

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33 v 3

**A Sower went forth to sow;
Cebu Island, Negros Island, Iloilo Island. Mactan Island,
Damugetti, Canalon City Jail, Gilhulagan Prison, Passi City Jail,**

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There was every valid reason for not going to the Philippines the long journey confined to a small seat in an aircraft , my hip was painful, my blood pressure had soared due to anti inflammatory drugs, the mud slide, the political situation, the dangers, and at the time I booked my air fare there were no had been arrangements made, and no meetings had been booked.

Over the years this work has always been supported by much prayer but I have never experienced so many people enquiring and praying in Canada, India, Poland, UK, and in the Philippines. However having decided to cancel the mission I was left sitting in pain. I realised that there would be no souls saved, none touched by God. I knew I had to go pain or no pain so I booked my ticket..

The team

Pst Tammy, Bro Tony, Police Chief, Nida and her |husband Pst |Tim Tapang



Pastor Tapang praying for seekers.



There were many difficulties, English food was scares, the heat, the bad roads, the accommodation (apart for my stay in Villa Ormoc Hotel in Ormoc City) I was bitten by mosquitoes, bitten by ants, my case fell out of the luggage rack in the coach breaking my Computer keyboard. My nights were disturbed so I was constantly tired, some days I preach four times added to the long journeys over rough broken roads , but the Lord strengthened me.. At times I forgot all about my hip It was anesthetized by God until I returned to London to foolishly run up the stairs at Victoria Station rushing for a train .

Excerpt from my journal APRIL 2007

I had settled it in my heart. If the Lord should call me I was willing to go. I remembered my promise to Pastor Tim Tapang and our discussion to visit all the prisons in the Island so I decided to lay out a fleece to see if he would respond I sent an email and then when after two days there was no reply I wrote a letter.

Amazingly as soon as I had posted the letter I received an email from Pastor Tapang he was eager to set up the meetings So there the matter was settled. PTL.

Pastor Tim Tapang

Negros Island Philippines 2007

There are no words to describe the blessings in the prisons in Negros Island Philippines. Thank you all for praying the Lord certainly answered with an abundance of blessing

Physically I found the trip exhausting, the heat up around 35 degrees and daily long distances over rough mountainous roads were only made possible with the Lord's help. Pastor Tapaang and his wife Nida had travelled all over the island two weeks previously to visit each prison and make the arrangement. This was a colossal task as the small van (the Bone shaker) had a transmission problem which reduced the slow speed on rough roads to a snail's pace, sometimes only 5 or ten miles per hour crawl. Please pray as Pastor Tapaang has arranged with each prison to conduct regular follow up meetings once as month with the local pastors visiting the prisoners once a week.



Its was amazing to see the hunger for the Word of God, the attention the prisoners paid as they listened and the almost 100% response to the messages. A few prisoners in each jail already had a Bible and followed the Scriptures as I preached. The prison wardens and rehabilitation staff are enthusiastic and very grateful for our ministry as they see the effect changed attitudes and changed lives have on the daily routine in the prison.

Pastor Tim Tapang explained and introduced a regular Bible study with a booklet on the basis of Salvation and discipleship. The prisoners were given a New Testament and on the successful completion of this study booklet, will be given a second book, when this is completed they will be presented with a diploma and are given Bible in the dialect of their choice

I found this trip most amazing and wonderful. Pastor Tapaang has a vision to visit all the prison on the island next year we only accomplished half.

I cannot possibly quantify how many souls were saved but I can testify that the Lord touched many hundreds of hearts and that around 750-800 prisoners received New Testaments and literature with the Prison Wardens Governors (some Christians) were joyfully requesting and receiving Bibles.



To witness so many men and women devouring the Word of God has left a deep impression and I rejoice and thank the Lord for the privilege of seeing the Lord's mighty hand at work. Jeremiah 33 v 3 was answered in a marvellous way, may the Lord receive all the Glory.

The Lord kept Sheila safe and my new hip passed the gruelling test of 10 days of almost continuous travel, cramped up in the restricted space. Once again the Lord had provided for every need by His riches in Glory by Christ.

May the Lord richly bless you Tony. Saved by Grace.

Over 1000 respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ . PTL.

How the Lord opened the doors is both amazing and marvellous. Glory to God Pastor Tim Tapang in Negros Occidental with Pastor Ruben and Pastor Marlon from Cebu had arranged meetings in the prisons in San Carlos City Jail , Calaond City Jail, and Gihulngan City Jail.



