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Barangaroo and Beyond

*"...a few favorite stories among the many from
this year's mission."*

The ferry bumps up against the dock at Barangaroo, our destination point. Sally and I navigate the gangplank and I shield my eyes from the glare as the sunshine bounces off choppy water stirred up by the wind in Darling Harbor. Flagpoles line the harbor, their banners snap and dance above us as we stroll past the aquarium and the restaurants with outdoor seating. We find a table in the Heron Fountain courtyard. Jets of water shoot skyward surrounded by four foot high statues of long-legged herons in graceful poses. We review the completed mission, praying and planning for 2018, while

Sally's husband Tim and my Ed tend to ministry decisions and administrative details in Sydney. We settle into our seats and shake our heads in wonder asking, "Can you believe the mission is over?" As we traveled throughout New South Wales, God glorified His Name! Here are just a few favorite stories among the many from this year's mission.

Temora - A woman arrives in a wheelchair after undergoing **surgery on both her feet**. She is able to transfer and shuffles very carefully to her seat. **After prayer her pain is reduced. She walks, lifting her feet, and begins to dance—**

kicking her feet out in front of her!

Wollongong - **A young adult filled with anxiety and depression** is ministered to and given a Bible Promise book. She texts Sally the next day. "I read the promises and slept with the book under my pillow. **Sunday I went to church...**" **She hadn't been to church in a very long time.**

On the farm - Our host shared he had been experiencing **terrible back pain**. A B4P member rose from her chair and said, "Let's pray

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for you!" He replied, **"The pain left when Ed shook hands with me."**

Temora Rural Museum - A week later a woman testified. "You prayed for me for **PTSD**. I hadn't told you, but I had been diagnosed many years ago. On weekends when my daughters had to go to their father's place, I would be crying on the sofa. **This time, I was not depressed and prayed for them.**"

Concord - A woman had been **"bleeding from the bowel"**. She had undergone many medical tests. The cause had not been discovered and her doctors didn't know what to do next. We received a message a week later. **The bleeding stopped the night she received prayer and had not recommenced.**

Newcastle - A woman attended who had brought her infant child for prayer the year before. The child needed surgery on both hips. The day after prayer, she took her child to the surgeon and **miraculously the little girl was fine and the surgery was cancelled.**

Hope Seedling, Newcastle - A man came to the meeting to tell what had happened after prayer last year. **His nearly two year old daughter had a dire prognosis, an antibiotic re-**

sistant infection and a serious wound on her neck as a result of surgery, that the surgeon said would never heal. The solution to her problem was either to cut across her face, peeling her face back and removing the glands or use pharmaceuticals that could leave her deaf and at risk for cancers and other things. The girl's father was driving to a medical conference when he heard on the radio, "There's a New Yorker coming who has seen some great healings..."

He said, "God told me, 'Take her there.' I said to myself, **They either cut my daughter's face off, risk her going deaf or we go and see someone from the states.** So we went, and there was no pizzazz, fireworks, fancy lights or anything. We sat there and listened, Maya got prayed for and there was no amazing impartation. It was extremely anticlimactic. The next day I had a phone call from the doctor who said 'We just had a state conference about your daughter...'

"When I got home that night, I took the dressing off of my daughter. The wound had discharged a big amount of pus and **the wound had started to close. The wound just miraculously closed. It was absolutely an incredible gift.** We had a follow-up with the pediatric surgeon. He took

me into his back office and we opened up a couple of textbooks and he said, 'It could have been this...' The girl's father said, "It couldn't have been that because we had an ultrasound and saw a liquefied lymph gland." So the surgeon said, 'Whatever it was, we can agree it was atypical.' **My older daughter said to the surgeon, 'God always wins and the devil loses.' It was a miracle and we give all the glory to God."**

B4P Praise Cruise on the Napean Belle followed by a Sausage Sizzle Under the Marquis - **A lady with neck pain had to literally turn her head with her hands. She was healed by God's Word preached on the boat.**

We have so many more testimonies to the power of God as we bring healing to the nations through Jesus Christ. Believe in His miracle working power for *your* life. Believe it and receive it!

—Annette

Spiritual Secrets About SUICIDE



Annette M. Eckart

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Bringing Hope Through Spiritual Secrets About Suicide

Arlene said, "Christmas through the New Year is especially hard." I met people who are suffering emotional pain, as well as parents, friends, and professionals who care for them, at my *Spiritual Secrets About Suicide* book signings. Many who attended work in the mental health arena—some help people with disabilities, others assist veterans, and others counsel school children. They all sought new answers for the mounting problems their family members or clients face. Thanks to Jesus Christ, people continually testify that they find help in my new book *Spiritual Secrets About Suicide*. For three weeks, SSAS was the number one new release for crisis management counselling on Amazon. SSAS has a five star rating as of this printing. Here are excerpts from Amazon reviews.

