



# Kingdom Wok Ministries Int.

## May 2019 Newsletter

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I like to laugh, joke around, have fun, and just be in a pleasant state of mind and heart. Maybe you are a bit like me in that way. It isn't always possible, as life sometimes hits me between the eyes with difficulties. Circumstances can never take away my love for Christ, my love for my family, and my looking forward to the return of Jesus, perhaps even in the very near future. Don't misunderstand me though, there are times when "happenings" just plain old make me miserable. The inner joy of my salvation in Je-



sus is never removed, but the outer joy of life is put on hold because I let things get to me. I think it is called being human in a fallen world. I so very much look forward to the return of Jesus.

The Bible tells us that no one knows the day or hour when Christ will return. So, the good news is that if anyone tells you that He will return on "such and such" a date, one thing you can know for certain, a second thing just as sure: that will not be the date of Christ's return, and the person who told you the date is out of touch with the scripture. That being said, God certainly has His reasons for waiting, for His perfect timing. He didn't give up on me, and I am thankful for that. If He

chooses to wait for the very last person on earth who will call on His name, then I praise Him for that. He is always at work, never ceasing, never resting, always urging people around the globe to come to Him as Savior.

I read an atheist journal recently, and the writer made what I think is a very telling statement. He said that if he were a Christian (which he isn't)--and believed that only those who know Christ will go to an actual and perfect eternal heaven (which he does not believe exists), and all those who don't know Christ will go to a real and total awful eternal existence in hell (which he also does not believe in)--- then he would make it his full time daily passion and life commitment to share Jesus with every person he came in contact with. That was very convicting to me. Here is a man who believes there is no God, no heaven, no hell, just non-existence after death, yet he sees the importance for Christians to tell the story of Jesus to the masses.

Who is it that I should be sharing the gospel of Jesus with? Who should you share with? What exactly should I tell people; what should I show people? What are the best ways for me to tell the story of Jesus? What are the best ways for you? When is the best time for me to share the gospel? You? Where are the places I go that I can share my Jesus? You? How do I show the love of Christ to my family and neighbors? How do you? How do I commit to sharing the saving grace of Jesus with my family and neighbors? How do you? Why would I bother telling people about

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Jesus? You? As I ask and answer these questions in my own heart, it makes me realize the lesson learned, and I thank the atheist who taught it to me. Now I want to visit with him about why I love my Lord and Savior; I hope I get the opportunity.

It has been like running in a dream...and a whirlwind! Getting permission from the Ugandan government to bring a medical team---legally---has taken two years and time during four different trips to Uganda to bring success. But, with patience, endurance, perseverance, and the right hand of God at work, we do have permission to bring the team. Once permission was granted, we had to scramble to set all of the logistics in place. As I write this sentence, a few of the details are still unfinished but in process. We leave on May 23rd and return back to central Oregon on June 5th. There will be many "unknowns" among the plans, and we just trust in the Lord our God to help us be ready for them, to embrace the positive ones, and to overcome those that might hinder us, and to use both for learning and preparation for the future works that He has in mind.

The May medical team consists of 7 people: Dr. Stephen Knapp, Barbara Mannenbach-Kurtz, R.N.; Pam Lundy, P.N.P; Amber Turnage, R.N; Claudia Callan, Casey Callan, and me. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be joining forces with a team of Ugandan professionals, helpers, and translators. We have always partnered with Ugandans, but not this way or to this magnitude. The Ugandan government calls what we are doing a "Medical Camp." They are fairly strict about the processes and personnel, so we are keeping our team small for this maiden voyage. Please pray that the will of God is perfected by Him for the team, for the community we serve, and especially for the clients we treat. May God only receive the glory for anything good that transpires.

My thanks to those of you who support KMI in one way or another. Some are vigilant prayer-lovers, and they continue to pray for God's will in all matters for us. Some are encouragers, and they continue to bring to light the positives of what we are doing, and to downplay our mistakes as simply learning opportunities. Some are advisors, who know at a deep level what we do, and help keep us engaged at the task(s) that Christ has called us to. Others are financial supporters who believe as we do that our calling is pure and good from God, and they donate dollars to keep the ministry afloat. Some are combinations of the above. Whatever your commitment, whatever your persuasion in helping KMI serve Christ wherever He calls, thank you from the bottom of my heart and the very depths of my soul.

Serving Him,

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