



MINISTRIES

With each year that passes I ask the Lord if the road we are on is where we need to stay. To be very transparent, the past few years I

have asked that question more than just once during the year. Since early 2020, life on this road of ministry has been pretty tough. I have reflected again and again on my past. I have reviewed my calling and the early journey of ministry. I look back to the decisions I have made through the years to



follow His direction in ministry and have questioned whether I have heard Him correctly on more than one occasion. From my early days in ministry I have held to the hope that one day the obedience will be worth it. Many days I've been sitting and wondering where the provision would come from and even *if* it would arrive. Once again I find myself looking at the coming year and asking some deep and heartfelt questions about how we will proceed. I have walked by faith for a long time trusting He will provide in some way. I have trusted His plan to take care of our family as we seek to obey His direction to walk in this ministry of evangelism and missions. As we start this year, I ask you all to pray with me for the faith I need to continue to follow Him in this road.

I know the Lord has called me to serve Him with my life. I know that we have stepped into this journey of ministry and missions following His direction. I trust the Father to guide us forward. I also know the need to carry His Gospel into communities and homes is an urgent need in our world today. The need to be bold with His Word is great! The darkness is real, and the only answer for it is the Light of Life found in Jesus!

Join me as I enter into a time of prayer and intentional searching for the next steps to

take in our journey. There are opportunities for us to get back on the field in the coming days. We are making plans to return to many of the places we have been serving in years past. We are also seeking to walk faithfully into the new locations the Lord is leading. We need His direction to be clear, and we need His provision to come. These years of pandemic have been tough, and yet the Lord continues to work all around us. We want to join Him in His work where He is changing lives and reaching people. Please take time to pray for us this week. Share with us how the Lord speaks to you during those times of prayer. If you will, simply send a brief email message to us and let us know how the Lord is at work in your world and how we can join you in prayer. Share with us any word the Lord shares with you that you feel like you need to share with us as we pray together. Send your thoughts to me at the following address: JT@1wayministries.org.

We live in a day that allows us to walk through a day and not speak to a single person. Self-checkout and online ordering have isolated us from people. Email, messaging, chats, and every other form of social media communication allows us to "talk" to all of our friends without ever hearing their voices or them hearing ours. We can become isolated and alone in the journey if we do not intentionally reach out to one another to share words of encouragement and challenge! So as we all walk this journey, let's join together to share those messages that help each of us press on in our faith in following Him! Thank you for your support and encouragement as we walk this journey of One Way. I look forward to times ahead of us that we can share face to face and walk together in the field reaching the world and teaching the Word!



In November our family went to New York for a bucket list trip that we spent years saving for. We watched the Macy's Day Parade and saw all the touristy places. It was a wonderful few days spending time together. I was blessed to come home with a souvenir - a broken elbow and wrist. As JT, Jett, and I were walking back to the subway from the Brooklyn Bridge, we passed through a small park filled with pavers. Apparently one of those pavers had an indented corner that my aging sides did not see. I walked as if the ground was level, and my path was clear. I had a plan, and I was accomplishing it quickly. However, I did not see the corner of the slate paver, and my foot nestled in quite nicely to that spot. My foot got comfortable and refused to move. In slow motion, I felt myself falling - not a graceful or even a clumsy fall - more like a face plant only prevented by my right arm. I did not even have time to process what was happening.



JT and Jett immediately came to my sides and helped me up. With adrenaline flowing, I knew I was banged up but the pain had not hit me. Jett and I sat down at a table nearby for a pic, and I began to have a sensation of fire radiating up my arm. Then, twisting my wrist became extremely difficult. By the time we got off the subway, I knew my arm was broken. We iced it that evening, and I took medication (anyone who knows me knows what a big deal that is).

The next day we headed back to Birmingham, and I promise you that the pilot looked for every opportunity to hit turbulence. I wanted to gnaw my arm off by the time we landed. Fortunately, we have a great orthopedist who saw me that week. He found a break in my elbow. While I thought I would be out of the cast in six weeks, I was still experiencing pain. Then, he found a break in my wrist as well. So it will be twelve weeks of cast wearing before I'm all healed up.

The moral of the story - watch where you are walking! No, really the point is that sometimes we fall and are in pain. The world seems to stop or slow down as we walk through difficulties. But the Lord is faithful in all of those times. We need only to look to Him to put daily life in perspective. A broken arm is for sure an inconvenience, but it's just a broken bone. There are far more important and serious matters of eternity to tend to these days. Let's get busy doing things that matter for eternity!

2023 Mission Trips

March 26 - April 1	Peru	Orphan Care/Comm. Outreach	FULL
April 1-7	Peru	Community Outreach	OPEN
April 21-29	Slovenia	Kids' Club/Church Plant Support	OPEN
May 27 - June 3	Guatemala	Community Outreach/Food Dist.	OPEN
July 8 - 15	Guatemala	Community Outreach/Food Dist.	OPEN
July 15-22	Guatemala	Community Outreach/Food Dist.	OPEN

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