

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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#### WHEN THINGS DON'T GO AS PLANNED

An opportunity comes before you. You take it to the Lord in prayer and seek wise council. Others are enlisted to pray and you listen to what the Lord may be saying. This is how we, at Wind of the Spirit Ministries, approach the opportunities that are presented to us. We take it seriously, because we want to do what the Lord is leading us to do and in the way He wants it done.

So what happens when you make a decision based on what you believe God has led you to do and it seems to be going nowhere? There are many negative ways in which we may respond. We may:

- Become Disappointed
- Become Frustrated
- Look for something (or someone) to blame
- Start doubting
- Think we have failed

None of these responses are helpful, but I have had them all! And recently.

Most of us have a pattern that we follow when things go wrong. Some people become angry and lash out. Some become depressed and have a difficult time moving forward. Others look for a means of escape. My escape is to flee. I just want OUT! However, I cannot just drop it and walk away. That would be wrong, wouldn't it? It is possible that God's perfect timing has not yet arrived. I am well aware of my pattern, since I have had it as long as I can remember. Maybe your pattern is different, but you are probably aware of it to some degree.

I have spent some time arguing with the Lord, hoping He'd let me off the hook, or at least show me what I am missing; then remembering God is Sovereign, I must choose to rest in His wisdom, grace and timing. At this point, He has brought me to the place where I am willing to listen instead of run. Now I can respond in more positive ways. I can:

• Give thanks for what's happening

- Be open to change
- Look for what the Lord may be doing (maybe in me)
- Have faith that God is working something good through this situation
- Rest in God's grace and love

The patterns with which we respond to seemingly negative events may be rooted in something from our childhood. My childhood was a little unsettled. We moved a lot. I was always going to a different school and having to make new friends. Mom was a single parent in the 1960's, not exactly an easy job. Dad had been killed in an accident. I remember mom telling my (much) older sister that she was afraid we would end up on "skid row". I found it easier at times to "flee" - through denial, or sleep, or skipping school, rather than live in the present. It probably sounds bad and I know it's not ideal, but it is how I got through things, lots of things.

God knows where we have been and He is willing to work with us to bring us into more positive patterns of response. Even with my less than positive attitude, God has comforted me with this conversation Jesus had with His disciples from Matthew 21:28-31:

"But what do you think about this? A man with two sons told the older boy, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' The son answered, 'No, I won't go,' but later he changed his mind and went anyway. Then the father told the other son, 'You go,' and he said, 'Yes, sir, I will.' But he didn't go. "Which of the two obeyed his father?" [The disciples] replied, "The first."

We, as God's children, may have a hard time putting aside our patterns to do what we've been asked to do. But because we love the Lord above all other things, including ourselves, we *will* do what He asks of us, even if we say "NO!" at the beginning. God is not offended when we are honest with Him. But He is when we lie to him. I have been honest, and now, by His grace, I'll just love Him and continue to listen for His direction in this recent matter.

-Tracy

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#### Kenya Mission Update

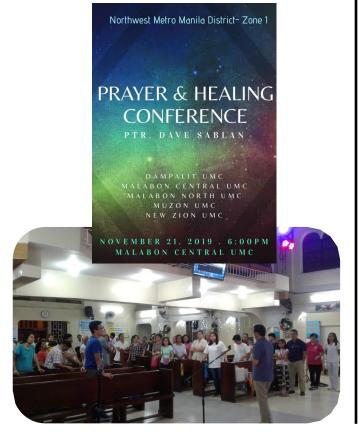
As you know, Wind of the Spirit Ministries invited three pastors from Kenya to come and receive training over a three week period in February. However, only one of the pastors had his visa approved. Our Board and Council meet on January 11th for a time of prayer for direction. Please pray with us that the Lord's will is done in equipping these men of God.

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### Sablan's Healing Ministry Philippines

Rev. David and Jomel Sablan have been in fulltime healing ministry since July 2019 when Rev. Sablan retired from pastoring in the United Methodist Church in the Philippines.

They have held many events since July and God is using their ministry to bring healing to individual lives, and to teach those individuals how to minister healing to others in the power of the Holy Spirit.





These photos were taken during the "Prayer & Healing Gathering" held at Central UMC with 235 registered participants. It was an awesome sight and experience to see Pastors, Deaconesses and laity release forgiveness and words of appreciation to one another. I shared about the power of Prayer, Inner Healing, Healing of the Human Spirit and Anointing. This is the first of its kind in the Southwest Metro Manila District of the Philippines Annual Conference. Prior to this event we had a Mini-Retreat for the Worship Team, Prayer Walk and week-long Prayer Campaign. Because of its success and impact, the District planned to bring it to Batangas City Churches with a plan to make it a Provisional Mission District.



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In one of the photos, the man I was anointing is the District Superintendent. To God be the glory! WE LOVE THIS MINISTRY!!! David & Jomel Sablan Photos from India Mission A new well being drilled Christmas in India

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# MINISTRY CALENDAR

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11,12



## PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Martello's email address: martello52000@yahoo.com

| JANUARY 11           | Wind of the Spirit Ministries Mid-Year Board and Council meeting  Yard Sale by SUMC Youth Group to raise funds for Philippines mission |  |
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| 20                   | Prepare hygiene kits for Philippines Mission   |  |
| March 19-<br>April 5 | Philippines Mission: Holy Spirit Conference Three Medical Missions Community Healing Service   |  |
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