

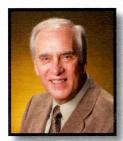
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An After Easter Thought

A passage of scripture to take us beyond Easter, to the short time of Jesus on earth and His return to His Father.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20:19-21

After his resurrection, Jesus taught his disciples several important lessons and instructions.

1. The Great Commission: Jesus emphasized the importance of spreading the message of salvation and discipleship to all people.

2. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit: This was fulfilled on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples.

3. The Importance of Faith and Belief: Jesus emphasized the significance of faith and belief in him as the Messiah, by appearing to them and showing his wounds and proving his resurrection, which strengthened their faith.

4. The role of being a Witness: He instructed his disciples to be witnesses of his life, death, and resurrection. He told them that they should be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

5. Love and Service: Jesus demonstrated love and service to his disciples. He prepared breakfast for them after they had been fishing and restored Peter after his denial, Love and Service: Jesus demonstrated love and service to his disciples. So, what are the lesson for us from Jesus' last days?

"If anyone would come after me"—that is, become a disciple, a Christian—"let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me". Luke 9:23

Our Second Evangelistic Outreach In Belize



On March 23, the Saturday of Palm Sunday weekend, we presented our second musical event for the community of Spanish Lookout, Belize, and the surrounding area.

It was an exciting time for our recently formed, Cayo Community Choir. Our theme was, *From Calvary To Glory*, with many of the well-known, loved songs telling the story of Jesus' last days before and after his resurrection.

It was deeply gratifying, to have much more community participation from the beginning, with friends helping set up the stage, making the cross, setting the chairs, decorating the venue, advertising and welcoming the guests as they arrived for the concert and more.

This is the concept we desire, to have the community be involved in participation from beginning to end. And praise the Lord that is exactly what took place.

The choir was so dedicated and put their hearts into singing the beautiful triumphal songs of praise representing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, through the painful events leading up Jesus cruci-fixion, and waiting in fear before our Lord's final resurrection.

For this event we also invited our newly formed Cayo Kids Choir to join the concert. What a wonderful vibrance they brought to our presentation!



For God So Loved The World That He Gave His Only Begatten Son, That Whosoever, Believes In Him Shall Not Perish But After Everlasting Life. John 3:16



Update From Friendship Camp by Callum King, Camp Supervisor

Editor's Note:

Praise God for answer to prayer. The need for funding all of the new cabins has been fulfilled. As a result of friends known and unknown, we have received the \$39,000,- needed to purchase, build and furnish inside and out 6 new cabins at Friendship Camp. We are overwhelmed at the

generosity of God's people in helping meet this need. Now the real work begins, and we only have 2 1/2 short months to get them ready before camps begin the end of June.

Pray for our local works and the team from Scotland over the next weeks as they quickly attempt to meet the deadline of the commencement of the first camp.

Here is Callum's report:

We are working diligently on the foundations for each cabin presently. Hopefully, we'll pour the last of the concrete as I'm writing this report. The team from Scotland will be here from May 1st. The materials will arrive, I think, the week before they come.

There are 6 concrete posts per cabin, so 36 total. More than 10 tons of earth came out of the holes. It is estimated that we'll use 9 tons of sand, 9 tons of rock for the concrete, plus 3500 lbs of cement. We may not completely finish before the team arrives, but I would hope to get the majority of it done. And if we do, we want to get the structures set up before they arrive. We'll see.



Since Adi is unable to help just now with the physical work and the fact that I'm also still caring for Bilal, an Afghan refugee and his physical needs, which takes up a bit of my time taking him to physio/rehabilitation etc., it's a challenge, but with God's help we'll get as much as possible accomplished. We'll also have a good bit of time after the Scottish team leave and before camp starts.

We are definitely excited to be able to offer more accommodations this summer and be able to receive more campers each week.

We still need your prayers during this preparation time. Thank you and may the Lord richly bless you for your partnership.

A Surprise Greeting from Chile



Editor's Note: Lorena and Miguel Mora are former missionaries with Friendship International in their home country of Chile. Many will still remember them and the ministry there. Lorena wrote a short message recently with a request for Miguel's health.

I am writing to ask you to please pray for Miguel's health. A year ago he started having some health problems and it was not until February that the problem became clear, a tumor in the right kidney and significant kidney damage. The doctors operated on him a week ago and removed the tumor; The biopsy result will arrive in a few weeks. Miguel has lost about 70 pounds, but his spirits are still high. Just a couple of weeks ago he turned 52, so we celebrated it intimately as a family.

We continue with our church plant, we have been on this project for 6 years (pandemic included). For now we are still meeting in a community center.

Benjamin studies Environmental Biology in Santiago. Thanks to his excellent grades he managed to enter the best university in the country. And Samuel our youngest son, is now 14 years old. He has autism, but thanks to therapy and treatments, he is a high-functioning boy and does very well in school. We are blessed.

Our Prayer Requests:

• For Miguel's health. The result of the Biopsy. For wisdom to make good decisions. May our strength not fail. For provision to cover treatments. • For our ministry. For guidance in these complex health moments. For the faithfulness of the spiritual leaders who have taken the leadership of the church at this time. For a bigger place for our church to carry out our activities as we continue to grow. • For our children. May God give them strength to keep their faith and this not to affect their studies. • That we can provide everything Benjamin needs in Santiago.

The Prayers of the Righteous Availeth Much - Thank You and God Bless You



God Continues to Bring Healing

Please continue to remember Tabita Muscan in prayer. There is some good news. They are now treat-

ing for B12 deficiency. Her body is responding, but she still has pain in her legs. May there continue to be improvement, bringing strength to her body. Also, Adi had successful double hernia surgery. He has significant pain and needs to be extremely careful as he slowly recovers. They are both concerned about being prepared for summer camp. Help them to know God is in control.



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