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### AUGUST

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**8/15**  
Opening Rally

### SEPTEMBER

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# “HOW MANY *SIGNS* DO YOU NEED?”

● Dr. Dennis Lindsay

## **FIRST SIGN—“Dennis, come and go with me this summer to the Caribbean.”**

As a junior in college in California, I thoroughly enjoyed the Golden State’s life of leisure—surfing the beaches, climbing snowcapped mountains and Disneyland. I immersed myself in extracurricular college sports including volleyball, basketball, baseball, track and cross-country. Life was great until my coach encouraged me to take a summer mission outreach. I balked at the idea, but then Jehovah Sneaky surprised me, which has lasted over 50 years and confirmed the trip with nine more signs.

## **SECOND SIGN—Clanging engine and a visit from a shooting star**

Spring term was over. On my way home I heard a loud clanging noise from the engine and my speed dropped. I pulled over and got out to look at my engine. Oil was not only leaking, but the gage said empty! I had a can of oil, so I refilled it, tightened it, and added oil about every 50 miles until the car stopped. I pulled over again and prayed. As I opened my eyes, a shooting star flashed before me. Exhausted, I fell asleep, but was awakened by a man asking if he could help me. He took me to the next town so I could call my brother Gilbert. We towed it to the repair shop. The mechanic in California, who did the oil change, had not done it right and now I had bigger issues. What was the Lord saying to me?

## **THIRD SIGN—Summer squad; here they come**

I really wasn’t interested in spending my summer in ministry. Once home, the outreach team with several hundred young people

met at my church for training. Of the 1,200 churches in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex, how did my church get selected for the outreach preparation? (Was this Jehovah Sneaky?)

## **FOURTH SIGN—Coach; here he comes**

Pastor, Rev. H.C. Noah invited the congregation to take two of the 200 young people, going on the outreach and provide housing for the following two weeks. My mother agreed and told me to pick two. I selected my good friend, Ray Nickelson, and my coach, Bob Reid, who pushed for me to go on the outreach. I explained I could not go—I had to work to pay off my car debt. Mom overheard our conversation and agreed to help with the debt—if I would go!

## **FIFTH SIGN—Holy Spirit, here I come**

The first week of the trip we were in our beds chatting when Coach asked me, “Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues?” I froze. My parents had led countless people into the Pentecostal experience, and I had faked it several times, but I answered, “No.” Coach gave me a lesson on being filled with the Holy Spirit. So I asked Ray, “Are you filled and speak in tongues?” He said, “Yes.” Then he gave a simple three-minute explanation, encouraging me to take a step of faith. As I stepped out in faith and began to pray, my heavenly language came to me. The next morning, Coach and Ray shared the news with Mom about me being filled with the Spirit. They asked me to join their prayer time with the outreach, but I still didn’t want to go, even with mom’s financial assistance.



## SIXTH SIGN—Car collision; here I come with advice from a Pearl

After breakfast, I went to the repair shop. On the way, while making a left turn with my head out the window to listen to the engine, I failed to see a car coming that sideswiped me. Neither of us were physically hurt, but now I knew I couldn't go on the outreach. Then, Pearl Hodges, our neighbor came by and called the police. When they arrived I gave them my license. As he returned to his car, Pearl went back to talk with him. The officer gave me back my license and a ticket that said, "Don't do this again." It was a warning! This officer was Pearl's son's best friend. She had told him I was going on a mission outreach. I thought, "What are you doing, Lord? Are you setting me up?" As I look back, I still can hear the Lord saying, "Dennis, how many signs do you need?"

## SEVENTH SIGN—Surprise; here I come

Mom continued to encourage me to join Coach's outreach. She now offered to even pay for the car repairs. The repairs would be \$500.00, but with the deductible, my agent gave me a check for \$250.00. Mrs. Pearl came by and suggested I visit her friend's body shop. Their estimate only came to \$125.00, which meant I had an increase of \$125.00.

## EIGHTH SIGN—Writing on the wall; here I come

Coach heard the news and said “Dennis, can’t you see the writing on the wall?” He gave me the application—the cost was \$125.00. So Coach, Ray and I headed to the Caribbean. Jehovah Sneaky, You are amazing! But still another surprise awaited.

