



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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What is a Missionary?

Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
John 20:21

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matt. 28:19-20

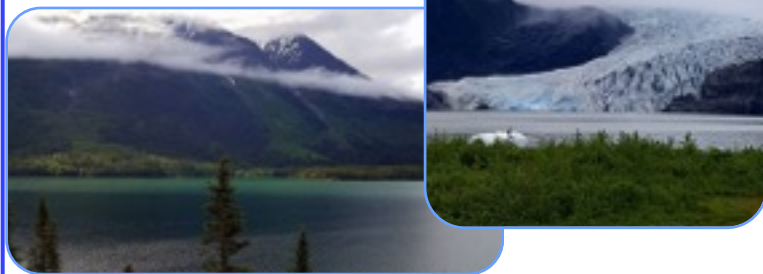
"When we speak of the call of God, we are apt to forget the most important feature, viz., the nature of the One Who calls. There is the call of the sea, the call of the mountains, the call of the great ice barriers, but these calls are only heard by the few. The call is the expression of the nature from which it comes, and we can only record the call if the same nature is in us. The call of God is the expression of God's nature, not of our nature. There are strands of the call of God providentially at work for us which we recognize and no one else does. It is the threading of God's voice to us in some particular matter, and it is no use consulting anyone else about it. We have to keep that profound relationship between our souls and God.

In missionary enterprise the great danger is that God's call is effaced by the needs of the people until human sympathy absolutely overwhelms the meaning of being sent by Jesus. The needs are so enormous, the conditions so perplexing, that every power of mind falters and fails. We forget that the one great reason underneath all missionary enterprise is not first the elevation of the people, nor the education of the people, nor their needs; but first and foremost the command of Jesus Christ "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

Jesus Christ did not say, go and save souls, (the salvation of souls is the supernatural work of God), "Go and teach all nations."

Oswald Chambers

My Utmost For His Highest



The missionary call on our lives has been and continues to be the driving force within us. The expressed nature of God displayed all around us in the creation of the earth, plants, animals, and especially people speak of a loving God. The heart of God is that none should perish and all should come to repentance and accept the free gift of salvation which is found in Jesus Christ. Jesus, sent by God to redeem mankind, completed what was asked of Him, thus securing a path for everyone to escape judgement. The call on our lives is to be obedient to the will of the Father and complete all that He asks of us. We left our secular life, with all its trappings, to live a life dedicated to Jesus. There has been many chapters in our life of ministry, and God has moved us as He wills. With each move we have felt the change coming, even before we knew details.

We are sometimes asked, "How do you know you are supposed to be doing this or that for God?" The simple answer is.... There is a stirring deep down in our souls that can only come from the Holy Spirit. And it is usually not in the direction we ourselves would choose for our lives or ministry.

When we arrived at the mission base in Zambia, (2002) we triumphantly declared "LOOK! This is where we will serve the Lord for the rest of our lives." Little did we know the Lord had plans that did not involve staying there until we died. Since then He has used us in Belize, New Mexico, Flagstaff AZ, Parks Az. Belize again, and back to Arizona. We felt sure that we would have remained in Belize for a long time, but once again we felt the urging of the Holy Spirit that there was a move coming. It was a very difficult decision for us and one that was made with much prayer. We invested over seven years of our life, and had countless plans for the ministry. But in obedience we left it all behind.

Our desire was, and is, to serve the Lord but with returning to the US our monthly support dropped more than half, and we had to take a secular job to pay the bills. As a camp host we feel we were able to present Jesus to everyone we came in contact with. But still we wanted more. We wanted to be serving only as God's missionaries. We continue praying the Lord will direct our path back into full-time ministry, and that our support will increase to cover expenses, or that He will provide a ministry that will take care of our finances.

We have started feeling the urging of the Holy Spirit in our lives again, prompting us that a new chapter is just around the corner. We are eagerly seeking His direction and purpose for that chapter. We do not want to choose our will and desires over His. We want to be exactly where He wants us to be.

As you know by our previous newsletters we have committed this winter to serving different ministries in the eastern part of Texas. We have signed up for several projects for the winter months. We feel the Lord is directing us to one of these ministries and are asking you to join us in prayer for the Lord's clear direction.

We finish our camp host season on October 30th, and start down Mt Lemmon and on to our first project. We plan to be in Lindale, Texas on November 2nd where we will be serving at the headquarters of Mercy Ships through December.

Please check out Mercy Ship's website to see all that they are doing for the Kingdom of God. We are looking forward to getting to know the staff, and volunteers as we serve these coming months.

www.mercyships.org

The Lord has been faithful these past fifteen years as we have served Him. He has always provided all that we need; health, safety, finances, and direction. We want to thank our supporters that have stayed with us and ask God's special blessings on their lives and families. We would also like to lift up those that might be hearing the Lord's prompting to start supporting us and the ministry He is leading us to. Together we will accomplish all that Jesus asks of us.



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