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COVID-19 — FOE AND FRIEND!

While on its disturbing and destructive path around the globe, the highly contagious COVID-19 is certainly teaching modern societies. Humanity is being reminded that nature has biological weapons that we are totally unprepared for in the war for the protection and preservation of our health. Though we harnessed its resources for use, the earth is still able to surprise us in a humbling way—leaving us unprepared as we tried to contain and manage a threatening biological foe. Our place in nature's ecological system is confronted by a microscopic kingdom that has been wreaking havoc in the world. This enemy has walked from nation to nation, unseen and unheard; we are only aware of its presence by its symptoms.

COVID-19 is lecturing our urban cities. We are learning just how vulnerable our wealthy cities and towns are—all our large social gatherings provide the right setting for the virus to spread and infect many people. We are realizing now more than ever just how quickly a virus can spread through social contact. One infectious case can lead to thousands within just a few days, even unleashing death in its path. Food shortage, lack of medical supplies, the absence of health protocols and overpopulated hospitals have become the norm in some areas. We are learning we can't plan for everything no matter the good intention we have—some unforeseen events will take us by surprise.

COVID-19 is lecturing in life's classroom. Many employers have had to shift from brick and mortar work stations to working remotely from home. We now know technology is not only a necessary friend for businesses and workers, but a newfound friend of

churches and Christians, some of whom are experiencing online church for the first time. Whoever thought that church could exist completely online? Interestingly, COVID-19 is teaching our pastors to go back to basics. All of a sudden, charismatic and evangelical followers have all become televangelists online: singing, praying, reading and encouraging. The Kingdom of God is invading the web, and in part, we owe it to the impact of COVID-19.

COVID-19 is definitely teaching us. In our modern, fast-paced, industrialized nations, COVID-19 has slowed down life's treadmill and is allowing us to walk and not run, to pause and reflect, and to focus on our fragile humanity and the people who need care. This unseen foe is bringing humans back together, refocusing them from chasing materialism—from grabbing at wealth and work—and redirecting them to relationships, albeit through technology. Parents now have time for children, and spouses now have quality time with each other. Siblings and friends now have time to talk and play games or watch movies together. **We are more connected together at home and online than we have ever been since this virus entered our routines.**

COVID-19 is a dark, ominous cloud for sure, but it has undoubtedly given us a silver lining. We now know 'work' is not a god and our government has been forcibly reminded of why it exists—to serve and protect people. We will never be the same! We are believing God for a cure and trusting Him to bring healing to those who are afflicted.



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IT'S A NEW DAY: FEAR FACTOR

VS.

by Dennis Lindsay

FAITH FINDER

DAD'S HOME-GOING

April marks the anniversary of my dad's home-going to heaven. On April 1, 1973, I received a phone call just after midnight from my mom who was crying, "Dad just went to heaven". Ginger and I were in Spain ministering with Youth With A Mission. At age 26, I had virtually no understanding of the pain and agony that Mom was experiencing. She couldn't believe it, as Dad was only 66 years of age. Christ For The Nations Institute had launched just two years earlier and a new auditorium had recently been inaugurated, still yet to be paid for. Dad got to speak only one time in the Institute Building. Amazingly, the title of his message was, The Hope of the Resurrection.

PARALYZED WITH FEAR

Mom was devastated. Paralyzed with fear, she laid on the floor in her tiny campus apartment during the following week, crying out to God. My sister, who had just returned from Israel, comforted and encouraged her to simply trust the Lord, one day at a time. The rest is history. **This year we are celebrating CFNI's 50th anniversary along with nearly 100 CFNI extension campuses around the world.**

"UP FROM THE GRAVE", MOM AROSE

Mom did get off the floor and the ten-man Christ For The Nations Board elected her to be the next president of the ministry. Shortly thereafter at



a board meeting, the visiting CPA who was auditing CFN's financial records said, "Unless you have a miracle, you will be closed within 6 months." By then, Mom's faith had risen significantly and she ignored the visitor's opinion. Mom's faith led her to become the Mother of Faith to now more than 50,000 alumni, not to mention many other ministries and individuals around the world.

