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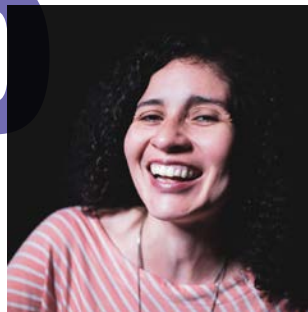
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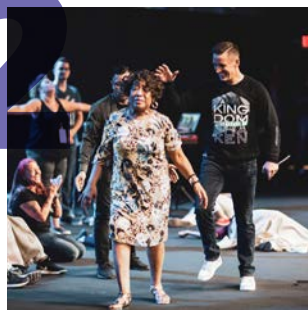
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The Fall season is here in Texas! The hot, dry heat of summer is slowly being replaced with lower temperatures. Is this not like life at time—some seasons feel like fire to our hearts and minds and others feel like just the right condition for a happy life. Thankfully, neither hot summer nor frigid winter lasts forever. Seasons in life often come and go like a strong gust of wind, but sometimes they slowly emerge like the rising sun and fade away like a beautiful sunset.

There are so many spiritual and practical lessons that we can learn from changing seasons. Firstly, seasons are not permanent. Secondly, change is inevitable with seasons. Thirdly, we get opportunities to prepare and plan for upcoming seasons. Lastly, seasons not only bring challenges, but they also bring many blessings as well. As you observe seasonal changes in your life, never forget that God, though His creativity provides for changes in many ways, is also the one constant in our ever-changing world of ideas, people, systems and processes. God is a solid and secure foundation from one season to the next. He provides continuity and stability. I encourage you to embrace our faithful God as you walk through your seasons.

Christ For The Nations is also entering a new season of God's incredible favor.

Recently, CFN established a new Legacy Endowment Board to specifically raise funds to help build CFN's 21st century vision plan. Our Board Treasurer, Dr. David Robinson is overseeing this strategic initiative and its dynamic team. Over the years, we have been blessed with property and God is steering us to leverage some of assets for the greater good of the organization. Our goal is to enclose the entire campus in the near future.

We are excited about this and other new projects that are being discussed and explored, which you will hear more about in detail in the ensuing months. We are in a season of strategic stewardship for greater impact to fulfill the Great Commission by training and equipping our students to go to the nations for Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers and your faithful support. If you would like to be a financial blessing to our 21st century vision plan, you are welcome to give online or contact us by email or phone.



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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

10/14-18

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10/30-10/31

CFNI Jesus Tent
(Evangelism revival event)

NOVEMBER

11/1

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THE MOST VALUABLE PIECE OF
REAL ESTATE IN THE UNIVERSE

• By Dennis Lindsay

THE FOCUS OF THE MIDDLE EAST BATTLE

Today, the center of the conflict in the Middle East isn't over the land of Israel that the Jews govern. The nightly news claims that the horrible war between the Arabs and the Jews is over the land; however, this is only partially correct. No, it isn't even over the city of Jerusalem. It is over a small patch of land that is only about 35 acres in size. **The focus of the conflict is over a slab of rock on those 35 acres. The slab of rock is located on the most valuable piece of real estate in the universe.** This piece of real estate represents the foundations of our Christian faith. **That rock**

represents Jesus—the Rock of our salvation.

It is on this slab of rock where the focus of the Middle East conflict lies. The slab of rock rests on what is known as the Temple Mount. The mount itself is located on Mt. Moriah. This piece of land is the most disputed acreage in the world. It was here that Solomon's Temple was constructed. Satan hates those who choose to praise and worship the Creator, and he fights against them (1 Peter 5:8). He is especially concerned when believers gather together for corporate times of praise and worship (2 Chronicles 5:13, 14, Acts 2:1-4). Remember satan's temptation, where he says to Jesus, "'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me'" (Matthew 4:9, NIV)? Later, when Christ walked into the temple, He reminded the people that this place was a place of worship and not a house of business for profit.

Satan knows the story of the rock. **On Mt. Moriah and this rock slab, God's plan of redemption for man unfolds.** It is here that people of the past, present and future will come and worship. The conflict over the property is all about worship. Man is wired for worship. There is a war going on and again, it is all about worship. At all costs, satan is out to undermine and destroy God's redemption plan for mankind.



