



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways", declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts".
Isaiah 55:8-9

EPIC TIMES

I don't think any of us could argue with this statement from our Lord. But these past several months have clearly proven them to be absolutely true. Each new situation seems to come out of nowhere, like waves rolling to the beach. One wave after another, each one bigger than the last.

As a child of God, saved by the blood of Jesus and sanctified for good works, we must look at all that is happening through the window of God's promises. He has told us these things must take place, and they are but the birth pangs of more to come. So, what should our response be to the world at large? Again, He has told us in His Holy Word..... we are to be children of salt and light.

All of our Christian lives we have heard these words. They have been preached to us. We have sung them in our worship songs. We have studied them in our Bible classes. And yet somehow we have been caught unprepared, unwilling to recognize the Bible coming true in our streets, right before our eyes. It seems impossible for us to conceive of the idea that we could be living on the earth when God's prophetic words come to pass. But, here they are! Panic and riots in the streets. Churches being burned. Neighbor turning against neighbor, children against their parents, and parents against their children. This is not a warring country, is it? No this is America! God-fearing, Jesus-loving America! However the things that are happening here and across the globe can only be explained by the words of God. He told us these global conditions would preclude the coming judgement.

Each new wave will be bigger and worse than the last, and each catastrophic event is meant to open the eyes of the lost to see God and their need for Him.

This is where we come in. The children of God. It is our duty to have the answers and point them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. But at midnight there was a shout, "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the prudent, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the prudent answered, No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.
Matthew 25: 1-10

Unfortunately, just as in the parable of the ten virgins, some of us have become lax in our faith and commitment. We are not ready for the coming storms, and are not ready to have an answer for the lost living around us. There is time though, make the effort! Trim your wicks and fill your lamps. Jesus is just around the corner.

Mount Lemmon

So far 2020 has been a very different year to say the least. We were preparing to return to Mt. Lemmon in March when everything came apart. We were supposed to be on site and ready to open the campground for Easter weekend. We did move up to the mountain, but we did not open. Each week the opening date got pushed out and before we knew it we had been living on the mountain for more than a month and still didn't have any idea when, or if, we would open.

Our former managers couldn't come up because of health reasons and the company sent us an interim manager. Finally we got permission to open on Memorial Day weekend. We were so happy to be working again. Some normalcy in our lives. We didn't have all of our hosts, so work was a little difficult, but we were happy. And then came the Bighorn Fire! The fire started in the desert to the west of the mountain, and the first couple of weeks we thought the fire would be put out. But it just wouldn't die. It continued to burn and quickly made its way up.

Eventually it came knocking on our back door and we had to leave. We took all of the company equipment off the mountain and all of the staff left. We spent one week in Tucson hoping the fire could be contained. The manager brought us the bad news one morning..... the campground won't be opened again this year. We had to go somewhere else. We did find a new job in a campground on the Mogollon Rim. We are planning to be there on July 9. Cindy is to start working on Friday, July 10th. Bill will be off work while he heals from recent ear surgery.



Ghana Update



Sammy continues to make progress with his agriculture projects. In this photo he is standing in front of his 18 acre newly planted rice field. He decided to branch out and have another crop to help feed and care for the widows and orphans. After completing

the planting of this rice he traveled back to Damongo to plant his maize fields. In this next photo Sammy is working with these young Fulani girls. It is so encouraging to us to be a part of the ministry of this great servant of God. Sammy has decided to call his ministry P.U.R.E. Ministries. An acronym for Pure, Undeified, Religion, Enables. Pure and undeified religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.
James 1:27



What's Next

God only knows. But we are already making plans for our SOWER projects this coming winter. We are currently signed up for projects through April.

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