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Romans 8:19 "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God."

This is the first mission we have had of this kind. The variation of ministry was pretty wide spread. Besides times of teaching, instruction, training and praying, we were in 6 distinctly different venues: First; in a traditional South African Church, Second; training and equipping a group of Government Care Givers, Third; ministry in an Apostolic and Prophetic Center, Fourth; in a City Owned Town Hall type place ministering to a wide range of people, Fifth; in an Old Age Nursing Center and Sixth; street ministry to the homeless, addicts, alcoholics.

I am going to list a few of the testimonies and God impressions that I personally saw and heard along the way, as we came to give of ourselves to release the life of Christ. They are not in chronological order. Be blessed as you read of the The Adventures of Our God! May you be stirred to know that you to, as a born again believer, can do the same works that Jesus did!

As we were welcomed into a birthday party for a 91 year old woman, with all the family sitting around, they asked me to pray for this beautiful lady. As I prayed, she grabbed ahold of my hand and would not let go, a smile came over her face and tears came from her eyes. I finished praying and she would not let go of me. She turned and spoke to her daughter sitting next to her, in Africane, "this man makes me feel so alive, so well, so strong, so loved, I do not want to stop holding him!" There we go, that's what we come to do, to bring the Life of Jesus to people in a Tangible way!

One of the relatives of this woman, a 90 year old man, came up to Patrick and I and said "my wife is very shy, so I am asking for her, she has very bad arthritis and in much pain, please pray for her!" So, we asked the lady and she said yes. We took her aside and commanded the arthritis to leave. It did, instantly, she knew, took some steps and said she was well. As great as that is, what really got me was her 90 year old husband that was standing aside and just watching this. When we began to pray, he began to cry. When his wife said she was healed, the look on HIS face, just hit me right in the heart. I fixed my eyes on him and felt such thankfulness

to God in his heart, for God touching the love of his life! When she walked back to sit down, he came to us, still with tears in his eyes and said "I have been an elder in the church for 60 years, my wife has been in terrible pain for many years, we have done all we knew to do, but to no avail. But I have stayed in faith that this day would come and she would be able to have the rest of our lives together without her being in pain. I am so thankful!" There are tears of thanksgiving in my eyes now as I write this, just so grateful to God and for the gift He has given to this couple!

Patrick and I stood in front of a man bound to his wheelchair and he said he could not walk because he had no equilibrium, that there was something wrong with his nervous system and he would fall as soon as he stood. We told him what Jesus had already done for him and that we would release the life of Christ Jesus into him if he let us. Now, we know he has been in this chair a long time and when we prayed we said ok, now stand up. Now, I will never forget the look on his face as he stood and started walking normally. He told those that were watching, "look at me!" and we added in important part "In Jesus Name!" Amen!

During one of the prayer times: There was a Lady with swelling, itching, burning and bumps on her forearm. She said it was some kind of allergy, she thought. Prayed 3 times: First time swelling disappeared, Second prayer the itching stopped and 3rd prayer, Bam!, the bumps were gone. It was like time lapse photography watching this happen. It's like you want to rub your eyes to make sure you are seeing this correctly! And that was my amazement, this lady just stood there in shock looking at her arm and rubbing it, giving praise to Jesus.

I am so thankful for all the believers that did the praying, and not just the team. So thankful for the excitement and confidence that was released as they watched Holy Spirit flow thru them to see someone set free or healed!

I remember the man that looked straight into my face, standing just inches away fixed on my eyes and said with such passion "I thank God for you, I have been praying and waiting for long time to know and see The Truth. I am free and will help set others free!"

There were two different groups that we met with that received salvation in a big way. One group of people were of various backgrounds and when I began the teaching I asked how many were born again. Out of this entire group of people only about 5 people, besides our team, declared they had been born again. So, I asked if they knew what being born again really meant and they didn't know. Amazing! What I thought I was going to teach on got set aside and I spent the entire session explaining the Truth of the New Birth and the Joy of becoming Gods son or daughter. Then watched as many came into the Kingdom. What I discovered was that most of these folks came for a healing meeting and not really to learn anything. Well, healing they got and more than that, eternal salvation!

