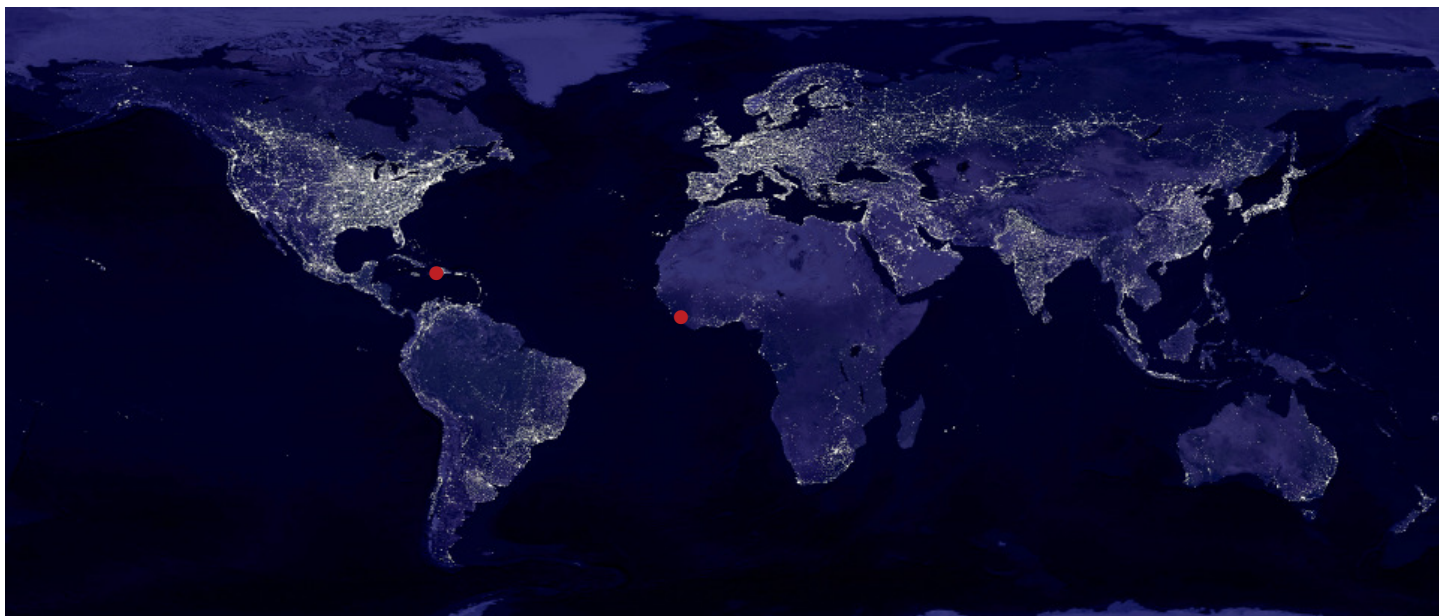




TELESCOPING: SIERRA LEONE, DR, AND HAITI

BY DARYL LARGIS

The Chapel is connecting to the movement of God in diverse places throughout the world.



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Editors note: This article is a condensed version of Pastor Daryl Largis's blog. The full article is available at thechapel.com/kingdomcome.

The Chapel has had the privilege to host and facilitate the Sierra Leone Alliance of Western New York for more than five years. In that time, the Alliance has worked individually and collectively to bring hope, love, and tangible help to the people who are still struggling to make it through the day. Progress at a national level continues to be made given the relative peace afforded to the people from a stable government since 2007. The President of Sierra Leone is not only a friend and supporter to what we are doing there, he is by all accounts a Christ-follower, which is awesome!

The Alliance is in the midst of supporting unique projects from pineapple farms in 10 villages, to homes and schools for children, to new clean water wells, to repairing and maintaining existing wells,

to equipping pastors, to planting new churches, and to building and staffing medical facilities. These are not all that is happening, but represent tangible demonstrations of the gospel that enable the message to be not only heard but also received. More on these things is to come in the future as the Alliance launches its own website where you will be able to get more detailed information as to what is happening and what is needed. In terms of prayer, please keep the country in your prayers as they deal with the Ebola situation—fear and the unknown are difficult to navigate when they get wrapped up in the heart. Also, please pray for wisdom for those who comprise the Alliance (EduNations, Global Outreach Mission, Houghton College, Jericho Road Community Health Center, Let Them LOL, World Hope, and The Chapel). We are on the cusp of taking some stronger and more significant steps together as

an Alliance both here and in-country to further the mission for the sake of every man, woman, and child.

