Tool # 7

PRAYER WALKS

"Prayer Walks" are found in the Bible and the most famous one is the one commanded by the Lord to Joshua: "You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you should go all around the city once. This you should do 6 days…" *(Joshua 6:3)*

[see also: Nehemiah 2:11-16]

We are the "temple of the Holy Spirit" *(1 Corinthians 6:19);* and as such, we carry the presence of Yeshua, who lives in us, like the people of Israel, who went on with the presence of God on the Ark of the Covenant! Wherever we go, we are bringing the presence of God; and I believe that every place we set our foot can be claimed for the One who is living in us. He is the creator and the One to whom all things belong. Every place needs to be claimed back for HIM!

In the past, we organized several "Prayer Walks" in main healthcare centers in Israel; and in answer to our prayers, we have seen their impact on the management, the staff and the patients in these institutions of care! *(See testimonies below.)*

HOW TO organize a *"Prayer Walk"*?

- Pray and decide on the place you want to "conquer" for the Lord *(your hospital, your clinic, your Community Center for the elderly, etc.).*
- Share your plan with at least one person who will catch the vision with you.
- Pray together and decide who will be invited to the "Walk" *(believers working at your workplace, believers from the city where the institution is situated, all believers who might be interested in participating).*
- Decide the date and the hour for your prayer walk.
- Set a meeting point for the start of the walk *(the ER is usually the easiest location to find in a hospital).*
- Share your plan with HCF on the Regional /National levels for spiritual backup, practical advice, and help in promoting your planned walk.



The day of the "Prayer Walk"

- Meet at the planned location at the planned time.
- Establish groups of 2 or 3 (depending on how many people have joined you. Be aware of security cameras. (See "some practical points")
- Begin the "Prayer Walk" with a brief time of prayer, committing the activity to the Lord and covering it with His blood.
- Each group will decide to start with a different area in the hospital (for example, each group takes a different floor). Ask for the leading of the Lord during the "Prayer Walk."
- As you walk, pray in a conversational style, as natural as possible as if you are talking to each other. (No need to raise your voices. Passers-by may just assume that you are having a conversation as friends.)
- Write down anything you feel is of special significance during your walk (a word from the Lord, a verse, a picture or even a vision given by the Spirit, issues for follow-up…)

Ideas of what to pray for:

- Be sensitive to what God wants you to pray. The Holy Spirit is there to inspire you and to help you to pray.
- Sometimes the Lord will lay on your heart particular people who you pass by; or show you that you are praying in front of the office of the person He just put on your heart to pray for.
- Praying involves all forms of prayer: intercession, supplication, proclamation of the Word of God, petition, confession, praise, and thanksgiving…
- Release blessing over the place, the people *(see* **"Prayer of Blessing",** *ask for it).*

EFFECTS OF "Prayer Walks":

- A prayer walk was done inside a children's hospital by one of the nurses working there. As he was doing a "prayer walk," in a doctor's room he saw a framed map of Chinese medicine on the wall and an acupuncture doll on the windowsill. He stood at the entrance and asked the Lord to block the works of the enemy in this hospital and to remove the doctor from his position or to change his heart. A few days later when taking a patient from the ward to the clinic, he passed by the same doctor's room and saw that the doll was not there anymore, and that the picture had apparently fallen from the wall and shattered the glass. The nurse had an opportunity to speak with the doctor and this doctor defended his practice of

alternative Chinese medicine as being for the good of the patients. Two months later, circumstances caused the doctor to leave the hospital and he never came back to work there.

- HBF organized a "Prayer Walk" at one of the main Medical Centers in the country. As we walked, a person participating in the walk received a picture of a heavy black cloud coming down on the hospital. We prayed that light would come and expose the darkness in all areas of this hospital; that the Center would be brought into total light for the good of the patients and the workers. Four months later, the corruption in this hospital began to be revealed by the media, which brought about a major crisis that is still in "treatment" today.
- As we walked and prayed for the work in pediatrics, one of us started to pray earnestly for the geriatric patients. I did not openly show my displeasure to this person for "not following the leading of the Spirit of God." But as I was having these thoughts, I looked in front of me and saw that the name of the ward we had reached was "Geriatric Medicine." Then I realized who was really being led by the Spirit!

(*) **Some practical points:**

- Be careful of security cameras.
- Do not enter the wards or the rooms.
- Remember to do the prayer walk in keeping with our motto, with "permission, sensitivity and respect." (*Learn at our E.L.S Course – HIS Global*)

Practical Application:

- We will organize a *"Prayer Walk"* at: _____
- We will invite to the preparation meeting:

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- We will meet on _____ (date) at _____(time) at _____(starting place).

- People invited:
  - _____ (name) ☐ *registered*

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- We contacted HCFI Office on _____ (date)