CFN'S EXPANSION

It wasn't long before Mom had our new 1,000 seat Institute Building paid for and began moving on to enlarge the campus. These efforts began with adding the student center, followed by the library chapel, bookstore, music building and seven apartment complexes which housed 750 families and students. One of these buildings, previously a Sheraton Hotel, became the ten-story Gordon Lindsay Tower men's dormitory. **If ever there was a testimony of fear turned into faith, it would be that of a woman who had learned to believe the Word of God, and who encouraged all students to read the Bible every day and bless Israel.** That was Freda Lindsay, a woman born among 11 brothers and sisters in a mud-brick, thatched roof home on the prairies of Canada.

DAD, A MAN OF FAITH

From whom did Mom learn such faith? My dad was truly the example of a man of faith. Dad was led by the Holy Spirit to sell each of his four homes that I was raised in. The first time in the 1940s, it was in exchange for birthing the ministry of The Voice of Healing (Christ For The Nations). In the 1950s, Dad sold our second home and birthed the ministry's printing department, which began printing The Voice of Healing magazine and his books. He authored some 250 booklets on various supernatural subjects. In the 1960s, Dad sold our third home to establish the Native Church

Program, which serves international pastors by helping complete their church buildings around the world. In the 1970s, Dad sold our fourth home to birth CFNI. All four of these ministries are still in full operation and the CFN adventures keep expanding. Can you imagine what Mom was feeling each time Dad told her that we were going to sell our home to start a new venture in evangelism? Now you may understand how, shortly after my dad's home-going, Mom was able to trust the Lord in her new role in evangelism and leadership.

WE ARE IN A BATTLE

As you well know, we are in a battle. There is a war going on between the forces of good and evil—between God and Satan. We are not fighting a battle in the natural but a satanic war in the spirit realm. The greatest 'virus' that we are facing today is the 'fear virus'. We must remember God's promises in His Word.

"He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD" (Psalm 112:7, ESV).

One of the greatest testimonies of God's counter-plan to challenge Satan's fear tactics and demonic virus attacks is evangelism.

Whenever Satan has a plan to destroy God's plan of redemption, God has a counter-plan that always involves evangelism and stepping out in faith. Any time the world encounters a worldwide shaking event, as we are experiencing now, something amazing is about to happen. Watch what happens to worldwide evangelism; something I believe we haven't witnessed before. Remember, it is a New Day. Be a part of it and be willing to step out in faith as God leads. You will see God's supernatural power come alive in your life.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9, ESV).



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Israel My Love—God's Threshing Stone will enlighten you on the truth of what's really happening and God's timing for His original plan to finally be fulfilled.



by Susan Bozarth

Life is a series of events. It is not the events themselves that impact us as much as how we perceive and handle these events. As Christians, we are always looking to define our response to any given situation with faith while engaging the wisdom of God in determining our responses. This is not a new concept, nor is it always easy; fear, confusion, guilt, and even condemnation attempt to add layers to our decisions and responses.

We can learn much from our biblical forebearers and

their responses of faith and wisdom:

- Noah was warned of the flood; he built an ark.
- Joseph was warned of a future famine; he stored up grain.
- There was a threat against the life of baby Jesus; Mary and Joseph changed addresses.

The purposes of God were fulfilled in these and many other instances. They demonstrated their faith by their obedience to the wisdom of God. Someone said, "Faith is believing in advance what will only

make sense when it is past.” Nothing they did made sense to the watching world. Only as these events unfolded did the wisdom of God’s direction make sense. **We love things to make sense but God calls us out of just our natural senses into the realm of risky obedience; risky to us, not to Him.** A.W. Tozer writes, “That God can be known by the soul in tender personal experience while remaining infinitely aloof from the curious eyes of reason constitutes a paradox . . .”