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, SEPTEMBER 07, 2019 :
THE TERRITORY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT IN THE OLD CITY.

Satan was unable to tempt Jesus to bow down and worship him, so why not confiscate the Temple Mount? Satan knows the Word.

“For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. ‘This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it’” (Psalm 132:13, 14, NASB).

As a result, satan confiscated the Temple Mount and erected a shrine over the slab of rock, dedicating it to himself for his own worship. It is known as the Dome of the Rock—which rock? Satan knows the significance of the rock. It represents the rock of redemption. For satan to construct his shrine of worship here, it becomes obvious what he is up to. What is the rock all about? Would you believe it’s a sacred rock that has an incredible story to tell? The rock rests on the “Rock of Ages.” **The rock represents the foundation of the Christian faith—the Rock of our Salvation—Jesus. Guess what happened on this rock? It represents God’s threshing stone where He separates the wheat from the chaff.**

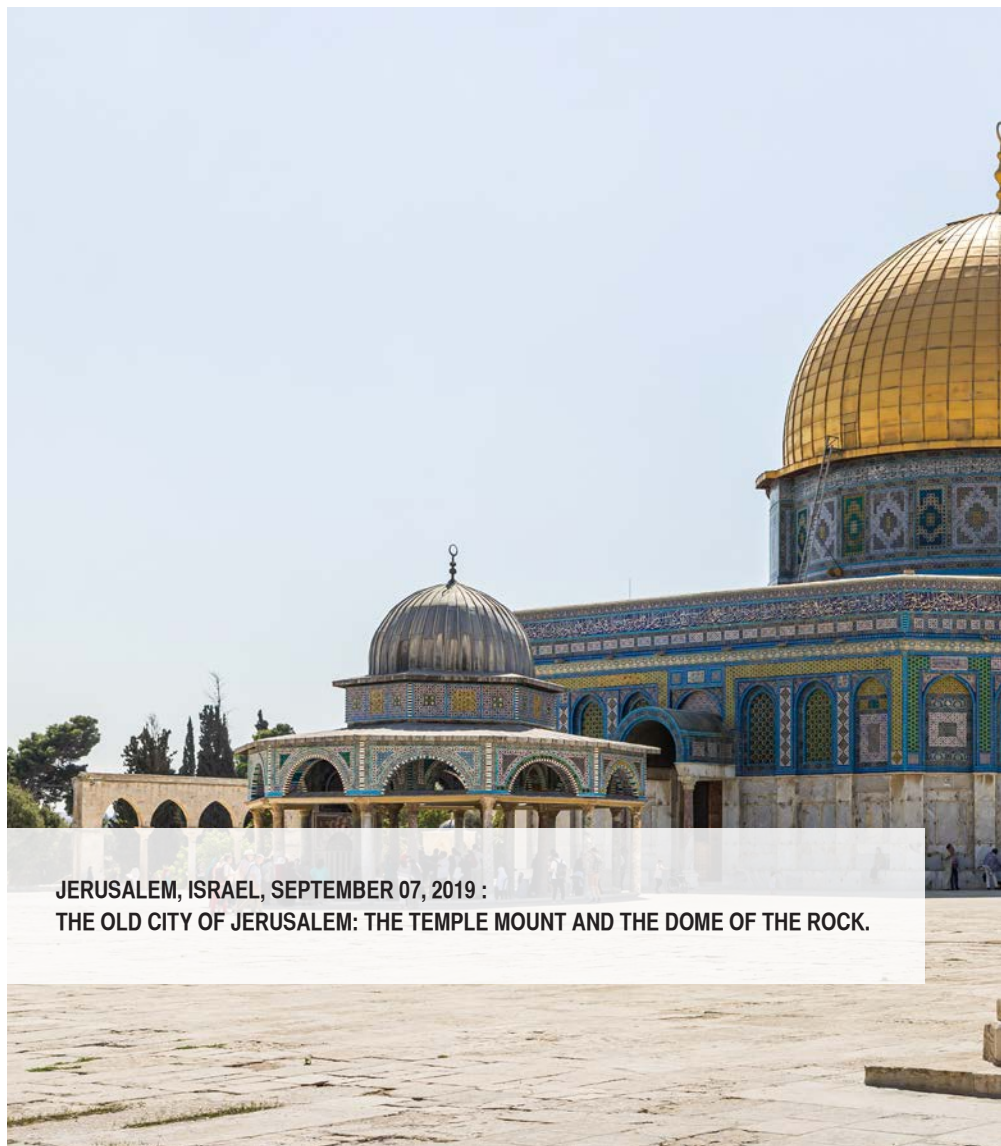
REMEMBER RAHAB?

