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Starting a New Ministry



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"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the end of the age". Mathew 28:20

Dear Loved Ones,

Greeting. This past Saturday March 30, 2019 was a day I was wishing to come. It was the day I was ending my first class at Beacon Institute. Beacon Institute is a newly created university at the intersection of Plaine du Nord, the city well known for its voodoo believer's mud pool.

This school is training professionals who can be counselors/chaplains in prisons and hospitals throughout Haiti and the Caribbean. Students are people already well seated in life. They are professionals in many walks of life, chief police, Vision Mondiale director, Agronomy, accountants, professors, merchants, businessmen and women...).

I was and I am still more than happy to be part of training team. WHY?

In 1999, I wrote a book on Prison Ministries hoping to get pastors and my own students excited about this specialized ministry, but the result has been disappointing. In 2013, I wrote a book on Hospital Ministries, but I have been disappointed once again. The book on Hospital Ministries is being extensively used in many African countries to train their hospital staff.

This time God has answered my prayers for our beloved Haiti. Beacon Institute is my answer to my daily concerns. Haiti and its many churches and their well-trained pastors have no ministries in prisons/hospitals. Individuals visit but to have a well, structured organization of chaplaincy has not been the dream of our today leaders.

My first training was focused on Hospital ministry. Students were excited to learn how to care for the needs of patients, their family members and the hospital staff. Next time I will be dealing with them on Prison ministry. At the end of this first session, we had lunch together and I share with them Saint Louis, Missouri Cardinals hats, a gift from one of our biggest supporters. What a joy!

Thank you for being part of a dream but of a big dream in Haiti.

Yours,

Nzunga & Kihomi

Dear Friends,

I have been to the famous or infamous voodoo mud pit. Drums beating constantly and many taken in by this false god. Ironic that it is the place chosen to start a new ministry.

If you end up in the hospital in Haiti you must rely on friends and family for basic needs that will not be supplied at the hospital, like food, etc. You may remember Kihomi finding a lady

in the hospital due to being injured in the earthquake still wearing the clothes she had on that day and Kihomi found her many months later. The last time I was there they were building a new very modern looking hospital so maybe things will change. One of the things an organized hospital ministry could do would be to help those who have no one to help them.

This is also an example of the wide range of ministry that Nzunga and Kihomi perform that is not in their job description. If there is a need they can do something about, they respond. Thank you for your support that allows them to be there. You play a vital role in this work

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