



Living What We Teach!

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“What are you doing here? You’re in England!”

I was really in Nags Head, visiting a friend whose last information from us had indicated that we were leaving August 1st for our mission in England. Since I was obviously in Nags Head, I sat down and shared our story of living out what we always teach and exhort others to do—walk trusting that God does indeed know what He’s doing.

As spring turned to summer, we experienced a number of changes in plans, circumstances, and opportunities to grow as we worked to fulfill and transfer our responsibilities here, apply for our missionary visas, and get ready to go. Our hearts wanted to cross the Atlantic but our lists here seemed to mushroom and become frustrating as one obstacle after another presented itself.

Often God brought to mind His promises and instructions—that we should watch and see His salvation. (Exodus 14:13, I Samuel 12:16, II Chronicles 20:17) as He worked out the timing, the visas, the provision, and circumstances

both here and in East-the-Water, the community in which we will be based for much of this next 11 months.

Those promises and a picture have sustained me and given me joy even when circumstances were less than those I wanted and when I couldn’t answer the question, “When will we get to go?” My answer was always the same, “When God allows.”

The picture that blesses me is of 3 African women and was painted by Jan, an artist in East-the-Water. She was intrigued by 3 photos in an issue of **National Geographic** and combined the faces in the painting. Jan is really special to us because she wandered into the first church service we conducted there two years ago. She came to the service, listened, and then sought out the pastor and asked for someone to pray with her as she wanted to give her life to Jesus. She prayed with fervor and determination. And after her tears dried, she set out to do whatever God said as she entered a new life.

It’s been a costly decision for her. Becoming a Christian caused her to make some business decisions that led to her losing her business. She began to set boundaries in relationships which caused her to lose friends for whom she really cared. Her adult children alternately encourage and discourage the “new” Mom. But in Jesus Jan has found a gift more precious than anything else in her life. She struggles financially, but she has joy. She encounters ridicule, but she is rapidly becoming a balanced and mature Christian.

Jan is one of many people with whom we will work in East-the-Water as we share the Good News. I was awed when she told me God had said to give me the painting and I decided that no matter what the cost, I was bringing it with me to hang in my home. (British Airways shipped it free.) And it hangs there now, a daily reminder from God that He cares, He knows, and that He will do here, in East-the-Water, and everywhere else, all that He promises. I can rest. I can trust. And so can you.

This bulletin just in . . .

A weekly e-mail prayer update begins in early November. We NEED your prayers as we go into this new outreach. This is a way for us to communicate current needs for prayer as well as news of the wonderful things we see God doing in the community of East-the-Water. If you wish to receive this update, please e-mail us at fay.nelson@gmail.com and we’ll include you.



We Recommend

All of our suggestions this issue are more contemplative than normal, but we have found in this crazy, uncertain time that we have just been through that these things have pointed us to God in a fresh way. We hope you are ministered to as well.



Sacred Listening This book takes Ignatius Loyola's Spiritual Exercises and makes them usable in our day to day schedule. It takes a commitment of time but uses Scripture, meditation and journaling to deepen our relationship with God. It is recommended that you also have a partner to share with once a week. We have found it refreshing.



Pray Magazine This magazine put out by The Navigators can be found in many Christian book stores. It is encouraging and challenging and points the reader to a deeper relationship with God. It also includes a children's section. We found the July/August issue to be just what we needed. Available at www.praymag.com or

Pray! NavPress Periodicals PO Box 35004 Colorado Springs, CO 80935-9934.



Take a prayer walk Just walk and talk to God, sing a song of praise as you go, make it a march of thankfulness. Listen, look, smell, taste His creation and get your eyes on Who God is. It helps to see Him and gives perspective to our problems.



Songs from the River 3 by Ruth Fazal Simply beautiful instrumental music. Available from www.cupbearer.com

Weekly devotion on our web page, beginning November 1st. If you like our newsletters, we think you'll like this new expression of god's Good News. Devotions will be written by Fay, CliffAnn, Larry Jones (our web master) and other guest writers. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged.

Our Schedule/Prayer Requests

Oct. 21	Burning Heart Fellowship, Nashville, NC
Oct. 26-28	Missions Conference, Liberty Christian Fellowship, Kill Devil Hills, NC
Oct. 31	Family Night at Liberty Christian Fellowship,
Nov. 2-4	Maranatha Ministries Conference, Kitty Hawk, NC
Nov. 6	Fly to England
Jan 24	Return to US
Jan 26	Africa Team Retreat
Feb 3—15	Ministry in Zambia with NOAH Ministries, Mike and Linda Jones
Feb 16	Return to East-the-Water

- ☞ We still have a need for some finances either monthly or one time gifts.
- ☞ We need wisdom in our packing both for ministry needs and personal.
- ☞ We need clear minds and good health as we try to tie up all the loose ends and begin this new phase of ministry.
- ☞ Praise God the puppets ordered for England have arrived safely.
- ☞ Praise God a fresh new bathroom is soon to be finished in the house we will live in.
- ☞ Praise God Nathan, Kate, Fiona and Eddie have been laying a good ministry foundation as they are establishing relationships, beginning home groups and networking in the community.
- ☞ Please pray for Fay, CliffAnn, Levi and Bobbi Jo as we join the team in England.

Thanksgiving!

Thank you for all of the prayer, financial and other practical support you have given to help fund what God has called us to do. Quite literally we could not do it without you.

Creative Ministries' office will still be fully operational in the States with the same address and phone number. Martha Cain will check phone messages and keep us informed as well as process our mail and take care of our donations and receipts.

You can now give online as well. See our web site for a link for secure online giving. Go to www.creativeministries.org and click on the button on the home page.

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