Martin Luther, dealing with the bubonic plague in his hometown of Wittenberg, gave these wise insights in navigating uncertain and trying days. He wrote the following to a friend:

“Therefore I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me, and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely, as stated above. See, this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.”

I know there are times when we do not clearly sense His direction but at these times we must rely on the instructions of the Scriptures.

James 1:2-7 (NIV) - “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without

finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”

“FAITH IS BELIEVING IN ADVANCE WHAT WILL ONLY MAKE SENSE WHEN IT IS PASSED.”

So we see the admonition of God’s Word is to ‘ask’ for wisdom and ask for it without doubting that He’ll give it! We must expect to receive His wisdom.

Proverbs 3:6 (NLT) - “Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

Ours is a walk of faith with our trust and dependence on His guiding hand giving us the wisdom needed to walk in truth and insight in all of our circumstances. Many times it is a trust without the benefit of explanation. One author suggests that “faith is a radical reliance on God.” I agree with that assessment.

Os Guinness, in his book, *God in the Dark*, writes, “It is not the business of faith to deny reality but to order it. Denying reality is a mark of make-believe, not of living faith.” **Our choices of obedience are not either/or . . . they are both; faith and wisdom, spirit and truth.**

I conclude with wise words from Saint Anselm: “Up now, slight man! Flee for a little while thy occupations; hide thyself for a time from thy disturbing thoughts. Cast aside now thy burdensome cares, and put away thy toilsome business. Yield room for some little time to God, and rest for a little time in Him”.

There is no doubt that our world is rapidly changing, now more than ever!
With so many aspects of our lives moving increasingly online, we thought
we would sit down with CFNI's Academic Affairs Director Lawik Joundi
and get answers to the most frequently asked questions about our

Online Program!

Q: WHAT IS THE ONLINE PROGRAM?

A: CFNI Online is an extension of Christ For The Nations Institute, and provides an opportunity for students from all over the world to have access to the same classes taught at our Dallas campus. Our program is designed for those whose busy schedules do not allow them to attend classes at a traditional campus. Students from foreign countries who cannot relocate to our physical campus due to visa or financial constraints also have the option to earn a CFNI degree through our program. In addition, this is the perfect option for students who desire to start or continue their ministry training but who are unable to attend the Dallas campus due to COVID-19 complications.

Q: I'M A VISUAL LEARNER AND AM NOT SURE ONLINE SCHOOLING IS FOR ME. WHAT IS THE ONLINE PROGRAM'S TEACHING METHOD?

A: Our classes are lecture-based, available on video or audio.

Q: IS THE ONLINE PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN OTHER LANGUAGES BESIDE ENGLISH?

A: Yes, we do have 1st year classes available in Spanish, and our goal is to have all degree programs available not only in Spanish, but other languages such as Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese, as well. This is one of our main projects for the near future.

Q: I WORK FULL-TIME. HOW FLEXIBLE IS THE PROGRAM?

A: The program is flexible and allows students to take classes at their own pace. There is no set time to be logged in to watch classes, so you can watch classes and do your coursework when it is most convenient, according to your schedule. Weekly assignments are a requirement. Most courses have discussions, book readings, tests and some may have special projects.





Online!

Q: IF I START MY DEGREE PROGRAM ONLINE, CAN I TRANSFER TO THE DAY SCHOOL IN DALLAS, TX?

A: Yes, and vice-versa. All credits earned through CFNI are valid for both programs. An advisor will be assigned to assist you through the process to make sure you are on track with your classes and degree plan.

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Q: WHAT DEGREE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?

A:

- Certificate of Biblical Studies (CBS)
- Associate of Practical Theology (APT)
- Bachelor of Practical Ministry (BPM)

Q: HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO COMPLETE MY DEGREE PROGRAM?

A: Our degree plans are flexible, allowing students to decide how many classes to take each term based on their availability. Students can take anywhere from 1 to 4 classes each online term. Our terms are 10 weeks long and we have 4 terms per academic year (Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall). Each online class is worth 3 credit hours. The following is the amount of classes necessary to complete each of the degrees offered:

- CBS: 14 classes (42 credit hours)
- APT: 26 classes (78 credit hours)
- BPM: 40 classes (120 credit hours)

Q: I'M INTERESTED! HOW DO I APPLY?

