

NEW BEGINNINGS



ALWAYS LEARNING

Message from the editor...

Running the race means we are always learning, always growing in Christ Jesus. That doesn't mean that we spend hours each day in Scripture, but it does mean that we are constantly looking for Him in everything. When we go to His word, we are seeking more of Him. When we are driving the car, we are seeing Him in the beauty, the colors, the nature all around us. When we talk to others, we look for Him in each soul. When He is the center of our lives, we will find Him in every direction we turn. Don't let anyone rob you of that truth!

WhyThe Middle East?

The Middle East is the last arena where millions and millions have not yet heard the gospel. Well over half of the world's population is Muslim and yet only 25% of ministry funds to reaching this people group. Why? Because most Christians are afraid to go there. Many ministries that were in that area have departed out of fear. Beyond the gospel issues, the Muslim women are some of the most abused women in the world. We must go! It is not easy, but our hearts for Jesus must lead us there...or cause us to help send others!

Many of you may wonder why we have such a heart for the Middle East. Actually there are several reasons. As I was praying almost 30 years ago, the Lord spoke to my heart. He said, "Many will come to Me on behalf of the sons of Sarah, but who will come to me on behalf of the sons of Hagar?"

I was stunned. I didn't know any Arabs and had never really had an interest in them. Why would God say that to me, of all people. I knew His main call on my life was to minister emotional healing prayers to suffering believers. What was He saying now?

It was almost 20 years later when I was first invited to go to the Middle East. I made several trips with other ministries and traveled to one country after another.

My heart began to really grow for the suffer-

ing there. Especially for the women who are so terribly abused.

I have traveled there once a year for about 7 years now. The suffering is great. My heart has continued to grow for these souls.

Oh, yes, I am still in full-time ministry in America as well. Two training seminars will be done this year in Texas and California. God has simply added another dimension to Philippian Ministries. Over 2000 of our books, *Help for Hurting Hearts* are now floating around in the Middle East. They are filled with the gospel and with help for wounded hearts.

God is giving us a gift. It is reasonable to say that the doctrine of Islam is an enemy of Christianity. The Koran makes it so, but God has promised blessing for those who bless their enemies. We choose to bless!

Egypt is Added to Lana's Middle East Travel 2017

Lana was recently contacted by her key people in Lebanon about returning to the Middle East in the fall (September/October). They asked if she would consider adding Egypt to her trip this year. After praying about it, she felt that God wanted her to minister in Egypt as well as Lebanon and Jordan this year. Her response was, "Yes, if God provides, I will come to Egypt, too."

The Christians in Lebanon have agreed to work at getting her book across the border to Egypt so it can be available at each place where she shares her testimony. There will be 100 to 200 women at each place she travels to speak. That is a wonderful number considering that we are talking about many Muslim women. We are so excited for this new opportunity to speak salvation and healing to hurting hearts in another Muslim country! Pray that God will begin to open and prepare every heart that will hear her speak.

