

Christian Seeking Identity

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CBC-Colorado Team Ministering in a Mens Rehab Center

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Greetings Family & Friends,
We have hardly had a chance to blink our eyes and March is already upon us. As I look back to February and remember the CBC Team that we hosted to Colombia two words come to my mind; diversity and congruency. My dad was in the Army so I grew up traveling to many military bases in the United States and Germany. As I reflect back on my life then, I realize that I met many people from many backgrounds (ethnic, cultural and religious). For me it was like God's pre-embled for my life and for what He had in store for me as a worldwide missionary.



(CBC Team ministering Free Hugs and prayer in the streets)

The CBC Team that we hosted to Colombia in February was like this; diverse and yet very congruent. As Suzan and I got to know the Team members, more through conversations and listening to their testimonies, it was evident to us that God had put this Team together. It was

beautiful to watch God work "in" and "through" them. They not only ministered to the people of Colombia but to each other in a very powerful way. I always talk to the Teams about being "fluid" (like water) and that's just how they were-flowing with the Holy Spirit. There were several challenges that the team had to deal with during the trip but they handled them together as a team and allowed to Holy Spirit to be the guiding force that pulled them through each challenge. What the enemy meant for evil, God turned to good and their ministry was a reflection of the peace that comes when God is in control.



In this months newsletter Suzan shares

about the *(Prayer & the Love of God is known in all language)* little things (Little Foxes) that the enemy uses against us to steal from us. We trust that it will bless you in your everyday walk with the Lord.

God Bless you!
Your friends,
Mickey & Suzan

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The Little Foxes that Spoil the Vine

When the Pharisees asked Jesus about when the kingdom would come, Jesus told them that the kingdom was not delegated to a futuristic event that would magically make its appearance in the afterlife. He told them that the kingdom was “within them.” The sense of righteousness, peace and joy that comes with kingdom living is designed to be experienced now, in the midst of everything going on in this world; unfortunately, this has not always been the case. We have mistakenly equated whether or not someone enters into the kingdom with a simple saying of the sinner’s prayer. Either you are in or you are out and everyone that fails to enter into the kingdom must be lost!

Now that was a mouthful that is bound to throw up some red-flags, but let me explain myself. There are a lot of people who are born again Christians who have never entered into what God defines as kingdom living. John 3 says that unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot see into the kingdom, neither can gain entrance into it. If we can get past what the letter of the Word and tradition are saying, I think that we will find that Jesus is simply saying that the Holy Spirit is the only one that can connect us to the things of the kingdom. Those of us who continue to be led by our emotions and what we see and hear in the natural will not get where we want to go in this life, even though we are Christians.

The scriptures mention other things that will keep us from entering into that deep abiding sense of the presence of God in our lives. Matthew 23:13 says that neither the Pharisees, nor their proselytes could enter into the kingdom. Even though they loved God and put a lot of effort into building a relationship with Him, they were focused on entering in based on the merit of their works. If we try to copy their pattern, we will not do any better than they did. Entering into the kingdom is dependent upon us getting a revelation that the cross was a success. What Jesus did for us was enough. It does not depend on our good works. Matthew 5:20.

Matthew 7:21-23 says that only those who are focused on doing things God’s way will enter into the kingdom. There are a lot of dedicated Christians who have given serving Christ their all, but they have been so occupied with trying to resolve the sin issue that Jesus already took

care of that they can’t see anything beyond it.

Matthew 18:3 says that unless we become in like little children, we cannot enter into the kingdom. Little children don’t try to over-analyze whether they deserve their parent’s care or not. They simply trust with childlike faith that their needs will be met.

It is hard for rich men to enter into the kingdom because their own wealth becomes their sense of security. In order to enter into the true things of the kingdom, we must give up all confidence in ourselves. Matthew 19:24-25 Carrying offenses and offending others is yet another thing that derails us. Mark 9:47 says it would be better for us to enter into the kingdom with only one eye than to try to enter into it loaded down with offenses. When we take offense, we become our own defender and it ruins our testimony!

Giving in to the lusts of our flesh stops us in our tracks! Not everything that feels good, or seems right is right. Galatians adds envy, hatred, strife, seditions, idolatry, and sexual immorality to the list because these provide the perfect opportunity for the enemy to come in the back door and override our sense of righteousness with condemnation and guilt.

The kingdom is ours! Jesus has given us the keys to the kingdom. Our access to it is not automatic; it is contingent on whether we are being prompted by the spirit or being led by the flesh.

Are you resting the vine where you can sense the peaceful presence of God in your life? If not, then perhaps you have grabbed hold of a little vine destroying fox and it is time to let it go!

(I remember taking this picture and thinking, “That is the love and compassion of Jesus flowing through her to this man & his son)