A: Visit us at portal.cfni.org/apply. We'll get you connected with an advisor!



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Student Perspectives:

The shift from what one would call “normal life” was anything but comfortable. In the moment it was anything but exciting. All the while, I had to hold on to the truth and the reality that Jesus knows what He’s doing and that, no matter how I feel and no matter what I see, He is always right. **Not only is He always right, but He desires to help us process the uncomfortable things: things that He has already seen. We must know that nothing catches Him by surprise. Within those truths are where I found my hope.** Due to the effects of

COVID-19 I moved back home to Shreveport, Louisiana, from Dallas, Texas, and continued taking classes online. I can honestly say that months ago when I tried to envision where I would be at this point, it looked absolutely nothing like this. I know for a fact that there are so many people all over the world who would say the same thing. In the midst of all of the uncertainty and unconventionality we must recognize the beauty that lies within it. **Even in the middle of a chaotic pandemic, as sons and daughters of King Jesus, we still have access to a limitless**

amount of peace. In addition, we can still trust in Him: He Who is our living hope.

—Mya Jones, 2nd Year student



During times like these in which we are living, times of uncertainty and many changes, it is natural that fear and anxiety come to our minds.

If we look at reality, we are going to see a bad economic scenario, people losing their loved ones and have a poor perspective for the near future. As students, we all experienced a change mid-semester from studying in-person to taking online classes. For me, the online experience was different and also a challenge because I had to be more disciplined and very focused to avoid the distractions at home, including having my kids around! However, I have seen great opportunities in this change: the opportunity to

spend more time with family, share my classes with my wife every morning, and having the flexibility to watch my classes later when I have to be with my wife at the hospital.

God blessed us with technology because even in times of physical separation we are still united through it. **We must remember that this is a season; therefore, it has a starting date and an expiration date.** How can we find hope in the midst of this? **I have been learning that reality**

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is not the truth and cannot dictate our future if we live from the right perspective. We only can find truth if we see reality through the lens of God. God is unchangeable, and His plans and thoughts about us also do not

change, no matter what reality says. So, let's take advantage during this time to get deeper in relationship with Him and start to see how He sees any kind of situation we go through. We must never forget that He is still on the

throne; He was not caught by surprise when COVID-19 made it's appearance, and He is moving right in the middle of this scenario!

—Lucas Ribeiro,
Biblical Counseling Major

This Spring, as the normality of routine escaped every person around the world,

CFNI students were given an opportunity to embrace change. From gathering daily with fellow friends and students to looking at their smiling faces through a screen, the presence of Jesus knows no bounds, and through Him, unity can arise amidst any challenge.

"Selah"

As every nation came to a pause, an extended invitation from the Lord sounded in our ears, "Come away with Me." A "yes" resounded from the depths of my heart to His. Each class, morning chapel and lecture became a treasured moment to meet with Jesus; an opportunity to hear His voice with even greater clarity than before. Teachers continued to lead us into the heart of God and anchor us in the reality that this is exactly what we were

created for: to be the light in the darkness.

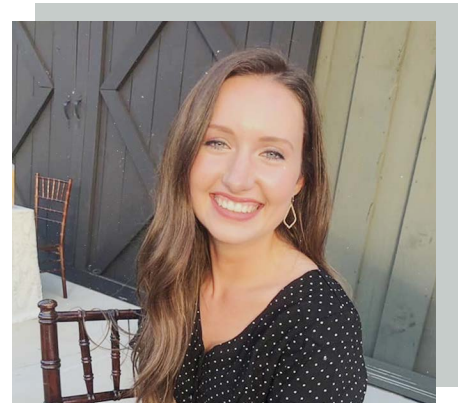
The swift change that seemed to instill fear in society dispersed a new measure of faith into my heart.

