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In Focus



Praying and relying on our Lord have always been two essential keys in our personal relationship with the Lord. These two key elements seem to have become even more present and relevant to our daily lives as Christians during these days of so much global uncertainty.

Prayer and reliance on our Lord is what this issue focuses upon. In this time of so many unknowns, may our lives show the children our dependence upon Him as we seek Him in our daily walks even more.

We hope that our June edition of The Barnabas Letter encourages, enriches, and equips you, as our dear Founder, Dr. Phyllis Kilbourn, has always desired and designed it for, especially as we face these challenging days together.

*Serving Him Together,
Amy Wilson, Director of Education*

Intercessory Prayer

Patty's Bio:

Patty has lived and worked overseas since 1990, mostly in Latin America. She is the director of WEC Latino and Latino Member care and continues to mobilize churches in missions, train missionaries in cross-cultural topics, spiritual warfare, trauma, cultural honor, and shame.



Intercessory prayer is different from traditional prayer in the sense that it means standing in the gap on behalf of others. It is praying with a mission. Intercession is generally characterized as a persistent prayer that is guided by a vision or burden that the intercessor does not let go. It involves discerning the mind of the Lord and then praying it into reality. Every believer prays, but not every believer intercedes. By contrast, prayer is usually identified as talking with God, repenting, forgiving, asking for things, giving thanks, praying for others, etc.

The importance of Intercessory prayer is to see God penetrate circumstances, situations, and lives. Often intercession is coupled with spiritual warfare to undo works of darkness. It is like a soldier who arms himself and goes into difficult situations to work freedom, make doors open, resolve situations, or heal people. In light of traumatized people, we intercede to see them set free from the grip of their circumstances physically, mentally and emotionally.

Intercessory prayer is essential to healing, and therefore I include it in the CCTI training. The training often brings up memories. Therefore, it is opportune to invite Jesus into a participant's pain while they are feeling vulnerable, remembering events, words, and images and let Him heal.

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Intercessory Prayer



Intercession demolishes the destructive and controlling power base operating in a person's anxieties, situations, habits, etc.

We need to know about trauma and follow a process towards healing, but Intercessory prayer finishes what human processes can't do. Healing often is not complete without intercession and the breaking of strongholds!

I have not only witnessed the effectiveness of intercessory prayer but received healing in my life through it. I have seen participants encounter the Lord during the prayer time; their faces go from a painful look to sudden joy. Participants share testimonies of how God removed anger and hate, had a burden lifted, or could finally forgive, etc. Some testify how God set them free from their oppressor, both mentally and emotionally. It's like a dark veil is lifted, and people often rededicate or commit their lives to the Lord after the prayer time. This same freedom through intercession can be applied to anxieties, fears, obsessions, addictions, and anything that controls us. It not only applies to trauma, but is a significant factor in healing the traumatized.

We also can pray and receive inner healing in our own lives. As we care for others, we must care for ourselves. We don't have to be a specialist to lead someone or ourselves to healing; rather, we need to be someone who takes God at His word and stands in the authority that He has given us as His children.



Divine Intervention

by: Joseph Matheka Munyasya

Shoulder 2 Shoulder's Street Children's center in Mombasa, Kenya, experienced its most significant challenge as COVID-19 surfaced. It was a harsh experience with the shortage of staff and less money in the bank, along with all 21 boys staying at the home. Then, as if in a dream, three days later, we received a phone call from the state department who requested that we house 100 extra boys straight from the street within a short notice in a home that can accommodate 40. When we agreed to this challenge, within two days, we were called to start collecting boys with no preparation and no money yet to feed them.

Everything was against our policy; boys were not screened, aged older than our policy (a change from 7-10 years to 10-16). Within a few days, we grew from 21 to 72 boys. The first ten days were the most chaotic, with a lack of everything except food. We needed a new house, mattresses, bedsheets, clothing, shoes, underwear, and more staff. We were housing ravenous boys, eating two portions per meal. The budget we had calculated to take care of 21 boys was now suddenly needed for 72.

