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In October, 2015, we accompanied Archbishop Chuck Jones as part of a 7 member team to minister in eastern Brazil in and around Recife. We were invited to come to Brazil by the Archbishop of Brazil, Dom Paulo Garcia, who is an extraordinary evangelist. He is always recruiting converts to the Kingdom of God, and has opened about 80 churches in eastern Brazil. He told Archbishop Chuck that they were having great success bringing people into the Kingdom of God and discipling them, but they were not very adept at getting those people baptized in the Holy Spirit and bringing them in to a place of signs and wonders like the Apostles and disciples experienced in the book of Acts. So, Dom Paulo asked our team to come and both teach and demonstrate how to operate in the supernatural.



On all of these foreign mission trips, Archbishop Chuck is the primary speaker and concentrates his teaching on helping people understand what it means to be “in Christ” as well as have “Christ in you.” The consistent teaching is about encouraging people into a deeper and more intimate walk with their Creator. And then, after the teaching, he and the ministry team “demonstrate” normal life in the Kingdom of God by praying for people and seeing them healed physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

There was one major ministry event each evening in Brazil. These events took place in churches with about 1000 people in attendance each night. The Lord used 2 primary methods to administer healing and deliverance to those who wanted it.

First, through the spiritual gift of word of knowledge, Archbishop Chuck or a team member would call out a type of sickness, letting the people in the service know that God was present to heal that kind of sickness at that time. We would ask people who needed that kind of healing to stand up or raise their hand. Then, we would encourage the local people who were near the person wanting to be healed, we would tell them to lay hands on that person and let the Spirit of God moved through them for healing. Using this method we watched as thousands of people claimed to be healed. We also watched the excitement grow in those who were laying their hands on sick people and watching God do miracles through their hands. Many of these people, had never done anything like that before. But, once they got a taste of what it was like to allow God to change lives through them, they were not only willing but excited to pray for everyone they could.





The second method of praying for folks was what we have traditionally done in prior mission trips. We would invite people to line up in front of team members for individual prayer. Also as in prior trips, Debbie and I would pull people out of the line of those waiting to be prayed for, anoint their hands for healing, and then ask them to help us pray for the other people in line. Every time we did that, those volunteers would watch as God would perform healings through their hands. And that was all it took to get them to want to continue praying for the sick with us the rest of the evening. On the mission trips to Africa, when we prayed for people in this way, it was very uncommon for someone in a prayer line not to be healed. In Brazil, the healing rate was at about 70% to 80%.



In many ways the Brazil mission trip was much easier than recent Africa trips. The weather was mild, the accommodations, although at a private ranch, were like a five-star hotel with our own gourmet chef, the roads were good, and there was air-conditioning everywhere. The challenge was more about being effective ministering to thousands



of people rather than creature comforts. If there is anyone who has been wishing that they could go on a foreign ministry trip, but you are not sure you could withstand the rigors of a difficult environment, let me encourage you – if we get to return to Brazil, come with us. Brazil would be a safe place for you to dip your toe into the exciting world of international missions ministry.

At one service, Dom Paulo’s wife asked Debbie to pray for an older woman in a wheelchair. Her first thought was “Oh no, I hope she has a headache or something!” So, she asked her, “What do you want the Lord to do for you?” The woman responded, “I want to get out of this wheelchair!” Deborah said, “Then get up and walk!” She grabbed the woman’s arm and the helping interpreter took her other arm and she stood up, rather feebly, and put one foot in front of the other. They gradually let her go and she went walking up and down the aisle. The next day she was in the service and walked from her seat to take communion, totally healed.



This is an example of some of the many things God did. There was a woman and her husband who took care of the ranch and us while we were there. She was our gourmet chef. After a couple of days the team got to know her and her husband and discovered that she was suffering from stomach pains and from fear. She was terrified to be at the ranch at night because she imagined that the place was inhabited by ghosts and goblins. So the team gathered around her and prayed for her. The stomach pain left immediately and she was delivered from her fears. The change in this lady was noticeable to all as she went from morose to joyful. Two days later Dom Paulo’s wife told us that she had the privilege of praying the sinner’s prayer with this lady because of God’s healing touch. What a privilege it was to be an instrument of change in that woman’s life! And all we had to do was show up and be obedient.

An electronic version of this newsletter (along with a recording of about 30 minutes of stories) is up on our website, www.cecmessiah.org, in case you want to share it. There will be other trips planned to go to the world in the future (Brazil next fall?). Maybe you will want to come with us!?

Sincerely,

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