



INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER IN KANSAS CITY
THANKSGIVING 2007
DEBBIE-LOU COSSU, SO THANKFUL FOR YOU



WHAT ARE SOME LIFE GOALS I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH LIVING THIS LIFESTYLE?

- *I want to continue to impart passion and train this merging generation in deep personal intimacy with the Lord, and instill a growing awareness of the Fear of the Lord so they will be Lovers of Truth and be able to stand in the great and terrible days just around the corner.*
- *I want to equip others to pray in the healing rooms and grow in faith and unrelenting love and compassion.*
- *I want to go where God takes me to impart the reality of communion with Holy Spirit through seminars and retreats and the contemplative lifestyle.*
- *I want to have my book, "Longing for You, the Journey from Intercession to Intimacy", read on every continent and impacting those who are hungry to hear His Voice of Love in many different languages.*
- *I want to finish my second book, "it is time to put, First Things First," in 2008.*
- *I want to impact those in a season of grief with new hope and the reality of God's love for them as I volunteer in a local grief recovery center.*
- *I want to grow in learning all I can in my role as an ordained Chaplain serving the Kansas City area in every day life and emergency situations as they arrive.*

WHAT DO I VIEW TO BE THE CALL OF GOD ON MY LIFE IN VIEW OF
LIVING THIS LIFESTYLE?

I know my personal, and highest calling, is in the secret place, alone with Christ, where no one else can see. I believe the way I will best serve those I carry in my heart through intercession and teaching, is for me to continue to cultivate my own heart in intimacy with the Lord. I believe I really am a Mary of Bethany first and foremost. I love ministering to others, and serving where needed on the mission base to keep things running smoothly and with integrity because knowing Christ is my highest calling. Ministering to Him in worship and adoration is my greatest joy. That joy and confidence in love causes me to pray at the microphone for current world events as well as salvation and healing usually during the 6AM set. Meditating on His word and keeping my own heart clean before Him is accomplished through living my life, all the areas of my life, transparently before those I trust as spiritual leaders. I have two couples who I have known for about 10 years that I share major life events and circumstances with. They speak into my life and have been a blessing to keep me on track with God in holiness and passion. I have had a prayer partner for almost as long that I pray with every week for personal and family needs, even since moving to KC. I have a supervisor here on base that I love and respect who is very sharp prophetically and helps me keep my balance with the vigor's of life at IHOP. There are also two couples here who speak into my life that help me to keep first things first and fan the fire in my heart towards the Lord with their own love and devotion for Him. I guess in one sentence, the call on my life is a person, Christ Jesus the Lord of all!

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Psalm 107:9**



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WHAT IS MY LIFESTYLE LIKE BEING A MISSIONARY ON THE FIELD OF PRAYER?

I am so glad you want to know this answer, so did I before coming here to live in June 2002. I had no idea what it would be like to really live the Sermon on the Mount lifestyle, but I can tell you I am happier than ever before in my life. Praying, fasting, giving, forgiving, and so many other aspects of who I am is being enriched like never before. Being fully funded to live a life of prayer enables me to give 100% of my time and energy to the prayer movement. Now I get to walk out the calling God has on my life with excellence and humility. But it is not all about me why I have chosen to live like this. Now I am free to pray for those God has given me His heart for like never before. Yes, EVERYONE can and is supposed to pray, but how many of us truly have the desire to, and are able to sit before Him as a ministry, as a calling, for hour upon hour, and enjoy it! I know living out this calling is a gift that God alone can sustain. I was praying even before I was saved, and then for decades would spend as much time as I could just being with Him, and praying for those I love and others God would ask me to carry in my heart. I did that while working a full time job, and now prayer is my full time occupation. Over the years I would mentor others one on one who wanted to grow in intimacy with the Lord, and now I get to be a living example to hundreds of young people, teaching and training in the healing rooms, through teaching an Encountering Christ Within Class, and spending time with them like I never have been able to before coming here to Kansas City. I currently drive a wonderful NEW car, a 1996 station wagon. I was without a vehicle for almost 3 months, and it was worth the wait. This car has less than 84,000 miles on it, and purrs like a kitten! I am making wise decisions like this as I pray to be a good steward of what is entrusted to me. The mechanic said the engine is strong and steady and I should be able to get over 150,000 more miles with it! This is just one example of how the goodness of the Lord has been demonstrated to me through His people. The donations that came in above the committed support pledged to me each month was enough to purchase the car, pay for the inspection, do a few extra upgrades I wanted to take care of, pay the taxes, title, tags, and insurance in full! I have so much to be thankful for.

HERE ARE A FEW DETAILS OF MY LIFE...THIS WONDERFUL LIFE!

- *Being a full time Intercessory Missionary requires 24 hours in the prayer room, and 24 hours service in practical areas, that have included me ministering on healing and prophetic teams, greeting at services, cleaning (yes I do windows!), helping in the warehouse, bookstore and front desk, making copies of handouts and teaching notes, working at the registration tables for conferences among other functions since I first came here.*
- *I participate with two of the weekly fasting teams, and am on three specific intercession teams for partners*
- *I am the Healing Manager for the Critically/Chronically Ill including keeping in contact with each one, I help ensure when they are unable to come in for prayer that teams go to hospitals and homes to be with them*
- *I also manage the Prayer Basket in the Prayer room by praying personally over each request, and distributing those and the prayer requests that come in over the phone and to the web sites from all over the world, for a week of personal intercession by other missionaries here on the base*
- *I lead several teams praying for healing in the Bethany Room*
- *Training healing room ministers to work on Bethany Room teams*
- *Teaching an Encounter Christ Within Class every week on the mission base*

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