

Burkey Beacon

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Dear friend,

How are you doing in your walk with Jesus? I miss my friend in Macedonia who would often ask me that. I hope you are taking time to enjoy the Lord's presence and seek His will for your day. There are less important things that often take my time and maybe yours. Do you know how that YOU, personally, best connect with the Lord? Is it through study of His written Word? Through being outside in nature? Through prayer? Through contemplating the character of God and learning something new? Through serving? Through music performance or worship? Through solitude and simplicity? Through religious ritual? Through writing or journaling? God made us all unique and we each have favored ways we connect with God or respond to Him. I am reminded of Eric Liddell, the British Olympic athlete who said in 1924, "When I run, I feel God's pleasure." For Eric it was running. Are there seasons that are special, times of the day, or activities that are more conducive for you to feel God's pleasure? If so orchestrate your day as much as possible to include such things. God takes so much pleasure in you!

"The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take **great delight in you;**
in His love He will no longer rebuke you,
but will **rejoice over you with singing.**"
Zephaniah 3:17



Last week we had the pleasure of my parents visiting us in Florida, and we had the honor of another guest. You can probably guess who Peter is. I met him at a job fair in Orlando where I was recruiting people to work for Cru and Peter was searching for a job. When I found out he was from South Sudan, I told him that I was praying for his country many years ago because of the terrible things that were happening there. He said, I am one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan." That references a huge group of young boys who were escaping the brutal civil war in their country by walking over a thousand miles to get to refugee camps in Kenya or Ethiopia. They stayed in the camps for many years and all the world seemed to forget them. Yet, they grew up, and a few won the chance to get into the USA. There is a movie made about them. Peter was one of the few chosen. A family sponsored him and took him into their home. Then Peter attended Western Michigan University, and after graduation moved to Florida for the warmer weather. He worked for a Lutheran agency helping refugees currently coming to the USA. Recently, the funding was cut and he lost his job. He is writing his memoirs and looking for a job where he can both make money *and* have an impact for Jesus. It is such a privilege to help him find meaningful employment, to eat dinner with him, and just to listen to him outline God's hand in his story. **Please pray for the Lord to lead Peter to find the best job to meet his current needs and make a positive impact for Christ.**

Your prayer and financial partnership enables us to mobilize people like Peter, as we trust God to raise up more laborers for The Harvest. Our goal is to **inspire, invite, and involve** like-minded and un-engaged believers in Great Commission work. It's an exciting time to be living! The Gospel is going out in more ways than ever!

We acknowledge the sacrifices you are making on behalf of the Gospel, and yet we desire to inform you of our current need. Having transitioned back to the USA, we are experiencing a shortfall in support, and are trusting the Lord now to provide \$10,736. **Would you prayerfully consider helping us with a special year-end gift?** Thank you for considering it. Also, please return the enclosed response card. What goals or challenges do you have this year, that you are trusting God for? We left the backside blank for you to **let us know how we can specifically pray for you.**

You are such a blessing to us! Adam & Amy