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Westcott Newsletter

**BELATED HAPPY EASTER. LIVE LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW
 KNOWING THAT TOMORROW IS ANOTHER RESURRECTED NEW DAY.**

Isn't it just great how the Lord set things up for His children; yesterday is dead and gone, today is a new day, New Grace and New Mercy. I am perfect. Don't argue with the Lord.

Bits and Pieces on what's up with us...

Well it's Monday morning. Easter is just behind us. I just finished a piece of chocolate and I'm "good to go" to bring our newsletter to a completion so you can get the scoop on what we're up to those days. Overall, I have to say we are feeling pretty good about the whole thing. Can't complain...God is good. We are fairly satisfied with the work the Lord has given us and the progress that has been made. Coffee projects are running well...hoping to expand into the export of coffee sometime this year, the Lord willing. Child Sponsorship Program is getting more established thanks to the team effort. The hosting part of our mission is progressing. Viola is now training Nubia, our lead hand, to take on more responsibility thus freeing Viola up for other developing areas of our mission.

This June is starting to take shape. Our itinerary is full, full, full. We are leaving Honduras at the end of May and heading to Wes and Jen's (MD) to visit with Ava. Yes that's about it. We will fit Jen and Wes in there too. But Ava is high on our list. Then we are off to a Missionaries Retreat in Michigan for a week. This will be a time to observe and learn from this ministry. I will then be going to an International Alliance for Missions board meeting in London, Ontario for a number of meetings, reporting on our findings at the Missionaries Retreat, and then planning our own Mission to Missionaries Retreat sometime in 2009. Again, the Lord willing.

After the London meetings, we will be spending time with Daniel and Angela. We're grandparents now so priorities are tossed up a bit in the order of importance. I know I am going to get in trouble for that statement. But I've been there before... fun getting out of it. Joke!

Wes and I will be leaving for Newfoundland in mid-June to do a cross island trip. First we will go to Codroy Valley to hear from the Lord on what's up with Codroy. Then on to Springdale to meet with a great bunch of people that pray and support the call the Lord has on our lives. We've not met these folks before. Pastor Dave and Judy Mercer have taken us into their hearts and get this, they have never set eyes on us. This is all through friends who shared what we do for the Lord here in Honduras. Thanks Keith and Alma.

Then it's on to St. John's to unite with Pastor Harold and Sybil Andrews of Victory Christian Centre, our sending church. I'm really looking forward to getting reacquainted with our brothers and sisters in the Lord, catching up on their ministry and seeing the new church building. We also hope to visit with other supporters in the area, grab a bite to eat and chew the fat about eternal matters.

On a work note, Wes and I are hoping to build a new deck on the side of our house in St. Philip's. It's long overdue but not a problem for Wes to knock that baby out in a day or so. Not my favorite pastime especially since our time at home will be so short.

Then finally back to Maryland for a few days with family before we head back to Honduras and hopefully a week somewhere before we jump back into our work. ☺



Viola and I visited the Basilica "Suyapa".

SNAPSHOT OF HONDURAS...

There have been many forest fires in Honduras recently. This is nothing new because we see it during this time, every year. Sometimes, they are caused by the hot weather and at times it is because human hands have set them. Many times farmers will burn the land in preparation for their crop planting. Those fires can quickly get out of hand especially if there is any wind. Recently, seven men lost their lives fighting a fire. On those days, I have to close all my windows because of the huge amount of soot floating down from the sky; it covers everything. I can only imagine the effect it has on the lungs of the people, especially the more vulnerable...the children and the elderly.



What I'm seeing from my research on burnt-out missionaries...

In this section of our newsletter, I will be giving our readers some insight into my findings on Missionary Attrition as I discover them from my personal observations and various readings taken from two surveys conducted by the World Evangelical Alliance Missions Commission (WEA).

Attrition is:

1. a reduction or decrease in numbers, size, or strength.
2. a wearing down or weakening of resistance, esp. as a result of continuous pressure or harassment.
3. a gradual reduction in work force without firing of personnel, as when workers resign or retire and are not replaced.

SPIRITUAL HEALTH

You may not think of this often but we are triune beings made up of a physical body, a soul (mind) and a spirit. Is is very important for all three to be operating in good health in order for us to experience the best out of life and succeed in our adventures. If the body is sick, we are not expected to take on large tasks that demand physical strength in order to accomplish the work at hand. And as far as the mind goes...we are not expected to do brain surgery when we have the training and education to repair cars. In either case, we usually don't take on tasks for which we are not trained and prepared. To do so would be irresponsible and cause unnecessary stress. However, often times when considering the spiritual health of a person, we fail to question ones qualifications to enter into matters that require a mature, knowledgeable understanding of the Word of God and being able to effectively apply it to life.

The Bible discerns between the "milk of the Word" and the "meat of the Word". Not everyone who calls themselves a Christian, who takes a bold stand to be identified with Christ, even willing to die for Christ, is necessarily strong and confident in their understanding of the Word of God. Jesus' classic case of being vulnerable, after 40 days of fasting, was that he was tempted intellectually; the devil offered Him the world. His response was with the Word of God, "It is written...". If Christians, placed in strenuous circumstances, do not respond to life and all it has to throw at them with a mature understanding of God's Word, they are targeted for failure.

"If I die, I die, but please God let it not be out of ignorance."

It doesn't matter how well intentioned we are, if we do not take God's Word and apply it in response to our daily lives in the mission field, we will eventually fail at the task at hand. "But Derm, what about God's Grace?" Oh yes, God's Grace is there and hopefully those that are not spiritually healthy are at least willing to receive the means of escape that the Lord provides.

Actually let's back'er up. Well-meaning Christians who sense the Call of God on their lives to enter the mission field should be tested, from head to toe, to qualify whether they are spiritually, physically, and emotionally healthy enough to take on life in another culture. An easy test...observation. One of the most effective diagnostic tests that doctors use is simple observation. How does one respond to life in their present environment? When bills pile up or someone barks at them because they don't see eye to eye? How does that individual hold up to the everyday life around them and it's trials and tribulations? For those of us who are called and have that confirmation, we should have a record of measurable success that can be observed by others, thus giving confidence that we are up for the task.

Spiritual health (maturity) comes at a cost that is not meant to be developed on the mission field. We gain strength going from Glory to Glory, by using the Word of God effectively, cutting into every situation that threatens to kill, steal and destroy our mission and loved ones around us.

We MUST use by force the quick, consistent, revelatory, hairsplitting Word from the Lord, "It is written". If I die, I die, but God forbid it be out of ignorance!

Before sending anyone out into the mission field, please have them take a spiritual examination.



As always, our heart is filled with praise and thanksgiving for all who partner with us day by day with your prayers, finances, and words of encouragement. God bless you. We could not do it without each one of you.



- We need more laborers for the mission. i.e. the Child Sponsorship Program, and Manos de Café which is a fundraising project to purchase food and potable water for the children at our Daycare Centers.
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the visit of our son Wesley who came to Honduras last month to spend a week with us. It was a great blessing for Derm and I to have him here with us. The week went by much too quickly. Now we are trusting the Lord for a return visit and next time, Lord willing, Jenny and Ava will accompany him.



Hope (Wish) List

We are still in the expecting mode to receive \$10,000.00 for the branding process of His Secret Place: Mission to Missionaries. *Tax Receipt is available.*

Viola and I are trusting to have plenty in order to be a blessing to our family as we visit them this summer, the Lord willing.



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