Again, amazing to me, was that EVERY Single person that was prayed for healing, received a healing miracle! I am talking in every meeting, in every life, of everyone we got to pray for. on this entire mission!

I got to pray with a young girl that could not see distances. If it wasn't close up, then she couldn't see it. She explained the lies she had been fed.....She said distances are just a total blur and that she was told by her parents and others that it was a generational thing. That it was something that she would just have to live with. If she strained very hard she could make out some shapes. I said, ok, first thing is that you are born again and now have a new generational line, you have a new blood line and a new history. Your generational line goes back as far as Jesus, and He has never had sight problems! So, I had her command that lying spirit to come off of her and command her eyes to be restored. She did and then said, "I am having thoughts right now that it is not going to work, nothing will change!" Ok, tell that spirit to leave you and just believe Jesus has already done this for you. Now look out the window, what do you see? BAM, she said, I see the youth gathered in the other building, but I cannot make out the faces. Ok, let's do this again and stand on the truth. And she commanded this thing to leave her and confessed the life of Christ flooding her eyes and again BAM, she said "I see perfectly, my God, I see perfectly, I see their faces!" I love this training to reign with Christ, so much better to leave them with the knowledge that they have prayed, that they have believed the Truth and they have seen, rather than just my commanding the problem to go on their behalf! Hallelujah, The Real Gospel sets people free!

I had a word that there were a number of people in this meeting that had problems they had stopped getting prayer for because they had become convinced that they had to live with their disability or sickness because for years of trying and praying they had seen no improvement. I will not forget this lady: when I asked her what was wrong, she said "for 34 years I have been living in pain and have difficulty walking. I have done everything I know to do." Then we prayed and...she started walking... and then said "It is so wonderful to be able to walk after these years of pain, I had forgotten what it was like to be without pain!"

Another Lady, I had trouble understanding her clearly, no interpreter, she had some kind of problem in her stomach. She was pointing to a specific spot on her stomach. It was like a growth, tumor or something like that. We prayed and she was pushing all around her stomach area. I mean she was aggressively looking to find that thing that was there before. She said "gone! Totally gone!"

A lady takes off her left shoe and her foot is malformed on the left side and in serious pain. It was like bent downward slightly making that part of the foot touch the ground first before the rest of the foot. We prayed two times and watched her foot straighten out, all the pain go and her walking return to normal.

Off to Hammanskraal to the meeting and administrative center of a government Caregiver Center. There we met with many caregivers, mostly the younger generation, for training. The administrators were Christians and saw the value in training these folks in Jesus Style Care Giving, under the leadership and power of Holy Spirit! This group of people was some of the most enthusiastic, spontaneous, excited folks we have ever ministered to. Their response in praise and worship was off the charts! Even the older folks, the administrators, stopped their

working so that they could be a part of the praise, worship and training! The head administrator said she would love to be part of the dancing unto the Lord but her “knee” was somehow damaged and giving her continual pain with any movement. Well, after a short agreement in prayer, by faith she jumped out and started leading the dancing. Who do you think was praying? That’s right, it was the young care givers! Amazing to see the full miracle hit her as she stepped into doing what she could not previously do, simply believing that Jesus had already done this for her! And BAM, there we go, another believer demonstrating the Truth! Thank You Jesus!

