

Renewal Along the Way

Recently we have gotten phone calls, "Where are you guys?" Our six-week trip has turned into six months. We are still in Modesto and will be here as long as necessary.

"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell and make a profit.' Where as you do not know what will happen tomorrow..." James 4:14,15

James knew what he was talking about and it has been a humbling experience to see God interrupt our plans. Sometimes He answers our prayers in unexpected ways, but the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 encourage us: "There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to harvest, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to rebuild, a time to cry and a time to laugh, a time to grieve and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones, a time to embrace and a time to turn away, a time to search and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be quiet and a time to speak up, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."

Please pray with us and our family as God does His Work of renewal and healing.

Going Far

There is a wise Kenyan proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go with others."

Too often we opt to individualize our journey, thus tuning out the warning signs around us. Our self-absorption prevents us from hearing about impending danger...we march on oblivious to potential risks. On June 11, 2011 our youngest son, Nathan, graduated with his masters in Theology from seminary. We were refreshed by the commencement address that quoted an article by David Brooks in the New York Times: "It's not about you." Too many voices today shout out: follow your passion; chart your own course; march to the beat of your own drum; follow your dreams...etc. that's success, fulfillment, and life. This focused individualism is the dominant note in American culture and I must say the whole world. But it's





not about me or you...it's about Him! Revelation 4:11

When we surround ourselves with others who care about Him and who value the things that He values, then we are encouraged, we hear the warnings, we listen; we go a long way in the right direction. But a solo lifestyle is another story.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24, 25

A special thanks to all you who have extended hospitality, fellowship, love, and warmth to us this trip home! You know who you are...thanks.



Continuing Far

We're glad that what we are doing at Agape is a team effort! None of us are going alone so it's exciting to see how far we have gone in these six months of our absence.

Here is a short list:

- An average of about 20 boys per month have been rescued! (Up from last year)
- The run-away figures are down of those completing the Orientation/Rehab program
- The Orientation Program graduates are doing well at home in their villages and at the Agape campus
- The Outreach team reports greater receptivity and openness on the part of boys still on the street
- A prayer team is being mobilized so that each new boy off the street will have his own prayer intercessor for the first month of his rehabilitation process (a special thanks to those who have joined us in this...it's not too late! Please contact us for more details.)



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