FROM A NURSE:

"I went into this book with a mindset of how I could help others. I'm a medical professional working with people with special needs and/or psychiatric involvement. What I left with was more than I expected.

"Annette cleared the way for me to be able to see how I can take spiritual control over areas in my own life that I really didn't realize were problematic. Her compassion, humor, and knowledge wove their way through the pages encouraging the reader that all was not lost.

"I came away with the desire to take a more aggressive approach in my own spiritual walk as well as with an understanding of how better to serve my patients.

"I encourage you to read this, Believer or non-Believer. It will be time well spent."- S. Mann, R.N.

FROM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER:

"As a high school teacher I am excited about the change this book could make. So many students (and people of all ages) are suffering from suicidal thoughts, depression, and anxiety. I truly believe this book will help teens and others to choose life. They will learn they can successfully conquer this and stop the lies. I recommend this book to teachers, parents, school counsellors and anyone dealing with suicidal thoughts. The author

shares an honest account of stories from real lives and how they have been changed. I believe that this book will turn the tide on worldwide suicide rates and bring hope to those suffering from this modern-day epidemic."

ADVICE FROM A REVIEWER:

"...Annette speaks precisely to the darkness of depression and suicide in a delicate, loving way, while the power of the truth permeates throughout the pages. The wisdom imparted will spark hope and peace through the stories of Annette and those who were so bold as to share such intimate experiences...

"Needless to say this book is a giver. There is power to change lives here. As far as I'm concerned, it is the perfect gift. As I'm planning the gifts I'll be giving for Christmas and other occasions through 2018, *Spiritual Secrets About Suicide* will be a #1 gift again & again."

A mother told me, "My girls are too busy with homework to read the

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Children's Village Growth Continues

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book. I am going to watch the DVD with them and use it to start a family discussion."

SSAS is also designed for groups. In Australia, they watch the DVD and share on chapter questions in SSAS. We had a phone call from a group leader in Australia last week. "...she's been struggling a long time. She read SSAS and she is a changed person. Her mother also suffered from depression...she's giving it to her mother to read!" We are moved by the many reports of lives changed and hope SSAS groups will start in the USA.

Through SSAS we hope to save lives and save souls. We want SSAS and the accompanying DVD in the hands of everyone who needs it. We pray God will continue to open doors for B4P to minister this life-saving message of hope through our amazing Lord, Jesus Christ.

—Annette

"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning." Lamentations 3:21-23

A road in the wilderness is constructed, the fence is extended around the whole village grounds, the electric and water is brought near, a guardhouse is built and the walls of the B4P International Primary School have begun to be erected! Many of the children received new school uniforms, new shoes and school supplies, and head off to preschool. Other smaller children continue to grow and develop with the help of our housemothers and volunteers who spend endless hours loving, feeding, teaching and equipping them for life.

There are now 34 children living at the B4PCV along with six housemothers, three volunteers, two guards to keep them safe, and Peter and Stella who supervise and administrate the village. It doesn't stop there though, there are many other people both in Uganda and throughout the world who support and encourage the village with both prayer and finance. We've been touched so many times when we hear the stories of generosity and love: someone collecting coins in a jar at their store and then forwarding a check for thousands of dollars, or the children in a primary school who give a percentage of all the items bought at

their little bookstore and send us a check for hundreds of dollars, or the building committee in Uganda who volunteer their time pledging at their meeting and contributing hundreds of dollars from their personal money for the village or the couple who sends a check for hundreds of dollars after their wedding in honor of all their guests. We are so blessed by the outpouring of love and generosity worldwide. However there continues to be needs for the B4PCV.

We would appreciate you joining us in praying for God's provision in these areas and if you are able to help, thank you and praise the Lord.

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We thank you for your love and prayers and we thank God for the honor of serving Him alongside you in this work He has called us to. —Julie Giunta

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Missed it? Maybe Not

"I was just diagnosed..." she wrote. Karla ended the email with her cell number.

I telephoned her and she said, "A friend told me about the Bridge for Peace healing service last night, but I didn't know what that meant. Today she said it was amazing. I missed it."

Gratitude touched my heart as I remembered healings I had witnessed in Brentwood as Christ's power moved through people. Three Bridge for Peacers served while ushers directed people onto our lines. A lady came whose painful arm had been immobile for a month. In my mind's eye I recalled her astonished face as she raised her arm above her head after prayer. I saw two more people raise their arms on the other lines and thought *more shoulders healed!*

A man with back problems was healed and touched his toes without pain! People bent swiftly—up and down, up and down—on the other lines as well. All praised Jesus for their healing! A man threw his arms around my husband Ed in a bear hug after receiving Christ's healing.

Jesus releases joy!