Rahab was the harlot who hid the Israeli spies when the Israelites were coming into the Promise Land. But where did Rahab hide the men? It was under the stalks of flax that were being harvested.

Here is our first mention of grain which is separated from the chaff—the rubbish. Keep this in mind. Rahab was justified by her act of faith. God separated her from the chaff of Jericho. What is interesting is that David, who later became King of Israel, was a descendant of Rahab.

REMEMBER RUTH?

Ruth was a pagan, Gentile Moabite, yet she is remembered as one of the godly women of redemption, having declared to her mother-in-law, Naomi: “... Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God” (Ruth 1:16, NIV). Later, she meets her future husband, Boaz (the son of Rahab), on the threshing floor where grain was being separated from the chaff. Boaz marries Ruth and it is through



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THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM: THE TEMPLE MOUNT AND THE DOME OF THE ROCK.

their descendants that David was born. Boaz was the kinsman redeemer, which allowed him to step in and marry the widowed Ruth in order to redeem the land from being taken by a non-family member. The important point of our story is the threshing floor. This is the second time we come across grain in association with a threshing floor. There is a message here. Do you perceive it?

The connection between Boaz, the family redeemer, and Ruth on the threshing floor is not coincidental (Ruth 3:1-18). **Ruth symbolizes the believer, for she was a Gentile who converted to Judaism. Boaz is a symbol of Christ—the Redeemer. The fact that Ruth’s petition takes place at the threshing floor, among the grain and the chaff, is a beautiful symbol of man’s need for redemption and God’s identity as Redeemer** (Job 19:25, Psalm 19:14; 78:35).

DAVID AND THE THRESHING FLOOR

Another threshing floor. This time it is in Jerusalem on Mt. Moriah. Three threshing floors. What is the Lord saying?

“Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David” (2 Chronicles 3:1, NIV).

Our story begins to advance and become clearer. King David, after committing adultery, murder and numerous other sins, was forgiven by God because he humbled himself and asked for forgiveness by removing the chaff in his life. **Again, it happened at the rock slab located on Mt. Moriah—the most valuable piece of real estate in the universe. The story unpacks like a powder keg as 70,000 people died**

before David repented of his sin at the threshing floor on Mt. Moriah. This was the same mountain where Abraham was tested by God many years earlier.

“Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering ...” (Genesis 22:2, NLT).

We know the rest of the story of how God stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac by providing a sacrifice of a ram caught in the thicket. **Centuries later, on this same mountain, God the Father offered His own Son, Jesus, the Messiah, as a sacrifice for all the sins of humankind.**



The threshing floor is where you separate the grain from the chaff. God is telling us to separate ourselves from the chaff of the world, just as farmers used a threshing floor to separate the grain from the chaff. We are to separate in our lives things of value from things that have no value—things that are comparatively worthless.

John the Baptist referred to Jesus as the one who would separate the good grain from the chaff with a winnowing fork, gathering the grain into his barn and burning the chaff with “unquenchable fire” (Matthew 3:12, NIV).

The threshing floor has spiritual significance as the place where good and evil are separated. The grain is gathered into the barn by faith, by the gift of God, Who purchased His children through His sacrifice on Mt. Moriah and provides righteousness and spiritual safety through Jesus Christ our Kinsman Redeemer. It is an amazing story of God’s grace.

ARE YOU GETTING THE CONNECTION?

We have taken a brief look at the history of redemption, **which helps us to understand what the war in the Middle East between the Arabs and Jews is all about. Satan seeks to remain as a squatter on the Temple Mount of Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem in hopes of undermining and derailing God’s plan of redemption for humankind.** The complete message of the Rock of Ages and His threshing stone will be forthcoming in a book I am writing. Understand that the slab of rock on Mt. Moriah will soon be cleaned off when the Landlord returns. Be sure to obtain your copy of *Israel My Beloved—God’s Threshing Stone*. It will address the following question and topics, among others: Why does Satan still hate the Jews? The sacred marriage arrangement: the refusal to say “I do;” the truth about the Palestinians: the good, bad and the ugly; the Third Temple; Cyrus II and Isaiah 45; the coming Rock revival and the Benjamin generation; and “It’s time to visit The Rock.”



