



World Christian Fellowship Newsletter

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If You Want to See a Miracle ...


by Brian L.

Positioning for miracles → Long ago, I learned that if you want to see a miracle, you have to put yourself in a position for miracles to happen. People who sit at home wondering why they never see miracles can answer the question by looking around. If you stay where everything is safe, you'll never need a miracle.

Jackie Pullinger → One of the main speakers at WCC 2008 is no stranger to unsafe surroundings and miracles. Jackie Pullinger has served the Lord in Hong Kong for more than four decades. One day more than 41 years ago, she felt God calling her to go. So she bought a ticket for a worldwide ship tour, left Great Britain, and prayed that God would tell her where to disembark. Her goal was just to obey God's command and then return home. Today, she has yet to go back home.

God has kept her busy working with the lowest classes in Hong Kong society. She is the "Mother Theresa" of East Asia, taking in drug addicts and prostitutes, the hungry and

the sick, the gamblers and the gangsters. She heals them with prayer powered by the Holy Spirit that frees them from the bondage of drugs and releases them into a new life in Christ. She has seen the worst of humanity yet loves the poor with God's unconditional love. Her passion for God and compassion for the least among us is contagious.

Challenge to love → As she spoke to us, a bunch of overeducated, overfed, overpaid Asian-Americans, she seemed to view us with something like a mixture of pity, anger, and disbelief. As she poured out her story of obedience to God's Scripture to go, what flowed was not a plan nor statistics of how we can make a dent in this or that. It was simply pure love – God's love – for the *seriously unlovely*. It was about *touching* the untouchables and *seeing* the ignored. It was about the miraculous power of God working through her that could rescue people from the depths of *both their physical and spiritual poverty*. It was about challenging our often disbelief that blinds us to seeing God do the impossible. 



Jackie Pullinger



Commitment Time



Corporate Worship



George Verwer

Living Intentionally

By Linda S.


Attending WCC 2008 ~ I am so happy to have attended WCC 2008! There, all the speakers were so good, I didn't want them to stop talking. It was a like a reunion to see old friends from other churches, Christian conferences, and Perspective classes. Plus, the food was quite tasty!

Living ~ I appreciated the small group time which allowed me to reflect on what I was learning and how I could apply it to my life. The main thing God taught me was to *live life intentionally for God*, to live a "missionary life" here as a tent-maker.

Responding ~ Some changes I intend to make are to:

- ▶ have quiet times in the mornings instead of later times
- ▶ pray more for family, friends, co-workers, and the nations

- ▶ be active in a World Christian-oriented community by encouraging missionaries on the field with more correspondence
- ▶ serve the poor and helpless locally
- ▶ ask God and friends to keep me accountable to my intentions.

Refocusing ~ I know all this sounds like the simple basics of Christian living, but being a "Martha", I can get easily distracted, busy, and unfocused on God with other tasks. This conference totally helped me to refocus on God, to be encouraged greatly by God's power and mercy through the speakers and to live more intentionally for God wherever I am in this world. Thanks to all who put WCC 2008 together and all who were there! 

As in the past, God showed up at WCC 2008 and many people had the opportunity to be either introduced to or grapple with relevant issues regarding their World Christian Journeys. It was a great blessing to gather together as a like-minded community. We look forward to sharing more testimonials with you in the coming months.

If you would like to submit a personal World Christian Journey reflection please contact us at newsletter@wcfellowship.org

A Lesson from the Life of Joseph

By Vitria K.

As we continue to bring testimonies on the impact of the World Christian Conference 2008, we also want to share pieces that relate with the ongoing World Christian Journey that happens all year round in our everyday lives. Vitria's article on looking at the life of Joseph is one such reflection.



Post conference reality ✧ WCC 2008 is over now, so, "What's next?" How are our lives after the conference? Have any drastic changes occurred? Or are our lives the same as before? Although we likely experienced great things during WCC 2008, we still need to go back to our "real" lives.

For those among us who embark on a mission after the conference, I say, "That's great!" However, for the rest of us whose "life of mission is still far away", I hope that at the least we will change the ways in which we form our values, make our decisions, and pray.

Joseph's example ✧ Perhaps we could all gain insight on having a godly perspective at work from the life of Joseph as told in Genesis 39. Abandoned by his jealous brothers and left for dead, Joseph was a great man of God. He wasn't called to be a priest, nor a prophet like Moses. In contrast, Joseph's calling was secular. God chose him to become a servant and then later a ruler of Egypt.

Excellence on the job ✧ Joseph successfully fulfilled this calling. "When his master (Potiphar) saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his master's eyes and became his attendant." (Gen.39: 3-4). I find this very interesting! How could Potiphar, an Egyptian non-believer, realize that the Lord was with Joseph, a believer? I don't think Joseph

sang praise songs all the time for his master to hear. Neither do I think Joseph prayed all day in neglect of his jobs to give Potiphar the idea that the Lord was with him.

Attitude check ✧ How does the picture of our work lives compare with Joseph's? I think that sometimes we don't want to serve our employers with the godly attitude of Joseph. We might think our managers do not truly understand our working situations. Or we are upset that we did not get the raise we deserved. In all these scenarios, we start complaining and simply do only what is required of us.

Instead, why don't we start asking God for guidance so that our nonbelieving coworkers might know that the "Lord is with us"?

Going the extra mile ✧ I believe that one way Joseph showed that "the Lord was with him" was by "going the extra mile". He was willing to do more than expected of him. I imagine him finishing all his many assignments *joyfully*.

Our calling now ✧ While some of us have yet to be called into specific evangelistic, pastoral, or missionary work, in the meantime, we are all called to bring the Good News to those we work with everyday. Plus, we also have been given His power to witness – telling people with words or showing with our lives – about Jesus. We are commanded to do this in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Wherever we go and whatever we do, we are all God's messengers just as Joseph served as a bringer of Good News in Egypt!!



How Do You Describe Your World Christian Journeys in Six Words?

Collected at WCC 2008

"loving God, loving people; doing that"

"colorful unexpected on-edge radical life-changing irreplaceable"

"I want to see God's glory."

"a calling greater than we are"

"I'm fearfully limited, but willingly available"

"in death, there is true life"

"HEARING GOD'S CALL; OBEYING IN FAITH"

You can submit your own six-word description of your World Christian Journey at newsletter@wcfellowship.org

WCF REGIONAL PRAYER GROUPS!

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East Bay (Moraga, CA)

LA (Arcadia, CA)

SF Monthly Missions Meeting (MMM) (San Francisco, CA)

Seattle (Tukwila, WA)

Bay Area South Bay (Sunnyvale, CA)