

Lifewalk Mission International

Colossians 1:10-11

Launching into the Deep!

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After three hours in flight, the plane landed during the middle of the day – not as busy since all of the Friday tropical bound weekenders got here before me. The small airport terminal wasn't crowded at all; I easily breezed my way through customs & immigrations. Surprisingly the natives didn't hassle me as I walked outside the baggage claim area. Instantly I stood firmly next to the curbside, took a deep breath and smiled...I was in Jamaica again for the seventh time.

Here I am tonight lodging in a nice secluded home off a hillside overlooking the Caribbean Sea. This residential area is called Ironshore speckled with brightly colored homes throughout and fairly decent paved roads. This afternoon you could hear the birds all vying for attention - aggressively singing over each other. Later at night it's the insects turn, loudly proclaiming their voices in the humid mid-night air. Now and then, you might hear a dog in the area barking – that's usually typical in the Caribbean Islands.

I'm excited about the opportunity to be led by God and make a level of impact here in Jamaica. In the past years, I've seen a transformation of new believers trusting in God more than ever before! Mission work is now about being a servant to nationals attempting to help their fellowmen see a greater spiritual path.



I arrived here in 2004 – my very first mission trip. Little did I know, God was beginning to do something in my life. That one mission journey brought me to where I'm at today. No longer bound by the typical aggression of my American life; but more importantly a progression to uplift and build the Kingdom.

This is a new freedom I have that many unfortunately will miss out in their lives. It is a calling that has further opened the spiritual values of my heart – no longer tied to the ideas of striving for the largest home, fanciest car, having the latest techie device or flashy/trendy clothes. God sees through all of that my friends. He questioned me a while back saying “Jerry, did I bring you into this world to gain the material things of life, or did I bring you into this world so that you could ultimately gain eternal life?”

Back in 2004, I was one of several Vacation Bible School instructors armed and prepared to teach in a small mountainous city called Brownstown. It is a couple of hours drive east of Montego Bay. Though I was fully prepared weeks in advance to teach a group of kids’ ages 7 to 9, I was whisked into a room to teach a class of 3 to 4 years olds!!! Somehow I had to quickly



refocus my attitude (**profusely upset that I couldn't teach the 7 to 9s**); reprogram my mind (**accept the fact that this is not about me, but them**), and readjust my teachings as if I was auditioning to be an adult cast member on Sesame Street!

As I looked in the innocent eyes of my little students each day, I heard the voice of God saying how much more He needs me on the mission field. Each night as our mission leader called for “lights out” – I’d quietly wept each night – the

stirring in my soul ached. It reminds me of what it must’ve felt like for Nehemiah. In the Old Testament, the cup bearer ask visiting men about the welfare of the Jews who had returned from captivity to Jerusalem. The visitors informed him that they were in distress and reproach. The city walls were broken down and the gates burned with fire. The news brought Nehemiah into tears and he became sadden to learn of his dear city. He too wept and mourned, fasted and prayed to God. As the story goes, Nehemiah went from being a cup-bearer for a king to one of the greatest building designers of his time.

What is that in which you became saddened or sickened by a situation – knowing that God is the source and has called you to take part in the solution of it? If that already occurred, is it still festering in you today? Can't get rid of it – realizing it could take a huge feat to overcome it? Like Nehemiah, we too should be concerned and troubled when we see God's people in trouble or in need of help. With a large level of faith in God, launching into the deep of your calling will give you the most incredible satisfaction in your life. It will most definitely supersede all the great musical concerts you've ever gone to, all the fabulous vacation destinations you've visited so far, and all the lottery tickets you've purchased (smile)!

Life Walk Mission International will celebrate its 1st anniversary next month and I give God all the praises and glory for showing us the continuous path to effortlessly share His love and Good News. In 2015, we're preparing four separate teams to embark and share the Good News in Kenya (Africa), Jamaica, Haiti, and Chennai (India). And while we know God is 'the' source, we want all of our trusted partners to pray for us. This direction for our teams in 2015 will challenge us, cost us, and awaken us. Your prayers and financial support of any kind would be an added blessing. In the time of this giving season, please consider a gift of love that would shape and change the lives of those we will touch next year. I can't thank you enough for what you've already done, please know all of what we do is for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

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