## NINTH SIGN—An Opel (Opal) after Pearl

I returned from the Caribbean outreach. To my surprise, Mom and Dad had me sell my old vehicle and purchase a new Opel Kadett. I was on top of the world heading back to college.

**TENTH SIGN—Miracle sign: Cinderella, here I come—Pearls, Opels (Opal) and Diamonds**

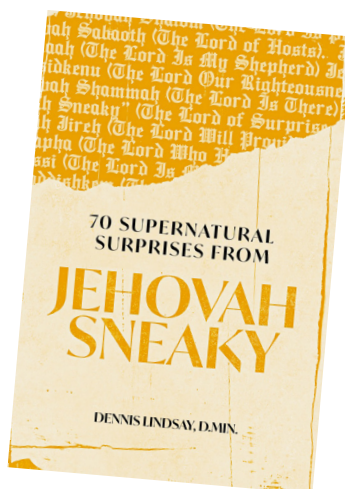
The summer trip to the Caribbean was a life-changing experience: I had been filled with the

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; I felt an anointing to do things for the Lord I had never done before; The Holy Spirit opened doors for me to give my testimony in a church or anywhere I went; it was my first time to ever witness to a non-believer; it was my first time to ever lead someone to the Lord. During the six-week outreach, I kept a journal and counted 40 times when God intervened in my life in little ways. I had been raised in a mission-minded home, but on this trip, I caught the heart of missions for myself. When I returned for my senior year, I changed my major from science to Bible and theology. During that first week I met Ginger (Cinderella), courted and married her. I learned to put the worldly concerns in the closet, step out of my comfort zone and follow “the writing on the wall.” When God leads and when we obey, then God compensates.

## Final thought; press “GO”

The internet browser on a computer has a button that says “GO.” If you enter the right address information in the box, but never click “GO,” you will remain where you are. If the Holy Spirit directs us with signs, but we fail to “hit the GO button,” we will miss the blessings that God has for us. When the light turns green it means GO.

“Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18, 19).



***Coming soon***

*(Article is an excerpt from this book.)*





# WE NEED AMMUNITION, NOT A RIDE!

● Fred Markert

As I write this, the war against Ukraine is in its fifth day. No intelligence agency around the world believed Ukraine could persevere against Putin's invasion this long. All the world's governments believed it was a lost cause before the war even started. Some compared it to David and Goliath but missed the point of that biblical account—the little guy won! It's yet unclear if Ukraine will prevail, but the unexpected steel-willed determination to fight Goliath by Ukraine's President Zelenskyy, and by Ukraine's Parliament and other political and civic leaders, who refuse to leave the country and who are dead-set on fighting for their freedom. They have inspired Ukraine's ordinary everyday people to join in the fight themselves—even though they are untrained and have no weapons.

When Ukrainian State TV broadcast gave instructions on making Molotov cocktails, university students in Lviv started making them by the hundreds. A brewery there followed suit and switched from making beer to making the flammable mini-bombs instead! By doing so, they proclaimed that it's better to do everything within their power to fight their enemy tooth and nail than to turn to escapism by dulling their senses and deadening their ambitions and dreams.

Ordinary Ukrainians mobilized themselves to action and began collecting food, supplies, money, and clothes for refugees and soldiers. They cut up green and brown clothes and began stitching them together into camouflage uniforms for their troops on the front lines. A woman named Natalia said, "I never imagined

I'd be doing any of this. I'm learning all the time. We're improving our work every minute. We're getting there. I can't just sit at home doing nothing and just waiting. I'm also definitely not leaving. This is our home that we love, and we're not going anywhere!" Others like Natalie started taking down road signs to make it harder for the invaders to find their way around. Normal Ukrainians are doing everything they can to help in the fight, whether big or small.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might ..." (Ecclesiastics 9:10)

Celebrities are also joining the frontline fight for freedom, rather than staying safely far away from the actual battleline, while mouthing virtue-signaling statements. Vasiliy Lomachenko, the two-time Olympic gold medalist boxer, returned to Ukraine from Greece in order to join the fray. He put on an army uniform to fight for his family, house, and country.

