

# MISSION MANNA

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Greetings from our home in Michigan

I was sitting at my desk today praying about what to write for a new Mission Manna. The word that came to me was "breakthrough."

About 2 minutes after that word came to my mind, I got a surprising phone call! The call came from Zambia on Facebook Audio -- it was one of our Training for Conflict Transformation Training graduates from the Feb. 2017 Egypt training.

He wanted to tell me about his 'breakthrough' -- that he had just arrived at a Bible College in Zambia where he has had a desire to study theology for a very long time. He was accepted over a year ago but it was not possible for him to travel or make his way to the Bible College - it is very far from Cairo and Sudan, the two places he has most recently called "home." This brother called me today to say that he has arrived and that God has made a way for him to study. He is from a Muslim background. His story would chill your blood and cause you to mightily magnify the name of Jesus for how this young man was rescued and began to trust in Jesus Christ. He calls me "Mama Africa." On this day, as he arrives in a new country to study Christian theology, his first thought is to call his "Mama" so I can bless him and celebrate with him an amazing breakthrough.

When a breakthrough comes, we feel encouraged and our faith gets a boost. In our church here in Michigan (Genesis the Church in Royal Oak), we have a testimony time every Sunday for about 10 minutes. People stand up and share about ways they have seen God show up during the week. So encouraging!

I am praying for a breakthrough for the many Christians we met in Egypt who are a minority and practice their faith under duress. I am praying for a breakthrough for all our peace children who

labor in places that have known nothing but war for long and weary years. Will you join us in praying for children who have never lived in a country during peacetime?

What breakthrough do you need today? A prayer that I have been lifting to the throne of God for 17 years was recently answered. Maybe you need a breakthrough in finance, health, or a difficult relationship. Certainly in our work, we long for a breakthrough for the peace of Christ to be manifest in all human hearts and nations.

When a breakthrough seems like it will never happen, it's tempting to grumble or complain. It's tough to have faith when the crown of thorns is pressing into your scalp and the cross is too heavy to carry. So Paul warned:

**Philippians 2:14-16 New International Version (NIV)**

**14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain."**

Your breakthrough is surely on the way; the day of Christ is coming. Hold firm, and shine! Let the light break through!



Grace and Peace,

Sharon