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The Life Center Ministries in Dunwoody, Georgia is known as a ministry that equips Christians and builds leaders. This has been my place of worship for several years now. In transparency, I reached out to the Pastor that leads the Evangelism Ministry and was not able to connect with him for an interview. However, I will share what the church is doing in this paper. My interview will be about another church. I have committed to provide context of the interview but allow the ministry to be nameless.

On March 10, 2018, The Life Center will sponsor an event titled Power Evangelism 2018. According to the website and announcements in the service, “It is time for breakout! God is demonstrating who He is with greater and greater power! This powerful one day workshop will equip you to represent the Lord to those who don’t know Him with effectiveness and power. Learn how to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit and your authority as a believer to meet the person where they are to demonstrate the reality of the love God has for them. They will encounter God in a fresh and real way.

You will learn:

- How To Witness and Lead People to The Lord
- Hearing the Holy Spirit to Demonstrate God’s Love and Power
- Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism
- Hands On Activation
- Ministry Opportunity to Join a Team in Real Street Evangelism (on the following Saturday)

Come and join other like-minded believers in being equipped to bring in the harvest! You will not be the same!”¹ I have seen this done at least once a year during my membership. Of course, there are other outreach services which include missions.

For the purposes of this paper, the church will be named CP International Ministries and Minister Go Fire is being interviewed. Minister Go Fire breathes and walks evangelism intensely every day of her life. It is truly her passion. Her philosophy on evangelism is based on The Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20.

The church has several approaches for evangelism tools. Every 4th Saturday of the month, they are on the streets doing street ministry. The areas chosen are sometimes considered to be depraved, poverty stricken and troubled. Often Muslims are trying to claim the same souls. At least once a year, the church has a prayer drive thru. It is similar to a drive thru at a fast-food restaurant. Cars drive in for prayer and many leave with salvation. Also, prayer walks are done at schools. The prayer is for souls, Christ representation, safety and educational well-being of the administrators, teachers, students, and staff.

Minister Go Fire views evangelism with passion and love for God. Evangelism is her life and no one should be left out. She uses the famous words of Dr. Ricketson of Luther Rice. “Jesus only commanded those who love Him to talk about Him.” CP International had small group class for 7 years on Evangelism every Wednesday. Beulah’s own Dr. Hopewell was a teacher for the classes. At this time, there are no classes being taught on evangelism. However, her belief is 2 Corinthians 5:18 (KJV) and all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. It is every believer’s responsibility to

¹ The Life Center accessed February 15, 2018, <http://lifecenter.org/event/power-evangelism-2018/>.

evangelize. We must do it. Jesus did an open display on the cross for us and we must respond to His love by telling people about Him. There are so many people that don't know how to evangelize. In her paraphrased words, "it must be done in love and seasoned with grace. We should be approachable and not forget that we were once lost. Your greatest evangelism tool is your personal testimony."

In the future, CP International is going to build a community center. The activities performed in the center will be used for evangelism. Physical needs will be met before spiritual needs. There will be a gym and exercise programs for the community. Clothes and winter coats will continue to be given. Also, a great day of love outreach is soon to come. The day of love will include free haircuts, concerts, food and of course evangelizing.

In conclusion, it was heartfelt to see the enthusiasm of Minister Go Fire. She encompasses what this class is allowing me to gain; which is a greater love and understanding for evangelism. Her final statements were words from *The Master of Evangelism* by Robert E. Coleman. My reflective paraphrase of the words, God is concerned with my heart toward Him as I lead people to Jesus. I can only do that by establishing myself in foundational principles of The Word of God. I believe that CP International should restart the evangelism classes. I believe that my church home should re-evaluate how we do evangelism. My prayer is that God continues to use me as a vessel to bring glory to Him and direct people to Jesus.

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