The tenacity, bravery, endurance, courage, and personal sacrifice of these men and women, who are aggressively standing up to evil in the face of overwhelming odds, shines a bright contrasting light on the godless soul of the majority of the Western World, which has turned from Christ and has become soft and secular. It's long past the time to mobilize every single, ordinary, everyday believer to emulate the Ukrainians and find their place in the spiritual war for the Western nations and for the 3.28 billion unreached Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists who have little-to-no access to the Gospel! We must recapture the same



kind of moral clarity that Alexey Goncharenko, a member of the Ukrainian Parliament, demonstrated when he was asked in an interview on world-wide television, "What do you need that you're not getting?" His reply wasn't that they needed more weapons. He focused on the most important need when he replied, "First of all, I would like to ask for your prayers. We feel the prayers of millions of people around the world—and that is most important."

When the USA offered to evacuate President Zelenskyy, he rebuffed the idea and said, "I need ammunition, not a ride." Could there be a greater contrast between how the decaying, morally decadent West thinks and acts and how the Ukrainian president and his people think and act? Instead of looking for a safe way out of the evil and life-threatening danger, the Ukrainians instead are facing it head-on and desperately ask for equipping so they can fight to the last man and woman and ultimately conquer the giant—or die trying!

"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death" (Revelation 12:11).

Now is the time for all Christians everywhere to stir up their souls, repent of their sins, spend time with God daily in a personal relationship, and get the training and equipping they need to withstand the spiritual battles ahead to win the lost to Christ everywhere and to save America, which is on the verge of societal collapse. Jesus promised, "I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it" (Matthew 16:18). God's Word declares that, "The LORD will be awesome to them when He destroys all the gods of the land. The nations on every shore will worship him, every one in their own land" (Zephaniah 2:11). Ukraine may lose their battle for freedom, but our King declares that He will absolutely be victorious on the earth!

Like the great Moravian missionaries who have gone before us, let's declare, "Our Lamb has conquered! Let us follow Him!"

Like never before in history, now is the time to get equipped with all of the spiritual ammunition God has given us (Ephesians 6:10-17). Let's win the battle against evil for every soul in every country on earth, rather than sleepily remain on the sidelines and passively await the rapture. Like President Zelenskyy, we need ammunition, not a ride!



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Fred is a graduate of Christ For The Nations in Dallas, Texas, and is a regular speaker at international conferences and in churches around the world.





# “BEHOLD, I DO A NEW THING” ...

## MEET MARYA

● Kiplin Batchelor

CFNI is known around the world for its anointed worship. For decades, God has miraculously sustained this precious worship anointing on our campus. Whether young or old, male or female, this anointing has been carried by many different worship leaders, assistant worship leaders, musicians and even choirs. At the beginning of our Spring 2022 semester, Laura Souguellis, who served as the Institute’s worship leader, transitioned to another position, and CFNI’s leadership appointed Marya Adedimeji as the Institute’s new worship leader.

We are grateful to Laura, who led us in worship for four years. We all experienced the presence of the Lord and many lives were blessed. We now welcome Marya to her new role, and we look forward to the Lord continuing the rich legacy through her and her team. Please keep them in your prayers. We believe God is going to do even greater things in our worship.

Now, let’s meet Marya.

Kiplin: How did you hear about CFNI?

Marya: I heard about CFNI through my dad, Adebayo Adedimeji, who graduated from CFNI in 1995. I remember how much he had changed when he returned home to Cote d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast) in Western Africa after studying here. Something about how CFNI transformed him impacted my heart. Throughout the years, he always talked about CFNI, but he never forced or demanded that I attend the school.

Kiplin: What semester are you currently in?

Marya: I am in my 6th and final semester. I am a May 2022 graduate.

Kiplin: Was it your intention or plan to do three years of studies here?

Marya: No, my plan was to only study for one year, but while enrolled in the one-year program, the Lord began speaking to me about going further and completing all three years of practical theology.

Marya: To name a few, I would say, "The Father's Heart" class by Jonathan Lewis, "Intercession and Prophetic Worship" by Laura Souguellis, "Leadership" by Pastor Tim Holland, "Practical Pastoral Ministry" by Richard Martinez and "Church History" by Sandra Childress.

