



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Our New Direction



Our new-to-us house. A 34 foot travel trailer. And a new-to-us truck to pull it with. A 1997 F250 diesel.



We were able to cash out some of our retirement and purchase these for our mobile ministry. The Lord led us to these items as they were exactly what we were

looking for and for a price we could afford. The RV is a 1995 with two slide outs, lots of storage and space inside. It is somewhat smaller than our Belize house, but this one has electricity built right in. What a plus! It also has a refrigerator and AC. We have certainly moved up in the ministry world. Since our house has wheels under it, we will be completely mobile to do the work the Lord asks us to do.

We have been very busy hitting yard sales to furnish our house and to buy the things we will need on the road. It is hard for us to imagine sometimes how often we have needed to refurbish our lives after the Lord moves us. At least six times since receiving the call we have sold or donated everything we owned, moved and started over. Each time the Lord has provided us with all that we need. We are blessed to see Him doing so again as we prepare to move forward.

Our First Stop

Our first stop will be Rose Canyon Lake. Located on Mt. Lemmon just northeast of Tucson, AZ., the campground is 7000 feet in elevation and has this beautiful 7 acre



lake. It also has a small stream that feeds the lake. We have accepted a part-time seasonal position as campground hosts. We start on March 23 and will finish the end of October. We will each be paid minimum wage for 25 hours a week. As we have stated in our previous newsletters, it is not our desire to take secular jobs but we have yet to find suitable paid positions in ministry for both of us. In the last 15 years we have become accustomed to working together. Since the Lord called us together we believe He wants us to be in a position of working together also.

We have been praying for guidance and this position appears to be Him leading us in the direction He wants us to go. So often in our lives we are unable to give a good explanation of why we feel the Lord is leading in a certain direction. Yet we have always taken a step of faith and followed where we believe He is leading us.



When we look back years later we can see all the amazing things the Lord has done through us working in the lives of those He brings our way. God always gets the glory, mostly because we had no idea what He was doing when He was doing it. We are just to remain faithful to what the Lord asks of us and that way He is glorified. We truly believe this is another one of those situations. Especially since we can't give a good argument to support it.

And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters, and was welcoming all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered. Acts 28:30-31

All through the Scriptures we see how the Lord uses His children in the most unusual ways and places. In reading about Paul and his missionary journeys we are amazed the way Paul touched everyone around him. He lived the life of a true missionary, which is to say that wherever he was he preached, taught, and led those around him to the Lord Jesus Christ. Even in the midst of a shipwreck and being stranded on an island, he led those around him to the Lord. It is with this clear understanding that we embark on our next missionary journey.

We have been told by our employer that we are not allowed to preach Jesus, and to keep our jobs we will have to comply. But they cannot keep us from showing Jesus to those around us. Just like Paul, we will be in a confined position that will require those looking for information to seek us out. Each day we will be in contact with many campers as we do our assigned tasks around the camp. And each day we will be able to hold up the banner of Jesus; the Savior of the world.

When we were working in the churches in Belize we would attend and lead the worship, teach classes and even do the preaching. Every week we were amazed at the lack of interest those in attendance would display. Sleeping, texting, and talking during the service. When asked later about the message most could not even tell us the Bible reference used. We saw little or no change in their daily lives, and in worst cases, people lived a life in opposition to the Scriptures. All of this while pretending to love the Lord with all their heart and soul.

So while we are going to be serving in a most unconventional way, we are expecting to come in contact with many more people than we ever did living overseas.

Preparations



We are filling our new house and preparing to go to our next mission station. In a lot of ways, this has been more involved than any time that we have moved overseas.

There is so much to be done to get reestablished in the U.S. Healthcare, dental checkups, clothing and home supplies, vehicle repairs & insurance and the list goes on.



We are excited and looking forward to all that is in front of us. Things we can't even imagine. And we hope you will come along with us as we serve the Lord. You are a part of all that we do and we covet your prayers for us and those that we will come in contact with. We know nothing is accomplished without strong prayer support. Our lives, safety and every provision comes from the Lord and we give back to Him our very lives as a living sacrifice just as He commands. We seek nothing for ourselves but the ability to serve Jesus. Thank you for being willing to be a part of all that God is doing in and through us that makes our service to Him possible.

To God be the glori, great things He has done.