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Clap Loud & Long for Jesus

"James' email leapt off the cellphone as a message from the Holy Spirit..."

College students in choir robes danced down the side aisles in the State University auditorium in time to the Gospel Music beat hammered out by a live band who poured themselves into the music. The dynamic leader of song strode center stage, his suit jacket flapping in the breeze stirred up as he flew into a chorus of, "I don't know what you've come to do, but I know what I've come to do. I've come to clap my hands. I've come to give Him praise." The young man got us clapping and singing, "I've come to clap my hands!" He said, "I had a bill I didn't know how

to pay. I just clapped my hands. In the morning the bill was paid." The song encouraged us to be single minded, focus on Christ, and praise Him always. The chorus reminded me of Mary, a young woman who knows how to clap and praise God when hope appears to be gone. Mary could not pay her tuition bill until God used Bridge for Peace to announce the arrival of dawn after her long dark night.

Bridge for Peace benefactors have contributed to our Uganda Nursing Scholarship Program since 2007 sending four students to nursing

college. Each completed their degree with excellence. Our fifth student, James, excels in every way and is about to graduate. Even while still in school, James serves at our B4P Children's Village helping with our 34 small children. The children call him Mr. Pineapple because he boils the fruit down to create a natural and effective cough syrup. He investigates other local resources to strengthen the children. An obvious need is for health education and services for pregnant women and new mothers. With this in mind, we decided

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Rotarians cleaning market and teaching about recycling



Mary

to offer our nursing scholarship for the study of midwifery in the future. We had not shared our decision. **For the first time since the program began we did not have a candidate qualified by B4P waiting to begin studies. However, God surprised us.** We received an email from James dated March 10.

I greet you Dad and Mum, I introduce to you Mary a student of Rwenzori School of Nursing and Midwifery in Kasese who is undertaking a certificate in midwifery. However, she was not allowed to continue with her studies due to lack of school fees. She is remaining with three semesters to complete the course in November 2018 if assisted with tuition.

Her background: She hails from Kabuyiri. Her father abandoned her family when she was still a child and she was raised solely by her mother who is a peasant taking care of three children. She has been struggling to pay for Mary, but failed to raise the remaining \$165 American. That is why Mary was to be sent home for six months.

I am so deeply touched seeing

her struggling. I see her in the same situation, the same stress that I experienced before I was rescued by B4P.

Forgive me to have talked about her at such a late hour, but I have trust that through your hands Mary can find relief, save mothers to deliver, and reduce the infant mortality rate. I have attached her photos and report cards for you to have a look.

Students managed to collect for her five hundred thousand shillings to let her complete last semester's balance. She is looking for 2,250,000 shillings (\$750 American) to continue with her studies.

James' email leapt off the cell-phone as a message from the Holy Spirit. The sacrificial collection among students demonstrated their assessment of her seriousness, ability to succeed, and their belief that she could make a significant contribution to the needy. No doubt, James clapped his hands trusting God to bring provision. Mary must have been clapping her hands praising God in faith. And now we in B4P New York clapped our hands as we heard God speaking.

We responded on March 10:

Dear Son James, We are so proud of you. Thank you for introducing Mary. We will be praying about her situation. Talk soon, God bless you.

From James on March 19:

Thanks for praying for Mary, I am happy, she needs your prayers so much. I am very sure that she has the courage to care for many mothers if God paves the way for her studies. I too am praying for her each day. I have told her that you are praying for her. She was filled with joy.

From James on March 26:

I mobilized student Rotarians to collect fees for Mary. We managed to collect \$140 American. She now remains with a balance of \$610 American. Thanks for your prayers dad and mum. God is in control. Keep praying for her.

We never doubted God was at work. This was an extraordinary amount for the Ugandan Rotarian Students to collect. Many Ugandan's hope to eat one meal a day. B4P kept clapping our hands, praising God through the need. After a B4P NY prayer



"Lord is it I" cast onstage

meeting good news arrived. A benefactor donated for a nursing scholarship! Mary's fees were in hand. Ed messaged James on March 29.

Good news son, God has made a way for Mary... Sending assistance. Much love...

