



Seeing God At Work Around Us



Edmonton – Jan 24-28

- 24th Flew into Edmonton
- 25th Met with Zech and Dunessa and Family
- 26 - 28 Breakforth Conference
- 28th Met with William, Benny and Charles.
- Charles was in Edmonton to get his Canadian citizenship and Benny to write the test and participate in the Citizenship Ceremony

Zech and Dunessa

**Dunessa, Phil, Zech
Daniel, Chanese and
Serenity**



BreakForth – Jan 26-28

- 26 – That night, the keynote speaker was Albert Tate. A black pastor from LA, speaking from John 4.
- Jesus worked with the woman to see her brokenness – You are right in saying you are not married ...
- deal with her brokenness - I am the Messiah
- be freed from her past emotional brokenness – She “left her pot, and said to the people, Come see a man who told me all I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

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- 27 – I took in a session on Leadership and Conflict with the President of Trinity Western University.
- “Sometimes we tend to confuse being nice, with being kind!”
- “Where there is trust, conflict becomes a path to finding the best possible answer!”
- “When was the last time the will of God was within your comfort zone?”

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- Viewing the Cultural Landscape: Rev. DR. Joe Boot
2 World Views.
- Worship of the creator or the worship of the creation or
some aspect of the creation.
- World view is the edges of the puzzle of life.
- Where I came from; Why am I here; Where am I going
- Christian world view is like a connect the dots picture.
Everything is related to another. God is the source of
meaning.

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- Everything happening around us is caused by world view.
- Apart from God we live meaningless lives. Human dignity now means radical personal autonomy. We want radical autonomy but blame everyone else when things go wrong.
- People are casting about looking for reality, mostly religion. ABC. Anything But Christianity. It is the incomprehensible revelation of God that causes a deep rooted fear. The implications are religious and moral.
- We have returned to early pagan views.

Dominican Republic Jan.29- Feb.19

- Edmonton to Winnipeg to Toronto to Puerto Plata – 20hrs
- First week resting, staying in the Sun Beacher Hotel, owned by John and Laurie, retired Pastor Couple
- We walked, we read, we slept, we did a beach ministry









Dominican Republic Jan.26-Feb.19

- We moved in with Anne's brother, who has been living and working in the DR for 10 yrs, and the last 4 with a ministry called Servants Heart, based out of Nova Scotia.
- We felt we didn't want to get involved with other teams coming to work with Servant's Heart, but rather we would help David, see what was happening there in the DR and seek to understand if God would have us bring a team there next year.









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What Did We Learn About The DR?

1. The weather is amazing!
2. Like poor people, this poor nation has been abused by the rich nations.
3. They working hard for your tourism dollars.
4. The poverty, particularly among the Haitians, is heart wrenching.
5. The Haitians are viewed in the DR the same way the Mexicans are in US.





What Did We Learn About The DR?

6. Sosua, the area where we were staying has become the center for sex tourism in the Caribbean.
7. This sex tourism is seen by many, including the government, as a key part of their economy.
8. There are many Christian organizations working in DR
9. It is now politically dangerous for Christian groups to be seen helping Haitians. The community of Esperanza is one example.
10. It's a tough country to get to from the west.

What Did God Teach Us About Himself?

1. That we are a very deeply broken people, society and culture.
2. That God loves us deeply, in spite of our brokenness.
3. That the personal relationship God calls us to, is not simply knowing theological ideas about God, but that it is a personal knowledge that goes beyond objective knowing. Eph.3:18,19
4. That IF we are in Christ, there is NO Condemnation.

