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A letter ▶
from Ralph Martin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

JESUS IS LORD. ALWAYS, FOREVER. YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND EVERMORE.

No matter what confusing things happen in the Church or in the world, He is absolutely in charge, only permitting what is happening as part of a plan to bring good out of it.

In the meantime, we all must get up each day and see how we can live that day in a way pleasing to the Lord.

In our part of the Lord's vineyard, we continue to get wonderful opportunities to help strengthen bishops, priests, and deacons, and we consider it one of the most important things we do.

As I write this, Peter Herbeck is at a conference for bishops at Franciscan University of Steubenville, hoping to help them engage more deeply in the New Evangelization.

John Kazanjian and Don Turbitt are in Lithuania giving a retreat for priests.

And I have just come back from Malta, where I gave ten talks to priests, many of whom were burdened with many concerns and problems, as most priests are today. I also gave another talk at the Catholic Institute, with three-hundred to four-hundred people in attendance.

Malta itself, until recently one of the three European nations resisting secularization (along with Ireland and Poland), like Ireland, has crumbled under secularist pressure. About seven years ago, the country legalized divorce for the first time; that was the unraveling of a thread that now is seeing the whole garment of Catholic culture unravel. Homosexual "marriage" has been approved, and there seems to be a rush to "catch up" with the other "enlightened" European nations. The darkness is growing all over the world. Catholic Ireland has succumbed and now also Catholic Malta. Only Poland still fights along with some of the other Eastern European countries.

There are about four-hundred priests in Malta, which is a nation of about five-hundred-thousand people that comprises three small islands about forty miles south of Sicily and north of Libya in northern Africa.

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Ralph recently gave ten talks during a week-long retreat for the priests of Malta, an island nation that, like Ireland, has succumbed to secularist pressure.



Peter Herbeck exhorted bishops in Steubenville to be more intentionally engaged in the New Evangelization.





☛ i.d.9:16 Director Pete Burak participated in a Millennial Church Conference in Toledo, Ohio, attended by more than five-hundred people.

☛ Ralph recently gave three talks at a priests' retreat for the Archdiocese of Miami. There were 350 priests in attendance.



☛ Below, Ralph is pictured with Cross Catholic Outreach President Jim Cavnar and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductee Dion DiMucci, at a Legatus Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Ralph spoke at the event.



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The number of priests has fallen from eight-hundred, with the average age climbing. Many priests are afraid to preach very clearly on topics that the increasingly secular culture rejects, especially in the area of sexual morality. Many have drifted into a presumption on God's mercy that assumes almost everybody will be saved. I know that the priests on this retreat were encouraged and strengthened, and are ready to preach the Gospel with greater zeal and confidence. One priest told me at the end of the retreat that he was at the point of despair before he came and never thought he'd hear the Gospel preached again like he heard it on the retreat. He felt powerfully confirmed in the truth of the Christian message and empowered to preach it more boldly.

I now see that what we are doing in our work all over the world is placing some leaven in the dough, and I hope that the Lord will increase it after we go.

When I returned from a whole week in Malta—and thank you very much for your prayers—I had to leave for Miami after only two days home. While there, I gave three talks to the priests of the Archdiocese of Miami; in the evening, I spoke at the Legatus chapter in Fr. Lauderdale. After only one day home, I then gave three talks to the deacons and their wives at the annual Deacons' Convocation for the Diocese of Lansing.

These are all great opportunities to help strengthen and encourage our clergy, who need support as they learn how to engage a culture that is increasingly hostile to the faith.

Also, Pete Burak participated in another Millennial Church Conference in Toledo, Ohio, which was attended by more than five-hundred people. The purpose of these conferences is to help Church leadership learn how to engage the Millennials who are so often missing from Church life today.

☛ Ralph gave three talks at the annual Deacons' Convocation for deacons and their wives in the Diocese of Lansing.



As we continue to contribute yeast to the dough of the Church in places all over the world, we see a “ripple effect” as one person touched by the Lord, touches another.

Consider some of the encouraging responses we’ve received to various dimensions of our ministries.



“I deeply appreciate your faithfulness to preaching the Good News and sharing your prophetic insights. May we be strengthened by and docile to the Holy Spirit, living the Gospel in these times and not counting the cost.”

“My heart was overjoyed to read your message. I was specifically struck by two key elements: Our world’s lack of conviction in the truth of Jesus Christ and its lack of faith in God’s providence for all things. I am so thankful for your leadership. You are one of the prophets of our age, and I am praying for you and Renewal Ministries. Humble thanks for the light.”