An offering of praise amidst difficulty and despair is always more fragrant, always more costly. Regardless of shaking experienced in the natural realm, this declaration continually arises from the children of God, "You are good." The Lord's Kingdom is immovable and unshakable; He reigns enthroned forevermore.

Hope is expectancy; a lens through which we perceive what is to come. Hope is a revelation of God's goodness and nature that is established on who He is, not solely what He does, or what we think He should do. To hope is to thrust ourselves wholeheartedly into the unknown and unexpected with a yielded heart.

There is no greater time than now to desperately pray like Hannah and foolishly dance like David. No greater time than now to soak in each memory with family and wade deeply into the exploration of the mysteries of God. There is no greater time than now! **In valleys and victories, we have this hope as an anchor for our souls, steadfast and secure. Christ in you. Christ in me. Christ in us, the hope of glory.**

—Zoë Fowler, 2nd Year student,
Spring 2020 graduate



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He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By His wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)



Heidi Baker

Heidi is a Christian missionary and with her husband, Rolland, are co-founders of Iris Global, a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to Jesus and service, especially among the poor. The Bakers are based full-time in Pemba, Mozambique. Iris Global has multiple 'bases' with Bible schools, as well as community outreaches and top-ranked public schools. **Heidi travels to various places around the world to share their story, and to teach about God's love and what love in action looks like.**

Nathan is the founder and President of Shake The Nations Ministries. In addition to preaching the Gospel, the ministry is also involved in humanitarian outreaches that serve to see the poor and needy all over the world reached with the love of Jesus Christ. **With a burning passion, Nathan preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations and moves in the power of the Holy Spirit, demonstrated through signs, wonders, and miracles.**



Nathan Morris

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Dr. Colbert is an alumnus and has practiced medicine in Central Florida for over 20 years. He has been board certified in Family Practice for over 25 years and practices anti-aging and integrative medicine. Dr. Colbert is also a “New York Times Best-Selling Author” who has written over 40 books. **Dr. Colbert will be sharing on “Have you passed the food test yet? Choosing the right foods” and “Entering the hormone zone To complete your spiritual assignment: Optimizing your hormones”**



Dr. Don Colbert



Joan Hunter

Joan’s heart is to teach people how to pray and see the healing happen in their own lives as well as the lives of others. She ministers the Gospel with manifestations of supernatural signs and wonders in miracle services, conferences, and churches around the world. **Joan will be teaching on “Supernatural Financial Breakthroughs: Getting rid of obstacles that have blocked your financial freedom” and “Training and Equipping the Anointing of the Believer in Healing”**

Dr. Prakash is an alumna and the co-founder of Prakash Ministries, a non-profit organization established to propel the gospel of Jesus Christ globally. Dr. Prakash ministers prophetically through teaching, preaching and the ministry of healing. **Dr. Edith will be speaking on the topics of the “History of Healing” and “Healing Ministries”.**



Dr. Edith Prakash

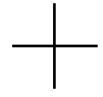


Judith King

A 1972 CFNI alumna, Judith works as a mental health professional in her own private practice called “Sonlife Associates”. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist and has a specialty certificate in drug and alcohol abuse. She is keenly interested in caring for people in leadership, caregivers and professionals in ministry, as well as in women’s issues of all dimensions. **Judith will be sharing on “Being Good and Mad Without Being Bad” and “Brain Strongholds: Lies We Believe, Addictions, Traumas and Sex Abuse.”**



ALUMNI IN ACTION



by Débora Luisa Armando Jó



Débora Luisa Armando Jó is a CFNI alumna from the Children and Family Major, class of Spring 2018.

"I studied at CFNI for a year and chose the 3rd year program, Children and Family, because I love kids. Today, I'm serving God in a ministry called Afrika Wa Yesu (Africa for Jesus) by Rodney and Ellie Hein in Mozambique.