They brought with them boxes of Bibles for distribution to the new converts. In the three prisons after the Word had been preached 267 prisoners had received bibles and more wanted them.. I was also invited to be guest speaker at a school where 300 children and some adults were celebrating their anniversary

ILOILO City District Jail



Pastor Tapang praying at the conclusion of the meeting



Pastor Tammy preaching

*Some Days we visited two or three on one day five Prisons.
The response was amazing.*

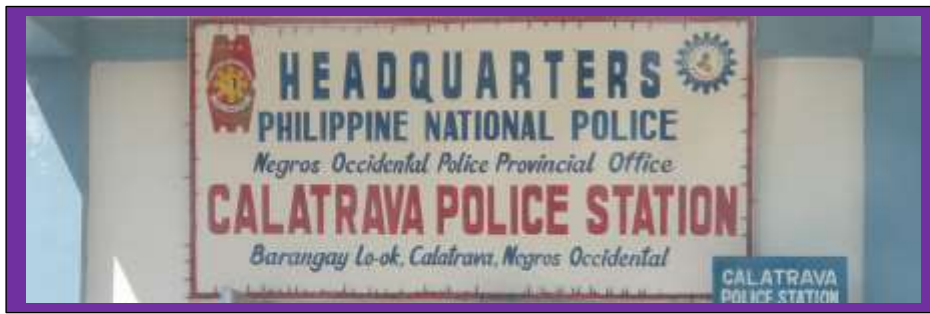
As we travelled around the island we contacted the local pastor who would join with us and after the meeting would talk with governor of the prison to arrange regular meeting with Prisoners for bible studies



