

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Ministry to Sierra Leone, Africa; Town of Makeni

Team Ministry in Different Churches

Tony:

We all went off to different churches to minister this morning. I went to an indigenous Pentecostal church. This was the first week of the month which is when they bring their monthly tithes. It was quite a ceremony and took a lot of time. Even though they gave me freedom to preach what I wanted, it was Palm Sunday and they are very traditional in this church, so God gave me an appropriate word. However, as the message was just a piece in the program, I told the people we would lay on hands for healing at the end of the service. There was a funeral service scheduled immediately after this one. Many people have died in this village this week. Average life expectancy for a resident here is 43 years of age. Please pray that will change as the Kingdom of God comes in.

During the service, they introduced the mother of the President of Sierra Leone. This is her home church.

We got to the end of the service and the pastor told me “we do not have time to lay on hands to pray for the people, please just pray a general prayer over everyone.” I just couldn’t do it after what I had told the people how we would pray individually for them. I asked Emmanuel to do it and as he began to pray over everyone, he busted out and said, “God is saying we are to make the time to pray over all who want it, right now!” Yea God! That was a release! Emmanuel released some words of knowledge and the people came up to the front.

I went down off the very high platform to get to the people. Some of the people were crying out to Jesus, some manifesting. I asked if this was a normal thing for this Pentecostal church, they said NO. Thank You Jesus for moving in this place. I was asked to pray for the President’s mother. She had some sort of disabling condition from here back down into her legs. Casey and I prayed and she got a good shot of power, did a little jig and said, “I am healed, all pain is gone!”

There has been a definite increase of anointing again on this trip. There have only been a few times that the miracles haven’t come quickly. This morning, in 15 minutes, I saw: two deaf healed, 4 people in various stages of blindness have their eyes completely opened, 3 people with leg problems (to where it was real hard to walk), smiling and walking normally and about 6 other people with various conditions all healed. Thank You Jesus!

Sunday Afternoon at the home where we are staying: we were getting some candy for the big group of kids that have come to play with us. I noticed a girl across the road and motioned for her to come and get some “sweets”. Daniella said “she was born a deaf mute and is afraid of people.” I asked Daniella to go over to try to get her to come to us to let us pray for her to be healed. After several people (including the momma of this house) tried to get her to come, all gave up as she kept running away. After a little while they came to get me and said “the deaf/mute girl has come and is waiting for you!” The team went out to pray. Very quickly her ears opened, then she was saying Papa, Mama, Jesus and Thank You Jesus in a matter of moments. I could see her thinking, “what has just happened to me?” In a matter of moments, there was another deaf/mute girl standing in front of us. Go figure! The neighbors were gathered around to watch, wondering what was going to happen. It did take a few rounds of prayer, but this little girl also had her ears opened and was speaking. She kept talking, trying to form words and just amazed that she was able to hear sounds coming from her mouth. We finished the evening playing with all the neighbor kids. Wow, what a wonderful end to this great mission!

Casey:

At 9:30 am my pastor was at the house to pick me up to go to his church and preach. I was the lucky one because my pastor rides a motorcycle and so I got a tour of the town by bike. Now this is the way to see the country side on smoky Sunday morning. The church that I went to was very small and only two months old. I think I counted thirty and that included all of the small children and babies. It was a great little church and it felt more like a family than a church. The worship was one lady singing and two African drums. Boy could they worship it just sucked you in. when they finished it was my turn to share. I shared the teaching of David and Goliath and they really enjoyed it, or so they said. I also shared with them about the little ole me and how God will use them. When I was done I prayed for them. Nobody needed healing, they all just wanted to be blessed, so that was easy. It was a very nice service and a great way to end the trip. The rest of our day we spent our time playing with the children at the house. Two of the children were deaf and dumb so we got to pray for them. It was so cool to watch God touch them and give them their hearing and speech back. It was even a better way to finish the trip. We played outside until it was dark and the children had to go home plus we got called inside for dinner. Thank you again for all of your prayers. Blessings ☺

Louis:

To God be all the glory! This Sunday was so cool I never knew that God can use me in this way. First off, the church I went to, the pastor had no idea that I was coming. He said that no one told him I was teaching today, so fun fun. He called the chairman and he said yes he is going to preach today. So then the pastor came back to me and told me I can preach. But what he did not know is that it is not me but Jesus. When he called me up something came over me and I had a big smile on my face. Then I started to talk and the words that came forth I know it was from God. I had them going they were laughing, and jumping up and down for God. It was so cool. I told the pastor I was going to share my testimony, well God had something different. When I was done the pastor came up and said I thought you were going to give your testimony. I told him God is in control and that is all that I care about. When it was all done I saw this lady who could not walk. So I ask the pastor if I could get some people to pray with me. He was all over it and I got in it to. I prayed one time then God had me step back and watch. It was too sweet to see God moving in the pastor and his church. Well love you all bye.