During my time at CFNI, God opened a door for me to do Kids For The Nations (KFN) and Preteen Impact, where God completely changed my life. Not only at KFN, but during both semesters studying at CFNI, I was able to see and meet God. **CFNI is a place of encounter.** The teachers, the leaders, even the cleaners; everywhere I went, I could see God in every place and person. I'm so thankful for CFNI and for the leaders that listen to God and obey.

Today, I'm back in Mozambique, and I'm applying everything that I learned here. I'm training children's teachers, going to different places and speaking about Jesus, not only to kids but also to adults. I can see God changing kids' lives! We are teaching them to love God and how they are loved by God. Also, I'm working in a pre-school as a volunteer because we have a pre-school in our church to bless the community here.

The evangelism experience that I got at CFNI helped me stand up and obey Mark 16. Today

I can go and speak about Jesus without fear. Everything during my time at CFNI was a miracle for me: I was on scholarship, and God paid my tickets. For me, in the natural, it was impossible to go there, but I had food every day. CFNI, thank you so much. Go forward, because what CFNI is doing is changing the world by building up people with an identity found in God."





by Yoshihiro Okita



Yoshihiro Okita is a CFNI
alumnus from the Pastoral
Major, class of Spring 2015.

After graduation, he and his wife returned to Japan, and in November 2015, they started Cross Church in Asahikawa, Hokkaido, Japan. The church started with his wife and children in his living room. For nearly 40 years, newly pioneered churches have been minimal, with only about 300 people (0.1% of the population) gathering at existing churches throughout their city, but Yoshi said, “We have great hope! Many haven’t heard the Gospel, but what if the Gospel is spread out? We have hope in God’s work!”

In their first year, people were added to the church miraculously and God led the people to salvation. After worshipping in a cramped living room for quite some time, some of the newly saved who were working in real estate helped the church receive the gift of a new church building! After the church building was given, three more new believers were led to baptism, and ten more people were led to a confession of faith. Buddhists, Shintoists and atheists are coming into the Kingdom!

“One of the visions that God gave us long before we started the church was a coffee shop for evangelism. Under the guidance of God, we renovated the building we were given with our own hands and started a coffee shop with worship to further reach out and preach the Gospel to the townspeople. Nearly 10,000 people have visited the cafe in its first two years since opening. The name of the coffee shop is Lamp Stand Café, based on Matthew 5:15, 16.

Among the visions given by God, there are three main functions: worship at the center of the ministry, a coffee shop as a missionary work and a house of prayer that unleashes the presence of God into the area. The first two tasks have already started, so please remember and pray for the House of Prayer! Despite difficulties and disappointments, we are constantly experiencing faith, hope and love that endures to the end!”

If you would like to know more information and give to this ministry, please visit:

🌐 lampstandcafe.localinfo.jp or
🌐 crosschurch.amebaownd.com

by Juan and Iulia Zarate



Juan and Iulia Zarate are CFNI alumni from the New Testament Leadership Major, class of Spring 2015. Iulia also completed the Worship and Youth Majors.

The beginning of Juan and Iulia's journey started in 2012. They met and married at CFNI, where they also attended, graduated and were ordained as ministers.

Juan says, "Ministry is not stationary; it requires MOVEMENT—motion in the direction you are headed. If we want to see our lives transformed, we have to embrace the path God puts before us." 'ZC MOVEMENT' was born in the hearts of its founders: Juan D. Zarate (Colombia) and his wife, Iulia Crihalmean (Romania). Studying at CFNI, God called Juan and Iulia to serve the Church. They were called out to disciple nations and bring reformation and transformation to society. That's what ZC MOVEMENT is all about.

After an amazing time at CFNI, God asked them to go to Colombia. They prayed, packed and booked tickets knowing the destination, but not knowing what was waiting for them there. By the way, they were pregnant!

Their time in Colombia meant so much to them. They understood they were called to be faithful to what God guided them to do. They served and worked alongside local churches, preaching, teaching, and training the people, helping them walk in their calling and purpose. In time, God opened doors for them and used them in many cities, conferences, churches and national ministries to advance the Kingdom of God.