As we demonstrated the simplicity of the Gospel and simplicity of the prayer of faith for others, we had the people receiving a miraculous healing do the praying for the next person. (This was one of those times that the healing was Instantly Miraculous and sometimes even before we finished speak the words, the healing had manifested!) I totally love the looks on their faces as they see Holy Spirit performing thru their hands! They would laugh with excitement, they would shout for joy. I’m talking about those that were doing the praying! Those receiving healing would be in shock ! Let me tell you about this one girl, after receiving healing in her back I asked her if she would pray for others. At first she looked at me like I had 2 heads, and prayed quietly tentative for the first person with bad legs and saw instant healing. Now there were more people waiting for prayer and before I could ask this girl if she wanted to pray again, she just grabbed ahold of the next person and said, “what’s wrong with you? And then she went after that sickness with such confidence and authority, it was amazing. In fact she was amazing herself and the crowd erupted at every person that said I AMHEALED! She would put her hand on the affected body part and say something like, “In The Name of Jesus, I am telling you, sickness, pain GET OFF and DONOT COME BACK. That’s right, I said right now!” Then she would say to the person she was praying for, “Ok, come on, let’s start moving that leg or back or neck (or whatever the problem was). Come on!” And BAM another miracle. I love it! Thank You Jesus! I just stood there watching this young believer do what she had never done before with the Authority and Confidence of Jesus Himself! My God, when some get it, they get it!

During the teaching with the care givers, it still seemed as though there was a bit too much shock among all these young folks, almost as if they were not reading their bibles. So, I asked and found out that many of them did not have a bible and with that no regular fellowship with Holy Spirit thru the Word. (We did, by the way, arrange for them to get bibles). OK, I knew the last session would be the team praying for them to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and to release prophetic words over them. What I didn’t expect was what I saw when they all lined up for the final prayer. What I was thinking was a time of imparting, prophesying, getting them baptized in the Holy Ghost and this is what I saw amongst the people that I got to pray for after I asked them what they were looking for: All the people lined up for prayer. The first one I get is the elderly maintenance man that was just sitting in the back thinking he would just be watching what this was all about. He put his right hand out and says “this hand is basically unusable. I can only bend my fingers about an inch from the straight out position and I have this growth on the top of my hand!” Sure enough, there was a huge lump on the top of his hand. (I thought how hard it must make it for him to do maintenance work!) I prayed and he said “something is happening, something is moving inside my hand and finger joints!” I watched in a matter of

moments the lump recede and him moving his fingers in and out of a clenched position. I said "Amazing what God is doing right now as he was fixated on watching his hand do what he couldn't do before!" Thank You Jesus, for letting me see Your wondrous works!

BUT next came God's working out of what I was seeing amongst these young people: One after another this is what I heard:

1. "After listening to the Word today, I realized that I am not born again but have been religious and I now want be saved!"
2. "Please help me to receive the Lord, I now know this is the day of my Salvation!"
3. "I want what you have been telling us about, I want to be born again right now!"

This was big for me. I was overwhelmed with joy for each one of these young people as they stepped into their new life. I mean, I was really feeling their faith, their sincerity, their joy! I thank God for allowing me to be part of this! For sure, because someone is sitting in a Christian gathering does not mean they must be born again.

A woman with disabling pain in her right knee. In, around and thru the knee. As we prayed the pain intensified with each prayer to the point where she was screaming and wanting us to stop praying. The Anointing of Christ was putting serious pressure on this demon that had been tormenting her. I explained to her that was a demon that was trying to get us to stop and if she let us keep praying, it would totally leave. She agreed to let us continue to pray, but I could tell that she didn't understand and just wanted this over! All of a sudden she said "It is gone, I felt it leave me right now, my God, I am free!"

There is more to this than I can explain. In one of the meetings there was an elderly man, with all of his front upper teeth missing. He was dressed with a very old mismatched suit and tie on. He was wearing old sneakers. He had a big old bible, all marked up. He said he was a pastor and his church was on the streets. He looked so much like a guy that we believe was an angel that showed up at one of the crusades we did in Kenya. But, this would be the first person that I thought might be an angel before they actually disappeared. I couldn't stop looking at him. He was like a magnet. He was literally glowing. He smiled almost non stop the first day and the second day was totally non stop smiling. He was dancing, singing and kept telling me "I love you!" He said when we prayed for him he was healed of body aches and pains, all over his body, from head to foot and was completely delivered (don't know from what). When he hugged me, all I can tell you is that it left me speechless!

God Bless you all for holding us up in prayer. I love you all!
Tony