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2023—WHAT IS HOME??

Yet another year has passed and if you're reading this, then you're still here! I know many keep saying that the end is near and Jesus is coming soon.

We need to remember that this world is not our home. We are simply Ambassadors for Christ and are on this world for only one purpose, to be Jesus to those around us.

It's easy for Mary Jo and I to say that with what we do everyday, but what we do isn't easy! We've also tried to be Jesus to those around us most of our Christian lives and have a heart for people, ministry, and most importantly, discipleship and we've carried that with us doing disaster relief.

This year we ended up back in our hometown area of Sarasota, FL helping folks with Ian recovery. You can read more about that on the next page. It was the first time we'd been there for more than a visit in over 10 years. While we have many friends and Mary Jo's mom is still in Sarasota, it hasn't really felt like home since we hit the road. And being deployed to our "home" was no exception, it's just not the same!

It makes me think more of where our "home" as Christians actually is, heaven. If heaven's our home, then we need to ask ourselves why do we spend so much time, money, and effort on the things of this world?

Here in the US, we chase after the American Dream, something I'm convinced is just another deception by satan. We all have the same amount of time in a day, week, month, and year, so on that plane, we're all equal. When it comes to our abilities and gifts, we all vary, just like the parable Jesus taught in Matthew 25:14-30, The LORD gave to each what he could handle. Then each one was called into account for what they had been given with no comparison to what anyone else did or didn't do.

One day we will all stand before God and just like the servants in the parable, we will have to give account for what we did with all The LORD has given us, our time, gifts/talents, money, earthly possessions, families, etc.

The time is NOW to get serious about living our lives for the only One who cared enough for us to give up His life so that we could spend eternity in heaven with Him!

I want to be rewarded in heaven, what about you?



ONGOING NEEDS

The LORD continues to faithfully supply our needs. We're so thankful to all those who sacrificially support and pray for us as we continue to serve Him!

It's been quite an adventure since we first set out in 2004, and then "accidentally" went full time in 2012. It is still

just the two of us (though we continue to pray for others to come alongside of us full time), and we have 2 pickups, a 15-passenger van, a 5th wheel home, a bunkhouse for volunteers, and a tool trailer, all of which are older but we got for next to nothing and anything new would cost a bundle, so keep them repaired is a must! We also have a full stocked tool trailer that is ever expanding!



Keeping all of this maintained and organized is almost a full-time job itself. Since we spend time serving in the field, we often end up paying folks to do things

We're both getting older, even though Mary Jo doesn't look it, and as our bodies are wearing out, we really need to slow down.

By the end of the year I was in a lot of pain in my back, hip, thigh, and knee areas and it seems to be getting worse. If things don't improve quick, I'll need to see a doctor and see what's up.

Nonetheless, I need to slow down, quit serving in the field when I don't have help, and quit doing things that are too much for me anymore. It's hard to do, but do it I must!

There are many needs in what we do, but we know this is what God has us doing and we know He will continue to supply our needs. We covet your prayers as we live out our mission! We're on this earth to serve and disciple others until the day He takes us home to heaven!



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2022 IN REVIEW

We finished 2021 with Mary Jo's dad just dying before the new year. It was decided that we would head back to LA to continue working on Ida relief and then come back to FL for his memorial in February when we came for our SE Pastor's Conference.

Our good friend for many years, Paul, came back after the 1st and continue to help us. For a lot of the time it was just the 2 of us in the field, but we still managed to get a lot done. We ended up with 3 teams, 3 different weeks who were a huge boost to help us finish up the last 3 homes we were working on. All told, we were able to help about 50 families in the area and made some life-long friends!

Once we finished serving, Paul headed out and I turned to doing maintenance. As mentioned on the other page, there's lots to do! On top of that the V10 motor blew and had to be replaced, which while expensive, was a lot cheaper than replacing.

After getting some things accomplished we headed out to visit with some family and friends as we visited different churches where I was able to share about CR and from God's Word. We ended up with our kids and grandkids and took the 3 older grands camping for 5 days. We were a little afraid of how that would go, but it ended up being great!

During our time away we did some assessments from flooding in KY and West VA thinking we might help out there. We found a place that said they needed help so we decided to pack up and move camp. Once we got there, it was a different story, everyone said they were fine even though winter was setting in and they obviously weren't.

We weren't sure what we were going to do when Ian headed for our home town. We prayed and it was decided that we'd head home to help, so we moved Camp Calvary again!

We first landed in Venice and quickly got busy. Unfortunately leadership changed and while we confirmed setting up with the new leadership before they took over, once in, they changed their tune and we were out. We looked several places to find an alternative location, but wasn't getting anywhere and by the end of the year we were pretty much out of volunteers so didn't know what we would do. It looked like our Ian deployment would be cut short.

As always, when we make commitments we do all we can to fulfill them, so we'll see what The LORD does with us after the first of the year.

Please keep us in your prayers—that we would honor Him with all we do!



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STAY CONNECTED

We live on the road and are in constant need of prayer. We do our best to stay in touch and have several ways for you to stay connected to us.

Our website is CalvaryRelief.com

Our blog is Calvaryrelief.com/index.php/blog

We send out periodic email newsletters. You can sign up by going to the contact page on our website.

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