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DEBRA-LOUISE PRAYING FOR YOU

I HAVE A NEW HOME...THANK GOD...THANK YOU

Time is but the history of divine action, and six years ago, in June of 2002 I moved to Kansas City to be a full time missionary on the field of prayer. I can hardly comprehend all that happened leading up to that divine move of God, yet I know all things in my life prepared me for this life.

I lived the first year alone in a one room studio apartment where I was anticipating staying for the rest of my days. It felt like holy ground and was my own private sanctuary in the secret place.

Then in November of 2003 my oldest son David came to live with me, and the following week so did my daughter Elizabeth. We moved into the apartments closer to the mission base, and even after my daughter moved out and was married, it seemed David and I could

stay on there as long as he was with me, though I still had a longing for a smaller studio once David moved out on his own.



It now appears David might be living with me for an indefinite amount of time, and so I felt led to begin looking for a home. The apartments are just so loud and busy with all the turnover of internships and students and visitors here at the House of Prayer.

David needs to have peace and quiet, and this neighborhood was part of the King's Orchard and is very quiet and peaceful. We have half an acre and the ground is very fertile, so I could even learn to grow my own food one day! There are three bedrooms in the main house, a dining-room, fireplace in the living-room and a beautiful screened porch where I will paint and pray.

The attached garage has been finished off with its own full bathroom and private entry, so if needed I could rent it out...or keep it for you to come and visit! The basement is also finished off and is going to be used as an exercise room...no more excuses to being healthy!

John 7:53 and they went everyone to their own house!

Longing for You, the Journey from Intercession to Intimacy

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It is Jesus who invited you personally to begin the journey into His heart, when you gave Him yours. As each page is turned, it is like the ground of your heart will be tilled because you will hear His Voice of Love. This adventure of learning how to pray will bring you face to face with the One who is the answer to every prayer ever prayed, even when tears were the only words. There are many books now written on intercession, which is simply a fancy word for prayer. Jesus has invited you to partner with Him on the earth to see His Kingdom come. This book only contains 3 chapters. Praying is as easy as one, two, three, and yet part of a mystery words can never explain. What you will find contained in these pages is not describing a plan or program, it's all about a Person. His Name is Jesus, and He is **LONGING FOR YOU**.

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God bless you for partnering with me on the mission field of prayer!

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

MY CHILDREN'S SALVATION *DAVID, DANIEL, ELIZABETH*

- INCREASING HEALING ANOINTING
- FOR THE SALES OF MY BOOK TO INCREASE...INVITATIONS FOR THE DAYS OF ENCOUNTER RETREATS TO COME IN...AND THE COMPLETION OF MY SECOND BOOK, *FIRST THINGS FIRST!*
- CONTINUING EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION FOR MY ROLE AS CHAPLAIN AND SERVING IN GRIEF RECOVERY AND COUNSELING

CURRENT SCRIPTURES I HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR YOU...

ISAIAH 54:11
PEACE

RUTH 2:12
REWARD FOR YOUR WORK

LUKE 1:45
FULFILLMENT

ISAIAH 54:17
VINDICATION

REVELATION 3:21
OVERCOMING VICTORY

MICAH 4:2
TAUGHT BY THE LORD

PSALM 16:11
JOY

This class was begun as a means of teaching the contemplative lifestyle, and helping

THE SACRAMENT OF THE PRESENT MOMENT

to equip those who come to be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ. In 1 John 4:19 we are told that we love because He first loved us, and He longs to express that love. It continues for the same reason!

Encountering Christ Within, the Hope of Glory

Intimacy with Jesus is a private experience. His way of coming to us is defined by Him alone. He meets us according to who we are in relationship to Him already, and where we desire to be with Him after our encounter. Every experience with Him will be unique. Do not compare what happens in your heart to what anyone else has told you about. **Contemplative prayer cannot be taught.** It is not defined accurately by using any method, although there is more than one way to begin your journey inside, and into, His Presence.

Through the ages this devotional approach of fellowshiping with God has been called by various names. Madame Guyon called it, "The Inner Way." Brother Lawrence named this practice of contemplation and fellowship with God, "Practicing His Presence." Others have referred to this experience by such names as: "Waiting on God," "Basking in His Presence," "Centering Prayer," "Beholding the Christ Within," "Way of the Heart," and the "Prayer of Silence". These names and many others are as diverse and unique as the individuals who pursued communion with the Indwelling Christ through various ways and means.

In Contemplative Prayer, a silent waiting in faith on the Indwelling Christ is our beginning point. The intention is to focus our reality upon the Indwelling Christ, who really has taken up His abode at the very center of our being. **This devotional life begins with an opening up of our hearts to receive from Him.** Our first priority is not to give something to Him or even to love Him. We are simply responding to the hunger that He has put in our hearts, because He desires to fellowship with us. We are responding to this hunger by quieting ourselves in His Presence, and simply letting Him love us.

After receiving His love, we are able to return love back to Him like never before. Contemplative Prayer is not really about searching to "go" someplace to find Him. He is waiting for us to come apart in silence and really experience that He is already with us, dwelling on the inside. He works in behalf of those who are willing to wait for Him, and we are changed in the process!

This is an inner journey we all are invited to go on. Holy Spirit will escort us where we cannot get to on our own. There are depths of the Presence of God inside each of us, reserved for those who will stop and be still and know...Him. **This place of silence is our entrance into the glorious inner life that Christ died to give us. As we stop and be still, eternity has begun.** This journey of stillness will take us into the very depths of union with Christ, and perfect love will refresh and renew our hearts! In the days ahead, our history in the secret place is what will sustain us.