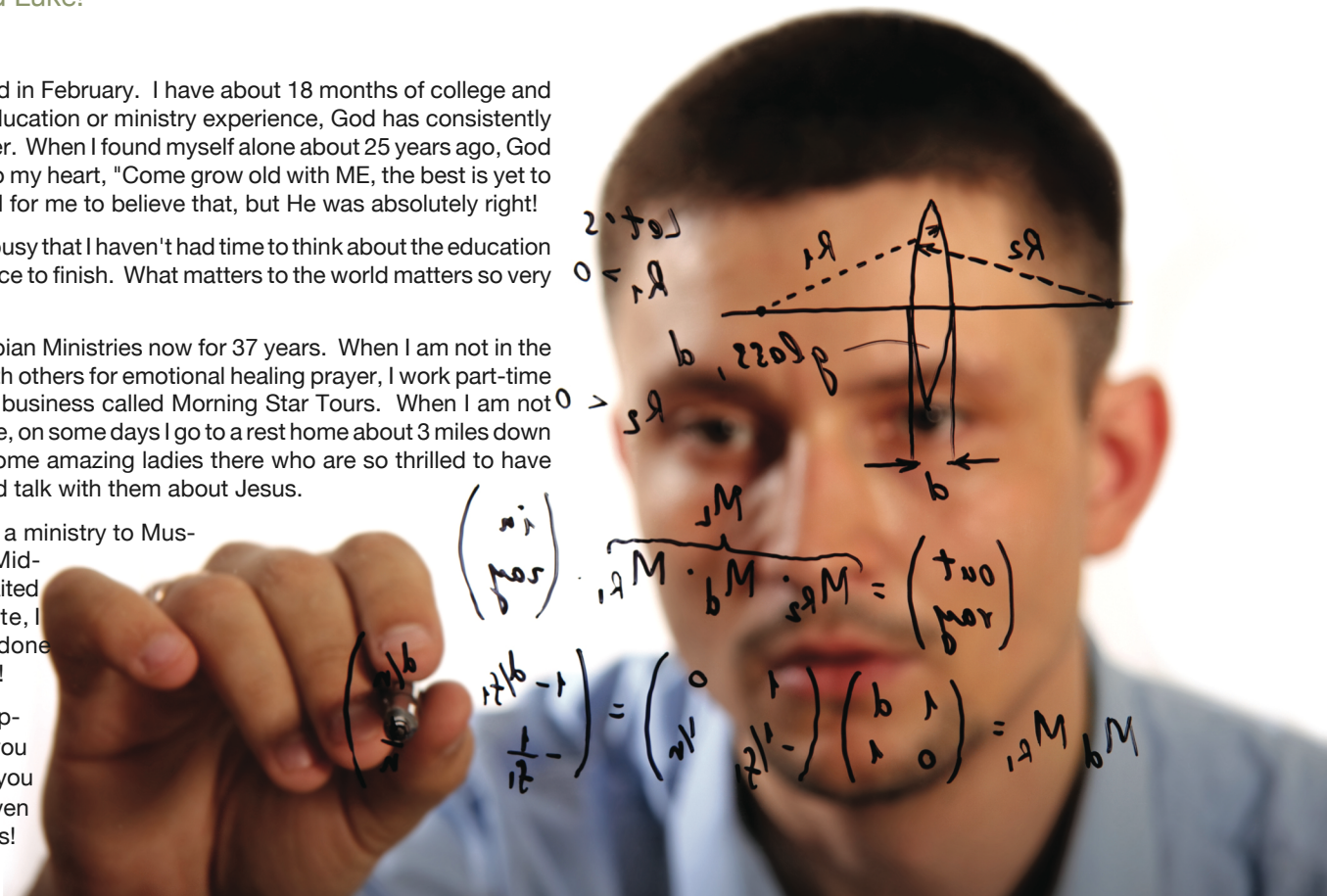
So many Christians don't have the courage to get out and minister to others. They feel like an important Bible school or college education would make them more adequate to be God's hand or heart in the lives of others. I have certainly found that isn't true! Even the disciples are an example. I believe there were only two educated ones....Paul and Luke!

He has kept me so busy that I haven't had time to think about the education I didn't have a chance to finish. What matters to the world matters so very little to God.

I've directed Philippian Ministries now for 37 years. When I am not in the midst of praying with others for emotional healing prayer, I work part-time as a chaplain for a business called Morning Star Tours. When I am not doing either of those, on some days I go to a rest home about 3 miles down the street. I visit some amazing ladies there who are so thrilled to have someone come and talk with them about Jesus.

He has also added a ministry to Muslim women in the Middle East. If I had waited until I felt adequate, I would never have done any of these things!

Just give God an opportunity to show you how He can make you a little taste of heaven in the lives of others!



After getting to know many people with whom I was never comfortable because I couldn't believe anything they said, God sent me an angel from Philipian Ministries. Today with my eyes shut and from deep within my heart I can give my testimony of an incredible experience that I had with a wonderful lady with such a pure heart.

I don't have words to describe everything that happened in my emotional healing prayer, but I sure wish there were more women like this lady. It was like God was speaking to me through her. Even after I thought there was no one and nothing that could help me, God sent her into my life. He truly met me during my time with her.

Even my appearance is different. I am told that I

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What Does That Look Like?

I don't know about you, but dying to self has always been a struggle for me. If I really think about it deeply...I go too far to the extreme. If I'm not so intense about it, I think of doing it in a very superficial way. The list below has really helped me. Not that I'm so good at it, but I certainly understand it better. The list was anonymously written.

It's also important to remember not to do these things like a doormat. Until we are strong enough to do them out of strength and choice...we will not do them for the right reason. God wants us to die to self out of choice and with joy in pleasing Him!

1. When you are forgotten or neglected and you don't hurt with the insult, but your heart is happy--that is dying to self.
2. When your advice is disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, and take it all in patient, loving silence--that is dying to self.

3. When you lovingly and patiently bear disorder, irregularity, tardiness, and annoyance...and endure it as Jesus endured it--that is dying to self.

4. When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or record your own good works, or itch for praise after an accomplishment, when you can truly love to be unknown--that is dying to self.

