

TESTIMONIES SHARED AT RALLIES

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Simon was injured from an injection at the hospital and couldn't bend over. Father Baptist got a word of knowledge that God was healing three people with backbone problems, as a result of doctors' mistakes. He felt that he was healed where it was injected. When he went home, he was free of pain; he could bend and kneel and was completely healed.



Man from Dodoma--Man quarreled – after teaching of forgiveness, forgave him. This morning they embraced; they can speak and share. His mother is coming to celebrate.



Joanna saw a light touching the place of pain from an operation- she was healed of pain. She gave her life to Jesus as a result.



Stelle Peter. --She said that she was involved in witchdoctors. She handed over witchcraft and this is the first time she is able to bend over since she was born. She was released from bondage.



Anna said she fell down unconscious today when the wind hit her eyes. They carried her here and she regained consciousness.



Selvanos – He said that he didn't want to come, came here and fell down. Before he came to the rally, he couldn't sleep, now he can sleep.



Joyce-she said that at the rally the pain in her chest left; commanded noises to leave in the name of Jesus.



Imviolata Andrew Materu – She had pain in the abdomen since childhood. Now the pain is gone; she fell down 3 times at the conference.



Maria Thomas – She said that she had an enlarged heart, high blood pressure and swelling of the body and was healed here. She said that she will love Jesus until she dies.




Marisiana – Had cancer and high blood pressure for 30 years. She came to Dodoma and asked for prayer here and was healed.



Japhet – He had swelling on both sides of the throat and they are healed.



Grace – she works at the parish, and at her work she was given some vegetables to take home and on the way, she met beggars, she gave them the vegetables and oranges, and they said they have no cooking pans, plates, so she went home and gave them plates, pans, cups, and pieces of her clothes. They were so happy they spat on her as a blessing. At night she had a vision of a bright light and two lamps. Her interpretation of the dream is that God thanks her for helping the poor. God is delighted with us when we help the poor. 



Luchia – She had a stomachache. When she was being prayed over she felt something pierce her stomach and she fell down. When she got up, she was healed.



Mary--She came to this meeting and saw people jumping, even priests. She tried to jump but could not because she felt anger and pain. She saw people falling and she thought they were faking. The next day, she fell down. The anger and pain left her and she felt peace and joy. She was healed of anger and sadness. Now she is peaceful and joyful.



Rachael- She had high blood pressure and stomach ulcers. After prayer yesterday, doctors tested her and she has no more ulcers or high blood pressure.



Lucia Laban- She said that she had been diabetic for three years. She came to the rally. Yesterday her doctor said that her diabetes is completely gone and her sugar level is normal. She will testify to this throughout her entire life.



Patrick John-Had skin cancer on his nose. After coming to the rally for two weeks, the cancer is completely gone. For five years he had cancer.



Jonastina – She felt attacked by evil spirits and was sometimes bitter. Sometimes it felt like spears and arrows jabbing her in her sleep. She could not sleep. Now, during this rally, same man came to her physically and told her that he wanted to take her to church to sing. But the man used evil spirits to get her to come to this demonic church. The same man who was trying to get her to sing at the satanic church came to her and told her, “You are lucky-he failed’.



Rose --The bank that her aunt works at was robbed one week ago. Her aunt and the manager of the bank were charged for being involved in the robbery. She came to the rally on Monday and put a petition in the basket. Her petition asked God to set them free if they were not guilty. Then the next day, she received a phone call that both the aunt and manager were found not guilty and set free.



Filomena- - She had two problems: States that she couldn't walk without sunglasses in the sunshine. Since Sunday, she can see without the glasses. Jesus has healed her eyes. She has had asthma since 1995 and was forbidden to eat eggs and meat. Since the conference began, she has eggs and meat without consequences.



Agnes Christine-- She has an enlarged heart and has been to a lot of hospitals and spent a lot of money without success. She came every day to the conference and she feels she is healed. She can run, jump, etc. She sang a song. "My joy is the Cross of Jesus."



Zaina Abdela-- Roman said that she is a Muslim. Dizzy spells -- Losing balance. Followed by evil spirits that were scratching her. Since coming to conference, everything stops.



Flora Augustine-- Complained of chest pain for seven years. She had been to many hospitals with no healing. Forbidden from carrying heavy things and being near fire. Now all pain is gone and she is healed.



Christinea-- A demoniac for many years; she has been to different conferences at different churches. She would fall down and make loud noises. When she came here, the final day, she fell down. The rest of the days she didn't fall down. After being delivered from evil spirits, she asked for the gifts of tongues. When she went to bed she asked Jesus for the gift of tongues. When she came here, she received tongues.



