of meat, potatoes, and roasted root vegetables cooked by church volunteers. I sat beside him at the folding table at the Long Island NY homeless shelter. He didn't answer. I repeated my question. Startled, he turned and said, "Oh. Sorry. I had a trauma this week, so I'm in a fog. But I'm coming out of it. Yeah, I'm coming out of it."

Volunteers cleared tables and I noticed some rested their heads on the tables, many had their eyes closed. Molly introduced me as the speaker.

I began, "Most of us have heard the name of Jesus Christ, but few of us have seen His power. There was a time in my life when I had no hope. There was no remedy for me in the medical world, no remedy through the United States government. But I **found hope in Jesus Christ and so can you.**" Some picked up their heads and looked at me.

"Some nights you may call somebody looking for help. They check caller ID and see it is you. Some won't answer the phone. Others pick up, but in mid-conversation they hang up or make you feel your call is inconvenient. But God says, 'Call

to ME and I will answer you...' (Jeremiah 33:3)

"Experts told me my future was black. But Christ said He had a good plan for me. What do you see in your future? What vision are you moving toward? **God has a vision for your life. It's a good vision, but you will need the power of God in your life to move toward it and make the vision your reality.**"

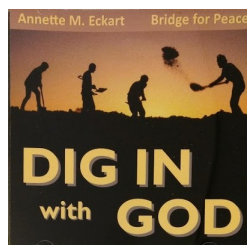
I invited everyone to receive prayer. Ida called to me as Ed, Molly, Fred, and I moved toward the prayer room. "I need prayer. See my fin-

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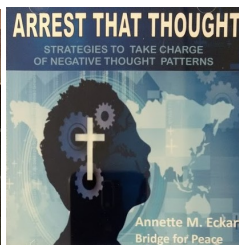
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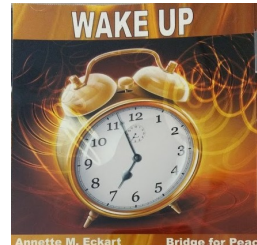


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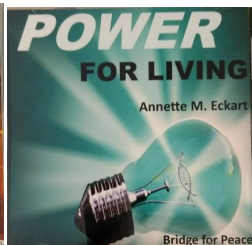


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gers?" She stretched her hand out showing us her terribly swollen and bulging joints. "Come with us!" we invited.

Fred unlocked the door to a sage green room with a comfortable sofa and a dark wood coffee table with Bibles on it. I felt grateful for the peaceful space where people could feel at ease. However, I was about to learn about real gratitude from two amazing people.

Ida, seventy-nine years old and on the street since she stopped working six years ago, perched on the edge of the sofa. A bird-like lady, barely five feet tall, she took immediate charge. "Before we pray, let's tell Jesus we love Him. Oh, Jesus I love you." Then she told us about her terrible **pain in her ravaged arthritic fingers. We prayed. She said, "My hands are so hot! They are always freezing cold!"** I wear two pairs of gloves and pester them (the volunteers) to give me hand warmers." She noticed continued changes as Ed held her hand. **"There's no pain! I believed, I believed, but now I really believe. Look how those nodules are going down!"**

Ida closed her hands into fists, something that was impossible before. She radiated with gratitude to

Jesus.

Sergio entered the room trailed by a Spanish speaking translator who said, "He is asking for prayer, but first he wants to tell you something." Slowly, he sat between us. He fingered his baseball cap that he held between his knees. Five foot two, close shaved dark hair, in his fifties, Spanish words tumbled from his mouth while looking at the navy car-

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pet beneath his feet as though watching the memory replay. He recalled a night he had fallen into excess. **Alone in the dark he heard "bad voices" badgering him, telling him he was worthless.** He lay down alone on the ground. **The sound of a whirlwind filled his ears, a large sound. A voice sounded from the powerful wind calling, "Sergio, arise! Arise!"**

Sergio's hope rose again. "I thank God for the sky, the stars, and the moon. I thank God for the sun, the

clouds, and the trees." His voice trembled with emotion as he expressed his gratitude for God and for "The Word of God."

I shook my head, humbled by these courageous teachers of faith and gratitude. **Ida freely forgave the people who contributed to her desperate situation because she was secure, at home, in God. Sergio threw off the blanket of condemnation that threatened to smother him. He nestled into God's truth and warmed himself by the fire of God's love.**

Our prayer and work is to assist Ida and Sergio beyond their current circumstances. B4P is fully engaged in the work of feeding, clothing, and sheltering those in need. Our B4P Children's Village is at the forefront of our work. Healing to the nations through Jesus Christ is our call, however the need is presented.