5. When you can see your brother or sister prosper and can honestly rejoice with him/her and feel no envy even though your needs are greater--that is dying to self.

6. When you are content with any good, any offering, any raiment, any climate, or any society--that is dying to self.

7. When you can take correction, when you can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, with no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart--that is dying to self.

A Prayer Director Visit ...

Some of our prayer directors are involved in other ministries. Some have full-time jobs in the market place of business. I hope this will tell you a bit about two of my favorite people, Annie and Rex Lynch. Annie is one of the first eight women I prayed with when God called me into the emotional healing prayer ministry. That was in 1979. She and husband Rex are sheer joy to me!

Rex and I felt God telling us to leave our home, give away our possessions, and leave 20 years of pastoring and go where He would lead us. That began with a year in Kona Hawaii with YWAM. We traveled to New Zealand to take a Discipleship Training School which all missionaries with YWAM are required to do.

We chose Father's Love Crossroads because it was what God had been doing in our hearts for 20 years.

We minister on a small base in a rural town surrounded with cattle and sheep. Oxford is a little known town to the world but a well known town to Father God. In a two story house on the property over 100 years ago, an anglican vicar prayed that this land would be used to send young people into the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He didn't live to see the fulfillment of that prayer, but every year for the past 18 years young and old people have been trained and sent to the nations from this little base. Rex and I have been involved in five Fathers Love Schools since coming here in 2012 staffing and leading 4 of them. We started another one on March 12 of this year. Our school has taught students from America, Canada, England, Germany, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Holland, Denmark

Switzerland, Turkey, Thailand, Korea, Pakistan, Costa Rica, and New Zealand. We have students from the ages of 20 to 75. Each school we lead has different speakers speaking on many topics from : The Father Heart of God, and Evangelism, to Hearing Gods Voice and Relationships.

In the photo below you will see a picture taken when Annie and Rex made a trip to the Dallas area. We always have a delightful visit that lasts for hours and hours. (We could use days!) What a joy to hear all that God is doing through YWAM. I am so very proud of my spiritual daughter!



Annie is on the left, next to husband Rex, then me. These two are doing great work and we love to have Annie as a part of Philippian Ministries.



Turning Thoughts Into Prayers

I believe that turning thoughts into prayers is a part of how we begin to "pray without ceasing." Just think about it. What a beautiful way to spend constant time praying.

My personality can be rather intense. Because of that, it is easy for me to constantly evaluate the people I see. It is easy for me to be shopping and look at an unkempt person thinking, "I wonder why they don't want to take care of themselves?" I can look at a morbidly obese person and think, "That weight is going to kill them someday." Never mind that I myself, am not exactly trim!

I can pass someone begging for money and think, "My he looks pretty young and strong. Why isn't he working."

I hated thinking these thoughts, but that came so naturally to me. Then one day, God in His mercy spoke to my heart. He wanted me to immediately pray when I saw each of these people. No longer was I to evaluate each one but pray for each one. I began to look and pray. Now I pray, "Lord fulfill Your mercy in that life. You know what they need. He has replaced my condemnation with prayer. Isn't God good?"

If we earnestly want to overcome a sin area of our lives and we are willing...God will make a way.

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look much younger today. Many people have asked what happened to me.

My prayer director is a person you could talk to every day and trust that she could even help your family, too. She reaches your heart without judging you. One feels loved and at peace with telling her your whole life story. I didn't think I would ever be able to do that. I couldn't trust anyone enough. There aren't enough words to really describe all that happened to me during my time with her.

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I now have a total conviction that God is very real and that Jesus is my Savior. Eternity is mine! I know now that He has always been with me.

We get so wounded in this world, but I came away a new person, knowing that God can do **miracles**, those things in life that money can't buy. Today I've been changed and I am filled with thanks to my God and to the lady He sent me to.

Victoria Fernandez

Please Pray

1. Please pray for Lana's up-coming trip to the Middle East in September and October. Ask the Lord to rebuke the devourer on her behalf.
2. Begin to pray that God will be preparing hearts in every group to which she will speak.
3. Pray that all the opportunities to speak and minister will be arranged only by God.
4. Pray for Lana's emotional healing prayer schedule,

which is heavy during this time and her trip time.

5. Pray that God will bring forth His greatest glory during her trip ... no matter what that might mean!
6. Pray that the Lord will provide all of the funds needed for the trip and to bless the ministries there.
7. Pray for our prayer directors -- that their hearts will be committed to seek to pray with each person with a need revealed to them by God.

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