Adeventina -- Received a visitor from South Tanzania, her younger brother. Instead of feeling joy, she hated his presence. Her brother had debt; their house was about to be sold to pay his debt. She brought her brother here; God has already provided all the money. They have settled all the debt. She received a phone call that everything is now OK.



Assumpta-- She attended a marriage workshop. She learned about humility and obedience to her husband. She has felt such change from the workshop. Even her husband has told her that she has changed. She has been married for 32 years. For the first time ever, he showed her his pay stub and now they will have a joint bank account. Her husband is so happy because after she attend the rally, one person gave them 300,000 shillings to buy a plot of land to build a house.



Benson-- God had done a lot for him. Two months ago, he received a message that his sister was lost. He asked others to pray that she would be found. He was praying for her return Tuesday at the rally. His sister was found and brought back alive.



Felix-- When he came last Monday, he and his mother were both sick. He felt better for a day or two then he got sick again. They continued to come and now both his mother and him are well.



MORE TESTIMONIES FROM **SR. RITA D'SOUZA**

About seventy Sisters representing five different congregations assembled in a room at the Pastoral Center in Dodoma, East Tanzania on the morning of July 11th. for a Life in the Spirit Seminar to be given by Sister Rita and Sister Juana Teresa of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ from Prayer Town, Texas.

It is not unusual that the Sisters come to such retreats with big questions and much confusion about this grace that God has sovereignly poured out upon His Church that we call the new Pentecost or the Charismatic movement within the Catholic Church. The most common objection is that this is not Catholic. A short introduction of the history of the Renewal dispels all confusion and the Sisters now become open and hungry to learn more.

Tom Edwards, Father Earl, Father Graham, Father Jan and other team members assisted us in praying over the Sisters for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The Sisters were well prepared and fully open to the Lord as the Holy Spirit moved in power in the hearts of every single Sister. A sure sign of this action of the Spirit is joy. The rejoicing in the Sisters reached fever pitch. They danced and sang and danced and sang and danced and sang some more. Praise the Lord! We are always amazed but never surprised at God's power at work among His people.

Sister Furencia, the superior general of the Sisters of Saint Gemma Galgani, and her vicar, Sister Oportuna were most grateful for this opportunity of learning as well as experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives and those of their Sisters. Sister Furencia said in one of her comments, “Sisters, you have made my job easy because now so many Sisters are healed spiritually, emotionally and physically and they are so happy.”

Divine Appointments

Evangelization becomes easy when we are in tune with the Holy Spirit because He sets up “divine appointments” He set up many for us on this mission. I want to relate a few.

1. Amani, a Muslim, was the driver of our rented bus that took us wherever we needed to be. In the course of our travels we found out that he was married to a Catholic woman and intended to have her convert to Islam as his father had done the same. The best way that our whole team reached out to Amani was through their witness of love and then one day an opportunity arose when I found myself riding in the bus with Mama Louisa and Roman, our translators. With the help of the Holy Spirit I began a conversation with Amani by using Roman to translate. I asked him what he understood about Christianity and Jesus. His answer was what I expected, that all religions are the same and have different rules. Islam has stricter rules, he said. He also said that they believed Jesus was a prophet and Mohammed was the last prophet. After listening to his short responses I asked him if he would permit me to explain to him the difference between all religions and Christianity and who Jesus really is. He was gracious enough to give me his permission and he listened intently as Roman translated. I asked him if he had any questions to which he responded that he would think about what I told him. A few days later he brought his wife along and joined us for dinner at a restaurant. Both of them glowing and it was obvious that the Lord had done something for Amani. I asked his wife, who spoke English, if Amani talked to her about the discussion we had in the bus. She responded, “Yes and he is thinking about baptism.” We will continue praying for Amani.

