

The Trumpet Call November 2020

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

"...IF THE TRUMPET DOES NOT SOUND A CLEAR CALL, WHO WILL GET READY FOR BATTLE?" 1 Corinthians 14:8

Dear Family and Friends, (& to those in the U.S., **HAPPY Thanksgiving!**)

It is hard to know how many ways we can hear it and say it—what an unusual year! Not necessarily to the only ONE who knew and knows everything that has and will take place in this year, but to most of us, this continues to be a most unusual year!

First, as we all are aware, we have all been dealing with the impact of COVID-19, which seems like it will be stretching well into 2021. Next, on August 7th, Heidi's father passed away, completely unrelated to COVID-19. This put into action the third unusual aspect of this year, which was needing to move Heidi's mother into a senior living situation (and sell her home) as her longstanding and progressive dementia has made it impossible for her to live on her own. This has created a great deal of work for all of us, especially Heidi, as she has been having to balance caring for her mother and home schooling Ty.

Then there are the situations our dear friends face around the world. The project in Uganda we have talked about previously, and the literal starvation they are facing even still due to COVID-19 shutdowns has only worsened. (Is starvation really a better choice??) Our dear friends in Mombasa, Kenya, were forced to leave their church and school building (not that they were attending, due to lockdowns) because their landlord (a Christian who had been favorable to them being there the past 8 years) had to sell the building due to the financial downturn caused by the shutdowns. They had some money to put as a deposit on a property, not far from the previous location. The church was able to clear the land and build the foundation, etc., with labor from the church. They have faced many difficulties in that the property is in a very strong Muslim portion of the slum, yet God has been faithful and they have overcome. Some friends of ours were able to help them financially get to the next phase of a temporary roof, which is an incredible gift, that has allowed them to meet in the new building. However, they are needing much more to finish this new building (more on page 2).

These things challenge us to "be still and know that HE is God;" that HE alone is seated on HIS Throne on High!; and to cling to the reality of 1 Peter 1:6-9 (AMP):

"In this you rejoice greatly, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith, which is much more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested and purified by fire, may be found to result in [your] praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and though you do not even see Him now, you believe and trust in Him and you greatly rejoice and delight with inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 receiving as the result [the outcome, the consummation] of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

In these days, God's people find themselves in many challenging situations. Those may or may not change anytime soon. Our perspectives need to be steadfast as a people marked by our JOY in the Lord- -come what may! He understands and is walking through ALL of these days and circumstances with us. Only together in Christ can we remain—Standing in the gap, **Tim, Heidi, Annaliesa, and Ty :)**

Praise and Prayer

***Pray** - for the people of God to be willing to trust Him and live our lives marked by His Peace, Joy and Gratitude.

***Praise** - for opportunities we have to minister God's peace to fearful people in these troubled times.

***Praise** - for the building getting done at the church in Mombasa.

***Please pray** - for the much-needed funds to come in for the projects in Kenya and Uganda.

***Please pray** - that the ministries of SERVED would be effective, and honor Him, and for opportunities to accurately represent HIM to those being served.

***Please pray** - for wisdom regarding ministries SERVED could come alongside in the future.

~~THANK YOU!!~~

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The outstanding amounts needed for the water well projects are:

Mombasa, Kenya—Pastor Alex: \$54,500 USD (a much larger project, engaging four different slum areas)

Kasese, Uganda—Pastor John: \$3,200 USD

Since the beginning of COVID-related shutdowns, not much has changed regarding donations for these projects, and the people are still very much in need of clean water. However, as you probably read on page one, the Mombasa project now has an immediate need for a building to be finished. The church has saved a huge amount of money by doing the labor themselves, along with collecting a sacrificial offering. Also, their previous landlord gave them a gift due to tenant finishing they'd done earlier on his building, and some of our close friends gave another financial gift. These have allowed the church to get to the point of putting on a temporary roof so they can hold church services. Despite their determined efforts, they still owe a substantial amount. They've made a deposit, but need to make a second payment in the next 6 months to cover both property and building expenses. This **current need is approximately \$25,000**. Then a third/final payment will also need to be made. We are praying with them to see the Lord raise up those funds so they might be able to stand as a light in a Muslim stronghold!



Clearing land and building the new church in Mombasa, Kenya.

If you feel God leading you to participate in either the Kenyan or the Ugandan project, please go online and donate to SERVED.ngo, under "General Fund." Or, you may send a check to SERVED, at 19225 Bothell-Everette Hwy; Bothell, WA 98012—naming the specific project on the memo line. *Thank you for your generosity!!*

Family News

As we stated in our last letter, we are well-aware of the divergent opinions current day events have created in our culture. We can now even throw election results into the soup. We pray that by sharing the events of our year and other hopeful stories of people in much more desperate situations, it might encourage us to choose JOY regardless of our circumstances; to let His Light shine in such a way that others may see lives marked by HIS joy and HIS peace. Only as we follow HIS lead can we step out and do what we feel HE is leading us to do for HIS glory.

"Your name and renown are the desires of our souls..." ~Isaiah 26:8. ***May it be so!!***



Far left: incredibly beautiful fall hikes in Rocky Mountain National Park!

3 pics to the right: a recent visit to see & help do some work on Elya and Cam's new home...&, of course, to love on our grandson, Jackson (16 months)! :)

We pray for those in the U.S. that you are able to gather freely for meaningful times in the weeks ahead.

For all of us, may we be thankful in all circumstances, and marked by His JOY...to HIS praise and glory!!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!

