

Ministry Update for Suzie Benforado

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Cluj Romania

A Month of Glory –October



During the month of October we had 6 meetings each week with powerful worship times and amazing teaching. The presence of God came with such weightiness—it was like “marinating” in God’s presence for a month. The word was so practical and anointed that during those weeks we continuously heard people say that they were being transformed or as I put it “I was being changed right there in my chair!” A highlight was constant opportunities for receiving prayer ministry from Bill Norton, Phil Rich and other anointed men of God. It was really a time of receiving impartation and getting upgraded, both individually and as a church.

By the end of the month we were tired, but so charged up. Absolutely no one complained of all the meetings. On the contrary we came early and stayed late for the meetings just soaking in as much as we could. It really was awesome and we experienced such breakthrough...in worship, in praise, in giving, in authority, in revelation, in prayer and in spiritual gifts, etc. The heavens opened over us and have remained open. God came close and we so enjoyed the new intimacy and enlarged understanding of who He is. To see photo album click this link: <http://www.kodakgallery.com/l.jsp?c=oerdnh7.kft5ogv&x=0&y=hosbyf>

A Month of Leading the Church—November

Our pastors, David and Mihaela left to minister in the United States during the month of November. The leadership of the church was left in my hands, together with the help of a great team of 6 other people. And of course we relied on God doing His thing and being everything we needed during this time. But still it was a stretching experience. We accepted this opportunity as a real challenge for us and we all rose to the occasion and were eager to see what God could do with us...the new, recently upgraded versions of us. We have seen such amazing things! Some of the highlights:



Miracles at church

- Denisa had experienced pain up and down her back for years having suffered with scoliosis. Two weeks ago she was radically healed. When she went to school the next day, several of her friends commented, without knowing anything of her healing, that she looked taller. She was indeed standing noticeably straighter. Her back was verified by a technician at school and found 90% healed!

- Carmen suffered an ear infection some time ago. As a result she was totally deaf in her left ear. After prayer during the ministry time at church, her ear popped open and by the end of the service, she could hear normally!
- Dana came asking for prayer for healing of intense pressure in the back of her head on both the right and left sides. We prayed for her and the pressure disappeared from the left side. We prayed again and then there was no more pressure at all!
- Maya was achy all over, experiencing pain all over her body and in her joints and back. After prayer, she was completely pain free!
- One of our guys brought a friend to our evangelistic concert this past week. He had talked with me on several occasions how much he wanted her to come to the Lord. God touched her deeply! She and two other young men came forward at the altar call to give their lives to Jesus! Salvation--the greatest miracle of all!



- Church itself went well each week. I think every week was better and better as we got more skilled at “setting our sails” to catch the winds of the spirit. Look what happened this last Sunday...This is how I reported it to David and Mihaela by e-mail:

Worship went well... (every Sunday was better and better). Then Ioana got up to pray to transition from worship to the offering. But when she prayed things stepped up. . The worship team “caught the wind” and continued... praise broke out. It was great fun and a free time of rejoicing before God. That was how we started.

But look how things ended...As we continued to minister in prayer at the end of the service.... I was praying for the last person. As I prayed, my prayer almost became like a song and kind of like a dance as I prayed for Dana. Andreea (our guitarist) and I were flowing well together, she picked up with me and God’s presence intensified. I don’t know if what we were doing was causing something else to happen or if we were just catching the wave...but God wasn’t finished yet... Ministry time was ending as we prayed our last prayer, but people were lingering not leaving. It didn’t seem right to leave or to stop...God was so present! Andreea stepped up the rhythm and spontaneous dance and celebration broke out. It was such a joyful time, full of praise and adoration to our God. He is awesome and it seemed so fitting to celebrate Him. It was so much fun! We all felt rejuvenated and refreshed afterwards. And we all knew that we had been with Jesus!

This letter is getting long...but there is still so much more to tell. For those that want to know more, continue reading below....and read about more amazing miracles....

Thank you for continuing to stand with me as I continue to press on to know the Lord and to make Him known here in Romania. These are exciting times to be in ministry in Romania and I truly believe that I am here for such a time as this! And you are making my being here possible!

Every time I think of you I praise my God! With deep gratitude....