Marya: Well, I didn't just lead worship in my parents' church. I traveled to villages in the Ivory Coast to lead worship, which was interesting because we had no mics or PA system, but we still worshipped the Lord. Leading worship with hundreds and having to sing and give instructions definitely developed my ability to project my voice. Spending quality time in the presence of God, alone with Him, is what I value most and look forward to.

Marya: Worshipping God with Americans and international students from so many different countries and ethnic groups around the world is amazing. I can't fully explain this feeling of worshipping in this kind of diversity because I never had this back home in Africa. I enjoy this experience with everyone coming together and praising God with all of our unique expressions and life stories.

Marya: I also love that I get to invite others into God's presence. Being able to partner with God in raising a new generation of worshippers, desiring God more than anything is truly a great blessing. I really love doing this!







Kiplin: As an individual, how did you feel when you were asked by CFNI's leadership to serve as the next worship leader?

Marya: I was shocked! I never anticipated this. I asked, "Why me Lord?" It took me a while to give them an answer. I prayed about it for a few days, and then I shared with leadership what I felt the Lord had put in my heart. It is a very humbling experience. I still cannot believe that God has put me in this role.

Kiplin: In many ways, God is doing something new at CFNI. Not only are you the first CFNI worship leader from Africa, you are also the first black worship leader and the first black, female worship leader

in 52 years of the Institute's history. To be fair, the school has had previous black assistant worship leaders, like myself and Nathan Pickens, who were employed in the worship department; plus, many African Americans have led worship songs in chapel and authored songs throughout the years, but none were appointed to the main position as the CFNI worship leader. What are your thoughts regarding this historic moment?

Marya: Truthfully, when I was asked to take this job, I actually couldn't think of a worship leader that looked like me, that I could identify with as a black female. I never even thought that this was possible. However, I think this goes even further than my person; the Lord is simply doing a new thing, and I love that CFNI is partnering with Him. I also believe God is emphasizing His heart for the nations now more than ever before. After all, this is Christ For The Nations, not Christ for "America." I am thankful for what God has done through America in bringing the Gospel to the nations, but I also believe that other nations play a great role in what God is doing, especially in these end times.

Kiplin: It is obvious that God has anointed you to lead many into worship to experience His presence. How do you lead and sustain the things you are now doing?

**"My mouth is filled with your praise,  
declaring your splendor all day long."**

**Psalms 71:8**



Marya: Spending time and even my day with Jesus is very crucial—keeping the main thing, the main thing. Also, I get to work with a beautifully dynamic and anointed team; this makes the work a lot easier. I am grateful for a team who loves the Lord.

Kiplin: Worshippers typically have tough or painful experiences or seasons in life that help purify their hearts and deepen their worship experience. Did you have any such experiences?

Marya: Yes, I had two. First, my country erupted into a civil war many years ago, and my family and I had to leave everything and flee to another country for safety and survival. It was a very painful experience, but God brought us back home after about six months. Second, I am a very creative and hard-working person, so a few years ago, I overworked and became burned out in ministry. I was so busy doing all sorts of ministry activities and events that I lost my spiritual connection within. I learned from that experience.

Kiplin: Is there a verse from the Lord that keeps your heart and mind anchored in Him and in your role as the new worship leader?

Marya: Yes, there are a few Bible verses that I hold on to. Romans 8:1, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit” (KJV). Another verse where God commanded Joshua and the Israelites to possess the land. This encourages me to “own” what God has provided for us as His children. It is easy to say we don’t deserve something or become fearful of the challenges involved, but we are to enter and own the promises of God in our generation. This is how I feel about my role as the new worship leader at CFNI. Walking in ownership has nothing to do with being arrogant. It has everything to do with being called by God and being confident, as well as being thankful for what God is doing—trusting in the goodness of His heart.







## STUDENT TESTIMONIES

Christ For The Nations Institute is a revolutionary, spiritual force in the world that is being used of God to awaken Christian students to their divine identity and purpose in God. In this one-of-a-kind transformational learning environment on our campus, there is a rich atmosphere of anointed worship and revelatory, biblical teaching. The hearts and minds of hundreds of students are being shaped and molded every day to unashamedly pursue God wholeheartedly and bring the gospel of Jesus to a generation that is in a social and moral crisis.