They are very passionate about worship, especially Iulia, who has vast experience and an amazing, gifted heart for worship. Leading people in worship is her passion and to see Jesus glorified is her everything. They founded a small Christian training center, where believers from different churches and denominations can attend to be trained in their faith.

They faced as many ups and downs as one can imagine, even sickness and death were present. But as always, God remained faithful to them.

After 4 years in the land of coffee, Colombia, God sent them to Romania. For the last 21 months, they have been doing the same: serving the Church. Same heart, same passion, different people.



STUDENTS TOP PICKS



Dr. Alicia Britt Chole

by Sheneen Soares

“Attend to your internal noise with honesty and mercy,” said guest speaker Dr. Alicia Britt Chole. These are a few of the noteworthy words spoken from this guest speaker. In the busyness of ministry, it is easy for ministers

to forsake their mental and emotional health. So much of ministry teaching and training is focused on presentation, homiletics and exegesis, **but little attention is given to the health of the inner man.** Dr. Chole grabbed my attention as a Bible school student because **she spoke solely on the health of the heart,** which was

refreshing and riveting. Every statement from Dr. Alicia Britt Chole was graced with power and meekness, confidence and poise. Statements such as, **“realism is not sin,” “grieve with God,”** and **“storms are an invitation to rest,”** caught my attention and pierced my soul. **The Lord God Almighty is not merely concerned with His children walking in their giftings, but rather God is concerned with the whole man: body, soul, and spirit.** The heart of the Father is for His children to be healthy in all aspects of their lives. Dr. Alicia Britt Chole’s teachings on the principles of maintaining a healthy heart in uncertain times was so eloquently presented and had a tremendous impact on me. **As Dr. Alicia Britt Chole so articulately shared, “We must be honest with what is going on inside of us so that we can love well.”**

by Nathan Da Silva

I thank the Lord for all of the amazing guest speakers that have in some way or another shaped who I am today. **These guest speakers have been anointed mouthpieces that have imparted hope when I was hopeless, faith when I was faithless and rest when I was restless.** As I reflected on this semester and the abundance of seasoned and qualified men and women that have taught, the guest speaker who has really set the tone for this season in my life is Peter Louis. I admire this man because he carries a revelation of the Gospel in simplicity and profundity. **His message was about the critical things we need to grow in God’s design. This impacted my life in such a way because it realigned my focus on grace, faith, wholeness and the accomplished work of Christ.** I remember hearing his words and feeling my heart come alive, my mind being washed, and my spirit uplifted. I allowed myself to believe that His pursuit of me is much bigger than my ability to pursue Him, and in that pursuit I rest as a son, a partaker of grace, a co-heir with Christ. Not only did I feel a difference in how I viewed my relationship with the

Lord but also with others.

Peter was bold enough to say, “The litmus test of your love for God is how you love those around you!”

Wow! This word penetrated my heart in such a way where I felt **freedom from a critical and judgmental mentality while experiencing compassion, love, grace and mercy for others.** As I walked out of that week, **I learned that stillness is not inactivity but an expression of confidence, and in that place of stillness with the Lord, the fruits of the Spirit grow.** I am eternally grateful for all that I have received at CFNI, also known as, the best Bible college in the world!



Peter Louis

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THE HEALING PLACE.

To: Andrew Brown

Subject: Healing Testimony

March 11, 2020

My mom was telling me about my cousin, Ruthie, who had been sick in the hospital with bacterial meningitis, pneumonia, 2 strokes and seizures, and was now in a coma on life-support, with no brain activity. My mom visited her again recently and she has regained brain activity and whispered to my mom that she knew she had a stroke. She's being tube-fed and still recovering. I told my mom The Healing Place had prayed for Ruthie.

Update on March 20, 2020: Ruthie can now move her body and will be doing physical therapy!

