

Holy Discontent

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Zechariah 8:4-8 ~

This is what the Lord Almighty says:

"Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each of them with cane in hand because of their age. The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there. "

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "It may seem marvelous to the remnant of this people at that time, but will it seem marvelous to me?" declares the Lord Almighty.

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God. "

Matthew 18:12-14 ~

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Life was good for the remnant of the Jews. They were back in Jerusalem where they belonged, sitting in the streets, smoking their pipes and watching their grandchildren playing. They were content and would often exclaim, "Isn't this wonderful?"

Yet to God it was not wonderful. He wanted all of His people back where they belong. His eyes weren't just on the few

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belong 

2021-2022 National Project, “Belong”

NED 2021-2022 Goal—\$20,000.00

Year-to-date total—\$ 1,708.00



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Pompidou Guest Home Needs

Just a reminder that we have a new guest home that we are supporting in Libreville, Gabon, Africa. Libreville is an important city as this is where all team members entering and exiting the country travel to as a starting point. The Pompidou Guest House has many needs and we have decided to take this on as our district project.

Pompidou Guest Home Needs & 2021-2022 Goal:

Paint & Spruce up 3 upstairs bedrooms—\$1,500.00

Amount Raised to Date—\$ 200.00

Any extra that comes in over the \$1,500.00 will go towards new screens on a screened-in back porch, as well as furniture for the porch.

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that were home. He was looking at the rest of His people who were lost and suffering.

Life can be good for us too, can't it? We go to church and have a small little circle of friends. We work, come home, care for our families, and go out with friends from time to time. We can be content and exclaim, "Isn't this wonderful?"

Yet, the Lord is looking at those who do not know Him. Those who are lost and suffering. And He is not content with the few in our pews. He desires that all should come to Him. I love the story of the shepherd who goes looking for the one lost sheep. I'm sure to the ninety-nine sheep, one didn't make a difference. They probably didn't even notice that it was gone. But God notices.

He does not want even one person to pass into eternity without knowing Him. Shouldn't we have the same desire? Should we be content to have a small congregation with just a few people? Should there ever be a time when we become complacent and apathetic in telling others about what the Lord has done for us and for them?

Let's remember that while it's okay to enjoy our lives, that God desires that all come to know Him. We should do the same! There should be a holy discontent that burns within us that causes us to ever be looking to win the lost. Let's put the same care into finding that one lost sheep that we do to the ninety-nine in front of us.

Short-Term Missions Scholarships Available

The District Missions Committee offers four \$250 scholarships to anyone 13 years or older interested in doing a short-term mission's trip to an international C&MA field or with a C&MA International Worker. This is a first come first serve opportunity.

If you are interested contact the Terri Groh at terrigroh@yahoo.com for an application and guidelines

Pray for our International Workers

Eikost, Mark & Kathy, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Prayer:

- Praise the Lord for Mark's mom's recovery from Covid! We are very thankful that she has pulled through. Please continue to pray for good rest, uninterrupted by disturbing hallucinations.
- Praise the Lord for a spacious, clean location for our English conversation classes. A local believer brought us to a large cafe with plenty of tables and staff that doesn't mind if we talk for an hour over the same cup of coffee. Pray that these conversations would grow into Kingdom opportunities!
- Please pray for unity among believers. In a land known for division, we want to show the world and the devil that we stand united in Christ.

CAC Workers, K&K

English Center

- After our summer classes we were encouraged by those who actually came and heard about Jesus through various means. God's word will not come back empty! One man expressed how much he LOVES the stories of the bible. We spent at least 30 minutes one night after class explaining the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den with him. He was also a part of the Veggie Tales class and is asking some very important questions. Pray that he will be able to take that last step of faith and ask Jesus into his heart.
- We have started our regular English classes again so pray for good relationships with our students and God-talk opportunities. We praise Jesus that we still CAN talk freely about our faith. However, please make that a matter of prayer as well because there are those in this country who do not want it that way.
- Continue to pray for the lady who owns our building and property. She is from the majority religion and loves what we have done with her "place," but she seems more concerned about money than how we are helping the local people. We want her to come to Jesus.