Here are a few testimonies of the powerful, life-changing work that God is doing in our students as He prepares them for Kingdom work. CFNI is raising up passionate worshippers, effective prayer warriors, resilient missionaries, mature pastors, courageous evangelists, dynamic youth leaders, caring children's ministry leaders and a host of gifted marketplace ministers. Your financial support is making this exciting Kingdom advancement possible each month. I invite you to become a partner today! Create an eternal impact through the lives of students who are on fire for God! The harvest is ripe, and we are sending these loyal hearts to fulfill the Great Commission in every nation. Thank you for partnering with God's work at Christ For The Nations!

— Ray Ontiveros | 3rd semester | Austin, TX

CFNI guided me to take the steps I needed to seek Jesus. I came to CFNI newly saved, wanting to grow in the Lord. I felt like an orphan when I got here, but I began to build intimacy with the Lord and a relationship with Him. In that relationship I found my identity as a son. I was so timid and scared the first semester. Since then, God has marked me with sonship, leadership, and confidence. My life forever will be changed because of CFNI.

If I could name this season of my life, it would be called, "Fearless." My time at Christ For The Nations has been really impactful. I think one of the best things we can do as Christians is to give other believers an opportunity to become the leaders God has called them to be.

Thank you to the leadership and to the Lindsay family for this opportunity.



## — Abela Beard | 2nd year | Spring 2022 graduate

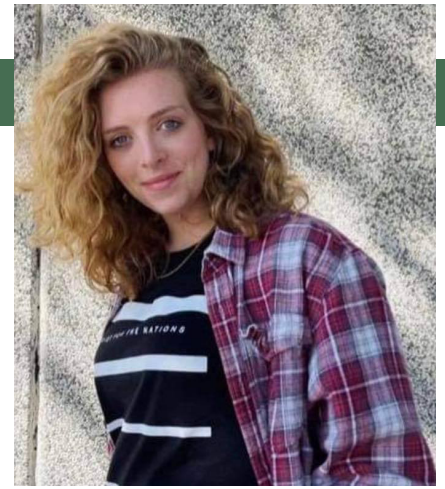
As the winter season begins to end, and spring is approaching with vigor, I look back to where I began two short years ago. I am in awe of the goodness of God. He has walked with me closer than I could have ever thought.

My dad, Jason Beard, came to CFNI in 1993, and it has always been a dream of mine to follow in his footsteps. In the fall of 2020, I began my own journey of trusting the Lord, as I moved to Dallas to pursue the Lord. I came with the intent of getting solid in the Word and developing a closer relationship with the Lord.

During my time here, I had to forgive people who hurt me and learn to forgive myself for things that I had condemned myself over. Through that forgiveness, I am now walking in so much freedom

and peace that the Lord has placed on my life. Isaiah 26:3 says, “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

CFNI has become my safe place to learn, grow and develop, whether relationally, spiritually, or emotionally. If you come to CFNI, you will get out of CFNI whatever you put into it. Come expecting and the Lord will meet you. Be intentional with your time that you invest in others and your time with the Lord. It is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of life, but if you keep your eyes on Christ, He will never let you down.



## — Eveline Salem | 3rd semester | India



I heard about CFNI through my dad’s friend, who is a missionary from India. My dad was a pastor, so growing up in that environment caused me to not want to go to a Bible school. I felt like all Bible schools were the same, and sometimes Christian people (who I know) make me confused—I felt like they were just busy with their church denomination and tradition.

However, that mindset changed once I got to CFNI. I prayed and prayed—if it’s God’s will for me to go to CFNI, then let me get a full scholarship because I don’t want it to be a burden for my parents to pay for my education.

YES, GOD IS GOOD! He did it. He wanted me to be here, and praise God, I got the full scholarship. Here at CFNI it has been totally life-changing for me. It has brought me clarity—we only focus on Jesus, on His humility, His humanity, and His teachings that are based on the Truth, the Holy Bible, which becomes our life

guidance. We stay focused on these things and not on church denominations, traditions and religions.

