



Challenging God's Family To Live Out Their Calling

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2019 Kenya Mission Trip Update (MUST READ TO THE END)!!!

Time really does fly by doesn't it?

We are coming up on almost two years since our last mission trip to Kenya Africa and because of health issues and taking some down time to recover emotionally, I haven't taken the opportunity to reach out and share with you all that happened on that trip! So I do apologize.

First off I must say that I believe that after doing and leading mission trips for almost 30 years this trip was the hardest I have ever done.

There seemed to be so much opposition in every step of the planning. From the very time our board members approved the trip it was an uphill battle spiritually to try and make it all come together.

When ever something like this takes place I can usually assume that something great is going to come out of it and this trip was no exception to the rule.

After all the struggles we faced booking flights, promoting the trip and other issues our team of 19

people finally stepped off the plane onto African soil, but the battle continued.

The first few days we worked on several construction projects that needed to be done around the Haven that included: Moving and scrubbing over 300 solid stone block that could then be laid by the fundis (Kenyan Workers); painting of the fence surrounding the propane tank as well as other painting; designing and building a 12 x 18 foot 16" high stage; designing and building a three tier high portable scaffold system; assembling six treadle sewing machines to be used to train local women sewing so that they could start a new business; and sewing loops in 60 x 8 foot lengths of fabric and then draping them from the ceiling of the dining hall to eliminate the noise and echo in the building.

Although we were successful in carrying out much of what we

planned to do the enemy was not happy and so difficulties continued.

Much of the team was suffering from sicknesses of different kinds. I personally was in bed sick for 3 days straight. But even with all the sickness it was evident through our work and message that we were having an impact here, but wouldn't realize just how much until the next day after church.

It was our plan to travel to Pastor Rafael's church several miles away and then travel on to Nakuru were the team would enjoy a much needed rest by going on safari.

I had been asked to preach at church and so prepared a sermon to share, but in the middle of the night before church God woke me up from my sleep and spoke to my heart that the sermon I had prepared was not the one he wanted me to share. He expressed to me...

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Our 2019 team building the stage and sewing machine leg supports.

This Month's Focus On Ministry—Using YouTube To Help People Find Jesus!

YouTube—A huge platform for sharing!

Once I returned from Kenya and our 2019 mission trip I was completely spent and broken (read more about that in the article above).

Although I continued to do ministry such as teaching and working with our partners in Kenya I

honestly didn't know how many more mission trips I could do if they were a difficult as the last one.

So I began to try and find time to rest and seek God's direction for my life and ministry.

As I was talking to God one day in my living room I felt him speak to my heart and direct me

to start a YouTube ministry channel.

But not just a regular ministry or religious channel, but one that shares about the outdoors such as fishing , smoking meats, DIY project, boating and more.

It would be a channel to connect those that love creation, but

But do not know the creator himself. I would be sharing my love for the outdoors with people as an opportunity to connect with them and then at the end of my videos share a short real life application about Jesus and direct people to my books that I would give away for free! (Continued on page 3)

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that he wanted me to talk about having communion with him and not just at church on Sundays, but daily and throughout the day.

As I lay there in bed God revealed to me each verse I was to use and each personal story to go with it and after about a half hour I went back to sleep. Early the next morning I wrote down everything God shared with me although I was a little apprehensive to share it with everyone at church. But as I began to share the message God had given me I began to see tears in people eyes and running down their faces. Heads were nodding up and down and they were intent to hearing the message.

After I sat down the Pastor came up front and invited anyone that wanted to, to come forward in hopes of finding a deeper communion with God. I was amazed as much of the church came forward, but the most incredible part was when the Pastor invited me and Phil (from the Haven) to his office in an outbuilding by the church. As we sat down he said these words to me, *"The message you spoke today was for me. I have been dealing with issues lately, but after hearing your message I now have the strength to continue."*



I don't know if this Pastor was ready to quit the ministry or not, but it was clear that God had touched him and many others as well.

Through the remaining days people would continue to be touched by God's goodness and strengthened as well, including team members.

Our plan was to show the Jesus Film to the community one night, but our video projector broke unexpectedly. I tried to fix it by was unsuccessful, but despite the continued struggles God was clearly doing something in the hearts of people.

We also performed other ministry outside the Haven and also traveled to the Kibera slum just outside Nairobi to meet with our other ministry partner Monica at the Victory and Miracle Children's Centre. This center provides food and education to over 300 children, some of which are orphaned and live at the centre.

