



Warn Ink! The Newsletter of Steve and Dianne Warn

Anniversaries!

April was a month of anniversaries for us here in Africa!

~ (Oxford Dictionary says an “anniversary” is a date a number of years after the date of the important or special event.) Let’s start with the most important event for which we celebrated in April; Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Hallelujah! He has risen indeed or as we say in Kiswahili, “Kufufuka!”

“He who is the Faithful Witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.” Revelation 1:5

The second anniversary we celebrated was that 33 years ago on April 7, 1979 we were married on home plate of a baseball field at Faith Home Teen Ranch in California. “Marriage is a great mystery: I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.” Ephesians 5:32,33

The third anniversary was the two-year celebration on Easter morning of Calvary Chapel Lakeside that meets at our former Drop-In center here in Kisumu. (we operated that center for 3 ½ years)

“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and singleness of heart.” Acts 2:46

A MARRIAGE IN THE MAKING!



Speaking of celebrations, August 18, 2012 is a very special date on our calendar! On that day in Chicago, Nathan Warn and Meg Bayley will be joining their lives together in the Lord. To set the mood, we dusted off our old copy of Fiddler on the Roof and watched it, just as we did when our daughter was married back in May of 2008. It reminded us again that in marriage there is a choice that is made, a cost that is paid and a consent that is given. (That is also true of our life in Christ). As we look forward to that celebration with great joy, we know that greater still is the joy and rejoicing that takes place in heaven when just one street child repents of his sins and prays to receive Christ.

JUST ANOTHER STREET BOY!



He was sitting outside the gate, an all too familiar figure with a shirt several sizes too big, dirty torn pants and no shoes. His sad, worried countenance made him look older than his years. We greeted him kindly enough but even then the temptation was to rush on into our day and onto the hundred things we had to accomplish. After all, what was different about this street boy when we had so many others clamoring for our attention. He would just have to wait for Abel who would eventually come and take care of him or at least that's what we told him. But somehow there was a nagging thought- "He's going back home just the way he was when he went to the street... someone needs to share Jesus with him." I turned and went into the office thinking under different circumstances we could have shared the "Green Bag" with him, but the staff were all in a special meeting and there was no one and besides there wasn't enough time; it takes over an hour. But somehow I went back out and looked again in his direction; another thought came, "Share the story Let the Little Children Come to Me". By this time I raced back into the office, grabbed the Green Bag and carried it out wondering who would translate. Then my eyes fell on the guard, "Why not try?" We began and to my amazement the guard passionately shared as William soaked in every word and answered all our questions. When asked if he had been there, would

he have gone to Jesus, he responded that he would like to have Jesus in his heart. We bowed our heads and prayed; the Lord drew near.

Billy Graham once said, "Christ does come to us everyday... in the form of human need that we pass by." But He would not let us pass this boy by. Ephesians 2:8,9

Praise and Prayers >>>

1. Praise for the revision of the Transition Program that is nearing completion!
2. Thanks for your prayers for the Transition center property that may be close to being settled.
3. Praise for the successful training of five new counselors in the Green Bag. And pray for the development of a counseling department at Agape.
4. For wisdom and guidance for Nathan and Meg as they make important decisions about where to live and where to work in this next season of their life.
5. For our trip to the states in July and a reliable vehicle to use in seeing supporters across the US and on to Chicago for the wedding in August.

Thank you one and all for love and support, we are still celebrating the life of the One who said, "I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever an ever! And I hold the keys of death and hell." Revelation 1:18 We pray for all who read that you might know something solid of the charities of life that come from Him by grace through faith.

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