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Better Late Than Ever

Matthew 20:1-16

Where is Waldo these days? Remember the era of Waldo when you had to find Waldo on a page in a book. Sometimes it wasn't so easy was it? (at least for some of us). I wonder how many have felt like Waldo at some point. Lost in the menagerie of life. Hiding from letting go and letting God be God.

A while back I was sitting in a church pew listening to the verses above and they hit me like I'd unknowingly run into a side of a barn at full speed. I've read and heard these words time and time again. But this time they came out roaring to me on another note.

I'll let you stop right here and open your bible to read these verses above one more time if you need to do so.

You see, this time, as I read, and it was read to me, I was again reminded how important it was for me to not only know and understand these words, but to be able to carry these exacting words into the mission field.

We are all disciples in the employment of our Father, our employer. We all come to him at different levels, ages, and confidence. Some of us come early in life, like out of the womb, so to speak, or at least when baptized at the church font. For others, at the opposite extreme, are those who come really late in life, maybe past the age of productive results or maturity (although I feel productive potential never ends). Maybe some come in the middle era.

Look at the Matthew gospel above and think of your life as it is today. When I look at the two of us, such a match only God could have made in His fashion. Here we are and have been in ministry for over 25 years. First it was commissioned with international students

at our local university under the guidance and grace of the local Christian community. We were greenhorns so to speak, making a ton of mistakes I'm sure, but being molded into a focus and passion of the world 'outside our door.'

I think of our blond grandson whose comment a while back of "why do Oma and Opa have to go around the world to share Jesus when they could do it out just their front door?" Yup, he's correct in his statement made back then. But by now I'm sure he gets it, and so does the rest of our family. They have all sacrificed beyond the norm just so we could do this outside our front door.

To glance back at this Matthew gospel, one has to ponder how and when each of us realized that no one, and I mean absolutely no one, is lost in God's realm. It doesn't matter when or where, yet it matters in the total. It matters, as was this example, that be it in the morning, in the midday, or the night, that He hasn't lost His design nor passion that each of us come to Him. We all get the same gift from Him.

That is our wish too. Though we tire, though we grow weary, though we grow old, that dream glows brightly in our hearts. For us in Cambodia, the fields are indeed alive and ripe. We have no clue whatsoever how long that 'door' will remain open. When we are here, the field is just as ripe. Harvesters are needed here as well. Even the door here at times seems like it's on a loose hinge or two even though Jesus has been heard.

It is not our job to save souls out there, that's the power of the Holy Spirit. We're only here and there to drive the idea and open the door in a while that is culturally acceptable for the gospel to be heard and the candle to be lite.

"This Little Light of Mine" speaks volumes in this Matthew gospel. Is your candle lite? We hope so ~ Go

ahead and sing it out !



We will be returning to Cambodia in a few weeks to Pastor Samuel in Siem Reap. One more time we will make that interesting set of flights across the pond. We will again be working in those four preaching stations and the current English program. We've been asked to engage the community in Svey Chey and help their leadership grow in their church ministry. Also, we've been asked to give a marriage seminar to young adults who are looking at marriage. We will hopefully be able to also invite married couples to examine their points in life to improve on their own marriages. There are catechism classes for the teens to mentor onward in their Christian walk. And more.....

We desperately need teachers to expand the English program in the Kok Kraul area if that can be considered to move out in the future. More bodies on the ground to share Jesus make it possible to do this.

As this month's newsletter is sent out to you all, our five prayer points come to mind to include for your knee time, all or any of them please. Level of importance is not a consideration here in our minds, as all seem relevant for the here and now. Thank you so very much.

1-Pray for us, our travels, safety, continued good health, daily needs to be met. Cambodia is still considered to be a third world county.

2-Pray for yourselves, how to partner in effective ways such as being a prayer warrior, a financial partner, an advocate in your church community.

3-Tell others about the church in Cambodia. We all have different networks and you are our best advocates.

4-Come and see what God is doing thru his servants in the local Cambodian church.

5-Keep in touch. Read our updates and newsletters so you can know how God is working thru His people.



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