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Update from the Encounter Christ Within Class

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TEARS OF WONDER AS LOVE PREVAILS

There are often many who visit the mission base who come to sit in on the class since it is an open one, without registration or text book! Holy Spirit is the Teacher, and every week His lesson plans are so precise and personal. Both men and women find tears flowing as God speaks personally and intimately to them. I believe tears are liquid prayers understood in heaven...they are evidence that the Living Waters within the human heart are flowing to bring refreshment, cleansing and healing!

One visitor had an experience of seeing the heart of God ripped to shreds and bleeding profusely. She took her hand to wipe it, and washed it with her tears. Jesus then showed her how the heart was made whole and beat stronger in love. He picked it up and she imagined he would be placing it into His own chest...but instead He gave it to her...placed it within her and she felt tangibly His love for the first time.

Another person had an incredible time of wonder as Christ took her into a beautiful garden...a place He loved to be. As they walked together, she suddenly realized her heart was the garden He loved to be in ... she was His dwelling place with delight!

Several have suddenly been impacted with peace they have never known as they just sat still and allowed God to love them. With so much focus in our societies on works and performance and 'results' it is sometimes very difficult for people to just be still. Once there was a man who just wandered in and did not even know anything about the prayer room or what was going on here on base, and he was carrying so much 'stuff' one of the regular people who come just got up and left! At the end of the class this one who did not know Christ, had an encounter that changed his life forever, and with tears in his eyes said he felt peace for the first time in his life!

God desires to meet anyone, anywhere, anytime, we just stop and be still...try it, you'll like it!



LOVE NEVER FAILS

[MORE reports from the Amazon where my book has been translated into Spanish...](#)

At the end of reading the book "Anhelandote", I wanted to write about what God did in my life en these days that is really wonderful. I cannot explain it, but I feel in my heart more love toward me, much love toward my parents, and this is something very profound in my heart, that God's work in my life of a magnificent manner more than all. I don't feel alone but always is in my mind that God is with me and I am much more secure and each step that I take has given more security. In one morning of devotions there was a phrase that made me feel secure. "There is firmness in your footsteps as if they were his...even when you cannot feel his presence". It says even when you cannot feel that God is with you, He is always with you. I am very secure that He has much love for me for all my life. Keila Arirama Tapayuri

I have 8 years in the Christian life but did not comprehend very clearly the teachings that I learned in the church. I didn't have a clear answer and needed more help, but now at the end of reading the book, "Anhelandote", it opened very clearly my understanding where it says that God is the lover of my life, that God is my first love, and that nothing will prevail against that love. Now I give you thanks for helping me with this great book and that now I feel very renewed and loved with your words. God bless you as you continue helping others like me. Thank you very much. Richarson Oliveira M.

Saturday we attended the wedding of our lawyer and his girlfriend. I had given a friend several copies of "Anelándote" for the leaders of "Remanente de Dios" in Iquitos, our church in the city. She had copies with her at the wedding and gave them to a pastor who presented them to the bride and groom, in front of everyone. A woman, who sat at our table, received a copy. She is marrying a pastor from another city and will live there. Your book in Spanish is getting to different villages and cities!

COME UP HERE...YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO ENCOUNTER

There is a door standing open in heaven! This is the invitation in Revelation chapter 4. Jesus stands at the door of our hearts knocking unrelentingly. He is faithful in His love and any moment we open to Him, there will be deep fellowship. He is longing to share His heart with all who care to listen, We discover what will be taking place after all is said and done...it will be WORSHIP! This is what Paul was shown in this chapter...continual worship and glory and honor begin given around the throne...but we do not have to wait. Today is the day He longs to hear your voice distinct from the 4 living creatures, the elders and all the myriads of angels in heaven that never stop. Your voice is what He bends down to listen to.



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Seminars and Retreats

These weekend retreats or a one day seminar will implement worship, teaching, and ministry times of personal prayer for all who desire. There will be true heart encounters for everyone as we Practice His Presence together.

The Lord desires to heal in every area of our brokenness. People have experienced physical healings as well as relief from deep inner wounds during these sessions. Jesus proclaimed His mission statement in Luke 4:18 - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, preach deliverance to the captives, recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty those that are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord". I believe this is my mission statement in life, and it can be yours as well.

These seminars and retreats are for anyone who longs for a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him. Jesus said "Come to me all who are burdened and heavy laden, and I will give you rest". Attend a seminar, and experience true love, joy, and peace in His unending love.

God longs for encounter with each of us. When we are willing to be still and know Him...we will come to know who we are with new clarity. We love because He first loved us, and as we get to the place of putting first things first, everything else around us is put into proper perspective as well. These times of ministry will provide not just healing for your hearts, but cause you to go forth and bring healing to others as well!

**FOR HE SATISFIES THE LONGING SOUL, AND THE HUNGRY SOUL HE FILLS
WITH GOOD THINGS. PSALM 107:9**

PERSONAL BIO AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Debra-Louise Cossu has been a full time intercessor with the **International House of Prayer in Kansas City** since June of 2002. A native Virginian with three grown children, and twin grandbabies. Her web site holds valuable information, helps, and resources that will inspire and touch your heart. Since beginning her walk with Christ over 3 decades ago, Debra has ministered in various places, including other countries like the Philippines, England, Malta, and Romania.

She has spoken at churches, pastor's conferences, women's retreats and Aglow meetings. She is available for seminars and retreats where you can experience a personal heart encounter, and learn to Practice the Presence of the Indwelling Christ as a lifestyle.

She is currently teaching **Encountering Christ Within** on the Missions Base in Kansas City. This class is an onramp to beholding Christ in the secret place.

Debra also leads several healing room teams and helps to manage the prayer requests that come in from all over the world. Prayer is her full time passion and occupation.

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