Wiring money on Friday March 31 from NY, the B4P volunteer Director of Sponsorship wrote to the B4P volunteer Treasurer in Uganda:

On the wire sent today there was included \$610 for the school fees for Mary a student of Rwenzori School of Midwifery. We have all the paperwork in our office for her and have found a donor to sponsor her scholarship. Please request a receipt from the school...We give God the glory for His great plan.

From James on March 31 to B4P:

I am very grateful for the assistance rendered to Mary. My heart is filled with joy. Indeed, Bridge for Peace is our treasure, peace of mind, healing to the nations. Glory be to God now and forevermore. I strongly believe Mary will study comfortably and pass highly because of the good conducive envi-

*ronment you have set for her. I am with her right now. She can't believe this offer you have rendered to her. **She thanks you so much. God bless you. God bless the United States of America. God bless our sponsors. God bless every Bridge for Peace member the world over.** Happiness is too much in my heart for what you have done for Mary. I will continue guiding her to study hard and become a good midwife to save the mothers.*

From James on April 1 to Ed:

*Now how do I start. Let me say thank you very much for helping Mary. Fortunately, we read the message together. Mary almost cried. **Thanks for reviving hope in this young girl. I see her future becoming bright because of Bridge for Peace.***

Clap for Jesus! Clap hard! In the midst of our need, we praise Him Who died for us and offered us a New Covenant of salvation, healing, deliverance, and provision. Clap long! Clap loud! Praise to Our Lord! Our Bridge for Peace!

—Annette

Lord is it I?

A recurring response from audiences this year was with regard to the gamut of emotions elicited by this dramatic presentation of the Last Supper based on DaVinci's famous painting.

Here are some sample lines from apostles in the play:

Nathanael—"...the greatest thing He did was to call me from under the fig tree to a life of service and love."

James the Younger—"I am still puzzled by those teachings of Jesus which contradict my desires."

Andrew—"My understanding has sometimes floundered like a loose fish in the bottom of my boat, slippery to pick up, hard to catch."

James—"A few days ago He spoke about the chief priests delivering Him up to the Romans who would whip Him and kill Him. But in three days He would rise. Was this a parable? Did it have a hidden meaning? Strange and terrible words. I hope it was a parable."

Thomas—"We are not all as sure or as faithful as we should be. Some of us are rash and headstrong, others too dumb to understand Him, a few of us doubt the wisdom of His actions."

Missed it this year? God willing, the apostles will present at a church near you next year. —Kevin (Nathanael)

Bridge for Peace RaphaEl Medical Missions



English Tea

Saturday June 3rd
1pm Neighborhood House
95 Main St E. Setauket

Benefit Medical Missions to Africa and S. America
Come enjoy sandwiches, Tea, Katie's Homemade
Southern Tea, and Special Sweets.

Win a basket or two with prizes!

More info call Miss Mimi 631-941-4612

Advance Tickets Only

\$25 includes 1 auction ticket

Checks to B4P RaphaEl Medical Missions

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Join our Golf Outing

supporting



RaphaEl Medical Missions

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"The Vineyards"

9 Tyler Road Riverhead, NY

Monday: June 12th, 2017

8:00 am Registration and Hot Breakfast
9:30 am Shotgun Start
2:00 pm Buffet Lunch and Awards Ceremony

Individual Golfer	\$225
Tournament Sponsor	\$500
Lunch Sponsor	\$300
Cart Sponsor	\$200
Tee Sponsor	\$100
Lunch Only	\$60

Register at www.raphaelministries.org or
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Praise Cruise

tickets are selling al-
ready! Cruising earlier
this year, on the 6th of
August.

Call 631-730-3982 to re-
serve



BBQ Chicken dinner

Ranan music ministry

Healing Prayer

Refreshment

Price held again at \$50



May

18-29 Israel Mission. Please Pray!

June

3 Afternoon Tea fundraiser, E. Setauket

12 The Vineyards golf outing to support
B4P/RaphaEl

22 Samantha's L'il Bit of Heaven NPort
Uplifting message and ministry 7pm

30 Healing ministry
St. Aiden's church, Williston Park

July

1-7 Mountain Ministries, Indian Lake NY

August

6 Praise Cruise Sailing again!
Tickets already selling! Call to reserve

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