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(25 years of experience)

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- **Castles and Kisses Tour** (Five fabulous castles)

- Ride to the top of the Zugspitze Mountains in Garmisch, Germany
- Hohensalzburg Fortress in Salzburg, Germany
- Linderhof Palace in Bavaria, Germany

PASSION PLAY HIGHLIGHT

In 1633, the residents of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would thereafter produce a play depicting the life and death of Jesus every 10 years, for all time. After their vow, the adult death rate had dwindled from 20 out of every 1,000 people to one death in the month of July, 1633. The villagers believed they had been spared and thus kept their part of the vow when the play was first performed in 1634. **The play has been performed once every 10 years** since this first performance as a testament to the goodness of God.

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GERMANY



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JORDAN RIVER,
ISRAEL



CFNI'S 50TH YEAR ALUMNI REUNION

"The Sounding Off The Silver Trumpets"



OCTOBER 28-31, 2020 has been set aside for former students of CFNI to celebrate the 50th year of the Institute. This is a historic event, but our purpose is much more than merely nostalgic or historic. Though we will have grand times of re-connecting, remembering and ministering to the Lord, we are praying the Lord will do much more. We expect each individual who comes to experience what our theme passage declares.

In Numbers 10:1-10, the Lord commands Moses to make two hammered silver trumpets to be blown over the camp for at least five reasons:

- 1) To gather the entire assembly
(strength gained in front of Him together).
- 2) To convene the leaders (wisdom given).
- 3) To lead the camp into new a direction
(clarity for next steps).
- 4) To prepare for battle (strategy without fear).
- 5) To celebrate a feast (worship).

These five emphases can be applied to our 50th Year Reunion with confidence. We are expecting the Lord to give us the things each of us needs within these five priorities.

The strength the Lord worked into our lives at CFNI is certainly worth honoring. The friendships forged, the prayer meetings, the ministry times, the 'face-to-face'

with Jesus in chapel, laughing, repenting, the classes, the words from the Lord, holy places on campus where the Lord met each of us, and so much more than mere words can express.

Lance Wallnau, John Bevere, and Jane Hamon are some of the speakers we have already arranged to come and minister. Other alumni will also share. This event is exclusively for former students of CFNI. We are expecting a large crowd. This announcement comes early on purpose, so you can make the necessary plans to be with us. The schedule will provide times for connecting with former classmates and to receive ministry in services. 'Prayer-tunnels' will close the reunion on Saturday morning.

The Alumni Association has been lacking focus in recent years, but strong steps are underway to implement a vision that is aimed to serve the Lord's purpose in your life.

It will be exciting to come together. More details will be forthcoming. It is our goal that the Lord is free to blow heavenly trumpets over your future. Looking forward to seeing you here in Dallas.

Michael Massa
Alumni Relations Director

CFNI'S 50TH YEAR REUNION

1970-2020



LANCE WALLNAU
WED, OCT 28, AT 7PM



JANE HAMON
FRI, OCT 30, AT 7PM



JOHN BEVERE
THURS, OCT 29, AT 7PM

OCTOBER 28-31, 2020

CONFIRMED ALUMNI SPEAKERS

FRED MARKERT ('78) | JANE HAMON ('81) | RANDALL REMINGTON ('84)
MAGRATE YAP ('86) | EDITH PRAKASH ('99)

VOICE OF HEALING CONFERENCE 2019



Our 2019 Voice of Healing Conference was truly a powerful witness where the Holy Spirit touched, healed and set individuals free from the bondages of the enemy. One of the highlights of the week was the worship, which led the congregation into the presence of the Lord. God's anointed ministers, including Cindy Jacobs, Nathan Morris, Todd White, Edith Prakash, Joseph Mwenya, Joan Hunter, Paula Burt and others, remind me of the days when I traveled with my parents as a kid to the Healing Revivals held in the tents. Our God still is delivering and restoring captives out of their burdens of fear, sickness and bondages from the attacks of satan.

