



## *People Spot Missile: My Dream*

It is 6:00 o'clock in the morning of November 3, 2009. I had a dream last night. I am not a mystical person and maybe the dream meant or means nothing. But I knew that I had to get up immediately and write or it would be lost.

I have made close to an average of 150 on-site visits to local churches a year for the last 32 years. It has been an amazing journey. I have officially visited healthy churches of all sizes from 25-1,000. I have visited dysfunctional churches of all sizes. I visited a church in my dreams last night and feel very much led to write it down for you.

I don't know the name of the church or the city it was located in. I don't know the name of the pastor. In fact, it may not even exist. But here goes:

The church was definitely in the inner city. It was meeting in a cathedral type building that had been abandoned. There were at least three people on staff. My first impression was you could feel the presence of the spirit of God even before the service started. There were clusters of people praying together. There were people caring for each other. There were people of all ages. Though the dominant demographic was younger, that is under forty. The music was phenomenal. The staff was mingling with the people. Spending as much time as needed. The sermon last 7 minutes (remember this is a dream) but was powerful and people were touched. People volunteered to work in the church and take care of the facility because their lives had been touched and changed. There were two retired men who worked full-time for no salary to care for the monstrosity of a building.

I have made more than 4,000 on site visits to local churches. In fact, I can't claim the one just described as one of those visits. However, let me lift up for you what I was feeling and sensing.

A good church is where people can feel and be touched by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

A good church is where people come together and pray with each other and for each other.

A good church is where people care for the needs of each other and those outside the body of Christ.

I don't believe the worship style is important in a good church, only that the messages of the Bible and Jesus are clearly presented in a manner to changes lives.

I believe in a good church, people whose lives have been touched and changed will freely give time, energy, and skills and money to help the church and people.

I believe a good church is one that simply seeks to know the will of God and strives to fulfill it.

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