

Payne Family Ministry Update (June 2024)

Greetings from the Family Payne,
We just returned from a ministry/ teaching trip to Holland. We were two plus weeks teaching in a Generational Discipleship Training School. What a wonderful school. The response was tremendous and there were some real breakthroughs.

Feedback from students suggested eyes were opened and deeper heart commitments were made. One man said of all the messages he has ever heard on "who God really is". This was the most impactful. One young lady shared she now has a whole new picture of God and it compels her to want to know Him more and more.

Someone said they can't believe they had walked with the Lord for so long and never heard this deep teaching. One of the staff said sadly we have lost this kind of teaching but we need to bring it back. It's foundational and we shouldn't have any schools without it.

We had great conversations, wonderful questions and I think it is safe to say as one of the leaders shared, "God showed up in these weeks."

I also spoke to the staff/leadership group looking at solving problems in discipleship. Again it was greatly appreciated.

We had a few meetings with friends and spent the weekend with Tinie's family. That was simply amazing. Such a wonderful time of reconnecting. Our Dutch Family even threw me a 70 Year Old surprise Birthday Party. Amazing!

In the last days of our trip, we were so busy we could not visit everyone we had hoped to. We did manage to meet with a Church Leadership Team to help them navigate through some challenging issues. We really loved our interaction and fellowship.

It was however, a very difficult trip as I was again struggling with my health. It almost seems the sad norm for me. My immune system is challenged but I want to believe there is healing for me. I saw a doctor three times and went on antibiotics as I had a lung infection and a sinus infection as well. I pushed myself to teach and really did feel the grace and strength of the Lord while I taught for many hours.

We tried to send an earlier update but my computer just died and would not power-up or work at all. I thought I had lost my computer. This morning Tinie prayed for it -turned it on and thank you Lord it worked.

Thank you all so much for all your prayers. I have another invitation to Spain in the Fall.

We came home for two days before flying out again.

For my 70th Birthday, my children had arranged to take me on a week mini-vacation to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. This is the first time we have all been on vacation together with Evan, Nathan, Jared and Amie, Tarah and Richard and Weston - Tinie too. It has been so relaxing and refreshing but I'm sad to say, I'm still struggling with my health. I spent the best part of my Birthday in a hospital. Still that did not dampen our spirits. It was just wonderful - Beach, Palm Trees and lots of good food.

On June 19th, Evan graduates from College and he has made the Dean's Honour List for the last two semesters - straight 'A's. We are so proud. of him.

So much appreciate your continued prayers for our family and ministry.

Love and Blessings

Bill, Tinie and Evan