Christ For The Nations has remained a teaching, healing and miracle center since it was established by the Holy Spirit 70 years ago. Through our Institute, students receive biblical instruction on healing, miracles and the supernatural. They learn that Jesus still heals today as He did 2,000 years ago, and they receive the call of the Holy Spirit to take this anointed message to the nations of the world. If you want to be a part of next year's VOHC on September 16-19, 2020, plan now!

Dr. Dennis Lindsay,
CFN CEO/President/Board Chairman



TESTIMONIES FROM VOHC 2019

"When I was 13 years old, I threw out my back and since then have thrown it out two more times. Last night while Joan Hunter was speaking, my back was hurting and I couldn't get comfortable. After the service I went out to her table and by then my back was hurting so badly, I couldn't focus. I had one of the women at the booth pray for me and the pain left my body almost immediately."

—Michael Rodriguez

"I had an injury in my hip and pain; today Jesus has healed me. I don't feel any pain. Thank you, Jesus."

—Adrian Lopez

"On the second day of Voice of Healing, God delivered me from a generational spirit of addiction. I was liberated from this spirit that was trying

to take my house and my children. All the honor and glory to God. I thank you Jesus! I love you Jesus!"

— Jessica Hernandez

I gained my hearing back in my right ear. [At one point] Todd White said he saw "yellow bumper cars". I was hit by a gold Camry on June 24th this year. This morning I realized my neck was healed when I was able to back my friend's car out of the driveway. Praise God!!"

—Kimberly Paz

"For about 3 years I have been having a lot of health problems, one thing after another. I could not understand why until Joan Hunter talked about trauma. God spoke to me about my father passing 3 years ago. I went up on stage and she

prayed for me and I was healed. I cannot wait to see more results of what God has done."

—Ronda Honeycutt

"Two years ago I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and the doctors took out my whole thyroid. As I wasn't seeing my miracle, I lost faith in my own healing. When Todd White was praying and we repeated after him, I felt my faith rise again. I didn't know it at the time, but I allowed God to do a miracle in me. The moment when Todd White said the word "throat", I felt as if something was stuck in my throat and as soon as I touched my throat, I knew I was healed because there was an indentation before and now it goes straight down like normal."

— Daisy Portillo





GENOCIDE SURVIVOR

FROM CONGO TO CFNI



My name is Glodi Sebareme and I am from Congo.

As a young child growing up in Congo, I witnessed the brutality of discrimination between Rwanda and Congo in 1997. My mom was originally from Congo, but my father was Tutsi Congolese, which was what the Rwandese were called at that time. I remember the Congolese soldiers coming to our house to arrest my father because of his origin. However, my mom had hidden my father at her sister's house to protect him. The soldiers came to our home and ransacked it, looking for my father. They destroyed everything we had, but were unable to find him. Meanwhile, my brothers and I (alone at the house at that time due to our mother attending a church service) were kept hostage and were questioned over and over

again about who we were. At that time, I was only 7 years old, and my brothers, Mike and Isaac, were 9 and 5 years old, respectively. You can imagine the fear that gripped me and my brothers at this young age as these soldiers pointed guns at our heads, screaming at us concerning the whereabouts of our father. They also questioned if we were Tutsi Congolese. If we had answered "yes", they would have killed us right there. Thankfully, the prayers of our mother, who was a true intercessor and prayer warrior, were covering us at that moment and still cover us today.

For the safety of her family and as advised by her neighbors, my mother ran back to her sister's house. Although she was reassured by a friend that we were safe, she continued to weep and pray all night to God for our safety and protection.

The next day, my mom went searching to see if the Congolese soldiers were still at our house and found out they were indeed still there. So, she lingered a while longer until the zone was clear. Time elapsed as 48 hours had gone by. For 48 hours, we were hostages, in the captivity of these soldiers.

I remember that while we were at the house there were about 24 soldiers surrounding us, pointing guns at our heads, ready to shoot us. Amid all of this, one of the commanders suddenly received a phone call—this was what saved our lives that day.