Most of the time during worship is when I got healed. I learned that worship is really powerful, and I also learned from the worship here about purity and the freedom that comes from pure worship. When I first got here, I was kind of feeling weird. I didn’t understand everybody’s expressions during worship, but now I understand. God’s grace works in so many different ways, and through worship, it can bring me deliverance and freedom over the lies of the enemy.

CFNI is amazing! It also helped me to realize and work on what is in me, which is the Spirit of the Lord. So whatever happens, I’m not alone. He’s with me ... He has not abandoned me ... He’s working in me, and He’s working through me.



# VOICE OF HEALING & PROPHETIC CONFERENCE



Ginger Lindsay

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**Psalm 107:20, "He sent His word and healed them and delivered them from their destruction."**

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- † God will perform signs, wonders, and miracles in our midst.**
- † We are living in the last days. God wants to equip His church for this end-time harvest.**

**Here are a few testimonies that will encourage your faith to join us!**

- Caroline came to a healing service asking for prayer for her cousin, Ruthie, who had been in the hospital with bacterial meningitis, pneumonia, suffering from two strokes and multiple seizures—in a coma on life-support with no brain activity. Today, she is completely well with no brain damage, living a healthy life.**
- A little boy with liver damage no longer needs a transplant after he received prayer and was healed.**
- David was healed and is pain free after being diagnosed with severe arthritis on his mandibular joint.**

**You may be a David in need of healing or a Ruthie that needs a desperate touch from God! God is still healing, delivering and speaking prophetically today to His people.**

**Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Invite those you come in contact with, your family, your pastor, your church family and friends to attend! Come and join us as we glorify the name of Jesus. Register today!**



# GUEST SPEAKERS



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# IT'S THE LORD'S STORY

● Judy Montano

Before attending CFNI, I was lost, lived with seizures and battled depression all the time. In 2016, my neighbor invited me to church where I surrendered my life to Christ. Later, she became a great friend and mentor in my life. One day, scrolling through my Facebook, I saw she had posted an invitation to Worship Night CFNI. I decided to go, so I could just hang out with her and hear some great worship. At the time, I was oblivious to God's healing power. But when the Lord showed up and healed me, my life was completely changed, and I felt the call to follow Him.

My healing was just the beginning of what God wanted to do in my life. I really didn't know what it meant to "follow Jesus," but I knew I made a spiritual commitment in my heart. I said, "Yes" to His call. My faith had been elevated and my strength renewed. The Lord gave me hope—I knew I had been saved and delivered from my seizures. I grew hungry for more, so I registered for school at CFNI—but only took one class—"Miracles and Healing" with Mrs. Hatcher. In class, I found a postcard for the Healing Place, and as I read it, I felt a tug in my spirit to go to a meeting. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I knew God was leading me there.

I was still learning how to pray for others and impart healing through faith, laying hands on people and believing for miracles. My personal experience was fresh on my mind. My healing was a miracle, and I wanted to share my testimony with everyone that God placed in my path. As I shared my testimony with a friend, she asked me to pray for her friend Denise, who had a sick mom. Her mom had a brain aneurism and her daughter was sad and burdened by this health report. All three of us prayed for a miraculous healing. Denise's mom was not present that evening, but we all had faith that God was doing the work.

The next day God reminded me to go to the Healing Place meeting. As I got ready to go, Denise called, asking if she could stop by. I told her my plans to go to the Healing Place, and at that moment, I knew she needed to come too. We were asked to go to the front if we needed prayer, so I encouraged Denise to get prayer for her mom. We both stood in the gap for her unbelieving mom. Two weeks later her mom came back from her doctor visit with a clear report. The brain aneurism was gone, and Denise's mom no longer needed treatment. Denise told her mom that God had healed her through the power of prayer. Her mom was so moved by God's goodness and her daughter's faith that she accepted Jesus into her life.

The Lord continues to work in my life, along with my husband Alemet. We try to bring healing, hope and encouragement through the power of prayer. Everyone has a story, and each testimony has the power to reach the lost, but the most important thing we have to remember is ... it's the Lord's story.



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# “MY LIFE IS RESTORED”

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● Karina Ambriz

In January 2020, when I started my first semester at CFNI, I felt a great need to visit the Restoration Center, but because I didn't have enough time, I had not been able to go there. However, I clearly felt that God had put it in my heart.

