

Missions Update

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Outreach sing-a-long at a local mall.



Here in the southern hemisphere, as we begin to transition from hot summer days into the warm days and cooler nights of autumn, we are reminded that winter is just around the corner. The times and "seasons" that we go through on our spiritual journey in this life God has called us to come to mind. Although we continue to sow seeds in faith, knowing and believing that God will give the increase, we also know that He calls us to times of rest.

During the winter months the ground is at rest. Although it may look dormant on the surface, underneath, dead plants and other matter are actively being broken down into the nutrients needed for growth in the soil.

As we "die out to self", those old habits, cycles, and the things that we have gone through can be broken down and made into

something useful to help others who may be facing similar situations in their lives.

God is working in the soil of our surrendered hearts - refining us, aligning us with His will and ways, molding and making us into what He needs us to be for the coming season of abundant, exponential growth that is just around the corner.

Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new! - 2 Corinthians 5:17

In Psalm 23 we are told that the Lord is our Shepherd, therefore we have everything that we need! In this passage it goes on to say, "He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet (peaceful) waters, He refreshes my soul."

God is the One Who created us, and He knows that we need times of rest, peace, refreshing, and restoration in our souls - free from anxiety or disturbance.

Even in the turmoil, clamor, and chaos around the world, we can rest in knowing that our God is in control. We can have peace in our minds and hearts when we put our trust in our Saviour. He continues on in Psalm chapter twenty-three: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." We find comfort and calm in knowing that God is with us through the dark times, and that He protects, leads and guides us through it all when we put our lives in His capable, loving hands.

Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Rest in the Lord today. Have peace and confidence in knowing that He has you in the palm of His hand, that He will hide you in the day of trouble, and that He is your shield and buckler. Lay your burdens and your worries at His feet. There you will find the rest that you need.



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Our ministry is in need of a portable sound system for community outreach. The cost will be about \$600. Please contact us at dserwin@erwinministries.org if you would like to help us purchase this essential tool.

Thank you



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