Pastor Tammy. Pastor Tim Pastor Joel



Almost a stampede for bibles

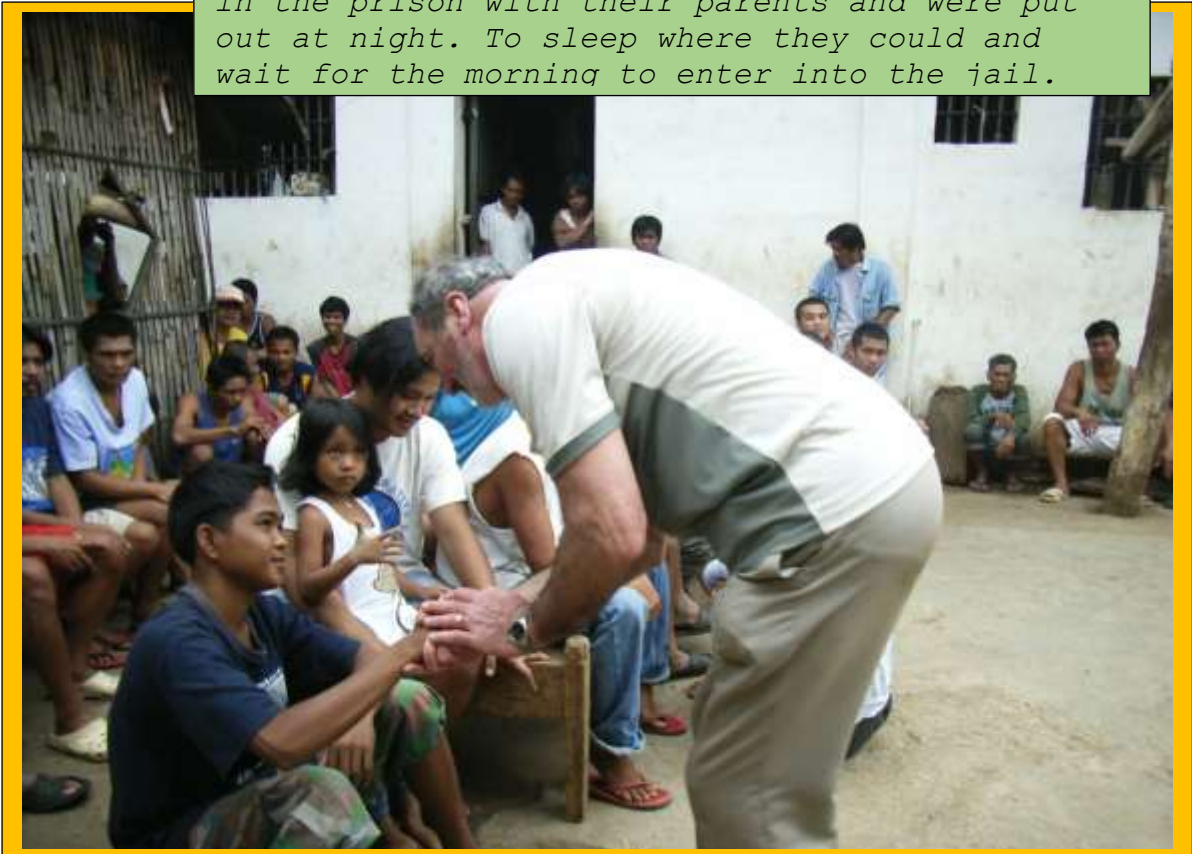


We visit Gilhulagan Prison



*God gave a me a deep love for these men.
Young men without a future, When I entered the prison they were
lives without hope. When I left the prison lives changed and
lives (in Christ) where all things are possible.*

More shocking revelations. Young children were in the prison with their parents and were put out at night. To sleep where they could and wait for the morning to enter into the jail.



Pastor Tim is translating

Iloilo City

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Week One

I am in Cubu domestic airport

Later. 1.40PM on board seat 16C A small propeller plane. Its so hot sticky. Took video .

Later. The flight was uneventful just under an hour but praise God safe. On landing we walked across the tarmac to baggage where my case soon appeared. Outside there was no one waiting because Pastor Tim and pastor Jewel on the way to the airport had to change a wheel. I was introduced to Pastor Jewel who had found a college willing to let us use rooms for a week. New Lucina college. The rooms are small have air con but no hot water.

Iloilo is pronounced Iloy-illo

Now 5.45, I was just sorting out the room actually I was doing some washing in the bathroom when a brown out occurred. Now sitting in the dark the Pastors are having the puncture repaired. Later; They returned with torches and we sat out on the balcony telling and sharing our testimonies

Pastor Jewel suggested more meetings .He can invite a few pastors to come and Pastor Tim asked if we could talk to the students I gave pastor Jewel two disk of our ministry singing in hospital he can transfer to computer. Later pastor Tim knocked, I gave him the money £700 and we talked and prayed.

He is very tired as he was up with his friend in Bacolod Hospital who had a emergency operation to remove tumor. We prayed for his recovery. Last night I learned that pastor Layagan's daughter Sheila drowned a year ago.

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Wednesday 17th November

at 5.35AM .We are heading for the ferry to go to Guianaas Island

Safely across 8 AM heading for San Miguell

Amazing help from the Lord. Men in cells around listened attentively many prayed sinners prayer

Around 60 were listening and I witnessed a spirit of joy and warmth o many faces. Pastor Jewel was a good translator and I noticed that he deeply moved. Later we gave literature and Pastor Tim prayed with a man who was weeping;

Meeting at Rehab centre

However we arrived safely and we led to the meeting room where 25 youngish men were waiting. Pastor Felix sang for me to live is Christ to die is gain, while playing with the mike system which was dreadful. Why do they do it. I gave my word and testified and did some straight talking. I prayed for the men asking the Lord to change their lives. save them and sat down.



Pastor Tim prayed and then I talked with one or two. The journey home was so quick I was amazed to watch pastor Felix while driving sitting in front giving Pastor Tim phone numbers Later I took a photo of the infected men all ignoring me while each was pressing buttons

I am sitting outside on the porch while the evening traffic noisily passes by. Pastor Tim is still texting but I am blessed by a cool breeze. I asked for two things an internet connection and hot water for a shower. There was a brown out so we sat out on the veranda talking

Barotoc Viejo Prison

The prison was in a tribal region up a rough track I was shocked inside at the scene that met my eyes, The prison a square divided into 6-8 sections with 10-15 men in each section Some sections with 25 men a total of 166 men and 5 women. The prison layout was difficult for a preacher. What to do. We stood together and prayed. I was led to preach a short message The men listened intently and the response was very moving and precious. The Lords presence was apparent.

I noticed that the guard was watching and listening to each message as we moved from section to section. The response never varied but following an appeal and challenge a sinners prayer all men well at least 95 per cent accepted Jesus Christ.

I am sure the angels in heaven were rejoicing. Glory to God We shook hands with the men Pastor Jewel and pastor Tammy had distributed gospel tracts so we thanked the guards and drove to a place where the pastors had a meal

Talked with pastor Tammy over breakfast, He preaches in the street. I promised to ask for tracts for him. .We set off Passi Jail The Word was blessed of God, Around 69 men committed themselves to God praying a sinners prayer. .