In March 2020, I went to get a checkup with my doctor. My lungs had been hurting me badly, and I could not breathe very well. I would lose control of my body, because I had dizziness and an uncontrolled central nervous system. At the doctor's office, when they took an x-ray, they saw a little ball. This worried them because I had already gone through an operation for cancer in my thyroid.

A few days after receiving that diagnosis, I met Pastor Cristiane in her office. I felt the Holy Spirit tell me, in an audible voice, “Come closer and tell her what is happening.” So, I approached Pastor Cristiane and told her my problem. I asked her if she would pray for me. She met me later in her office, and I knew in my heart that something big was about to happen.

When I got to her office, I started to feel like my body was being prepared for something. When Pastor Cristiane began to pray for me, I began to feel all over my body—from my spine to my head—as if my entire nervous system was being aligned. She immediately began to declare health into my lungs, and I felt as if they were receiving oxygen without me breathing.

At the end of the prayer, I felt like my entire being was completely different. I felt a touch of the glory of God in my whole body. Immediately, I went to the House of Prayer on campus to continue receiving

from God. When I was seated and after praising Him, I began to feel as if the Holy Spirit was doing an operation. I felt like that part of my lungs, where they found the suspicious ball, had changed.

I went for a second exam. They did not find anything foreign in my lungs. I also did not feel any of the previous negative symptoms I had felt in my body.

God healed me!!! He is good, He is the great I Am, the all-powerful.

Since I received that prayer, I have continued to go and receive ministry. My life has completely changed. The Restoration Center has helped to restore my life. I now feel that God is showing me the way to follow His leading. The Holy Spirit speaks audibly to me at night, giving me the necessary instructions to proceed without fear.

Again, I thank You, Lord, for healing and restoring me.





# “FATHER, NOT MY WILL— BUT YOURS BE DONE!”

● Dr. Michael Brown  
Written by Zoe Fowler



During the Fall 2021 CFNI semester, Dr. Michael Brown shared a powerful word with the CFNI student body. In his teaching, he posed two remarkable questions.

- 1. What is the difference between and the “Biblical**
- 2. What is the difference between message versus the message**

In answering these two questions, he boldly addressed the lethargy and compromise that has crept into the 21st Century Church. Consumer Christianity will not withstand the storm. According to Dr. Brown, in order to return to the Biblical Gospel, we must take up our cross and follow Jesus. We must have an undivided heart, and we must anchor ourselves in the fundamental mindset, “Father, not my will—but Yours be done.”

Dr. Brown continued by sharing the story of a time when he was ministering in India. The room was filled with hundreds of pastors. He asked them, “How many of you have been physically attacked for your faith?” More than three quarters of the room slowly raised their hands. Of course, this didn’t surprise Dr. Brown.

The principle he went on to establish with the CFNI students is that the Biblical Gospel is entirely contrary to the “What is in it for me?” message of America. The American Gospel says, “This is who I am. This is how I feel, and God is here to please me.” Whereas, the Biblical Gospel says, “This is Who God is. This is how He feels, and I am here to please Him.”

## the “American Gospel” Gospel?”

### the contemporary of the Cross?

*“Taking up the cross will mean death to self, death to our plans, our goals, our ambition and pride. Then with that death to self, we will experience resurrection to a glorious new life in Jesus to God’s plans, God’s destiny and God’s dream,”* said Dr. Brown.

2 Corinthians 5:15 says, “And Christ did die for all of us. He died so we would no longer live for ourselves, but for the one who died and was raised to life for us.”

Dr. Brown further portrayed this Biblical Gospel by saying, “To be a disciple, you must have an undivided heart.” Ambiguity and confusion will continue to flow from ambiguous foundations. There is a distinct difference between

consumer Christianity and the model displayed in the life of Jesus. Jesus’ life expressed utter dependence on the Father, wholehearted obedience to His voice, and a full surrendering of His will, even to the point of death. The significance of and a fundamental truth in a lifestyle that is based on the Biblical Gospel is that of an undivided heart—as one cannot be double minded and follow Jesus.

