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Does God Use a Tape Measure?

The depth of a relationship with God has no tape measure. God is limitless, without boundaries, and complete. He is totally in command of each one of our lives on this side of the universe. He loves His work, the work that only He can do. That unconditional love calls us to His presence.

Think about our days when we were quite young. Oft times those who showed us love and security were those whom we came to trust as our role models, our mentors, the rudders in our boat as we paddled over all kinds of water in life. That is child like faith. That's the love shown to each of us, and the love we are all to have.

For that very reason many times folks who interact with small children are carefully chosen to do so. We all want what is best for our children.

As a whole, we all want a life that is better than our own for our children. So does God. That means all of us, as we are all His children, lest we forget that in our daily walk. A life that is sustainable to have food and clothes, a covering to sleep under, and hopefully, a life with joy for the journey through the blessings of our Father. It is clear that God, our Father, also wants the best life for us as we walk this earth; but only if it means that He is included in the journey of life along the way. That we can find in The Lord Jesus.

Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The ministry of Hope Lutheran Evangelical Church is to be the very anchor by which any child will be given the opportunity to be shown/given the gift of eternal life by training up that child who is sent their way. This church desires and strives to be the transparent anchor and footprint in the Taros community region and beyond. There are no boundaries. Life is only measured by the lives each one of us touch. Otherwise it is limitless.

Which begs the question now. If we do not teach each of these children of the life with Jesus as our centerfold, who will step in and do it for us?

That is why we are here. Hope Lutheran Church has been established as a global community centre for the Taros Village region. It's vision as a development centre encompasses the concept of engaging life in the community at a local level to the betterment of all who participate. For those who are late bloomers in the community to find us, we welcome their stepping out from their corner of the community, to search and to seek what they need. Our doors are always open and our arms of love will surround their hesitant steps to learn about and from us.

The community, just like so many anywhere else, needs to see the Christian life who has God as the centre post, that brings security in life, following God. Our plan is to offer education to young and old, assist through health initiatives, technical training, and financial teaching, with encouragement, love, and spiritual development. While each of these categories are stand-alone topics to bring into the community one by one, the opportunity to bring life changing opportunities is potentially immense, as we can also show them the love of our Father.

And our Father so loves showing us His greatness.

In January a generous donation gave Hope School the gift of walls, door, and windows for an enclosed school/church. While the chickens, frogs, cats, birds, and everything else insect had previously had free rein to meander through the porch area, these changes brought forth a better layout and weather protection. That was in the January newsletter.

In mid February a surprise visit by a national Korean church arrived with news that Pastor Ravy had been chosen for a church building. Work began in March and was completed the beginning of June. This amazing gift has further made a solid footprint into eternity of an unexpected brick building. God's house.

Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly

noteworthy. We try our best, but the results isn't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can truly be beautiful. The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit." "Keep playing." May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. Remember, God doesn't seem to call the equipped, rather, He equips the 'called.' Life is more accurately measured by the lives you touch.

Maybe God does have a tape measure after all. It is us in Him.



Knee Thoughts

Praise for the completion of the church building project.

Praise and prayers for sharing His love message to everyone sent our way.

Prayers for the journey ahead in the community.

Pray for God's direction in my smooth return to my second home, a half world away. (slated after medical is done).

Thank you so much !

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**Please pray how you could possibly partner for the future of this ministry. Even a Starbucks cup of coffee or two amount goes a long way here. While my budget is small, I still have expenses to stay here. I know God's family provides!!! Thank you. **



Looking from the inside before completion.







This is the first Sunday in the new church building. The Inaugural service. Wow! No windows or doors; just bars for now. And a keyboard, stand, and chairs.