

GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Endings & Beginnings

So here it is at last, the end of the camping season. At times during the summer we thought it would never arrive, and yet it did end. It is always with mixed emotions that we find ourselves moving again. The summer here on Mt Lemmon was filled with good times and bad. When we took this job we had no idea what it would entail. We have learned so much these past months, both about ourselves and about people in general. We have seen our short-comings, where we need to grow in our spiritual walk with the Lord and what we are up against. We used to think that people were very different. Since we have been active in so many cultures and people groups, we can now say that across the globe they are different in many ways, but also exactly the same in many ways. First and foremost we know that everyone needs a personal relationship with Jesus. Not a feel-good thought that "I am ok as long as I say I am a christian," but a truly dedicated, redeemed life, focused on obedience in Christ Jesus.

The Lord has given us opportunities to speak with people about their beliefs, opinions, and thoughts on God. It is sad for us to say that we have decided the vast majority of people do not desire to know anything about the one true God, His word, or what He desires of His children. You might say there is a falling away from the truth that so many of us were raised with. Also there is a large influx of other religions and these are leading people away from Jesus. We are seeing with this a mixing of religious beliefs. For instance mixing christian principals with eastern ideas to form a universal concept that flies in the face of true Bible teaching. Of course all of this has been prophesied in the Bible. The coming together of religions to create "one church". The universal church that the prophesy speaks about is the beginning of the end. It is of the enemy, and not to be followed by true followers of Jesus.



One example of this "joining together" of religious beliefs we dealt with in Belize was with the Garifuna people. When a baby is born the mother ties a red thread around the baby's wrist, and keeps it there until the baby turns one. It is there to ward off evil spirits and provide safety for the baby. This was a belief brought into the christian church from the animist religion in Africa.

Even though we taught directly against this belief according to the Bible, there was no changing the belief. The mother we are speaking about attended the Southern Baptist church we had been working with for more than three years. When we talked with her and her family one-on-one she could not see anything wrong with continuing these pagan beliefs. In the end the baby wore the red thread until he turned one. This is just one example of many we often see as we teach people from the Bible.

Those of us that seek to follow the teachings of Jesus must be ever diligent in these changing erosions of christian principals and morals. To guard ourselves, our minds, and circumstances. To stay focused on the Bible and listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in all matters surrounding us.

Beginnings

Wednesday, Nov. 2 we leave MT. Lemmon and head to our next ministry assignment. We will be staying in Apache Jct. at Donnelly's D Spur Ranch. You may remember we mentioned this in a previous newsletter as one of our ministry options. After months of searching, praying and consideration we feel the Lord has led us to this ministry for the winter months. Shelly Donnelly has asked us to start a Cowboy church/Bible study at her riding stable. It has been a prayer of hers for many years to have this at her facility.

We will be living on her property with our RV and helping her around the ranch to compensate for our space. We will be dry camping, Bill did equip our rig with a solar system to provide for our power needs. Good thing we had all of that training in Belize living off the grid. In addition to the regular Bible studies, Cindy is looking into volunteering some of her time at the children's home in Mesa. The children's home is 20 miles from the ranch, but she is excited to be able to help with the some of the needs there.

A Christian worker has to learn how to be God's noble man or woman amid a crowd of ignoble things. Never make this plea-if only I were somewhere else! All God's men are ordinary men made extraordinary by the matter He has given them. Unless we have the right matter in our minds intellectually and in our hearts affectionately, we will be hustled out of usefulness to God. We are not workers for God by choice. Many people deliberately chose to be workers, but they have no matter in them of God's almighty grace, no matter of His mighty word. Paul's whole heart and mind and soul were taken up with the great matter of what Jesus Christ came to do, he never lost sight of that one thing. We have to face ourselves with the one central fact-Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

"I have chosen you." Keep that note of greatness in your creed. It is not that you have got God but that He has got you. God is at work, bending, breaking, molding, doing just as He chooses. Why He is doing it, we do not know; He is doing it for one purpose only-that He may be able to say, This is My man, My woman. We have to be in God's hand so that He can plant men on the Rock as He has planted us. Never choose to be a worker, but when God has put His call on you, woe be to you if you turn to the right hand or to the left. He will do with you what He never did with you before the call came; He will do with you what He is not doing with other people. Let Him have His way.

Oswald Chambers

...and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working; for by trade they were tent-makers. And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. Acts 18:3-5

Like Paul in this scripture we have had to take a job to cover our living expenses. We are speaking about the last seven months working as campground hosts. During that time we did not use any of our financial support that has come in, but were saving it so we could devote all of our time during the winter months to teaching the Bible, and doing the work of the Lord. We praise God and our faithful supporters.