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## Changing And Growing As God Leads The Way!

Our last mission trip to Kenya in 2019 was a very powerful and eventful trip with God doing some incredible work no only on the ground through our physical work, but in the hearts and lives of both the locals and our team members.

You can read about all the details in our last news letter here: <u>http://</u> <u>inheritancewm.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2021/04/IWM</u> -Newletter-04-2021.pdf

The pressures and my health though were factors that lead to the most difficult trip I have ever led.

I spent a good deal of time sick and even after returning home remained sick for quite a while as I recovered slowly. This time of reflection led me to seek God in trying to determine if there was a different direction that he was leading me in and so our YouTube channel was born and has continued to grow and I will tell you more about that in a minute.

But my heart has always loved to serve through missions and although we don't have immediate plans for another short term mission trip, we are continuing to support those ministries like Haven On The Hill Children's home in Kenya that we partnered with so many years ago.

We have continued to support them both prayerfully and financially (with your help) as they do and incredible work in the name of Christ by bringing neglected boys into their family and growing them into Godly men.

They have just recently added more lodging in order to accommodate the children who many of which have become young men.

It is truly a blessing and an honor to help grow a ministry with a similar heart for youth.

Please continue to pray for the Haven and all their staff and thank you for all your financial support that allows us to gift ministries like the Haven to continue their work.

To get a more detailed view of their ministry visit: www.throughthestorm.org With all this being said I realized continuing to do missions might be more and more difficult and so I sought God to see if there was another direction he wanted me to travel.

It was on a fall day the summer after our mission trip that God answered my seeking and spoke to me that he wanted me to start a YouTube Channel and to share my passions of both Him and the outdoors! (continued page 3)



Some of the boys moving into the new building at the Haven

## Bringing A Deeper Message!

For many years (about 27) I was involved with Youth For Christ ministering to teens and young adults.

I have always loved working with teenagers. Mainly because they are honest and still open to hearing what someone has to say, but for the last few years my heart has been broken in the fact that over the years I have seen literally hundred of youth come forward to receive Christ as their savior only to see them fall away a short time later, no longer following after God, but instead involved heavily in desires and sin far from him. This put me on a journey to try and figure out why?

The deeper and longer I looked I was shown that many of the people coming to Christ today lack a true understanding of their sin and repentance.

They often view Jesus as only someone to make their

Life better and not as their rescuer and certainly not as their LORD!

So when I was asked this spring to speak at a Youth For Christ conference this past June I felt God was giving me the opportunity to (Continued on next page)

## Deeper Message (continued)

Share the truth about him, about sin, our wrong thinking, who we really are and especially about what it means to move from making Jesus not just our savior, but Lord.

I was given four 70 minutes sessions to help guide these youth to an intimacy with God that many of them probably never realized they could have, but would hopefully make a difference in their long term walk with Him.



With a little less than 70 youth and leaders in my Deep Dive Session it was a little challenging making our time together both insightful and engaging, but God was the one leading this not me and I believe it was him that gave me the words and stories to share.

Although I had my messages planned out prior to arriving at our conference in Wildwood New Jersey God had other plans.

I would find myself waking very early in the morning as God laid on my heart something different to share than what I had planned. I also found myself deviating entirely from the script as God filled my mouth with words and illustrations I never thought of sharing.

My goal was to be open, honest and vulnerable with teens and I believe God used that because they became open with me as well.

We first looked at our wrong thinking and how we are really spiritual people in an earth suit not a physical person with a spirit. This set the stage for us to move away from things like self esteem, our physical looks and recognize that our spirit is the most important feature about us.

The next day we looked deep at sin and came to the realization that we are not the good people we think we are, but evil and far from God without hope or personal means of reconciling our relation-ship with him.

We then journeyed deep into repentance, the fear of God and finally moving from Jesus as savior to Jesus as LORD! Meaning he has complete control of our life.

As the days moved from one to another I could see the power of God move in some of their lives as they came up o me afterwards and told me how God had touched them or was leading them, or to ask me how they could deal with their struggles.

It was truly amazing to see peoples lives being transformed and changed right before my very eyes and not because of me. But solely because of the touch and power of an almighty God that is willing to meet us where we are and make us into who he wants to be as long as we are willing to truly repent and ask him to take his rightful place seated on the throne of our lives.



## Changing and Growing As God Leads The Way (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 a 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 found and obstacle at every turn.

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.

You Tube

Best DI

Crab Buoy

**Fish Float** 

Ever???

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 over 80

videos uploaded and God has blessed the channel to be on track to have 500,000 total views by this years end with over 5000 people subscribed .

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 You-Tube 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 on our channel!

The name of the channel is "THE FRUGAL SPORSTMAN" and here is the link that will take you there: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN--bo-ykajG2Mc 90cFjVQ</u>

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Please pray:

- For the Haven On The Hill Children's Home! That God would continue to provide and grow the ministry and bless it in every way as he is glorified!
- Please pray that God continues
  to reach people through our
  speaking , missions and YouTube
  videos and that lives might be
  changed for all eternity!

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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



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  $\sim$  Dave Dowling