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Note from the Pastor - source <https://www.cmacan.org/frame-of-mind/>

While serving as a pastor at a local church, I met a woman in my congregation who is an amazing artist. She told me that she spent almost as much time choosing the right frame for her paintings as she did actually painting.

When I asked her why, she replied, "The frame has the ability to either enhance or diminish the artist's vision. The right frame has the capacity to draw out the delicate nuances intended by the artist."

This truth has a much broader application than just the world of art; it can help all of us in the arena of life. The truth is, how we choose to frame a situation will interpret the way in which we perceive the situation.

Paul was hinting at this when he wrote, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Perhaps one of the most poignant expressions

of framing is found in Philippians 4:8, where Paul writes, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things." Even in a pandemic? Yes, especially in a pandemic!

For years Agnes and I have been longing to connect with our neighbors. However, it has been very difficult because the people on our street are very private and cautious. That is until now! Our common struggle and the vulnerability we feel have created occasions for conversations and even opportunities to pray with them.

Agnes has met a family where the wife is struggling with cancer. When she offered to pray for her, the husband readily agreed and raised his hands in a posture of submission and need. It was powerful. We are framing this difficult season as a gift, not grief—the place for strategic God moments rather

than desolation!

I remember visiting the artist at her house and being amazed at how her home was an incredible display of her talent and imagination. In one corner of the hallway there was a painted branch with a beautiful robin perched on it. When I point it out, she smiled and said, "There was a large crack in the wall that we were going to repair but as I looked at it, I saw more than a crack. I saw something beautiful, so I painted the branch and the robin to reveal that God's glory is found even in the cracks."

COVID-19, forced isolation, job loss, economic recession, discouragement, and frustration are the cracks we see all around us. But can we see beyond the cracks to the redemptive power of Jesus? We have been given the gift of the opportunity to engage in the art of framing—to see the unseen hand of Jesus navigating His purposes to bring redemption, hope, and healing. What frame of mind do you find yourself in? It's all about choosing the right frame—Jesus.

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Children Sunday Service  
9:00 AM stream began at  
WCAC.CA

### Coming Events

#### English Ministry:

- Sunday Service**  
Livestream starts at 9:30 AM
- Prayer Meeting**  
Thursday, 9:00 pm through Zoom
- English Sunday School**  
Sunday, 10:30 am through Zoom

#### Cantonese Ministry:

- Sunday Service**  
Livestream SCAC service starting at 9:30 AM  
New link posted at <https://www.scac.org/>
- Prayer Meeting**  
Saturday 4:00 PM through WebEx and WhatsApp.

#### Mandarin Ministry:

- Sunday Service**  
Livestream start at 9:30 AM  
Speaker: Wietien Chen  
Topic: Two become one.  
Verse: Colossians 3:20-21
- Next Sunday**  
Verse: Colossians 3:22-25  
Speaker: Ren Ming
- Prayer Meeting**  
Thursday 7:30 PM Zoom

## God Works for Our Good—by Lori Hatcher

**“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)**

This Scripture brings comfort, direction, and hope to Christians every day. Sadly, it's also one of the most misquoted and misunderstood verses in the Bible.

I'd like to share three things about this popular verse you may never have noticed.

First, Romans 8:28 doesn't mean we can live any way we choose, and God will fix our messes.

To understand the truth of Romans 8:28, we can't just quote the part of the verse we like: “And we know that in all things God works for the good...” and skip the rest, “of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

This verse says to those who love God

and are doing their best to obey his commands, “Even though bad/sad/evil/wicked things will touch your life, I (God) will use them to ultimately bring about good, both in your life and in the world.”

Second, Romans 8:28 tells us God can use all things together for good. He doesn't say all things are good.

No matter how rose-colored our glasses are, there's nothing good about cancer, sex trafficking, or death. Until Jesus returns and conquers Satan once and for all, sin will continue to drag its poisonous tentacles across our world, damaging and destroying everything in its wake.

The truth of Romans 8:28 reminds us that although sin and Satan are powerful, God is more powerful; He is able to redeem and restore anything for our good and his glory. All things may not be good, but God can and will use all things for good.

The final thing you may never have noticed about Romans 8:28 and its accom-

panying verse, Romans 8:29 is the ultimate good God wants to accomplish in the lives of his children:

**“For those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers” (v. 29).**

A wise Bible teacher once told me, “God allows everything into our lives for one of two purposes—either to bring us into a relationship with himself or, if we already know him, to make us more like his Son.”

As long as we live in this world, people will attempt to reconcile God's sovereignty with humanity's suffering. Verses like Romans 8:28 assure us that no suffering is wasted, and God is always at work for our good and his glory. When we cannot comprehend why trials come and struggle to imagine that anything good can come from them, we can rest in the security that God is in control.

-Source: crosswalk.com

## C&MA Missionary— Lizette Lavoie

### My God Story

Lizette was born in a Catholic family. At the end of her university studies, friends introduced her to an evangelical pastor. They did Bible studies for some 6 months, at the end of which the Holy Spirit opened her eyes to her need to make a personal commitment to the Lord. After several years in the church, Lizette developed a holy dissatisfaction with her life as a high school teacher and volunteer in church activities. She was called to the mission field at the very first missionary conference she attended. God called Lizette to Guinea where her gift of teaching and compassion could be well used. She has been living and working

in Guinea since 1990.

### My Vision

My vision is for unreached people groups to have access to Jesus through the national church and believers growing in their knowledge of God and their



skills, reaching out in spoken testimony and acts of compassion.

### Current Priorities

I have been involved in training young people in the Word of God, holiness, and evangelism of unreached people groups. I have also been working at reaching the unreached through acts of compassion like school kits for orphans in many areas of the country as well as helping babies orphaned at birth and/or HIV+ orphans through the Kids in Crisis centre.

### My Team

Guinea Team: Michel and Denise, Collette.

## Update from WCAC Epidemic Response Team

Once we reopen the church, we will need to follow restricted social distance rules. For that purpose, we will need to restrict how many people can physically come to the service. On Saturday, you will need to register online or contact the contact person for each congregation.

On Sunday morning, before you leave your home, you need to fill out a health survey with 4 questions:

1) In the last 14 days, have you received a confirmed diagnosis for coronavirus (COVID-19) by a coronavirus (COVID-19) test or from a diagnosis by a health care professional or are you waiting for a pending COVID-19 test result?

2) In the last 14 days, have you traveled internationally (except commuting between work and home by personal vehicle)?

3) In the last 14 days, have you had close contact with or cared for someone currently diagnosed with COVID-19 or are you participating in a COVID-19 clinical study that includes being exposed to the virus?

4) Have you experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days including fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, pressure in the chest, extreme fatigue, earache, persistent headache, diarrhea, vomiting, muscle pain, chills, repeated shaking with chills, and persistent loss of smell or taste?

If any answers to the questions

above is yes, you will need to stay home that Sunday to protect others.

You also need to leave your name and phone number on the survey and drop it in a collection box once you arrive at church. The box will be kept for 3 weeks. In case of an outbreak, we will give the box to health unit for contact tracing.

The Covid-19 situation seems getting better in Canada and in Ontario, all regions except Windsor/Essex have entered stage 3 of reopening this week. We still need to learn from United States that the virus does not care which stage we are in, if we are not careful, it will surely come back.