But God turned our fears, worries, and shock into joy by gifting us wisdom and creativity. We got another house one kilometer from the center. Our 21 boys rose to the occasion and welcomed the new boys and were joyfully willing to share everything that they needed. We watched with amazement the generosity of everything shared from bedsheets to clothes and even slippers. There was a revival to help! We have four boys, who are waiting to join university and college, and they became volunteers as staff, working tirelessly. The response revived my passion for street children! Our prayer and faith increased as we saw God was faithful through even these times.

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I knew our program and structure was weak with a large number of children, so I began researching, and I came across the CCTI website. I found that their vision agreed with my heart and so I decided to contact them. Within a short amount of time, I received a reply, and the rest is history regarding how we joined CCTI. More confirmation came when a contact person with many years of experience in Street Children ministry directed me to some books also written by CCTI's founder.

Fortunately, the Government is willing to continue in this partnership beyond Covid-19 through a special program focusing on street families. We now have enough staff, one of the board trustees joined the staff force, and the older boys are now doing better in connecting with new boys.

The CCTI course and material has helped strengthen our program significantly. The impact on devotions with structured content for both centers using the [There is Hope for Me workbook](#) has been tremendous. It is a powerful tool; the staff love it, and the children do as well. Spiritual nurturing in this manner is hastening the rehabilitation process for the boys, with new morals and values that they can practice weekly.



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*The decision to join **Trauma and Crisis Care Module 1** has strengthened the staff. When two key staff members did the training in the middle of all the pressure, it helped them immensely. Now they have started implementing it with excellent results. It has been especially useful in identifying personal problems and starting healing processes using different approaches, such as using both play and the arts. We plan to bring parents along with us and to take them through the healing and reconciliation process with their children before they embark on reintegration. We have never done our rehabilitation process with a clear goal and focus like now because of the CCTI material and Christian emphasis. Now we plan to end the program with a graduation day, "From street to family" and send them on their way like Onesimus was sent by Paul to Philemon, 1:15-19. And the best news of all, we have had 15 boys receive Jesus in their lives!*

Lessons learned during this period:

- 1. Use what you have faithfully, and God will take care of the increase.*
- 2. Under pressure, trust God's Spirit to empower you with wisdom and creativity.*
- 3. God is faithful to those who call on Him, and He will surprise you with more than you asked.*

Joseph Matheka Munyasya's Bio:

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For more information you can visit their website <https://www.s2sfoundation.org>, find them on Facebook: Shoulder to Shoulder International, or feel free to contact them at s2sinternational@gmail.com.

Resources Page



Upcoming Trainings:

Module 1: Trauma and Crisis Care
September 13-November 13, 2020

If you are interested in beginning our foundational class of Trauma and Crisis Care in September,

Please email Denise at denise@ccti-wec.org before all spaces are filled. Or, if you are interested in another class to begin in January, 2021, please let us know. Thank you!



Books:

Healing Prayer:

Wardle, Terry. (2007). Strong Winds Crashing Waves: Meeting Jesus in The Memories of Traumatic Events.

Wardle Terry, (2001). Healing Care Healing Prayer: Helping The Broken Find Wholeness in Christ.

Breaking of Spiritual Strongholds:

Anderson, Neil T, (2019). The Bondage Breaker: Overcoming Negative Thoughts, Irrational Feelings, Habitual Sins

Anderson, Neil T, (2001). The Steps The Freedom in Christ: A Step by Step Guide to Help You

Roberts, Candyce. (2012). Help For The Fractured Soul: Experiencing Healing and Deliverance From Deep Trauma.

This FREE
Facilitator's Guide and
Children's Workbook:

Understanding the Effects of Trauma:

Schaefer, Frauke C., & Schaefer, Charles A. (Eds.). (2012). Trauma and Resilience: A Handbook.

Tracy, Steven R. (2005) Mending The Soul: Understanding and Healing Abuse.