Now, let's travel a bit closer to home to an island in the Caribbean called Hispaniola. On this island are two countries that The Chapel is strategically engaged. The first I want to mention is the Dominican Republic. In terms of a couple of highlights for the DR, I will mention two among the many incredible things happening there. First, is the new partnership we have forged with Water@Work. Water@Work is a Christ-centered ministry based out of Atlanta, GA, with an expertise to provide clean water systems through simple, yet highly effective, filtration technology. From funds given this past Easter, we will be helping them complete and install two systems in the DR for communities desperately in need. These water systems then become a focal point,

an epicenter if you will, for evangelism and spiritual formation. Second, is the work being done by the church in Juan Dolio, which is the town where many of our teams have stayed given it is where SCORE's main complex is located. The church in Juan Dolio is taking tangible steps in that immediate geography as they have asked and have answered two key questions: "What does God want for Juan Dolio?" and then, "What would it look like if God did what He wanted?" The answers to these questions then birth a vision of geographic intentionality requiring mobilization, extension and expansion of the presence of God's people!

The second is Haiti. As you may know, we have begun a strategic partnership with Mission of Hope, Haiti. Again, there is much to discuss just in terms of what is happening through our engagement there, but I want to mention something we have been working on and will continue to give energy towards in the days to come that will hopefully shape the spiritual history of that nation. We, with another ministry in Florida (Summit Church), are working with MOH to develop and launch an intentional longer term environment for pastors from all over the nation where they can be envisioned to own the spiritual lostness of their nation to a greater degree, to be equipped theologically, challenged missiologically and developed from a leadership standpoint. All of these efforts are directed towards the eventual outcome of fully mobilizing Christ's people in that place so that every Haitian man, woman, boy, and girl can have immediate and culturally relevant access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. At this point we have a tentative plan developed and are in the process of finalizing how, where, and when to get started. Please pray for us as we finalize these plans. We definitely need God's wisdom and His favor given what we are attempting to tackle and facilitate. The ramifications of this effort, even though they are years away, are enormous given what we have seen in other nations when the Church becomes galvanized around a mission to saturate every corner of their country with the gospel. ✨

– NEWS BRIEF –

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.



By Don and Ruth Mantia

Eleven years ago, we met a Vietnamese student named Long. Through him, we befriended more than 20 others from Vietnam, some who became Christians . . . but not Long. He had good questions and did Bible study with Don, but he had, in his own words, "a heart to NOT believe God." After graduation, he became a professor in Arkansas. It broke our hearts that Long still did not believe in God.

Five years ago, Don visited Long and his wife, Van. He shared more about the Lord with them, and prayed over them before they parted ways: "God, please reveal Yourself to them."

They returned for a visit last summer. During our visit Van asked, "Don, do you remember what you prayed for us five years ago?" Don did remember, and so did they. "God answered your prayer, Don!" She told of the difficult delivery of their baby, her praying to God for help and her two dreams about Jesus. God revealed Himself to her multiple times in the ensuing months, answering many prayers, and performing miracles with their critically ill baby . . . she could no longer deny the existence of God. Through this experience, Long's heart also softened towards God. "Now, I feel that my heart is ready to believe in God," he shared with us with tears in his eyes. "So many things happened that I can no longer explain them away as mere coincidences!"

Long and Van are now in Bible study with us over Skype. Pray with us that these two will take the step of faith to leave behind their family religion (animism) and wholeheartedly become followers of Jesus.

– LOCAL CONNECTION –

Interested in getting involved with one of our local ministry partners? Here are some places for you to start serving!

DESTINATION LIFE FELLOWSHIP

22nd Street & Linwood Ave
Niagara Falls, NY 14305
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Several local locations
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LOCKPORT CARENET

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Lockport, NY 14094
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lockportcarenet.com

NIAGARA GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

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Niagara Falls, NY 14302
info@niagaramissions.com

NORTHTOWN PREGNANCY CENTER

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northtownpregnancycenter.com

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716.893.1840
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– UPCOMING EVENTS –

AUGUST 3-6, 2014
KINGDOM BOUND FESTIVAL

You are invited to join in the fun at Kingdom Bound 2014! Excellent seminars for adults, KB Kidz tent, extreme sports demos, and the best in Christian music is just a part of what is being offered this year. For more information and tickets, visit kingdombound.org.

AUGUST 22-23, 2014
MOBILIZE MEN'S RETREAT

Men, bring your sons 16 and older to Camp Li-Lo-Li for a great retreat. Build authentic relationships and be empowered and equipped to join God on Mission. For more information and to register, log on to thechapel.com/mobilize or call 716-631-2636 x217.

The Mission of Kingdom Come is specifically focused on helping to ensure that every man, woman and child has repeated opportunities to hear, see and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, nationally and globally where The Chapel has influence.