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Titanyen, Haiti

" LORD WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO"

Acts 9:6 "So he trembled and astonished, said " Lord what do you want me to do."

We read in Acts that as Saul (soon to be Paul) was walking along the Damascus Road, when he suddenly encountered Jesus. There was a bright light and a voice from heaven. Saul fell to the ground blinded. After Saul asked who was speaking to him, he said "Lord, What do you want me to do". I have always been struck by the fact that Saul did not ask "Lord, why have you done this to me?". Nor did he, when he learned to whom he was speaking, begin to ask for things that he needed. He just humbly began seeking what the Lord was requiring of him. Micah 6:8... "What does the Lord require of you but do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God." Mark 16:15. .."Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

I was thinking of these passages on a hot Monday morning in the Haitian village of Cabaret. While I was watching Dr Vladimyr Roseau stand at the podium speaking to a crowd who had gathered to celebrate the official opening of the Alpha Omega Medical Ministries clinic building. You see Dr. Vladimyr, along with most in attendance, had been a victim of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. He and two doctors, one who would become his wife, and her sister lost the building they were living in and moved into pup tents provided by aid workers. He lost his means of support and suffered the loss of many people that he knew.

Like Saul, Dr. Vlad was thrown to the ground and he, like Saul, got up, not asking why, but actively seeking what the Lord would have him do.

He began to look for victims... joining up with first responders from NCBM Rescue 24 unit. He then volunteered to accompany NCBM doctors and nurses who, had set up in the parking lot of a damaged hospital north of Port-a-Prince, treating thousands of injured people and often performed surgery there under a tent.

Soon after, NCBM started sending mobile medical clinics into the tent camps, village churches and remote mountain villages where some Haitians saw a doctor for the first time.

Dr Vlad and Dr Marline and Dr. Francise signed on with NCBM as our Haitian medical staff. Three years to the day after the first mobile clinic, this new medical facility was being dedicated. In that time, 1466 NCBM volunteers have asked the same Question as Saul and joined Dr. Vlad in Haiti. 177,082 people have received medical care from Christian doctors who provided, not only a healing touch, but shared the good news of Christ and prayed for each patient. As a result 1749 people have accepted Jesus into their hearts.

So on April 1, 2013, because Gods people were seeking God's will, another change was taking place in the Baptist Men's mission in Haiti. NCBM were stepping to the side and Haitian Christians were beginning their own mission to minister to Haitian people.

And so as our stay here in Haiti is rapidly coming to a close, we are ever reminded that the "Mission" never ends. Proclaiming the good news of the Gospel to the uttermost ends of the earth is a life time requirement and the clear answer to Saul's question in the life of every Christian.

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