“Sister Ann: It was such a pleasant surprise to hear you back on yesterday’s podcast! After my mother passed, my sister (who was away from the Church) and I spoke, and I began sending her your podcast daily as a way to stay connected. In nine months, our duo has grown to three sisters, our father, and my wife and son. Each weekday morning, I forward the podcast to the group. More than once, I have received text messages saying how beautiful it is to envision our family, spread from Massachusetts to Minnesota, listening and praying at the same time! Your ministry has joined our family in the manner our dad always wanted: with a Christ-centered focus!”

“The Final Confrontation is powerful and needed. I find it beautiful that Ralph has included God’s Divine Mercy, dear Saint Faustina, as well as the Truths of the Faith. The booklet’s message is . . . the importance of understanding Church teaching that there really is a hell and a consequence for sin, and that we need to turn to our Lord’s mercy and offer God’s mercy to others. In The Final Confrontation, Ralph has written the essential message in such a powerful way.”

“Thank you for yesterday’s Millennial Church Conference. I’ve only heard praise regarding the event. Everyone was positive, joyful, and uplifted!”

“I cannot stress enough how much i.d.9:16 has done for me, my heart, and my soul. I am completely changed for the better, inspired, and filled.”

“I have been under spiritual direction for almost thirty years with a Trappist Monk . . . and I have read over forty great spiritual books. The Fulfillment of All Desire is the one I would choose if I were to go into the desert regions of Egypt and spend the rest of my days in prayer and solitude!”

“Fire on Earth is a great way to start the day! Your insight and perspective are thought-provoking.”

“As a former Catholic, my mom has tried to persuade me back to the Catholic fold. Recently, she sent What Happens When I Die? . . . The simple yet profound message of the Gospel and the hope that Jesus gives to all mankind came through loud and clear . . . Your knowledge of Scriptures and spiritual maturity is very evident, and your ability to lay it out clearly and with conviction will hopefully continue to win over many lost souls.”

“I (recently became) Catholic; it has been a difficult journey. I was Muslim turned agnostic, then powerfully encountered Jesus. I’ve struggled with Marian doctrine, and no books helped—until I read your booklet about Mary. Your works and talks are super anointed, and I pray that God will bless your ministry.”

Without your support, this would not be possible.

THANK YOU!

Your brother in Christ,

Ralph Martin

Ralph



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A PURPOSE FOR THE PAIN

— BY HEATHER SCHULTZ —

When FR. JUDE THADDEUS LANGEH, CMF, invited Renewal Ministries' Country Coordinator Peter Newburn and Board Member Miriam Wright to do Unbound ministry and training in Cameroon, he did not know how their ministry would transform his own life. Unbound is a method of deliverance healing that utilizes the Five Keys of repentance and faith, forgiveness, renunciation, authority, and the Father's blessing. Fr. Jude extended the invitation to Renewal Ministries in August of 2018, and that November, he was the victim of a kidnapping, along with three other Claretians and their driver. We share Peter Newburn's mission report on pages six and seven of this newsletter; Fr. Jude's story about his traumatic experience and the healing he has found through Unbound is below.

Fr. Jude Langeh, Country Coordinator Peter Newburn, Translator Remy Takam, and Board Member Miriam Wright recently taught Unbound ministry in Cameroon.

Discovering Unbound

Fr. Jude met Peter Newburn in 2015, when Peter and his family were serving as missionaries in Cameroon. They became friends, and even saw each other in the US during one of Fr. Jude's travels. Fr. Jude had been introduced to the book *Unbound*, and he "read it from cover to cover." Peter—who Fr. Jude said introduced Unbound to Cameroon—told Fr. Jude that Unbound is the method of deliverance used by Renewal Ministries. He also helped Fr. Jude get in contact with the book's author, Neal Lozano. Through that connection, the Claretians were able to help make a low-cost edition of *Unbound* available in Cameroon.

"I understood it to be a very great healing process that we could apply in our situation in Cameroon," said Fr. Jude. "It is important, because the five keys are so easy, clear, and great to follow. Within one week or less, you can be drilled through the Five Keys, which is an effective means for personal healing and has the capacity to help others. Unbound exposed me to my vices, helped

me to come out of them, and I thought it would be an effective tool to help others." Fr. Jude added that his experience with Unbound since his kidnapping is a great testament to its ability to help other people in his country as well.

Political Unrest & Personal Trauma

According to Peter Newburn, "about twenty percent of Cameroon is English-speaking, and for the past two-and-a-half years, there has been an increasing clamoring for independence. Leaders of the insurgence, called the 'Amba Boys,' have promoted chaos and instability in hopes of garnering change. The predominately French-speaking government has responded forcefully, at times with indiscriminate violence. Many people have been killed."