The next jail contained 40 prisoners Again an amazing response. One man asked if there was a resurrection Pastor Tapang spoke with him,. Pastor Tammy asked could give his testimony. Glory to God

We stopped at the provincial jail but it was the prisoners day of recreation so we dove into the city to eat then get some shopping.

Pastor Jewel talked with woman seeking to arrange another meeting tonight at 7 o'clock with some abused women in a gov establishment. I am not sure about this Lord please guide thy will be done. Tomorrow we go to Guimbal on the south on the coast.

Guimbl and San Jose. Lord lead ad guide.

Arrived in Guimal A very nice Warden welcomed us and arranged things. .The Lord blessed the message. There were 57 prisoners who prayed a sinners prayer pastor Tim sang, God is so good to me

San Jose 12 midday.

The prison holds 167 I guess around 67 or more were listening. It rained very heavy while I was speaking making it hard to speak but the Lord helped me The men crowded together to escape the rain which was a great blessing. You could read their faces easily. The Lord blessed I reckon 67 responded sincerely to the word preached Amalak must be destroyed. Pastor Tim prayed and we all sang in English Thank you Lord for saving my soul. Pastor Jewel then talked and distributed tracts and Gospels Thank you Lord. All Glory to your name. Met Pastor Rommel and his wife.

Baptist Church San Jose 7 25 AM Sunday 21st November

We set of for the Baptist church and got lost as Pastor Rommel had not put up a sign. It was dreadful here was no spirit of prayer and the few people who did come wanted only to talk. After few hymns Pastor Tim asked me to say something I shared a short testimony then Pastor Tammy gave an overlong testimony before Tim spoke on lessons from Job. We returned to Rommel's house to meet Jeremiah Amazing and wonderful.

Culius The guards called the men, The word went forth with Tammy translating ,The Lord helping us. On appeal nearly 50 men responded and accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour,

Kalibo City Prison

Arrived at 1 30PM. Its very hot. Looks like an open air meeting. Then a small hut was pointed out. The prison holds 140 men and 15 women Again Tammy translated and 40 responded to the word

In Danger

Tim had decided to press on to Roxas city the capital of the province of Capiz,.

He started to drive as if possessed. So fast and made some basic errors. I had to speak with him and asked him to slow down. Pastor Tim took over but was assailed by fits of coughing. His asthma retuning. Strangely enough his driving was unusually poor and we had one or two near misses.

We eventually arrived in the city. We had stopped to ask the ay and before starting off again I set lets pray. I asked for a resting place and hospital for Pastor Tim. Within minutes we had stopped outside a hotel and I had a room then Tim enquired where a hospital is and was told just down the road. So I am booked in and they have gone to hospital. Lord wisdom !!!

Later I go up to see i anyone has come back, Pastor Tammy is at the desk We talk He tells me that pastor Tim is OK but has been admitted to hospital for the night. DV we will continue in the morning I tell him how awful my room is so the hotel decide to change it.

So we re pack my unpacking and I am installed in room 322,, Tammy takes me to an internet cafe where I send urgent prayer request for prayer for pastor Tim. I then visit him in hospital and pray for him.

Mambusa Prison to preach Pastor Tim hopes to be discharged from hospital at 11 AM DV we then preach in

San Hosea No Record

Roxas city and proceed to catch a ferry to..... No other record

Bacolod City back on Negros Island DV we will then go as scheduled from prison to prison and work our way to San Carlos Thank you Lord.

Pastor Tammy estimate that .the Lord will save a1000 souls.

Drove back to Roxas City passing the hotel, Thick traffic high fumes. Found Pastor Tim still connected up to tubes. He is due to be discharged at 2PM We rushed back to hotel to check out P1.200 Now in Jollibee

Lord mercy

Hallelujah. All glory to God

This impossible with men all things are possible with God. 690 Saved each one precious to the Lord;

Mambusio Prison.³⁴ Amazing and wonderful Guards open hospitality

We returned to the hospital; to find pastor Tim was still hooked up. He said to come back at 2 PM. We had to race to the hotel before 12 to check out then we found a Jollibee to eat did some shopping sent an email and returned at 1. 35PM to find Pastor Tim. He was off the drip tubes but waiting for the bill. It had been delayed so we were sent off to conduct a meeting at

San Hosea jail.

