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Come To Me!

“When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.” Psalm 27:8 NAS

I have often referred to my life as a long, many chaptered book, set in multiple locations and with an ever changing and growing cast of characters. However, it is also true, that our lives can be referred to as a journey, with changes of direction and locations at many points along the way. In my case, I have lived in 27 houses or apartments, traveled to 23 countries on 5 continents; my story can seem like a series rather than just one book.

The Bible uses similar language, referring to our lives as a ‘walk’ or where we go as our ‘path.’ : “The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.” Proverbs 4:18. Hebrews 12 goes so far as to say we are all running a race; a race that has been set before each one of us. I have always marveled at the individuality of our faith so clearly expressed in the scripture. We are not one big primeval ooze of consciousness. Rather, we are uniquely and wonderfully made as the snowflakes, each with our own markings. We are given tasks which were put into place before we were born, that we should walk in them We have a race to run.

To me, the most beautiful imagery in this passage is where we are told to look unto Jesus who is the Author and

Perfector of our faith. When I first read this verse, I had such a picture in my mind of Jesus, waiting there for me at the Finish Line. Cheering me on. Smiling. For me. Arms opened wide. Waiting. Saying...?Come to Me...?’

There is nothing in my entire life that motivates me to get it right as much as this mental picture. A loving Savior/ Shepherd/Friend watching over me and willing me to succeed. Willing me to run with patience and not give up. Willing me to endure. “Come to Me...’

Whether our race is a long, drawn out marathon, such as my dear father, whose lifespan crossed 10 decades! (1929 – 2020), or short, intense sprints, such as those who leave us far too young; no matter how our race transpires, of this we can be certain: Jesus is the Prize. He is our Reward. His loving arms embracing us at the end of our journey, catching us as we fall from this life...into the next, is the Goal that I run towards. Keeping my eyes fixed on the One who loves me best. Who calls out to all of us, “Come to Me.”



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE ECKER

On A Personal Note ...



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE ECKER

On January 5, 2020, my dear Dad, Jim Graham, went home to be with the Lord. He lived a long and impactful life, although he was a quiet man. His kind and caring nature, his wonderful sense of humor and his deeply generous and concerned in others nature made him very special to so many, even those outside his family. Even those who came to know him in his last year, his hospice nurses, some of the helpers and young people who would sit with him when I had to go out for more than an hour, were SO impressed with his wisdom, sharp wit, and how he was able to engage them in conversations about any subject. He never stopped living and learning even up to the very end. He will be greatly missed by all of his family, and especially Dan and I who were so blessed to have him with us in our home for the past 22 months. It doesn't seem real that he is not here with us any more. We appreciate all of your love and prayers for us as we grieve, especially for my mother, Virginia, age 89, my siblings, Ted and Chris, his grandchildren, Nicci, Jennifer and Josiah and his great grandsons, Michael and Daylin. How blessed we were to have such a kind and caring man as our Father and Protector.

Providing Care For Kingdom Families

Thank you for standing with us in 2020 for reaching into fatherless homes, in Thailand.

Families Without Fathers (FWF) continues to be a blessing to families like these in selected areas around the country. With the support of FWF children and families like these are receiving the love of Jesus in very real, and practical ways! Pray for each one to encounter God more fully this year.



The Adventure Continues!



WRITTEN BY,
DAN ECKER

As we continue to press on in 2020 there is

much to be accomplished for the Lord and we all have a part in the fulfillment for what he has planned for each of our lives.

We are being asked to bring further teaching and training in various parts of Thailand, the Netherlands and Myanmar during the first part of this

year. These are areas that we are praying over and feel committed to this year as part of the Lord's plans.

Your partnership this year will enable us to accomplish this and more!

As always we are being asked by several Thai churches if we could extend our Families Without Fathers project, (FWF) into new areas that are lacking this type of care for reaching children and families for Christ.

Breakthrough Prayer Points

“And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Matthew. 21:22 NAS

1. Breakthroughs in each of our projects and ministry platforms this year.
2. For each of the four main regions in Thailand to open up more fully, in 2020.
3. For Firstlight to be strategically placed for increased effectiveness this year.
4. For the Lord's abundant provision, open doors, and lasting fruit in the first quarter of 2020.