2. We had about an hour after lunch for a short break. Our whole team gathered in the compound of a school in a gazebo to rest and prepare ourselves for the afternoon sessions. It was divine appointment time again. Four Anglo young girls were also sitting in the same gazebo speaking a different language. I knew almost immediately that this was a Holy Spirit set-up. As I sat there and closed my eyes I said, “Lord if you want me to say something, give me a cue.” It was almost immediately after that short silent prayer that one of the team members asked the girls where they were from. They replied, Cologne, Germany. That was my cue. I had to go up and tell them that our Sisters were there for World Youth Day and asked if they participated in that event. That began our conversation. I quickly found out that they were all baptized but none of them went to church and neither did their parents. One was a Catholic and she knew that she had received the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist as well as Confirmation but she was not able to tell me anything about what any of those sacraments meant. “Sister, that was so many years ago!” she exclaimed. I began evangelizing by explaining what the sacrament of baptism does for us and went on to the other two. It was now time for us to leave for the rally. I asked Tom if we could invite them to attend the rally and sit with us on the stage as they were just killing time until the next morning when they were scheduled for a trip to a national park. He agreed, they agreed, we got on the bus and off we went, all the time interceding silently that they would open their hearts to the Holy Spirit. One of them said to Sister Juana Teresa, “We were wondering what we were going to do with our time this afternoon.” God obviously had a plan. Tom geared his talk to convey the basic message of salvation, they listened attentively and looked up Scripture passages as team members assisted them with Bibles and showed them how to find them. When it was time to pray for the people and Tom asked the prayer team to start taking their place to pray for the people, Sister Juana Teresa and I asked the girls if they would like us to pray for them before we went down. They were so open and ready, although they were honest and admitted that this was all new for them. We were able to minister and pray with each one individually and give them holy cards to remember this time of God’s visitation in their young lives. We did our part and the Holy Spirit did His and we have no doubt that the Spirit will continue His work in their hearts. We bade farewell, exchanged e-mail addresses and wished them God’s blessings during

their time in Tanzania. Later, the team members told me how they were all interceding when we first began our conversation. Intercession is such a powerful part of evangelization.

3. One day it was dinner time after a long day of ministry. Everyone was a little tired and looking forward to some time off ministry but we are often told that there is no vacation from your vocation and evangelization happens any place, any time, everywhere. This time it was Justin, a young Anglican English man sitting right next to us with the rest of his group from England. We greeted him and asked what brought him to Tanzania. He gave a quick explanation but was more interested on why we were there. After we told him of our mission, he secretly told Sister Juana Teresa that he was very interested in becoming a Catholic. Sister explained a lot about the Catholic faith and asked him if we could pray for him. He agreed. So we took him over to the chapel and began a time of ministry for Justin. The Lord touched him deeply. When it was time to depart we could tell that he was ready to take the steps necessary to follow what God had been showing him. The Holy Spirit obviously placed us there to encourage and support him in his search for the truth.

4. Sarah, a young single mother approached me after the rally. The messages preached at the rally had touched her deeply and she wanted to make a radical change in her life style. It turned out that she was selling her body as a way to provide for her young baby. I prayed with her as her repentant tears ran down to my hands and arms and assured her of my prayers.

5. Peter, a very angry young man, dropped out of school for the last two years and stays in his room for most of the time. His aunt, a Sister, made an appointment and brought him to us. Several team members prayed with him and ministered to him for over an hour by helping him forgive people by name, renounce his anger and resentment and so forth. He received much love, acceptance and prayer from the team. He looked like a changed person when he left but we continue our prayers for him as it seems that God had a definite plan in bringing Peter to us.

6. Finally, we would have a couple of extra hours in the morning to catch our breath. As usual, after breakfast I greeted three people who were seated at another table and asked where they were from. "We are Justin's friends," they replied "and we've been here on mission." They continued telling me about their mission, their church in England, and then they wanted to know more about what we were doing. So began our conversation and another opportunity for ministry. Miles, Robert, and Grace asked if I would pray for them. Obviously word got around that we pray with people. In the meanwhile, Denny, a team member, joined us and we went together to the chapel. Everything seemed fine as we prayed with each one and shared what the Lord was showing us, until Denny felt that there was something that the Lord was doing with Miles, one of the pastors of the Anglican Church that they belonged to. As we continued praying there were some weird manifestations such as loud coughing, jerking, spitting which clearly indicated to us that there was need for deliverance from some demonic oppression. After twenty minutes of this I knew it was time to get a priest so I went to find Tom and asked if he and a priest could come. He asked me to get Father Earl, announced that Mass would be delayed and came to join us in praying and discerning what to do. At the end of two hours of prayer and leading Miles to renounce some serious moral issues, we were able to conclude that session and invite them all to join us for Mass and focus on praising and worshiping God who worked so powerfully in their lives. Sister Juana Teresa says that Miles looked radiant while at Mass. They left with grateful hearts.

7. We were about to leave from Mikumi national park after a few hours of safari when someone asked us if we could give a ride to Morogoro, two hours away, to a young man who was a guide at the park. Juma was a Muslim man. Was this a set-up by the Holy Spirit? Surely it was. It turned out that this young man had Christian friends who had talked to him about Christianity before. He was open to listening as Sister Juana Teresa and I explained to him the difference between Christianity and all other religions as well as who Jesus is. We encouraged him to be a seeker of the truth and not to follow any religion just because people tell him so. He assured us that he would do some research. He returned to his seat and Denny, a team member continued evangelizing him. Praise God!