Around 70, or more prisoners gathered plus others in the ladies section. and yet more listening inside. The response was overwhelming amazing.. The guards told me when I was leaving this message ought to be told in every prison.

Hallelujah Glory to God.

*Now Lord please guard us and guide us safely to Bacolod this evening
Pastor Tim said he had pneumonia one lung was very weak. We go to Bacolod tonight but tomorrow to San Carlos as Pastor Tim is weak.*

Lord wisdom.

4.05 just filled with petrol and setting off. 690 Souls plus, 132=822,

All glory to God.

Just arrived in the port of Damangus. Its 6.50 .The ferry is due to depart at 8.PM it has taken nearly three hours. Praise God or safety

*745# Safely aboard .PTL I saw the crew trying to catch or kill a rat stamping on it
Pastor Tim bought 3 boiled egg I had to bread rolls and a banana. So I have had a good supper. I talked with Pastor Tim His medical bill was P8.000*

Promised him the change from my £50 if there is any left.

*He said he would arrange a pastors conference and a meeting with students, DV
Two prisons tomorrow.*

Pastor Tim will rest .Tammy will be my translator.

So Lord thank you for the precious ministry on Panay Island. Glory to God.

Pastor Tim said I will be staying at his home in San Carlos apparently he has a guest room which used to be Bethels his daughters. He also said tonight we go to pastors place. You have a big room and I will sleep on the floor.

I will rest on Saturday DV as Pastor will be away

Bacolod.

Arrived 9. 25 PM a smooth crossing we drove to a rooming house , it took ages.

You could immediately tell it was a dump. They did not have hot water and the rooms began a p250 I was disgusted They then drove across the town and brought me to this dreadful place. Its tatty and filthy dirty Oh God please help me.

Wednesday 25th

A rotten night I was awake almost every hour. I slept in my clothes. Ugg this place is an insult. Got up 5.15 tried to wash I managed to shave and wash with a hot flannel before the water failed completely. No sleep no water.

Re packed and all now ready

I went downstairs to find Tammy sitting there. Pastor Tim said he was going home and that Tammy was to be my translator. I prayed a blessing on Pastor Tim.

We gathered my cases and set out for the prison.

BACOLOD

At first it looked as though the door was shut The assistant warden talked of activities already scheduled. His plans to retire in two years and prayers to start prison evangelism. Gradually he warmed to us and we were offered coffee. We met the Warden and were polite. Then the door was opened, An amazing sight The prison holds 520 men and around 150 -200 men -hard to say how many responded

On to Baptist church where i met several pastors some from Lucerne. The senior pastor wife cooked me omelette and mashed potatoes.

Pastor Ricky took my www as others

Relaxed before heading for Bacolod city jail where

80 responded to the Word. There was real deep warmth from most all as I shook them by the hand. Wonderful sensitive Warden, We talked with him had coffee while we waited for the men to gather. Another wonderful meeting .820 plus 150=970 plus 80=1030, All glory to God

Thank you Lord 2,40 PM

Now at Tammy's house. He showed me his church and I met Eden his wife and Gideon his 19 year old son

The Barangay is very very poor.

Thursday 26th.

Pick up at 7.45AM for breakfast.

Week three

Thursday 26th November

Rejoicing for all the Lord has done saving souls. Keeping us safe; providing blessing; His Word. There are no, words to describe .amazing and wonderful response of these hundreds of prisoners. Some thoughts about supporting pastor Tammy. I was deeply affected when I visited his home and Brarangay He is active in street preaching as well as pastoring his church.

The Lord has blessed and used him in translating He translates and preaches with an anointing. Praise God

Escalante , *A teacher gave up his lesson time so that we could preach .I had emphasized how important it was to get the book ;read it; believe it; obey it; and then God would bless When we concluded and after prayer. a man came and asked me if he could have the Bible that was on the table I called Tammy who immediately gave his Bible to the man .We promised we would obtain bibles and Tammy would return to take a bible study.*

*As we were very near to Sagai City we drove the 9 km quickly we arrived at 11.25 AM thinking to start the meeting before the men had their dinner
The guard was a Christian and readily agreed for us to have our meeting. The Lord blessed His word and once more the response was overwhelming with 80 saved. Accepting Jesus as their Lord and personal Saviour, Glory to God*

I invited Tammy to my place to talk.

