

GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Get A Job....

We have heard this often. "Get a job. Live a normal life." We recently found ourselves in this conversation again. While we were contemplating this concept of completely changing our life's focus and direction, it dawned us to take a closer look at that word; normal. What is normal....

Normal, according to Webster's dictionary ; Noun: the usual, average, or typical state or condition. Adjective: conforming to a standard; usual, typical, or expected.

So according to Webster we are not normal, at least according to the world's standards. But, if we view normal through the lens of Biblical standards and Christian requirements, we are very normal. And what could be more normal for a Christian than to commit your life to serving Jesus in complete obedience.

At one time we owned a house and had many possessions. We had very worldly goals and desires, even while growing in our faith. We were enjoying a "normal" life. Going to a daily job, checking into and out of work with a time clock. Taking weekend trips and annual vacations, and buying the things we wanted. A decent salary with paid vacations and sick time. This was our life for many years; almost twenty years with a Fortune 500 Company. It was at this time in our life that Jesus asked us to give all this up and serve Him everyday with the rest of our lives. How could we say no? So, we chose to leave the normal life of this world to enter the world God was setting before us. His request of us.

There would be no way for us to know where He would take us or what He would ask us to do. But one thing was sure in our lives, we would serve our Savior in whatever capacity He desires. If that means we live a lesser life, with abnormal goals (according to the world) we welcomed it. God has never let us down.

So here we are 18 years later living in a motor home, traveling from place to place, serving the Lord daily. Like our previous worldly job, we "go to work" every morning and do what our Boss asks us to do for His Kingdom.



Sometimes it is painting walls in a Christian school or welding a roof on a shop. Sometimes He asks us to travel to a foreign country to make connections and start ministry projects, and the list goes on. But through it all it is just what Jesus asks of us and through our obedience He gets the Glory.

Another aspect of our "not living a normal" life that we have been questioned about is "What are your plans for serving the Lord?" This question invariably comes from the Christian realm. When we explain that we don't really know exactly what the Lord wants, we are told "then you are probably not in His will". When we get where the Lord leads us, He tells us His plan for that moment, and no more.

"He went out not knowing where he was going..." Hebrews 11:8
Oswald Chambers says it best. Have you been "out" this way? If so, there is no logical statement possible when anyone asks you what you are doing. One of the difficulties in Christian work is this question - "What do you expect to do?" You do not know what you are going to do; the only thing you know is that God knows what He is doing. Each morning you wake it is going to be a "going out," building confidence on God. "Take no thought for your life,.....nor for your body."

My Utmost for His Highest

God doesn't ask everyone who accepts Jesus as their Savior to do these types of things, like selling everything and living a lesser life, but He did ask us and we would be disobedient if we refused to do what He asks.

So we made the decision in our lives to follow the Lord Jesus, go where He leads, and do what He says irrespective of what those around us think. Our actions are in no way meant to be disrespectful to others but wholly focused on God. We know we will give up things in this life and do without some of the pleasantries we could otherwise enjoy, but honestly, those pleasantries are not all that important to us as long as we know we are where the Lord wants us. It is our hope that people looking at the life we choose will see two children of God manifesting Christian and Biblical realities in everything we do.

God be Glorified in Us

Our last 18 years have been quite a journey. God has taken us around the globe and to many ministries and locations. After selling our home in February 2002 we moved to Florida for a few months of training. Next stop South Africa. For six months we installed a 750 ft water line from a nearby river to the mission base. We then drove a 4 ton truck across Botswana into Zambia, where we spent two years. Bill driving supplies to orphan rescue units, and Cindy doing the ministry bookkeeping. Our next move took us across the Globe to Central America, Belize. Ten miles into the jungle where we built a mission base and Bible school from scratch.

2008 the Lord moved us from Belize to Portales NM where we worked as house parents in a children's home. 2009 the Lord moved us again, this time to Flagstaff AZ where we worked in a Teen Challenge drug rehab facility. In 2010 we formed our own 501 (c)3 non profit ministry; Perfect Peace Ministries Inc. We returned to Belize and the property we had built in 2005. Working in our own ministry we were quite flexible and did many different things. We fostered at-risk children, worked in local churches, and conducted camps at our mission base.

2016 found us back in the USA. We joined SOWER's ministry to serve in the winter months and worked as camp hosts on Mt Lemmon AZ during the summer. November 2018 we went to Ghana West Africa and started a rabbit project. We also made a connection with Sammy Tia who is now our Ghana missionary.

2020 is a new year and we look forward what the Lord has for us in the future.

We have no way of knowing what that means, but are excited nonetheless. Many of you have been with us as our ministry partners through some if not all of this journey and we are truly blessed. We hope you will find the Lord directing you to stay with us for what He has next.

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