It was in this political climate that Fr. Jude and his companions were kidnapped. At the time, they were traveling to a Claretian parish in an Anglophone area of Cameroon to provide basic food, medication, supplies, and moral support to the parishioners and priest, who were hiding in the bush due to the unrest.

"I was so surprised," said Fr. Jude. "When they kidnapped us, they said, 'The Church needs to speak. It has not made a good statement about the Cameroonian president.' They wanted to speak to the pope. However, since we lived on the other side of Cameroon, they also thought we were government spies."

Fr. Jude shared the details of his captivity:

"From November 23-29, we were kidnapped. We were tortured. They used very bad words and insults. They thought we were military. They used machetes to cut our bodies, legs, and beat us. They used the under part of their guns to beat us on every part of our bodies. They made us look at the sun continuously for three hours. They made us go without clothes. "The first thing I experienced was that, humanly speaking, I was afraid of dying. I thought, 'Oh my goodness, we're not going to survive.' I was crying. It was really hard. We said, 'Oh, God! When Paul and Silas were captured, they prayed, and You rescued them.'

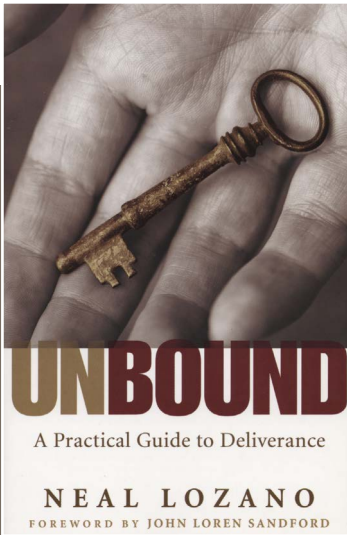
"Any time we wanted to pray, they let us. The more we prayed, the more the days went on, the greater we were tortured.

"There were so many praying for us and looking for us. One day, our captors just took us out and told us, 'We are going to keep your driver, and you need to go and bring us money.' They asked us for a ransom for the driver. As priests, our policy is that we don't pay ransoms. But we got support from friends, because we couldn't leave the driver there. He was in captivity for two more weeks, and then he was released. They suspected the driver was a military man, so they kept on torturing him until one of them identified him and said that he was not military."

After their release, Fr. Jude, his fellow Claretians, and the driver were all hospitalized and received psychotherapy to help them recover from the trauma of the kidnapping and torture. They also received letters and emails from Pope Francis, who had been informed of their situation by the Claretian general superior in Rome. The pope “expressed his closeness to us in this situation,” said Fr. Jude, who added that this “feeling of closeness of the pope” was a great help after the kidnapping.

Faith & Healing

Unbound ministry also played a significant role in Fr. Jude’s healing. He believes the fact that the Unbound ministry was scheduled before his kidnapping—and then took place shortly afterward, when he could most benefit from it—shows that “God was with us, and God had a plan for it.”



— THE FIVE KEYS —

- 🔑 REPENTANCE & FAITH
- 🔑 FORGIVENESS
- 🔑 RENUNCIATION
- 🔑 AUTHORITY
- 🔑 FATHER'S BLESSING

Learn more about the Five Keys...

📖 **READ:** *Unbound* by Neal Lozano. Order from the enclosed reply card or online at renewalministries.net/store.

🌐 **VISIT:** www.livefreeub.net

When asked how the kidnapping affected his faith, Fr. Jude answered:

“All of the events that have happened since the kidnapping show that God allowed it for a purpose. During the Unbound prayer, someone shared with me the revelation that God had a plan for me. Everyone said, ‘God kept you there for a purpose.’ For me, it has been a faith-growing experience. I’ve got to understand that before every Easter Sunday, there is a Good Friday. My faith hasn’t just grown; I’ve gone through a leap of faith.”

“God arranged the events so that everything fell within that period. The kidnapping experience was not just physical. They also used fetishes—magical things—within the camp, things like witchcraft, as a way of protecting themselves against the military bullets. They believed that would make the bullets not touch them. Additionally, these people took a lot of drugs. We needed physical, psychological, and spiritual freedom.

“Peter Newburn and Miriam Wright took me through the Five Keys of Unbound and prayed with me. God kept revealing there is a plan.

“As we went through the Five Keys, we were able to forgive. I thought I had forgiven, but any time I heard that one of my captors had died, I was thankful. With Unbound, I was able to more fully forgive. I found freedom from the kidnapping and other things from my whole life—situations in which I needed to forgive people, to accept Christ, and accept the freedom He offers.”