EXPERIENCING GOD

- Tuesday, Sept 7 started the special classes we are offering these next 3 months to help our students get to know God better. We have stories from the Bible for the lower level English speakers as well as one for the upper levels. Also happening is a class on the parables of the New Testament. Many have signed up! Pray they will come now and that the Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts before each of these special Tuesday evening classes. Thank you!

ENVISION

- Thank you for praying for our intern! Her time with us was great! God is doing a wonderful work in her life and we know he will keep on as she continues following him and finishes her Senior year at college. Keep praying for God's direction in her life as well as good health. We loved having her with us and look forward to her future!

Hopkins, Walter & Laura, Spain

Prayer:

- Pray for stamina throughout this time of transition. We are both still teaching at Houghton College, but we are also traveling to churches on the weekends and preparing for our departure to Spain. There is lots to do (sorting through our house and getting it up on the market, gathering documents for our visas, etc.)
- Please pray for us as we start the process of applying for our visas for Spain. It is a very time-consuming process and there are lots of steps. Pray for things to come together quickly so that we can get our appointments in New York City and get our visas to get to Spain in February.

Pray for our International Workers

Ingrassia, Phil & Chelsea, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon

- Praise that Phil found a space for an office in the eye clinic, where he can also be a backup anesthetist for eye surgery when necessary.
- Praise that Phil has seen the Lord working in many hearts of Muslims during awake-surgery cases. The Spirit has been directing his words.
- Praise for a transforming spiritual retreat with the nursing students.
- We have 2 new single teammates here -- a teacher and an OB dr. Pray that they would be able to get set up well in their (empty-so-far) homes so they feel welcomed and settled. Returning /traveling teammates coming soon -- we will be very happy to see them. Pray that I can have a calm manner with the kids when I get frustrated with them. Wisdom/grace with school starting in October.

CAC Worker, S

- I had quite a dramatic trip to my CAC a couple of weeks ago. I was supposed to arrive on August 28th, however, airlines kept getting canceled and I finally got stuck in Istanbul, Turkey in the middle of my destination flight and couldn't get into the country. I had to switch hotel bookings and flights and the earliest hotel I could book was September 10th, so I spent nearly two weeks in Turkey. Finally, I arrived on September 10 and began my required 21-day quarantine. I am in a hotel room and I cannot leave the room, unless I want to face a \$25,000 fine and 6 months in prison. They are very serious here.
- I get out of my quarantine at midnight on the 30th of September - and I can't wait!! Fortunately, I was able to start work at my new job. I have Zoom calls all day long to meet and greet my new team members, my subordinates, various global function heads, and various colleagues throughout Asia. I am learning a lot about the business and about the culture and workings of the company. It also helps pass my days more quickly to have something that occupies my thoughts and time.

Dr. Renee Valach, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa

- Please pray that we would have a steady supply of medicines. Covid has caused medicine shortages, and a government official has blocked certain medicines. We are buying some medicines in the capital city at a much higher price. For the past week we were out of basic medicines like ibuprofen, oral diabetes medicines and some blood pressure medicines.
- Pray that the government health insurance would pay the hospital. Lack of payments over most of this year is even more difficult when we are forced to buy more expensive medicines.
- Pray for the safe arrival of the container from the US with our yearly food order, etc. This container has been held up in the port for quite a long time. It is starting to rain here, which makes the overland transportation of a large container more difficult.
- Pray for a team from EMI (Engineering Ministries International) coming at the end of September/ beginning of October. They are coming to address planning for the hospital in terms of engineering needs such as buildings and water system, etc. The water system is at its limit and has been going down frequently recently.
- The third wave of Covid is now starting in Gabon. Only about 3% of the population here has been vaccinated. Currently, Pasteur Clement, the National Secretary of the Gabonese Alliance Church, who is also on the Oversight Committee of the hospital, has Covid. Pray for Pasteur Clement's recovery and that God would protect us at the hospital.
- I'm thankful that a woman named Colette and her sister helping her in the hospital, both decided to ask Jesus into their lives. Colette had a rare tumor in her heart and needed an operation not possible in Gabon. She is now with Jesus.

Fall Refocus Pictures