The message of true repentance, death to self, and taking up our cross daily to follow Jesus has been deeply lacking. However, the most important factor for us to remember, so that we can realign our hearts to the Biblical Gospel, can be established through regaining true sight—“that our whole life is about how to live for Jesus. Whether we are in the business world, a worship leader or homeschooling six kids, we still belong to Him. We have been bought with a price.”

May we pray as Jesus prayed in Luke 22:42, “Nevertheless, not my will, but Your will be done.”

Dr. Brown stated, “Salvation is a deep, unfathomable, rich expression of God’s love for each one of us.” The only way to live according to the Biblical Gospel is by God’s grace to daily pick up our cross and follow Jesus, live with an undivided heart, and surrender our will to the will of the Father. The harvest produced by these actions and a heart for the Trinity will be more glorious than anything we could ever imagine.



# A GOD OF MIRACLES—



Rafael—CFNI 2021 graduate  
Alice—CFNI 2022 graduate

**M**y husband, Raphael, and I both came to CFNI from Brazil. Because CFNI is considered to be a highly respected missionary school, we had a dream to come and live here since we were teenagers. We were so excited when God provided the financial means for us to come. Raphael graduated after two years, last Fall, 2021. I will graduate this Fall, 2022.

Earlier this year, on February 15, around 1:40 a.m., I suffered from cardiac arrest. For about 15 minutes I completely blacked out—I don't remember what happened during that time. I just remember as soon as I felt the pain I called out, "Rafael." That is the last thing I remember.

Raphael rushed to me as soon as he heard me call his name. I was in the bathroom, lying on the floor, lifeless. Immediately, he began to call my name, "Alice, Alice." Then he declared, "I speak life to come into you in the name of Jesus."

He then ran next door to ask our neighbor, Filipe, for help. When he got back to our apartment, he picked me up from the bathroom floor and took me into the living room, where he laid me back down on the floor. Then he began to cry out for the breath of life to come back into my body. Rafael began to perform a cardiac massage and mouth-to-mouth breathing. He continued to pray in tongues and cry out for the power of the blood of Jesus to cover my life.

Filipe soon came and called 911. They told him to continue the CPR on me until they got there. During this time, my husband and our neighbor were crying out to God for a miracle in my life. I was taken to the hospital and had to have immediate surgery. They needed to implant a pacemaker and a defibrillator. During the days in the hospital, we saw many people surrounding us with prayer. We were overwhelmed with so much love and care from people who wanted to serve us in some way.

I remember the moments before I went into surgery, Krissia and Golan Lindsay, along with the entire CFNI family, raised a cry of prayer for my life—for God's miracle to be complete. I was extremely touched to see the care of God with that gesture from CFNI's students and thousands of people who got involved in a chain of prayer

# -A GOD OF PROMISES

for my life. After three days in the hospital, I was released to return home.

When we got home, we were worried about how we would live those next few days. How would we pay the CFNI tuition because we had no resources? It was then that a friend encouraged me to send an email to Pastor Krissia and Dean Tranel to explain our financial situation and that we had no way to pay my tuition—with the deadline closing. Dean Tranel and Krissia started to pray. The Holy Spirit reminded Krissia of a family, who could help us financially.

Then another miracle happened in an inexplicable way. I received \$3,500.00 in my CFNI account to pay for my registration.

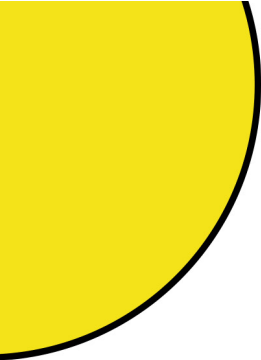
I began to cry, seeing God's care for me and my family. Not only did God give me life and take me from death to life, but He also sent the resources so that I could enroll in the pastoral major. Besides the financial resources that I received at CFNI, a chain of friends from CFNI sent us food for about 30 days; they didn't let anything go missing on our table.

My heart cries because I remember the care of God in sustaining us in the field. We left our stable life in Brazil to enter the ministry, and I see the care of the good Father in giving us a family, even in another country. We have no words to thank that family who paid for my registration, and invested in our ministry, and every friend who served us with a plate of food or an offering on our account.



My God is a God of miracles—a God of promises. To Him be all the glory.





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# ISLAND ADVENTURE



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