

MINISTRY INTERNSHIP FINAL REPORT

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As I reflect on this internship, it has enhanced, and shaped the leadership qualities necessary to equip me in doing the ministry work God has purposed for me. With that being said, the Children's Church Ministry, is held in the chapel at Wings of Faith Worldwide Ministry. This area is shared with the choir for pre-Sunday worship rehearsals, a multiplicity of ministry needs and church rental. Because of this, the decorum and furnishings to perfect a children friendly environment is often in a state of disarray, causing me to be frustrated at times. By all means, having to replace desks, chairs and tables, not to mention, trying to find the parental sign in sheet, supplies and snacks was chaotic.

Nevertheless, in spite of the adjustments we had to make regularly, I am grateful that the presence of God arose in my heart, making me cognizant of my attitude, because the children were watching. Therefore, I proceeded to ensure that it was a welcoming environment, ready for ministry- since preparation to make the place of worship conducive began- within me. In addition, I used this as a teaching moment, having the children assist with replacing our classroom furnishings, encouraging them to always be willing to serve when there is a need. Moreover, although, these concerns were expressed by the Director, Ms. Render, we still regularly encountered them, because there is no designated space in the church for the Children's Church Ministry.

Also, we encountered issues with some teens, causing disruptions during the instructional times. For this reason, we had to stop and address appropriate behavior in God's house and teach principles regarding their attitudes, while loving them back into their lanes, to walk as leaders with a light in every lane of their life. Moreover, we accommodated them, and they assisted us with bathroom breaks, preparing and serving snacks, since myself and the Director, are the only

adults ministering in this area of the church. In light of this, it was necessary; that they were included in this ministry, because the conflicts revealed the need to teach them too. Since, there was no youth ministry in place for them. However, I am pleased to report, that there is one currently being implemented for them.

On the other hand, my Project Mentor, Ms. Render, truly has a heart for the children, and we have built a beautiful bond of respect for each other, because we both are devoted to our assigned ministry purpose. In addition, due to personal and business reasons, she was often absent, trusting me to oversee this ministry. Her faith in my ability was truly humbling. Also, because there was not Biblical Curriculum being used, the Holy Spirit led me in preparing our weekly lessons consisting of: themes, creative and fashionable worksheets, along with puzzles to bring the Word of God alive. For this reason, my leadership ability to oversee and prepare ministry dynamics was actually God ordained to equip me for kingdom work.

Furthermore, my relationship with Ms. Render has truly been endearing. She has confided her fears regarding her faith and struggle to provide for her family in me. Oftentimes, we spent time praying together, for our personal and ministry concerns. In addition, she always expressed her gratitude for my support, especially since the majority of her troubles begin to surface, when I was sent to serve. I believe this was all according to God's purpose. We have not had any personal conflicts or challenges with each other. Our only challenges have been sharing ministry space, and the confusion with our essentials for Children Church being out of place and the teens. However, in spite of these things, the transformative adaptation in ministry was revealed to me in all of these circumstances.

Moreover, through these things, God has been shaping my character to exhibit the standards of leadership, to equip me in my learning goals for this internship. Such as: church

ministry administration; teaching and ministry organization. As a result of this internship, I have learned through overseeing this ministry alone, at times how to: prepare creative children friendly Biblical lessons, age appropriate worksheets and puzzles to coincide with lessons. In addition, I learned to develop necessary ministry forms, budgets, monthly themes and Bible affirmation to encourage the confidence of the children. Furthermore, the gifts of the Holy Spirit further led me in directing worship protocol, and the wisdom to instruct children ages, four through fifteen, by delegating the specifics for spiritual order in this Children Church Ministry. Notwithstanding these things, all of this was birthed due to my displeasure with the ministry organization, because it lacked the directives and ministry discipline to ensure that all of the necessary tools to instruct them were not provided, nor a priority. For instance, no Biblical Curriculum for church school weekly lessons.

Because of this, the Holy Spirit stirred up the gifts of God within my heart to create one, leading me in the Scriptural topics for teaching, and the children age appropriate worksheets or visual aids. Of course, my concerns, regarding this was shared with the Director, and she was very receptive to my desire to prepare the weekly lessons, often giving me the complete authority to lead this ministry and establish necessary ministry protocol. Needless to say, great faith was placed in my ability to lead and love all of these children. In light of this, this has shaped my arsenal in ministry organization and administration, to develop my ministry philosophy for my purpose serving the people of God.

On the contrary, being a servant of the Lord is my heart and being a passionate proficient professional is paramount for kingdom work. This experience has taught me, that you must have a shepherd's heart to teach and train to make disciples. You must love the people of God, like He does. Also, being astute, knowledgeable, teachable, administrative and ministry minded is

essential. However, the most important spiritual qualities, to make you a spiritual professional, is the maturity of a leader, bearing the Fruit of the Spirit, beginning with love, joy and peace, clothed in the humbleness of a servant. Also, the Gifts of the Spirit liberally given by God must be actively developing and operating to serve the people of God, to lovingly lead them, such as: serving, administrative, teaching, wisdom, knowledge, mercy, faith, discernment, and definitely the gift of giving, especially- yourself. I must say, I have personally given, financially, personally and spiritually the totality of my heart while serving in this assignment, with no regrets, because it revealed the passion of my shepherding heart for these children.

Yet, while I reflect on this assignment, and skills that need more development within me, I must honestly, say discerning more of my strengths, to be more effective in my calling; and to mature in my weaknesses to be greater and stronger in both of these areas to bring balance to maintain spiritual integrity within me. For example, the ability to create and develop, and lead in this area, stands out. But, then, the uncertainty of my diction and limited experiences raises doubt in me, trying to keep me from advancing in my calling, and yes, fear, does try to hinder me. Nevertheless, all of this has enlightened me to my internal struggles for God to get the glory because He is greater within me. Therefore, I am learning to trust the Holy Spirit in shaping me into the leader that characterized the spiritual authority daily conforming to the image of Christ.

Thus, because of this leadership shaping, I was given a ministry name five years ago, that God has been preparing me to lead. My ministry at Wings of Faith, Children's Church, was a vital part of my leadership development to oversee this assignment. Be it according to the will of God, I am moving forth with R.E.S.T Ministry to minister to the children of God, develop Bible Curriculum to offer to church ministries, I have a written a book titled "Easter Now," it is comprised of Easter speeches, that I will promoted yearly, for church resurrection programs. In

addition, under this ministry, God is leading me to create a mentoring alliance to connect and counsel, people that call upon me, but are in actuality seeking God. My passion is truly for the people of God and to serve them in this ministry according to the divine dictatorship from on high.

Lastly, I have a few classes to complete before I earn my Bachelors Degree, in Religious Studies. I am grateful for all I have learned and am learning at Beulah Heights. My knowledge and understanding of Bible standards and theological principles is enlightening and helping to shape me into a qualified leader in His vineyard. It is my desire to pursue my Master's Degree, to continue my spiritual growth. Most of all, I must say, the greatest thing I have learned is that when you are truly chosen to lead the people of God, you must submit to being shaped, into **one**. This is the prerequisite before you can become **one**. Then you can humbly serve **all** the children of God.