

Dear Friends

Hi! Greetings from Caracas :). Yes, it's been two weeks since I came back from my trip to Asia and I'm finally fully recovered from such and exciting and very intensive time. Let me share with you about it ...

I left to Hong Kong on May 9, after having a very intense time preparing for my trip, for my teaching time in Philippine, doing Harvest Reports and also preparing for Darrow's conferences in Caracas June 8-15. Well, my trip to Hong Kong lasted almost two days, since I had a 15 hours lay over in Paris. What to do during that time? Visit Paris of course!!! So, even when I already had been almost 24 hours without sleep I spent 8 hours going around in Paris :). Beautiful city indeed! I'm glad God gave me the privilege to do that! However, something happened... I placed my carry on (with my computer inside) in a luggage storage office and went on my city tour. When I came back, 15 minutes before that office closing hour, I found out that the place was closed! They left a note saying that I had 15 minutes to get to another office, in another terminal, to pick up my carry on. I rushed to the other terminal, but by the time I got there that office was also closed!!! What had happened? Well, guess what... When I changed my watch to Paris time I made a mistake! I was sure I had advanced my watch by 5 hours but I only move it 4 hours ahead. That means I was running 1 hour behind everybody else!!! No wonder that luggage office was closed! Well, I couldn't recover my carry so, after praying and talking to some people, they advised me to continue my trip and have my carry on being sent to me later. I praise God because 8 days latter I was able to recover my carry on with everything on it, but it really took a lot of work, phone calls, e-mails, lots of prayer and about \$250 dollars cost. Well, I learn a few lessons from this mistake and because it was a expensive and stressing learning experience I will never forget it :). I hope you enjoy these pictures of Paris ...



The Triumph Arc

A city view from the Eiffel tower

Notre-dame Cathedral

Hong Kong and DNA Forum: My time in Hong Kong was really good and everything could be ranked as perfect had not been because of the problem with my carry on and my computer. Hong Kong is an amazing modern city and I had never seen so many tall buildings at a same place! I loved the food and the people that took care of us did a wonderful work hosting us and preparing everything for the forum. After spending the first night at a nice hotel we, (about 150 people from 35 nations) went to a very nice YMCA campsite were we held our four days Forum. The theme was: Mirroring His Image: Transformed Churches Transforming the World, and the central message during all our devotions was: The Glory of God. God ministered to my life helping me to see more clearly how being in His presence, in obedience and beholding His Glory, is a key-essential element for us as believers (and as churches) in order to be able to fulfill the task! God kept telling me during all this time: Transformation only takes place in obedience, before My Face, because when you are in My Presence, abiding in My Word, then and only then, My power and My Glory is manifested and real transformation takes place. This transformation begins with transformation of hearts and minds, transformation of people's lives, and then transformation in churches and transformation in communities.

Well, these four days together with co-workers and DNA people from so many countries was a very rich experience. It is always so encouraging to hear the stories and testimonies of what God is doing around the world and to share and learn from the experiences of my co workers. Another highline was that the group representing Latin American held a meeting and it was great to keep dreaming and planning about our regional DNA network and all what God wants to do in our region. On Saturday afternoon they took us shopping to the Mong Kok Market and this was quite an experience :). We also went to the port and I wish I had had more time to visit other places, but I really enjoyed all what I experienced! Yes, coming to Hong Kong was challenging and expensive but really worthy!!! I give thanks to God for allowing me to attend the DNA Forum and I'm believing He will bring in more finance in order to cover some of the trip's expenses that I still haven't covered. Your prayers for this are appreciated. Below you can see some of the pictures I took :) ...



Hong Kong City at the Mong Kok Market!

Upper right picture: Huge buildings near the YNCA campsite



What did I enjoy the most? The food of course, specially rice noodles and sea food :). The last picture on the right is street food vendors on a main street in busy downtown! Very interesting and good looking food!

After our DNA Forum I spent 9 days in Manila, Philippines. There I was hosted by my FH family and I was so happy to find out that my carrion (with my computer) had just arrived to Manila too! It happened that FH had organized three one-day workshops involving pastors, church leaders and FH staff, and you may guess that my computer was so much needed to do this. Even my bible, my notes and my pen drive was on my carry on! Well, I had re-worked my presentations (just in case my computer did no show up on time) but I rally praise God because He answered my prayers! These three days trainings were a real blessing and I praise God for this opportunity to be part of the work FH is doing in Manila! My last 5 days in manila I was hosted by my harvest co-worker Nonoy Suarez, -Yes, he has my same last name :), Nonoy and his family also took great care of me and I was able to teach a one day training for pastors and church leaders and also teach at a wonderful local church on Sunday morning. Both activities were really great and God blessed our sharing time! The last two days Nonoy and his family took me shopping and sightseeing in Manila, which I really enjoyed too :). After those amazing nine days I went back to Hong- Kong (for a day and a half days) and then took my plane back to Caracas.



Training on Biblical worldview for children – Let’s apply biblical principles and learn as we have fun!



Training with church leaders – Let's learn about Kingdom Math! This is an amazing multiplication!



Team work – What is the church? - Let's get God's Vision for our churches and our communities!

DNA Ministry: Well, I'm finally fully recovered from my trip to Asia. However, these last two weeks I was very busy preparing everything for Darrow's conferences in Caracas. Darrow arrived safely to Venezuela on June 6 and we are just finishing a series of conferences during all this week (June 8-14). Thanks to God everything went really well and God used Darrow in great ways. Indeed God was glorified! Please, pray for God's guidance concerning the follow up and practical applications of all these teachings. Darrow's leave on Monday (June 15) back to the US and I will also leave for a teaching engagement in Colombia, at a place called Turbo. This is an activity coordinated by YWAM Medellin and I will be sharing with pastors and church leaders for four days. Your prayers for this activity in Colombia are very much appreciated too!

Family News: I praise God because my family is doing fine, I meet with them on Sunday afternoon for a barbecue and we shared some Chinese goodies while we saw some of the pictures from my trip. Thanks for your prayers for my family!

Summary of Prayer Requests

- Please, pray for Darrow's safe return to the US on Monday, May 15 and the follow up of these activities.
- Please, pray for my trip to Colombia and for the trainings with pastor's in Turbo

- Please also pray for God's direction concerning the children ministry and for the trainings and ahead of me in this ministry area. In July and August we have some important activities with our children network and I appreciate your prayers for the planning of these events.
- Please, also support me in prayer, believing that God will increase the finances as it's been some shortage in the income received for the ministry and for my personal support. We know we have a wonderful God that always supplies all our needs!
- Please, continue to keep my family in your prayers.
- I need to experience again a good resting time in the Lord, since I keep tending to be too busy and I don't realize it until I feel exhausted and emotionally week! Please, also pray for God's Joy in my life since we all know that the joy of the Lord is our strength!

Well my friends, thanks again for all your prayers, your support and your partnership in the ministry. I continue giving daily thanks to our God for each one of you! May God bless you and surround you and your families with all His mighty love, power, grace and provision!

Your friend and sister,

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