While Miriam was praying with Fr. Jude, she had a vision of Jesus being stripped naked (another suffering that Fr. Jude and his companions went through), with the very cloak of Jesus being given to Fr. Jude. In fact, he was named superior of the Claretians of Cameroon.

He explained, “I never expected that. I thought, ‘Should I accept? Should I refuse?’ Many people had prayed for me and told me, ‘Your kidnapping is preparing you for something.’ And with Miriam’s vision, I know it is from God. I’m convinced God gave me this responsibility. It’s very challenging, but I’m not afraid, because God will never give you something you can’t carry. He will give me all the support needed. One of my supports is the Unbound training through Miriam and Peter.”

Bearing Fruit

Fr. Jude saw his own suffering bear fruit in his role as superior, when two Claretians were kidnapped in August. He said his experiences helped him know what to do, and how to best help the men once they were rescued.

“God sent me there to get experience to be able to help others,” he added.

Now, since the training with Peter and Miriam, Fr. Jude said that he has many people asking for more of Unbound: “They say we need more—come again! So we want to offer it as many times as possible, to everybody possible. It’s a great innovation, and we want more of Unbound. We want more Christ! We want to be liberated! Please come again! We need a lot of prayer for Cameroon, that peace and justice will have reign, so we can enjoy the benefits of living in a peaceful and just country.”

“I think we were blessed,” concluded Fr. Jude. “I am so grateful to Unbound. I wish to talk to those reading:

Do not be discouraged when you go through suffering, especially when you go through persecution for the sake of Christ, as the Beatitudes tell us. We were persecuted for giving food to the hungry. At times, I felt like God was far away, but my experience shows that God is never far from us. My faith is strengthened. I have found freedom in Christ. God is never far from us. He is ready to free us in every situation.”



By Peter Newburn
COUNTRY COORDINATOR
for CAMEROON

Peter has served in full-time ministry for over thirty-five years. He and his family spent three years as missionaries in Cameroon, where Peter was a theology teacher at the major seminary. He also worked for almost nine years as a parish life coordinator in the Diocese of San Bernardino, California, where he was responsible for overseeing all aspects of pastoral ministry and the administration of a large parish.



🕒 Lay leaders listened attentively to learn about the Five Keys of Unbound ministry.

Spreading the GOSPEL in Cameroon

“Now to Him who by means of His power working in us is able to do more than we can ever ask, or even think—to God be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever!”
(Eph 3:20-21)

“God is good—all the time!”

“And all the time—God is very, very good, and that is His nature. Wow!”

This Cameroonian adaptation to an oft-used phrase capsulizes our mission experience. God is very, very good—we all experienced the “Wow!” of the Lord’s goodness and healing power.

The purpose of this mission was to provide Unbound teaching and training for seminarians, priests, sisters, and lay leaders. Unbound is a method of deliverance healing that utilizes the Five Keys of repentance and faith, forgiveness, renunciation, authority, and the Father’s blessing. We were invited and hosted by Fr. Jude Thaddeus Langeh, CMF, formator and superior of the Claretian seminary in Yaoundé. (You can read more about Fr. Jude, and his recent experience of being kidnapped and tortured, on pages four and five of this newsletter.) Remy Takam served as our translator. Remy is on staff with Catholic Christian Outreach in Ottawa, Canada; is involved in the Charismatic Renewal; and is very familiar with Unbound. He was a great addition to our team. We experienced the grace and blessing of the Lord for our entire mission.

Approximately sixty people attended our first training session. The majority were Claretian seminarians, from nine different African countries. Most were somewhat bilingual (French and English), though the majority spoke and understood French better than

English. Eight sisters, from two different religious communities, had traveled far to be present. Five or six priests also attended.

Miriam and I alternated teaching the kerygma and the concepts of Unbound, and leading prayer ministry. The people were open and receptive. Miriam confirmed that my teaching and discernment were “spot on,” and I felt the same way about her. I experienced God at work through me as I led “activation ministry”—speaking prophetically of how God was at work in people’s lives. We thank God!

Our second training involved about 125 people, mostly lay Claretians and a few clergy. Though we had a shorter time with them, we again took time to not just teach the concepts, but also to teach how to pray with people through the Five Keys. I was amazed at the testimonies of healing, forgiveness, and newfound freedom. Participants were empowered to go forth using the Unbound method in their own lives and ministry.

Bishop Sosthène Bayemi, the national coordinator and episcopal moderator of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Cameroon, joined us for Mass and dinner. He is very pastoral, inspirational, wise, caring, and supportive.

