



{ Prisoner of Hope }

A Testimony by Tim Neisler

The Do Something World Saint Lucia volunteers each hold an intimate story of how they once were prisoners, chained to the lies they allowed the enemy to convince them of, but today are free, standing firm on God's truth and are excited to share with those in Saint Lucia.

Growing up in a poor home with a father addicted to heroin, I quickly learned how to lie, cheat, steal, and manipulate my way through life. It only felt natural to start experimenting with drugs myself: marijuana at age 11, cocaine at 14, and at 16 I was using and selling meth everyday. My mother began using with me. As crazy as it may sound, I thought nothing abnormal about my lifestyle. For the next fifteen years, I lead a life of crime and landed myself in prison at the age of 24. Two years later, both of my parents died as a result of drug use. Not even this traumatic news prevented wvme from further years of prison and rehab. When faced with additional prison time, I checked myself into rehab to avoid getting locked up again. Remarkably, I was able to stop using drugs only to find my pain soberly unbearable. In 2002, I attended an Easter service. For the first time in my life, I felt I was home. I felt free. God revealed to me that He had always been there in every circumstance, in every situation. He was waiting for me to fully surrender.



Tim Neisler in prison, 1997. (left) Tim praying with a Caymanian prisoner

Tim serves as a yard pastor at Donovan Prison and has been a faithful volunteer to Miles Ahead, serving in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Tim will lead the Prison Team for Saint Lucia; they will visit rehabilitation centers, alternative schools for problematic youth, women's facilities, jails, and prisons. At one particular prison, they will have the opportunity to share the gospel to over 550 inmates.

" I am still a prisoner. But now I am a Prisoner of Hope ", says Tim.

Please join us in prayer as we continue to prepare for a transformational week of ministry. Meet our Do Something World Saint Lucia Volunteer Team by visiting www.mogiv.com/stlucia. Continue to pray about supporting a volunteer.

For more information on the DSW Saint Lucia campaign, log onto www.DSWSaintLucia.com. or email carissa.weibrecht@milesahead.com

If you would like to help support the work Miles Ahead is doing to share Jesus with others, please return your tax-deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope. Your support is making a difference in the lives of others.



LETTER *from* MILES

So much is happening as we prepare for our upcoming Do Something World campaign in Saint Lucia. On April 2 the churches in Saint Lucia will launch a six-month campaign where they plan to mobilize hundreds of volunteers to serve the community. I am so encouraged by their step of faith to intentionally begin serving their communities in new and innovative ways.

As a reminder, the top three social needs that have been identified are:

1. **Environment – poverty and continued recovery from Hurricane Tomas**
2. **Breakdown of Family – resulting in crime and drugs**
3. **Job Mentoring – joblessness leads to crime and drugs.**

The team plans to put in place opportunities to address these needs through preventative and sustainable solutions. I encourage you to be praying for the church in Saint Lucia. One of the challenges we are facing, due to the downturn in economy as well as Hurricane Tomas, is a slow response in St. Lucia to the financial needs for the Festival. In order to make the Festival a reality we still need significant resources to come in over the next six weeks. I want to thank you for continuing to faithfully support our work and I ask that if God is laying this opportunity on your heart, to consider a special gift this month to help us bring Pervasive Hope to Saint Lucia.

Let us **PRAY BIG** and ask God to bless Saint Lucia as we get ready for a great time of harvest!

God Bless,

Miles McPherson
Founder, Miles Ahead

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PRAYERWORKS

Pray without ceasing...

1. Saint Lucia Finance Chair, Malcolm Burns, and his team to continue to faithfully raise needed resources.
2. Tim and Abby Probasco and Michael and Bella Moore are living in Saint Lucia and serving the local team.
3. Upcoming High Impact Service Projects launch April 2nd! Check www.DSWStLucia.com for further information.
4. Miles McPherson's preparations to minister to Saint Lucia in May.
5. Volunteers in the USA are preparing and raising funds for this trip. Pray for favor and that the team would be spiritually equipped to minister in Saint Lucia.

DOING SOMETHING IN SAINT LUCIA!



(High Impact Service Days)

March has been a month full of opportunity and challenges for Miles Ahead. As we continue to partner with Saint Lucia's spiritual and national leaders, God is stretching us every day. He is asking us to grow our faith and to prepare for a spiritual breakthrough on this Island. We have become increasingly aware of the spiritual battle taking place over this nation. Saint Lucia has a significant draw to spiritism in many of their communities as well as a strong movement of Masons. We know that **greater** is He that is in us than he that is in the world. Please pray that our team will continue to have great wisdom and will lean on Christ for our full direction.

Fundraising has been our biggest challenge. Each business we meet with is captivated by the vision of *Do Something World* and is excited to partner with us. The reality is the funds have been very slow to come in. We have made a number of adjustments to our budget and we are trusting God for a great and fruitful ministry for May and beyond.

Youth Launch Kick Off // High Impact Service Day

On March 23 and 24, Church leaders in Saint Lucia came together to pray and learn more about implementing *Do Something* in the life of their Church. April 1, a Youth Launch will kick off and potentially bring hundreds of youth together to hear great Saint Lucian music and be challenged with the vision of *Do Something*. Following the youth launch is the first High Impact Service Day, where we plan to see over 200 volunteers come out for a river clean up. After the hurricane, debris has clogged the rivers, creating potential problems with the coming raining season. By partnering with the Forestry Commission to clear the river, we will ensure that flooding is prevented for the community of Bexon in Saint Lucia. We look forward to giving you an update on this project in our next newsletter.

SUPPORT MILES AHEAD

Thank you for continuing to partner with us as we establish the **PERVASIVE HOPE** of Jesus Christ all over the globe. 2011 is an exciting year for Miles Ahead as we continue our Caribbean strategy in often times overlooked countries like St. Lucia and Barbados. In fact, currently we have more inquiries than funds or manpower. God is on the move throughout the Caribbean! Also, we continue to have discussions for the Philippines in 2012, which would be the start of a massive Southeast Asia strategy.

Please consider partnering with Miles Ahead each month and help us transform communities through sustainable service campaigns and the hope of Jesus Christ. Every bit counts.