Fortunately, we were then united with our mother and were able to go far away to her sister's house, where my family was united for a short time. Days passed, and my mother sought for a place of safety for my father. This is when she came across a man named Priest Italo, who offered to help my father. The plan was for Priest Italo to help my father and his brother escape to Brazzaville. Unfortunately, while they were trying to escape, the police caught them, and recognized that my father and his brother were Tutsi Congolese. They were then arrested and put in jail. The priest was also arrested, but was thankfully released shortly after. However, my father and his brother were separated and placed in different jails. It seemed like things were getting worse, and my mother's plan to get my father to safety failed. However, she did not give up.

My mother continued to persevere in prayer and regularly visited my father in jail, bringing him food. On one particular day during her usual visit to him, she was informed he was no longer there, and had been transferred to a prison called "Kankokolo", which was one of the worst and most dangerous prisons in Congo. My mother found him there and saw he had been beaten mercilessly by the Congolese soldiers. Devastated, she ran for help to the Red Cross, telling them what had happened. They sympathized with her and promised to do everything in their power to help my father.

As days passed by, my mother and her sister went to visit my father and once again discovered he was moved to yet another prison called "Makala". When they went to Makala and inquired of my father, they



were informed that my father was killed that night by the soldiers.

On June 1998, I lost my father. When we discovered this, we were devastated and in much sorrow. We had nowhere else to go and my mother worried greatly for her future and for that of my brothers and me. Through it all, she continued in prayer and believed by faith that God would intervene for her and her family.

By the grace of God, my dad's cousin, John, encouraged her to go to a human rights organization to explain her story. She did and told them all that had happened, how my father was killed because he was a Tutsi Congolese and how her family had suffered greatly from the war. This is how we found favor and were safely taken to a refugee camp.

While we were in the refugee camp, we were transferred to Benin for 6 months, and then to America on February 24, 2000. This is when our suffering ended. Our prayers were finally answered.

I pray that everyone out there will have a mother or someone in their life like my mother who was a true intercessor in that time of suffering and pain, to stand up in faith and perseverance when everything seems to have fallen apart. Without the strength of my mother and of Jesus, I don't know where I would be today.

Through it all, we give all the glory to Jesus Christ and believe that this testimony is for someone out there to continue to hold on to Jesus, even when death seems near.

NEHEMIAH

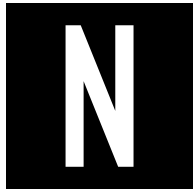


• *By* Kiplin Batchelor

"In the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was at the fortress of Susa. Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem. They said to me, 'Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire.' When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven."

— Nehemiah 1:1-4

JERUSALEM'S WALLS WERE REBUILT BECAUSE ONE MAN ON HIS JOB ASKED QUESTIONS, TOOK THE TRUTH TO GOD AND THEN MADE CHANGES.



Nehemiah's story unfolds at the fortress of Susa while he is serving in the palace of King Artaxerxes of Persia. Rather than being completely preoccupied with all the opulence and royal pomp as a cupbearer to the king, Nehemiah puts aside his own privileged position and focuses his attention on the wellbeing of his countrymen in Jerusalem. He exemplifies being 'other-conscious', a type of selflessness that all leaders need to learn if they intend to lead people well. Leading and being oblivious to followers' issues results in disconnect and indifference in leadership.

Nehemiah asked two questions. He wanted to know how the people were and what they were doing in the city. Average leaders only make time to ask if a job has been completed, because that is what they are primarily interested in—task completion! **Great leaders, however, are thoughtful and concerned for the general wellbeing of a person, not just what they do or can do for an organization. Great leaders understand the difference between being a person and being an employee. This is an example of transformational leadership. These type of leaders are focused on the holistic welfare and development of the people they lead.** It is obvious that Nehemiah cares and is genuinely concerned about how his people are doing. How many times have you paused from your duties and responsibilities as a leader to ask a co-worker, "How are you doing?". As opposed to only asking, "Did you get this task done?", we should ask relational and spiritual questions such as, "How is your life?" "How are your children?" "How is your church?" "How is your family?" "How is

your walk with the Lord?" etc. This allows people to feel valued and a part of a collective family. We cannot be so absorbed and consumed by work that we forget the human element of life. We are God's children before we are ever a company's employees. We cannot be so detached from the things that make a person's life meaningful and precious that we don't ask caring questions about them. Nehemiah lived and worked in luxury that could have blinded the eyes of his soul to the Jews living hundreds of miles away in a broken-down city, but no, he remembered the people. How often do leaders remember the plight of those serving in broken-down places on a job?