—**Caroline Rico**

To: Andrew Brown

Subject: Healing Testimony

February 20, 2020

I was diagnosed in 2000 with arthritis in my lower back and a herniated disc. It was always so uncomfortable to sit for long periods of time because of the pain. I also could not sleep on my belly because the disc would get dislocated. Last Thursday while receiving prayer, I felt warmth on my lower back and something like a finger touching the spot of the herniated disc. On my way to my car I realized God healed me! Now I can sleep on my stomach and can sit in one position!

—**Maria Mariscal**

To: Andrew Brown

Subject: Healing Testimony

February 4, 2020

One of my legs was shorter than the other and the Lord grew out my leg. Now, my legs are even. Another miracle that the Lord did for me was to heal a relationship with a family member that had been broken for over 30 years. I thank God for the miracles I received!

—**Angelica Montejano**

To: Andrew Brown

Subject: Healing Testimony

February 6, 2020

My right foot was shorter than my left and I have had back pain since I was 18. I had surgery as well and this did not help. After receiving prayer at The Healing Place, I feel so much different and pain-free. God is amazing!

—**Victoria Hernandez**



Stewarding Moments of Crisis

Something New Is Emerging

by Will Ford

Many changes have transpired as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused worldwide quarantines, log-jammed healthcare systems globally and shut down economies. **Yet in Chinese, the very words that form the English word for ‘crisis’ actually give us hope.** One of my Marketplace Major students told me during our

crisis simulation exercise, “Mr. Ford, in my language, Mandarin Chinese, it takes two words to make the English word ‘crisis.’ One word means ‘danger’ and some say the other word means ‘opportunity.’” I stopped there but she went on to say, “The *jī* of *wēijī*, in fact, means something like ‘incipient moment; a crucial point when something begins or changes.’” In other words, yes, a crisis can be an opportunity but

at the same time, we must realize that a **crisis is a crucial point where something new will emerge, and how these moments are stewarded is key.** If that is the case, how has the Church responded to this current crisis? In this emerging new era, how is the Body of Christ stewarding this moment? Though the Church has been restricted from the gathering of thousands, Holy Spirit has released ingenuity and creativity into the Church to serve the infirm, lift the spirits of the downtrodden, assist with provision and provide hope to many.

One of the ways the Church positively impacted the crisis was by maintaining its sense of community through technology. Using social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, the Church has tapped into a new means of regular connection. The Body of Christ has discovered different ways to use Zoom, Switcher, GoToMeeting and other webinar platforms and podcasts, and has reached new audiences in doing so. The first Sunday of quarantine, the Church temporarily shut down Facebook because of the number of services streaming online. The largest church in the nation, Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church, had a record 4.63 million people watch their service online.

Outside of technology, the Church has also responded in the area of 'no tech,' by meeting the felt needs of people through food drives. For example, Trinity Church in Cedar Hill, Texas, has passed out thousands of bags of groceries for families in need since the pandemic quarantines started.

Another way the Church has taken action is through first responders to the crisis. Doctors and nurses who are believers have provided amazing support, both natural and spiritual. One story reported by CBN is especially encouraging. Nic Brown was on his deathbed with the COVID-19 but the faith in the staff kept providing him with hope. "Every day I was there, especially when I was on a ventilator and full

life support, the staff would write on the window the goals for me to try and reach each day," he said. "They would encourage me. One day someone wrote, 'We will get you home.'" Of the team, Brown wrote, "I don't know that I've ever seen such selfless people in my life ... I really saw the love of God through these people."

The Bible says we are to redeem the times. The word for 'redeem' in the Greek means, 'to buy'. And the word 'times' in Greek means, 'opportunity'. It could be literally translated, 'buy the

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opportunity'. In this hour, the Church has stepped up in such surprising ways. Facebook and other secular outlets are saying that the Church has led the way in innovation as it has responded to the crisis and has set the trend with its acts of love that have connected the world to Jesus. **I believe a pandemic of love is being released and the contagion of God's love is spreading.** A global harvest of epic proportions is about to manifest because the Church has embraced this crisis moment at its finest hour.

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