As always Monica shared her story of how God rescued her and called her from the poverty of the slum to minister to the children there and as always it was a powerful and touching message of God's power and grace.

When our trip was over I must admit that I was physically, emotionally and spiritually spent! I was sick for most of the following month with respiratory issues. I was exhausted and to be honest just wanted to go into hiding to find some rest! Which is a large part of why you haven't received a newsletter or any real updates until now and I think it is important that I share with you the struggles as well as the victories, because that is real life.

We all face giants and we all become broken at times even in the midst of great conquests, but that just shows us that as we move to do God's work in sharing with and loving others that we need Him and His strength or we will fail.

So I don't know what you are going through right now or what God might have called you to or what giant you need to face, but I want you to know that it is okay to feel broken, tired, exhausted and even afraid. Because that is when we find how little we know, how weak we truly are and how much bigger our God is!!!

So whatever direction God is calling you to go. Go! He will be there every step of the way as it says in Psalm 139:5-6 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

So was our mission trip a success in accomplishing what we felt called to do? I think it was, but I believe we all need to remember it isn't so much about the victory or the defeat as it is about the journey as we travel to get there with God by our side!!!



**ACROSS THE STREET OR
AROUND THE WORLD THE
MISSION IS STILL THE SAME!
THANKS FOR BEING PART OF IT!**



YouTube Ministry Channel (Continued)

Having never attempted something like this I spent the next 8 months researching all I could about YouTube and how to develop a channel. What cameras, editing software, formatting, etc. work best, and then once I felt I understood enough I began to work to self film videos for upload.



I must tell you I faced just as much if not more struggles getting the first video uploaded as I did putting together our last mission trip and missions I had a better understanding on how to do.

At one point I almost quit!!! I was so discouraged, but I continued to trust God and move forward. I felt that this was a spiritual battle and if I could just get the first video uploaded I would have won.



Finally after months of figuring things out I uploaded the first video the end of June 2020.

After that the following videos although a lot of work came easier until we now have to date 54 videos uploaded and God has been blessing the channel with almost 14,000 viewers a month!

One of my fears was that I would face a multitude of people commenting after watching the videos saying "I don't want to hear about any of this Jesus stuff", but the exact opposite has happened with so many thanking me for the video and the message.

It has been an amazing journey so far and the great thing about it is that even after God calls me home people will still be hearing about the Gospel as long as YouTube is around.

Please check out the channel and let me know your thoughts or ideas for how we can grow it together. Also If you would like any of the books I've written they are FREE of charge and you can find the links to them in any of the video descriptions!

The name of the channel is "THE FRUGAL SPORSTMAN" and here is the link that will take you there: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN--boykajG2Mc_90cFjVQ

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

As I have shared with you in the past, along with continuing to minister to those less fortunate we have also been working on the development of a lever operated wheelchair. Our first one we took to Kenya was a prototype that needed further development to overcome some issues. So a special thanks go out to the Walmart corporation for a \$500 grant to help continue that work! And a special thank you to all of you that have given to support this ministry both prayerfully and financially!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- For continued direction and guidance for our ministry as there are so many needs, but limited resources to meet them. So a prayer for wisdom to minister is much needed and very welcome!
- Please pray for the ongoing work of our YouTube channel as God uses it to touch and direct people to him. Please pray that God would bring the right people at the right time to see a video that they need at that very moment!
- Please also pray for our ministry partners working in Kenya: Phil & Janice at the Haven on the Hill and their Staff as well as for Monica and staff at the Miracle & Victory Children's Centre!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!



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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (NIV)

James 1: 27

OUR MISSION

As part of the body of Christ, Inheritance World Ministries is to reach out to the unsaved, to establish the care for orphans and the brokenhearted and to train the church to do the same by equipping them through the application of the Word of God through direct teaching and missions both at home and abroad.

Thank you so much for all you do in helping us minister to the children of Kenya and to others. Your prayers and financial support does more than you know. You may not know this but it has been our goal from the beginning that no one serving at our ministry take a salary so everyone that is ministering through Inheritance World Ministries volunteers the gifts God has given to them. Because of this fact almost all of the funds we receive go towards the children and people we minister to in the name of Jesus!

So thank you again for all you do both prayerfully and financially. Together we are making a difference for all eternity!

For the least, the last, and the Lost ~ Dave Dowling