The visitors to Nehemiah were open and honest with the facts. Great leaders need truth-tellers—people who will not create stories to impress, but who will share the truth, so that others can be helped. Had Nehemiah not heard the truth of the problems in Jerusalem, he may not have asked the king for help. Hearing the truth is vital! Leaders can only fix what they are aware of. Unknown facts prevent solutions from becoming a reality. Covering up problems will eventually lead to more problems. It was the 'open and honest dialogue' that led to empathy in Nehemiah for his people. It inspired him to seek the Lord for favor to help fix the structural and social problems. This tells us that hearing hard truth doesn't have to lead to depression, anxiety, worry or panic. Jerusalem's walls were rebuilt because one man on his job asked questions, took the facts to God in prayer and made changes. We practice this at CFNI with our deans quite often. They ask our students what their problems and needs are so that the issues can be brought to the attention of leadership who create solutions to change, fix or improve the students' educational and spiritual experience.

cfni student TESTIMONIES

Estefanía Arzola, is the first Christian in her family and a first-year international student at CFNI from Venezuela! Be encouraged as she shares how her 11-year dream to attend CFNI came to pass: “Before I became a Christian, I felt like I was walking, but not alive. I passed through depression, bullying, and I didn’t have friends. So, the way God showed up to me was as a friend. He became my best friend.

In 2007 when I became a Christian, the church I was going to gave me a Christ For The Nations magazine. A clear voice didn’t tell me to apply, but I had a desire, and I felt something every time I heard about it. I tried to apply, but I didn’t get the scholarship at that time. So I finished my studies at university, decided to apply again, and I got the scholarship! I cried when I came here. It was a long journey believing and trusting, but my dream came true!”



After 15 days in Haiti, I only have words of gratitude for everything that I experienced during those days. Haiti changed me completely. It was a watershed in my life: it’s impossible to experience this and come back to reality the same way.

Haiti. It is where poverty spreads, love is corrupted and hunger dominates. Where people have a reason to lose hope. Where I went to bless and I was blessed so much more. Haiti taught me about a love that constrains, a love that we can see in the eyes of the children, a real love, an undeserving love—the love of Christ.

Haiti taught me about serving. I saw children

taking care of us daily, working, serving us joyfully and wanting to give us everything, even all that they had to eat, as an act of love. **Haiti taught me that even amidst poverty, Christ is enough.** That joy comes through the Father. It’s not about what you HAVE but it’s about who you ARE, and we are all children of God.

Haiti, you have a special place in my heart, and I can’t wait to go back.