I believe the Lord will use him in prison ministry. I was prompted to give him £100 p6700. He was deeply moved near to tears. He told me his daughter Jamila had needed p5600 for her college fees next Wednesday. So the Lord had prompted me aright He is to buy bibles for two prisons p160 and an internet connector p1.000 so he can send emails. Lord I commit this work to you in Jesus name. Use Pastor Tammy mightily for saving of souls,

Three prisons today. Lord thy will be done

Pastor came at 8.35AM we were quickly at the prison I was amazed at the cleanliness. Beautiful. The warden gathered all 137 inmates and brought them before the chapel They listened and responded to man. It was amazing to see the men rushing struggling to obtain a Bible



Later

Polimosa City Jail

We returned to Tim's home and obtained more Bibles before setting off for Polimosa City Jail The drive up and around the mountains was breathtaking the best of the journey. I remember this prison from last trip A wonderful response from the 24 plus prisoners amazing Bibles were distributed. Into eager hands The warden was well pleased said come again.

*Then on to prison where there were 67 prisoners
Again they listened carefully and after the message took bibles
Glory to God*

1163+137+24+67=1391

We found a place to eat sitting at a table with a wobbly leg It was cool because of the high altitude then cruised down the mountains which were beautiful.'

I am going for supper at 7pm. Potatoes tomatoes and eggs

I have no idea what is planned after a day of rest tomorrow.

Brother Tammy came early., Apparently my food was hot. Actually time I got there it was cold. I sent Karen an email

Pastor Tim said we go on Monday to two jails and perhaps two jails on Tuesday but there was a heavy implication that he wanted me to pay more money. It is 137km brother etc et.

This sort of trickery ,makes me sick

So I am asking the Lord for wisdom. What to do.

1/ Do nothing

2/See wha happens on Monday

3/ Go to Cebu

4/Explain I have no more money Its his responsibility

5/ Phone pastor Rueben Layagan in Cebu see if he will take me to prisons in Cebu.

Saturday 27th November

reviewed, Word for tomorrow

Prayer-Obedience-Faith-Sacrifice

Later

I occupied myself with tidying my things making the bed and sorting my case

Around 9,30M I walked to Nida's home. It was already hot

She set the fan blowing and we talked. Suddenly she was in tears as her daughter Bethel is now married and living in Florida and her son Kim is now in Toronto..She is missing them and what with Tim being ill and the situation with home she is under a lot of pressure.

Later went downstairs to witness the children being fed around 30 slum children after memory verses and lessons enjoy a meal. Apparently many of them are neglected by their parentsPastor Dominick comes in and I share testimony of India and revival meetings.

I have a Word on Prayer Obedience and Faith plus sacrificial life.Thank you Lord

Church Meeting

Sunday 28th Word

Parable of the fig tree-Rise up with wings as eagles-Umbilical cord with the world must be cut

Arrived at church while Sunday School was finalized.

The music group were a blessing .The Lord helped me with the word and several came for prayer and dedicated themselves afresh to the Lord

I was asked to pray for a man who had suffered a stroke..

Calatrava jail

The small jail was new and clean The policemen gathered the current five inmates and sat also to hear the message. As I spoke I noticed that they were responding as if they were the prisoners.

When I challenged them to pray The officers all stood to pray and also requested Bible. One asked for a Bible in English

Sab Carlos Prison



Police Headquarters San Carlos

Pastor Tim phoned at 7.30 AM to tell me we are due at the police headquarters to preach for 15 minutes. We sat in the chief of police office while the men went on parade. Then the chief of police took us to the parade ground where we stood as the flag raising ceremony was conducted with all discipline and respect. The Lord greatly helped me to preach from Luke 9 v 23-27

“What if a man should gain the whole world and lose his own soul.”

The men stood at attention while I spoke. Amazing.



The Chief thanked me and said the spiritual food would bless them for a long time. He is a born again Christian then we shook hands and left.

Tomorrow I plan to use the internet cafe and prepare a prayer and thanksgiving letter

Lord lead and guide.

Wednesday 1s December

DV Tomorrow I go home Its been an amazing-wonderful-fantastic time in he prisons but otherwise very very hard.

But Praise God mission impossible is now Mission Accomplished.

The captain said flight is to Gatwick so Lord lead and guide

9.40 GMT over Bucharest

Altitude 38,000 feet Ground speed 463mph Time to London 2.25

Wonderful Praise the Lord I wonder if anyone will meet me.50 minutes' We are due to land at Gatwick 12 20 PM .Its 5 degrees below. Wow. Hope someone has brought my winter coat.

All Glory to God

Thank you Lord for all those who faithfully prayed

The Sower