Some nights, I contemplate the winter sky and pray as I wonder, "Where are Ida and Sergio sleeping tonight?" And at that moment I am certain that though they may be without an address, because of their love for God, they are not without a home.

—Annette



B4P RaphaEl Medical Missions: Guyana

We completed the mission trip to Linden Guyana on October 22nd. The Lord gave us the scriptures out of Luke 8 regarding the parable of the sower as the theme for this mission. Eight people traveled from NY to Guyana including Doctors Braat (ENT), Rolston (OB-GYN), Cummings (Internal Medicine), and myself (Anesthesiology). Also traveling were nurses Carty, (CRNA), Sickler (OR Nurse), Bennett (Recovery Room) and Relyea (OB and Recovery Room).

We arrived at the international airport just outside Georgetown, Guyana and were greeted by a member of the Ministry of Health, Ms. Hudson. She took us to the VIP lounge where we were able to meet the Vice President of the country and the Minister of Health. We prayed over both government officials prior to leaving. After dinner we were brought by police escort to the town of Linden where we would be ministering at the local hospital. **We completed 31 surgeries during the five mission days.** The doctors also saw many patients in the clinics for medical, ENT, and gynecologic

evaluations. There were many opportunities to minister to the people, sowing seeds as we went. We were able to pray with each one of our surgical patients prior to operating and again postoperatively. **One young woman who came for the removal of an ovarian cyst said that when she saw us praying with the other patients she knew that she was going to be alright.**

One operation stood out among the rest. It was for a woman who was HIV-positive and needed the removal of a very large uterus with fibroids. During the operation there was a very large loss of blood and she was not doing well. While waiting for the blood products to arrive from the lab, I started praying for her a second time. After we completed the operation I intended to bring her to the intensive care unit and place her on a ventilator. When we arrived at the intensive care unit the ventilator was not working properly. The only option at this point would be to awaken her and remove her breathing tube. I prayed over her and asked the surgeon to get the medication I needed to reverse the paralysis which we had induced for the operation. By God's grace we were able to remove the breathing tube and she was breathing on her

own adequately. Although she was very cold, all her vital signs were stable. Returning the next morning she was wide-awake, and when I asked how she felt she stated that she just had a little discomfort from the surgery. Praise the Lord for this remarkable outcome! We checked her blood count and it was adequate. Again, miraculous.

Another incident involved a young man approximately nine years old. He had a thyro-glossal duct cyst which drained fluid from his neck. This leaking of fluid caused him mental anguish, as children on the playground made fun of him. His mother said that he had been praying for the doctors and nurses before coming to the hospital that day, and that two weeks prior to our arrival he was looking in the mirror saying, "Mama the Word says that God made us in His image. Why did He make me with this hole in my neck?" She told him to just keep trusting God and He would fix the hole. Two weeks later she found out about our team and he came to have the hole repaired. The operation went very well and he went home later that day.

We also had a young woman who came with severe pain and was found



to have fibroids and needed a hysterectomy. **The regional hospital told her it would cost approximately \$1000 US.** She was distraught because **she could not afford that amount of money; the average person only makes approximately \$200 a month** in that region of Guyana. **She started praying, "God, You need to help me with this pain and fix this for me."** One week later **she found out about our team coming and we did a successful hysterectomy.**

Dr. Braat saw a woman in the ENT clinic who had a nerve palsy of her left facial nerve. She had no movement of the entire left side of her face and the skin was smooth and felt hard. Dr. Braat told her to come back the next day and he would have our team pray for her nerve function to be restored. The next day we prayed with her. We saw changes in her facial structure which indicated that the nerve function was beginning to work. **She thanked the Lord and testified that her face felt very hard prior to the prayer time and that now it was soft again. She was very thankful and crying praising the Lord for all that He have done.** She then told us about her nephew Hamid who did not walk. He was 14 years old and in a wheel-

chair. His mother was not a believer but she would ask her if we could come to pray for him.

We sent a team to their home. The boy was sitting on the floor watching TV. I joined him on the floor and began talking with him trying to alleviate any fears he may have had with all these strangers invading his home. **Our conversation resulted in him receiving Jesus as his Savior** and then allowing us to pray for him. After some prayer time **he reported some changes in his legs saying that they were feeling softer.** I called his Mom over to see the changes and witness the love of God and His power. **Two other members of the team then took the Mom and ministered to her and she gave her life to Jesus as well. An Uncle who was witnessing all of this also gave his life to Jesus. Hallelujah! Three souls saved. The greatest miracle of all.**

Please pray for Hamid and his family that the seeds planted would be on good ground and grow to become fruitful for the kingdom. Also, that the full manifestation of Hamid's healing would occur and give glory to our God and Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Dr. Scott Silverberg



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