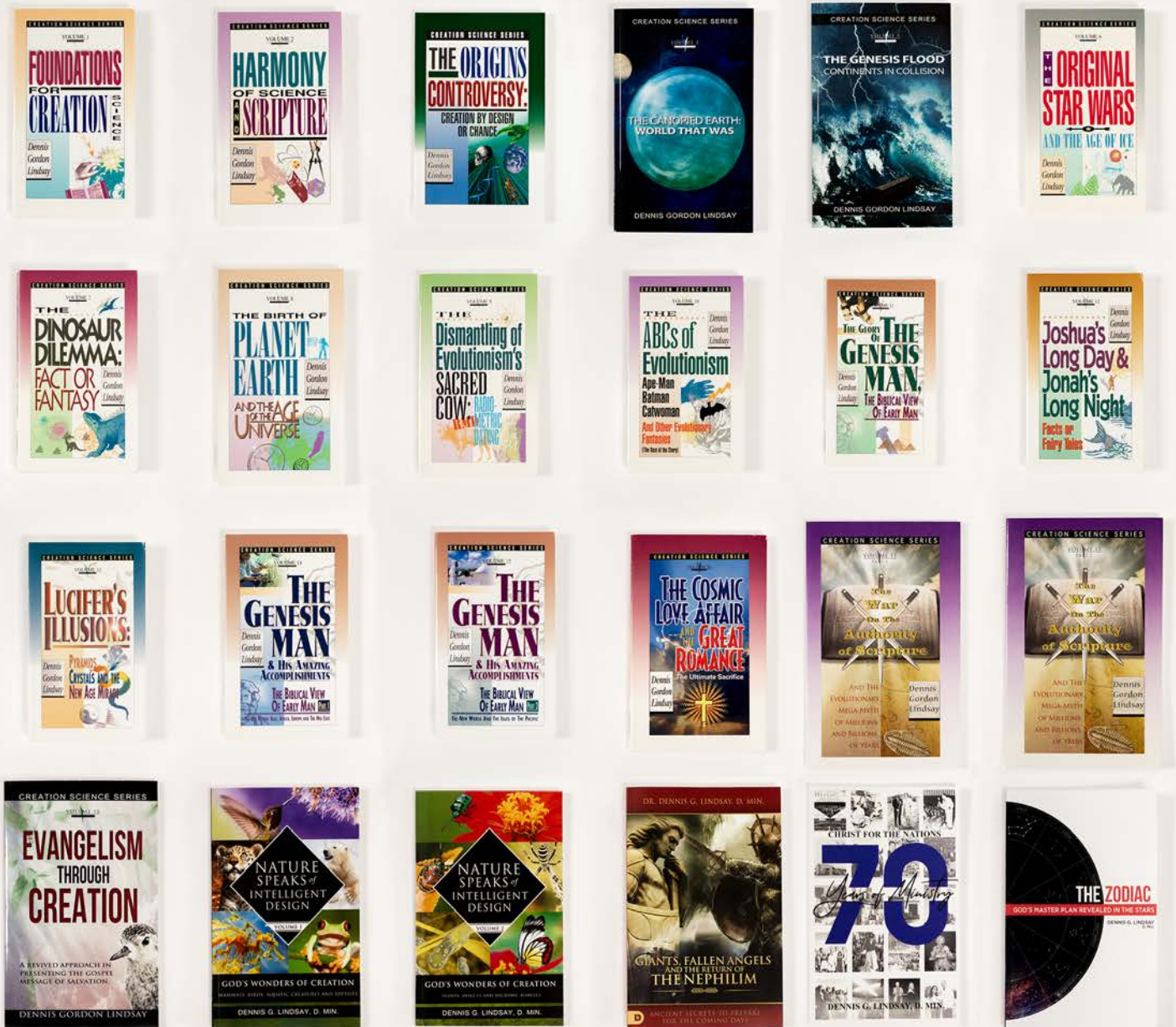
—Deborah Sinico, student and summer outreach participant



“Coming to CFNI was a miracle, and there were many steps that needed to perfectly align in order for me to come here. But God had a plan, and He still does. I didn’t understand why — a Bible school — but now I don’t regret anything. Here I learned what intimacy means, how to draw close to Him, how to trust in Him, how to live by faith and totally surrender to Him. Here I got my foundation for life and got ready for the next steps. But even if I don’t know exactly where He is going to take me, I know that everything works for my good because I love the Lord”.

—Titus Novacovici, graduating student





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CFNI friend named Judy invited me to my first ever Healing Place session with Andrew Brown. A few days before, my mother was diagnosed with a brain aneurism and intracranial artery stenosis. My mother was living with these conditions a month and a half prior to telling me about the condition she was in. I was initially in shock, and my spirit was prompted to run to prayer. I told 2 friends, Judy being one of them, and we all began to pray.

On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, Judy and I attended CFN's Healing Place. At the end of the session, we were asked if there were any prayer needs, and, if so, to come to the front. Judy encouraged me to stand in the gap for my mother, and although it did not make sense at the time, in obedience to God, I went to the altar. I received

prayer for my mother's diagnoses and a prophetic word was spoken. Out of the mouth of a woman I received the word, "Your mother is healed; begin to thank him (God)". So, I left the Healing Place in a posture of prayer and thanksgiving.

The next day, on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 10:38 AM, I called my mother to see if there were any changes in her health. **With great joy and excitement, my mother said, "They couldn't find anything!"** My mother's last and final x-rays were read the day after receiving the prayer and prophecy from the Healing Place. **The prophetic word of the Lord I received launched my mother into believing in Jesus.** Since the age of 13, I've been praying for my mother to be saved and 24 years later, she now has trust and faith in Jesus.

— Denise Hammer

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