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i hoped to be able to talk about our Lord today. His love and mercy and patience that extends beyond measure. alas, i feel that is not where the Lord is leading yet. just know that we are partakers of all those graces, even when we are not expounding them.

the other day i received an email from a brother in Christ as he was weeping in his soul. weeping for how the church has been so negligent and casual about proclaiming the gospel of our Lord. (and i might add, erroneously in some cases.) let me share with you below, a few of his words.

From this course what struck me is the negligence of great commission. Kenya has 45 people groups. Christianity has been in Kenya for over 130 years. Still 20 people groups remain unreached. A country like Mozambique has over 500 years of Christianity and about 10 people groups unreached.

May the Lord forgive His Church and raise new workers. The church has been asleep for years and many souls have perished without Christ. Many missionaries have lied to their supporting agencies that they have planted hundreds of churches, yet none. So sad. So shameful. I feel like crying.

The mission to unreached Muslim people groups is more hard now with Muslim fanatics and terrorists guarding their territories. Christians have also contributed to the situation by not praying and evangelizing. God is faithful He will search for His lost sheep.

i couldn't agree with him more. he has such a heart for those who are suffering, yes, and even dying without knowing there is one who loves them without limits ... so much that He and even died for them. what does that speak about the body of Christ? God, please forgive us and "wake us up".

here was part of my response to him. i most hardily agree with you that the church has been asleep and lax in their mission. may God forget us for the souls that might have been reached and ignite in each, a boldness and fervor. one where they will know jeremiah's experience: "but His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and i was weary with forbearing, and i could not stay." jer 20:9 and yes, to love not their lives even unto death.

we have partnered with this brother since 2009. one of his main concerns was that his family be taken care of as he did mission work in kenya and nearby ethiopia. we purchased land and built them a home, along with some support and equipment for mission trips. he also administers the small monthly feeding program we do for the indigent.

i remember one of his emails when he was discussing the poor and distressed. "I remember very well in my childhood, our mud hut leaking rain and we cover ourselves with animal skin to avoid getting wet." he has a very lovely wife who has really been his helpmate in this walk. you may read a little of his story on our website, though his family has grown since then.

there are so many like him out there, enduring hardships and reaching people we could never reach. we praise God for the laborers in His harvest. indeed the harvest is ripe and must be gathered in before winter descends. this is only one man's story.

i didn't know i was going to include the following in this email. i have never asked for money. perhaps we supported these several missions out of a desire to kind of "make them our own". (keeping the stars for own crown.) i'm sure God will deal with me about that.

let me tell you about a precious brother in india. for years he has worked and built an ever growing ministry. he takes none of the donations for himself. (even though the word says a workman is worth of his hire.) he instead has had a family member help in his support. the recent pandemic has affected them and they are now no longer able to help.

his request is: "i'm looking monthly \$800 (there food, children education, electricity bills, fuel, mobile phone or other data etc.)" we would certainly not expect anyone to fund the whole amount. if you feel led and would like to contribute towards this need, any amount would be appreciated. (you can earn your own stars for your crown.)

if anyone is interested in helping at all, i can give you their website to check out and an email address to reach him with any questions. just write to me and ask for the information.

now that i've got that off my mind. we all know that

the time is nearing for His return. now is the time if you're going to serve Him. now is the time to grow nearer to Him. so close that a nat could not come between.

you ask, what can i do? nothing alone but remember that God is on your side. we are just a small ministry, but He has allowed us to do mighty things. maybe not in the world's eyes, but mighty in the lives of people who were affected. not just the mission outreaches, but the "peach orchard park" project, built to help people in need. have you invested your talent or buried it? i do not judge you, but there is One who will.

i leave you with this scripture: "whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 cor 10:31 let us give praise to the One who is worthy. (just a side note here. i told my dear friend in kenya the other day: "i'm beginning to feel like i might live to experience the rapture." can you just taste the glory?

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