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Wait upon the Lord; be faithful to His commandments; He will elevate your hope, and put you in possession of His Kingdom. Wait upon Him patiently; wait upon Him by avoiding all sin. He will come, doubt it not; and in the approaching day of His visitation, which will be that of your death and His judgment, He will Himself crown your holy hope. Place all your hope in the Heart of Jesus; it is a safe asylum; for he who trusts in God is sheltered and protected by His mercy. To this firm hope, join the practice of virtue, and even in this life you will begin to taste the ineffable joys of Paradise.”

🕒 Saint Bernard
of Clairvaux

POLITICAL UNREST

We heard many stories of the violence and unrest in the Anglophone areas of Cameroon, both from the conference participants and from my missionary friends. It is so sad. There is no doubt that the ministry Unbound provides is both timely and impactful in this situation of war and trauma. There is great need for healing and forgiveness, and of course, of the proclamation of the Gospel, now more than ever.

Fr. Jude seemed very pleased with the fruit of our training. His personal experience of healing and renewal convinced him all the more of the value of Unbound formation.

REFLECTIONS FROM MIRIAM WRIGHT

We, the team, offered our loaves and fishes and the Lord multiplied the impact. Their key question we asked was not “what can we offer” but “what is needed.” The Lord closed the gap.

One memory that will stay with me is of a seminarian who felt he had lost his vocation. He shared a little of the struggle with me during a break. After teaching about the Father’s blessing, I asked him to come forward to receive a blessing,

Cameroonian lay leaders gathered outside to pray with one another in small groups as part of their Unbound ministry training.

as a demonstration for the group. The Lord moved powerfully in his heart as he received the blessing. In an email he sent after the event, he said:

“My faith has been restored. I feel the joy of my calling once again, a joy long lost. I must confess that not only did I feel an extra force of grace flowing in me when you prayed with your hands over me, I also was moved to tears when I reviewed the video for the very first time.”

He will be ordained to the diaconate in Rome this June. This one young man’s experience would have justified the whole trip!

Also, I was deeply moved by Fr. Jude’s faith, love, and the power of the Holy Spirit moving through him. He is a mighty man of God! So often we hear about those who are persecuted for the faith, or who suffer the ravages of war, violence, and injustice. When I recall Fr. Jude’s face, and his story, I see the love and mercy of God shining brightly through him. He is a living example of how God turns all things to the good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose. God be praised!

In Rwanda, Unbound is one of the vehicles that is now bringing healing after the atrocities of the genocide. My hope and prayer is that, in Cameroon, Unbound similarly will be one of the tools that will help diffuse the situation and help to turn the tide from anger, violence, and unforgiveness to communication, collaboration, and mercy.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!



On the Road

November 2019 ENGAGEMENTS

SAVE THE DATES

Lift Jesus Higher Rally
March 7, 2020

Renewal Ministries' Gathering
April 24-26, 2020

Gaithersburg, MD Women's Retreat*

Nov. 1-3
Dr. Mary Healy

Lansing, MI
Lansing Diocesan Youth Conference
Nov. 3
Debbie Herbeck
Details: www.dioceseoflansing.org/ym

Ann Arbor, MI
i.d.9:16 Disciples' Night
Nov. 7
Sarah Kaczmarek
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St. Louis, MO
National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference
Nov. 8-10
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: www.nsc-chariscenter.org/2019-nlmc-invited/

Brighton, MI
Encounter School of Ministry*
Nov. 11
Ralph Martin

Lexington, KY
Legatus*
Nov. 14
Dr. Mary Healy

Lexington, KY
Faith on Tap Young Adult Event
Nov. 14
Lavinia Spirito
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London, Ontario
Family Foundation Institute Marriage Conference
Nov. 16
Peter and Debbie Herbeck
Details: famfi.ca/marriage-conference

Minneapolis, MN
CCR Conference
Nov. 16-17
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: ccro-msp.org/

Livonia, MI
Evening of Recollection
Nov. 19
Ralph Martin
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Minneapolis/St. Paul, MO
Legatus*
Nov. 20
Debbie Herbeck

Philadelphia, PA
Unbound National Conference
Nov. 22-23
Peter Herbeck
Details: www.heartofthefather.com/

Allentown, PA
Catholic Men's Conference
Nov. 23
Ralph Martin
Details: www.allentowndiocese.org

MISSIONS

Rwanda
Nov. 8-20
Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw

Mexico
Nov. 19-25
Jim Murphy

Serbia
Nov. 22-24
Deacon Zoltan Kunszabo

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Bruno, Saskatchewan
St. Therese Institute Conference
Nov. 29-Dec. 1
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: www.sttherese.ca/programs-events/upcoming-events

Detroit, MI
Legionaries of Christ Retreat*
Nov. 30
Ralph Martin

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