8. Annette Msaki whom we met at a conference in the U.S. invited us to her home in Dar-es-Salaam. It was 8:00 a.m. when she arrived to pick us up and drive us to her house. She gathered a few of her friends,

prepared a nice breakfast for us and as we fellowshiped and shared stories of faith they were so moved and wanted to continue listening. They asked us if we would pray for them. We started out by singing a couple of praise songs and then we felt a powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. Each of the ladies was deeply touched by Him as we laid hands on them and continued praying for a short time. They were so hungry that they wanted to listen to more about God. However, we had to leave. We know that those women will never be the same.

9. We were not expecting to see Zanzibar but when we were offered a one-day trip to visit that island, we thanked the Lord and prepared for more opportunities to make Him known. It began right at the airport. As we were awaiting our ride, a young lady stood by us. "What's that you're wearing?" she asked pointing to the cross in our belts. Anything is good enough to begin a conversation to evangelize. We explained to her why we wear the cross and asked her where she was from and what she was doing in Zanzibar. It turned out that she is a student from Georgia, USA doing research on malaria control. Our next obvious question was to ask her if she went to Church. She told us that she is Presbyterian and because there was no Presbyterian church in Zanzibar she went to the Catholic Church. She mentioned that she had purchased a book on the Catholic faith and Sister Juana Teresa recommended another one, "Rome Sweet Home" by Scott Hahn. She wrote down the name of the book as well as the author. She showed much interest in knowing more about the Catholic faith. We got a picture, exchanged e-mail addresses, assured her of our prayers and right at that moment our ride came and we had to part company. Did God set that up? By now we were getting accustomed to God's divine appointments for us in Tanzania.

10. After the spice tour and lunch, two women involved in the Charismatic Renewal accompanied us to several homes to pray for the sick and different needs of the Catholic people living on the island. Zanzibar is 95% Muslim and 5% Christian. That 5% includes about 50 Catholic families, mostly older people. There is very little that happens there for the spiritual growth of the people. We made the best use of the time we had and visited about ten homes and prayed for all the members before it was time to go to the airport and leave for Dar-es-Salaam.;

In the first home we laid hands on a woman who had pain in her back, knees and felt very shaky all over. After a short prayer of tongues and asking the Lord to heal her, she said that all the pain was gone and she felt well. She then brought her Tanzanian maid, a middle-aged woman, Cecilia, who also had lots of pain in both her knees and her lower back. I asked her if she had pain right at that moment and she admitted that she had lots of pain. After about five minutes of praying with her by laying on hands and using the gift of tongues she told us through translation that the pain was completely gone from her knees as well as her back. God is so faithful!

We continued visiting homes and praying for different ailments and most of them either had a major change for the better or were completely healed. They all pleaded for us to stay longer and return.

11. It was a long day of activity and ministry when we went to the airport in Zanzibar but the Holy Spirit didn't run out of anointing graces for us. He had us sit right next to Ana, a German lady at Zanzibar airport. Ana, we found out is Catholic but does not go to Church anymore. She told us about how she was so involved in the life of the Church when she was younger even teaching children the faith but once she started studying to become an Engineer she couldn't find the time to go to Church. She told us that it is only the older people who are in Church in her city. Sister Juana Teresa and I shared much with her about the space in our hearts that can be filled by God alone and how important it was to have priorities right. She listened attentively but it didn't seem that she was open. It was difficult to access any results from this meeting but we know that we planted seeds that would make her think and we assured her that we would pray for her. Our prayer is that the Lord would send other laborers in the vineyard to continue watering those seeds so that they would bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

12. God also has plans when planes are delayed and canceled. Beverly came and sat right next to us at the Detroit airport where we were awaiting our delayed plane. We were not as eager to start up a conversation after the long journey but then she did. We found out that she was just returning from the funeral of her grandmother who was Catholic. Beverly was baptized Catholic but married a Pentecostal and decided to go to her husband's church. However, she also expressed her desire to return. We talked at length about the Eucharist and how she could never receive the Holy Eucharist in any other Church, we recommended books that she could read and encouraged her to return to the Church and contact us if she needed any help. She was eager and open to hear what we had to say.

We got to Dallas and all flights were canceled to Amarillo because of bad weather. Without a doubt we knew that God had plans. This time it was in the lobby of a motel. An Anglican bishop and an Anglican priest came to eat breakfast the same time as we. They were participating in a very difficult meeting of the Anglican Church leaders. Our short encounter and exchange gave them so much hope and strength for the day. We assured them of prayers for all the decisions that they had to make.