

Dear friends!



What an amazing trip we had to Cuba! Our main assignment was to speak at the womens' conference in Cardenas which was exhausting but so incredible! Once again over 400 women crowded into a space intended for a squished 300! Even though they were standing or sitting on the cement floor for hours, the air was electric with anticipation. God did not disappoint these precious women! From the very first moment when Denia (45 yrs old and never danced before) started worshipping the

Lord in dance, a wave of the presence of God rolled in. I looked at Donna and she said, "This is going to be fun!"

Many women approached me with testimonies of what God had done in their lives 2 years ago when we were there. A young lady showed me a picture of her little son - God had opened her womb! Suzana asked if we remembered when we had prayed for her eyes. YES! And there she was totally healed. Another lady gave testimony of financial breakthrough happening after we prayed for her

What a work of love and power the Lord did in the following three days. Many had come with broken hearts from abusive and disappointing marriages; others came with broken bodies and shattered dreams. God was soooooo loving and so good to all!

After a very anointed prayer for breakthrough in marriage situations, Claribel returned home to find her adulterous husband, changed, repentant and wanting to walk with God! PTL! I know there will be many many more testimonies of changed marriages! One day I ministered the whole morning on healing and the Lord did amazing things taking away pain, healing backs, gallbladders, digestive conditions, eyes, and on and on. One lady had not been able to run or climb stairs - the morning after receiving prayer she excitedly told me that she ran after a bus for the first time in 3 years. God healed so many eyes! An elderly lady, who was almost blind, saw Jesus, reached out her hand and felt His power course through her body and was instantly healed!! On the bus ride home another discovered God had filled a tooth for her!

But the wildest testimony was that of Juanita! Her friends brought her to us, disheveled looking, depressed and desperate. She was a new Christian who been involved in very dark things, including witchcraft. Her bizarre story was that she could hear conversation but could not understand it - it was as if she was listening to a foreign language!! Wild!! It

sounded demonic to us so we started praying and breaking curses off of her. After we prayed she said she felt peace but didn't look much better. In faith we sent her off and told her that she would hear much better in the morning. Well, the next morning when we were having an anointing service, I saw a woman who kept getting slain by the power of God. Turned out it was Juanita!! I DID NOT RECOGNIZE HER - SHE WAS SOOOOOOOOOOOO CHANGED! She was clean and well groomed and her face glowed, her eyes sparkled and there was a huge smile on her face!! She exclaimed, "I can hear properly! God has healed me." and with tears streaming down her face, she said, "Please pray for me. I want to go back and tell my family and neighbors of what God has done for me." WOW! ONLY JESUS CAN DO THAT!

One night the women who were sleeping in the church sanctuary woke up at 3:00 in the morning to find the big hall filled with light. It was pitch black outside and no lights were turned on in the hall! They knew it was God! They went up to the roof to see if there could be any other reason for the strange light and saw with their eyes that the church was surrounded by a ring of heavenly fire! They fell on their knees and prayed for 3 hours!

We felt like dwarfs among these giants of faith and so privileged to be with them. On the closing morning, they surprised us by washing our feet and praying and prophesying over us! Donna and I were touched to our inner most being. In 40 plus years of ministry for me and 30 for Donna no one had ever done that for us! We were undone!

Even as we left more and more testimonies were coming in of what God had done in those days! The devil was not happy and both of us got hit hard. Donna was very sick for two days with gastrointestinal problems and my recently operated eye started burning and throbbing! The specialist had told me I could go on the trip but I had to be very careful not to strain myself in any way. I guess I had overdone it with all the ministry. In consultation with Brother Emilio we decided it was better for me to return the following day instead of heading out up island to do more ministry. I was soooooooo sad but thankful for the week that I had had, and knowing if I looked after the eye now, I could always go back.

*The Lord did give me the gift of going out to Juan Avila (that's where I started ministering in Cuba) on Sunday night. I had not been there in 2 years and what changes! The church was full of children and teens dancing and worshiping God. There were lots of new adults that I did not recognize. They just poured love out over me and I was a mess!
It was so hard to tear myself*



away that night.

I know it was God's will that I would return because He went ahead of me and opened every door! They were not supposed to let me board without a changed reservation but they did. They did not charge me to change the ticket. In Toronto I was able to get out on the next flight! When I phoned the specialist office from the TO airport to make an appointment for the next day, she said it was impossible because it was his last day in office before holidays and he was packed full. BUT GOD PREVAILED and she told me if I could come in at 8:15 the next morning, he could see me. The next day he found that a piece of the suture was still in the eyeball and with the overexertion, it had caused all the irritation. PTL I am fine now - just have to take it easy for a couple more weeks so it can heal well.

It was so hard to not go up island to minister in churches where I have special relationship with the pastors and wives. It was so hard to miss the three nights of special celebrations that were going to be held in 3 different places. The meetings started last night and will go till Sunday. Please pray for protection over the saints as they have no permission to have these large rallies but I feel like the Lord has dispatched the armies of heaven to open the heavens over them and to fight for them! THE CHURCH IN CUBA IS ON FIRE! It is just the beginning! They really need our prayers as they continue to grow the Kingdom. They need divine supply of strength, courage, health and financial provision. PLEASE PRAY!

Thank you so much dear friends for your partnership in extending the Kingdom. Without your prayers and support it would be impossible!

You were with me ministering and your reward is great! ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH IN CUBA I SAY THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

*Humbly yours,
Elsie*