



Caribbean Sun

Thirty national church leaders from the Island walked through three Soul Care lessons with a short-term team from Canada. It was a success as several leaders have asked for the handouts to teach in their local churches. God's healing presence was felt throughout the program.

Pastor Ivan experienced healing from a childhood wound. He didn't understand the emotional distance he felt when he visited his ill father. In our listening prayer time, God revealed a childhood memory of his father refusing to teach him how to make shoes. This created a wound of rejection. God redeemed the memory and showed him that Jesus was there with him and hands outstretched to give him a hug. Even though the prayer was in Spanish, a man from Saskatchewan got up and gave him a big hug. It is amazing how God united our hearts across the language of love!

Pray God for the healing that took place within the leaders' hearts and lives!

Praise for these leaders as they implement this program in their local churches throughout the Island.

Sea to Sea

Something only the Holy Spirit could orchestrate is happening in our church. One weekend, 47 people experienced freedom in their lives as they dealt with sin and invited inner healing.

Before implementing anything new, my heart needed to be renewed. A Church Renewal Weekend I attended emphasized that the lead pastor must be renewed before a church can be renewed, and this is happening to me. We have begun a new emphasis on prayer by adjusting our service time to provide an hour of learning about prayer as well as following a seminar called "Hearing God" that teaches the ways God speaks to us. We are at the beginning of our journey of renewal and are experiencing God move by His Spirit.

Seek: C&MA churches across Canada are holding events to encourage and challenge people to go deeper in the Spirit. Contact your district office for details.

Share: Do you have a story of how you have been challenged to go deeper? We'd love to hear from you. Contact us at communications@cmacan.org

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On Mission Together

Around the world God's Spirit is challenging us to go deeper. Some are prompted to put their baby toe in, others are willing to go up to their knees, and then there are those who dive in! It's not about the depth of the water, but the obedience to and spontaneity of the Holy Spirit. Everyone's story is different including our IWs, their families, and those they are challenging to go deeper.



Desert Sand

My name is Elise, and I am 16 years old. I've been growing up in Niger, where my family works. Over this past school year, I have had the opportunity to step into many leadership roles within the expat community that have truly stretched and grown me as a person and in my faith.

In having so many commitments, though, I found myself never getting a break and constantly feeling drained. My prayers at night for others were so long that I fell asleep before praying for myself. My friends warned me not to burn out, and for a while I was fine, but eventually I began feeling I had no more to give.

During that time, Psalm 90:13-17 came up in my devotions, which starts with, "Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants." That was exactly how I was feeling, and I longed for God's compassion and joy to fill me. I began talking to God constantly after that, asking Him to sustain me as I served.

Slowly, serving became so much better as I saw my relationship with God and with those I was serving change completely. It took me almost burning out to realize that as I give to others, so abundantly more does God give to me.

Pray for Elise as she continues to lean on God for strength and joy as she develops her leadership skills.

Praise God for the new generation of leaders He is raising up!

Share: Tell a young person this story and ask them to send us their stories of how God has stimulated their compassion. Contact us at communications@cmacan.org

Silk Road

Our new teammates had trouble with their visas, giving us three weeks to find a way to keep them in the country. After facing the disappointment of not finding a solution, God gave us something we couldn't have dreamed of: an agency that provided a visa—and new friends.

Hussein was on his prayer rug when we arrived at his office for a meeting. He and his colleagues did an amazing amount of work to see our teammates receive their residency cards.

Hussein's efforts, help, and friendship are a blessing. He even asked me why I was not at church on Friday! Living on the same street as the church, he did not see our car and cared enough to ask.

We are thankful to God for Hussein and his team for allowing us to work alongside them. With such a beginning, what else might God have in store for our team and our new friendship with Hussein?

Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in this new friendship between Don and Hussein.

Praise God for providing visas and new friends for Don, Betty, and their team.

Share: Did you know that Muslims are coming to Christ at an unprecedented pace? Let us know if you have met that one and what it was like to see their joy. Contact us at communications@cmacan.org



*The Spirit and the bride say,
“Come!” And let the one who
hears say, “Come!” Let the one
who is thirsty come; and let
the one who wishes take the
free gift of the water of life.*

Revelation 22

Asian Spice

Many workers were not able to remain in the area where we work as the situation intensified several months ago. Team members had to relocate because they couldn't get permission to live in the area.

We prayed as we monitored the situation and discerned our presence was needed now more than ever. We felt the call to return to serve the Father and these people in their homeland.

Several indicators of the Holy Spirit's leading were:

- An increased responsiveness to Jesus during this season
- A clear sense of leading to this area and provisions for an impactful presence

The distress of the people weighs on us and is a constant burden on our hearts. The need for truth is great amid so much despair and hopelessness, but who will bring the good news with so many departing? Friends have asked us, “Just because you can go back, does it mean you should?” We feel the more important questions is: “What are we willing to do for the sake of the truth?”

Already, we are seeing encouraging signs: one couple has returned, our work is moving forward, a friend trusted in Jesus, and there's potential for the other couple to return soon.

Pray for Michaela's team as they continue to assess the heightened situation in the area where they work.

Praise God for the encouraging signs of growth and the return of Michaela's teammates!

Seek: Once upon a time Robert Jaffray went to Asia to reach the unreached. Read more on how the heir apparent to what is now The Globe & Mail came to suffer some of these same problems a hundred years ago. cmacan.org/jaffray