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More Miracles...this time outside of church

I had the opportunity to teach twice in November and these may have been my best messages yet! The point of my teachings was that we are the place where God has chosen for His manifest presence to dwell... we are like flesh and blood arks of the covenant! I compared some of the things that happened to the ark itself and applied it to our lives. It was stirring and motivational and I challenged every "Presence bearer" to look for opportunities to be bold and willing to step into the waters of someone's impossible situation, fully expecting God to come and manifest Himself. We put that into practice and here are a few examples of what happened during the next two weeks:

- My elderly widow friend Susi was healed! When I arrived for a visit, she was experiencing pain in her knees and back. And was walking with difficulty and standing up out of a sitting position only with great pain and effort. After prayer, she was walking around freely and able to rise and sit easily.
- Maya had been having nightmares every night for a week. I prayed for her quickly as I dropped her off at home. She told me the next day that she slept like a baby and now two weeks later, she has had no nightmares since!
- Andreea was diagnosed with overlapping vocal cords and a bacterial infection in her throat. I prayed for her before she went to the doctor for a follow-up exam. The doctor was surprised and commented "The situation is not as bad as I thought". And simply recommended that she take vitamins.
- Sorin was discouraged because of some problems with his business. A few of us from church were drinking hot chocolate at his coffee bar. We talked to him a while and encouraged him. But he was most encouraged when we prayed for him. Afterwards he told us he felt so much lighter...like he had wings and could fly.

- I had been fighting a cold for a couple of days. One morning I woke up and I was shocked when I first opened my mouth to speak, because I sounded like a combination of a cell phone with a bad signal and a teenage boy going through puberty! And I also had intense pain in my throat. I went to my room determined to pray for myself! After several minutes of prayer, I came out and talked to my roommate with no pain in my throat and a much stronger voice.
- Dima went to the mall with some friends. One girl had severe flu symptoms. Dima offered to pray and right there in front of his friends and passers-by he called on God to heal. Ten minutes later the girl suddenly realized that she no longer had any symptoms...fever, headache, runny nose, pressure in her sinuses, and achy joints had all disappeared. Dima's other friends commented that they had never seen that kind of miracle right before their eyes! They were impressed with God!
- Maya dropped in on some neighbors, a young couple. She happened to arrive right after the husband had exploded in a drunken, out of control fit of rage. Maya encouraged the lady and then prayed for their relationship. The woman commented how she felt that peace had come into the house. The next day Maya met this same neighbor who was beaming. She told Maya that her husband's attitude had completely changed and that he had even brought her coffee in bed that morning! ;-)
- This last week, seven of us went to the cancer hospital to pray for the sick. We divided into 3 teams and invaded the second floor wards. Entering each room, we offered to pray. Some people were very open right from the beginning but others were skeptical. John and Claudia went into one room of men. Initially, the men refused prayer. But as they talked to one of the men with such love and compassion, he changed his mind and let them pray. The man testified that he felt heat rise up all through his chest... God's tangible healing power. The man began to cry as he realized that God was touching his body. Suddenly the whole room was listening with changed hearts as John and Claudia shared a simple gospel message. All of the men accepted Jesus as their Savior. The other men in the room begged "Please pray for me too!" God's touch opens hearts. In one hour we had visited every room. Every person had heard the gospel. Ten had been saved. And God touched people's bodies with tangible manifestations of His power.

Understandably, a wave of excitement is gathering. And not just excitement, but now we begin to have experiences of God manifesting His presence in the impossible situations we find around us. Please pray that this continue to multiply, sweeping more and more of God's people into action and having greater and greater impact for winning souls. I pray on a regular basis for "key touches from heaven". Something like in Acts 4 where one man is healed and thousands end up saved as a result! Like in John 4 when Jesus had one conversation with a woman, her life is transformed and a whole village turns to God; like in Mark 5 where one man is delivered and 10 cities hear the gospel; like in Acts 8 where there is one Bible study, a man is saved and a nation is reached; like when Saul the Christian killer is saved and becomes a key player in the Kingdom of God. All of that is possible and still more!

Now you know why I could n't stop sooner. I just love telling about the wonderful things that God is doing in our midst! Please continue to pray for more and more of God in our church and in our lives so that we can be great harvesters for His Kingdom. The harvest is white!!!!

For the King and His Kingdom,