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**The
Accidental
Pioneer**





Pastor Everette Samuel never intended to become a Global Mission pioneer. Her journey began in 2012 when Hurricane Sandy crept up the eastern coast of the United States and pounded New York City. The Far Rockaway neighborhood in Queens Borough was hit especially hard, and Everette was one of hundreds of volunteers who responded to the plea for help.

When Everette arrived in Far Rockaway, she had no idea that she would still be involved in ministry there today. "As I helped meet the people's physical needs," she says, "I realized that they were crying out for emotional and spiritual food as well. They needed to be with others,

just to talk. To know they weren't alone."

Everette invited her new friends to join a small group to study the Bible and share their experiences. Soon a group was meeting every week at the Far Rockaway Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church!

Before the group formed, two of the members had lived in the same building for years but hadn't known each other. "The





group has brought people together as a community," says Everette. "A multiethnic community that really wants to be together. That's so beautiful to me!"

The people who joined Everette's group didn't consider themselves devout Christians. "Some of them told me that they had a concept of God but that they didn't know Him,"



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says Everette. "Some said they had a Bible but had never read it." But that is changing now.

Everette has watched her friends grow spiritually. In fact, recently she went through a struggle, and they texted her some of the same encouraging Bible texts that she had once sent them!

But the members aren't just growing in their relationship with God. They're sharing their discoveries about Him with others. They bring their friends and family members to their meetings. And they participate in events that minister to the physical and

spiritual needs of their community, such as health fairs.

"Ellen White wrote about the importance of ministering to the needs of those who live in the cities," says Everette. "She shares how Jesus met people's needs and then bid them to follow Him. Meeting needs is how we're going to reach people for Jesus. I want to follow His example.

"Please pray for my ministry and for all who attend my meetings. Pray that each one of them and their families will be saved and that they will continue to grow in their love for Jesus."





Dear Friend,

In each issue of Global Mission's *Frontline*, we try to introduce you to at least one of our pioneers. We want to give you the opportunity to get to know them a little—to learn about their challenges, joys, and motivations, and what it's like for them to serve on the front lines of mission in their particular locations.

Everette Samuel has been a Global Mission pioneer in New York City since 2012. From the very beginning of her ministry, she says, it was of utmost importance for her to embrace Jesus' wholistic method as outlined by Ellen White in *The Ministry of Healing*, "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me'" (p. 143).

When Everette stepped off the train at Far Rockaway in 2012, she was shocked by the degree of need all around her. But she set to work. Armed with a pen and notepad, she asked people to write down their

contact information and most urgent needs. Then with prayer and determination, she set about meeting those needs.

One of the members of Everette's Bible study group said, "It seemed that whatever we needed—food, water, a refrigerator, stove, bed, or home repairs—it appeared. Pastor Samuel was incredible. She brought us together as a community and many lives were saved because of her service."

"When we think of mission," says Everette, "we often think of ministry that is needed overseas. But there are thousands of hurting people in our own back yard. Especially in our cities. I want to help meet those needs."

Everette is one of hundreds of Global Mission pioneers around the world whose greatest desire is to meet people's needs in the name of Jesus. Thank you so much for supporting their ministry with your prayers and financial gifts.

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