One man deliberately waited until the end. Over six feet tall, black leather jacket, he looked like a pretty tough guy. "I have an anger problem," he said. He opened his phone and showed me a picture of his gold-haired four year old daughter. He constantly worried about how his problem affected her, but seemed unable to control himself. Pounding his chest with his fist he said "I have a raging anger in here all of the time. About everything." We spoke and prayed together. He repented and forgave. As he received, light filled his eyes, his face softened. God quenched the burning anger in his heart with the living water of the Holy Spirit. The transformational power of God was evident in his body language; tears ran down his face, he shook as Holy Spirit power went through him.

Karla said, "I have been trying to keep my spirits up since the diagnosis, so I went line dancing. I should have been at church. I missed it. Are you having another service soon?"

I heard a man's voice saying something about...a latte?

"I'm sorry, Annette. I'm in Starbucks. I've never been in here in my life, but my cousin is in the hospital and she asked for a special coffee. I'm on my way to see her now."

"No problem," I said. "The Advent Shop in Massapequa is hosting a signing for my new book. Is that near you?"

"I live in the next town. I know the store!"

"Why don't you come and I can pray for you."

"I'll be there." The barista called her name as we worked out the logistics. We prayed together before we hung up.

On the day of the book signing, Jane accompanied me and my husband Ed. While driving to work two weeks before, Jane heard Pastor Rich interview me on Hope Radio. She immediately ordered my book *Spiritual Secrets About Suicide* and offered to

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Finally, if you wish to continue receiving the paper mailed newsletter please consider a donation of \$10 for the calendar year to help defray the cost of production. And that's yet *another* reason to switch over to the monthly emailed version which you can print out! Thanks for considering it 😊.

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Translation of
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Healing
Ready for
Mozambique!*

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volunteer at B4P. Jane is a faith-filled woman and an office manager. We welcomed her onboard. Together, we got situated for the book signing and afternoon of ministry.

Karla approached our table. She introduced herself, read my book's cover, and burst into tears. She had no idea I had written a book to help both people struggling with depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts and their families.

"Last night, I took my teen-aged cousin to a psychiatric center!"

The cousin who asked for the latte, I thought.

The placement was far from the girl's home. Her mother requested a different facility. "Her mother told me that if she didn't accept immediate placement the authorities would call child protective services!" Karla was terribly distressed. "We drove her to the facility last night. It was dark, I had a bad feeling about the place. I felt terrible leaving her there. I couldn't sleep all night."

Jane said, "I work for a charitable organization that helps people in

rehab. I often speak to staff from that facility. I am always impressed by them."

"Really?" Karla asked.

"Yes. It is a good place."

We prayed for Karla and her family. We released healing, wisdom, and comfort. And help was available through SSAS.

Karla thought she missed it, but her openness to listen to her friend and respond with faith brought her a double portion. Though unfamiliar with healing prayer through Jesus Christ, when she heard of the good things God did, she reached out to be part of it. Karla made the effort to get to where she could receive something new from God. Because she took action, we saw God's beautiful plan unfold. Think you've missed it? Maybe not. Take a step of faith.

—Annette

Divine Memo for Mozambique

"I cannot believe this is actually happening... Good news for Mozambique!" Elsa texted.

Visas in hand, mosquito netting in our luggage, shoes of the gospel of peace on our feet, Ed and I are ready to fly to Mozambique.

Elsa is from Mozambique, but currently lives in Australia where she completed her PhD. She arranged our mission from Australia. We met her at the 2016 B4P healing service in Newcastle. God touched her powerfully and she immediately thought of her people in Africa. She asked "Would you come to Mozambique?"

"You would have to ask your pastor." I replied.

She brought friends to our Australia healing service in 2017. They received healing and she asked again, "Would you come to Mozambique?"

I gave the same reply.

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When Ed and I returned to NY, an email invitation from Elsa's Mozambique pastor awaited us. He requested we teach and hold healing services in schools as well as church. The proposed dates coincided with our plans to fly to Africa.

Missions come together through a series of divine clues. A dream, a scripture, a persistent sense of invitation, signs that lead to discerning God's will. We cannot always send a B4P team, but we sensed God in the

timing of this request. Because B4P has been bringing healing in the area of suicide, I checked Portuguese speaking Mozambique's position in worldwide statistics. It is number one for death by suicide in African nations. Exactly the people we want to reach. With continued prayer, Ed and I became convinced the Holy Spirit was sending us a memo: Mozambique 2018.

We'll be translated at school assemblies and hold a healing service in the school! Ed persisted in his quest for a Portuguese version of *Founda-*

tion for Healing. Volunteer Leia Eissenhower appeared and completed the translation. We can now present them with a B4P resource for future reference!

Elsa wrote, "The people are already celebrating in anticipation of your arrival." We're zipping our bags and on our way. Watch for B4P Facebook messages from Maputo, Mozambique!

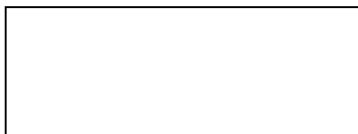
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