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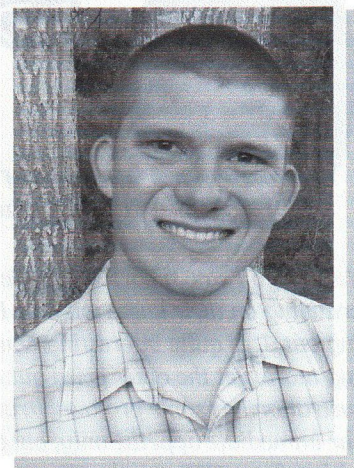
An Enlightened Heart

"the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints" (Ephesians 1:18)

Years ago I saw a cartoon caption that got my attention in such a way that I have not forgotten it. The depiction was that of two men crawling on their knees with the blazing hot sun upon their backs in a desert wilderness; both of these men being desperate of thirst crying out. It is quite interesting how they both had the same need, but yet much different requests. One man cried out for water and nothing more, yet the other cried out for a large glass of water with a twist of lemon, and an oatmeal raisin cookie. This comical cartoon illustration has some profound truth in it, and poses a question, **HOW HIGH IS YOUR VISION?** We are here not to the satisfaction of the immediate appetite only, but to something bigger, grander, and more eternal. The God of The Universe delights in big, gigantic, huge vision from **HIS** people. We were born to create, to build, and to advance. In fact God's Word tells us "without vision, people perish." Proverbs 29:18. When we do not live out that in which we were created for, we shrivel up and die. We may live in the natural, but Our Spirit Man the part of us that will live for all of eternity becomes weak, fragile, apathetic, indifferent and atrophic (wasting away.) We are challenged to cultivate a life of worship unto God; Worship is the manifestation of one that is truly **HIS** and it is a full time occupation. There is no separation of secular and sacred. **ALL IS SACRED.** Out of this ardent life style of Divine order, we cannot help but to ask of Our Father Big Requests, because we have and are coming into knowing **THIS GOD, (ONLY TRUE GOD) (HE IS NOT LIMITED.)** We will not only believe and act upon **HUGE VISION** which is **GLOBAL VISION** for us, but believe Global Vision for The Entire Body of Christ. He alone broadens our requests to reach beyond our local community, city, State and Nation. He impresses us to pray and to reach out to the Nations. Evangelism in its purist form is simply an overflow of worship. Each one of us can testify that we have come out of very selfish lifestyles. In our past we would have never thought about other people on the other side of the planet much less pray for them or provide for Missionaries to go to them. God desires to deliver us from a (me, my, mine mentality). His heart is to open our eyes to see **THE WORLD.** "For God so loved **THE WORLD**, that **HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.** John 3:16" In the secret place, we get **HIS HEART.** Our vision is broadened when we find ourselves praying and believing for those who live next door to us and also the least evangelized on the planet such as the Aoka of China, living in the 10/40 window that at this present time has **NO BIBLE** in their own language. * check out.... www.JoshuaProject.net. (10/40 window: The rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude where 95 percent of the world's least evangelized people are found). That part of the world that we call the 10/40 window is covered in spiritual darkness. One day we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Have you ever given much thought that you will be judged on your impact in this world in which we live? How great is the sphere in which you had a part for **HIS GLORY?** If you think your sphere of influence is only in your family, and perhaps Church Family, and local community is this not a bit of myopia? (**NARROW VIEW**) and because of vast technology to us, we are really like no other generation before us without excuse in knowing about others on the planet who need **JESUS.** If we cannot go to them, we best be sending and praying. How is it working for you, all those technical gadgets at your disposal, Gone Global for **JESUS** ? All of our labor must flow from a life of worship. Not only are we being challenged to pray and give out for greater distant geographical locations of people to have encounters with God. We are held accountable for those who we come in direct contact with. The ones we can see up close and reach out and touch. Should we not be lifting our vision higher as we come in direct contact with them, and as a result see the lame walk, deaf ears opened, blind eyes see, the dead raised and The Good News preached. Are we merely asking for water when all the while we could be asking for the tall glass of water with the lemon twist and the oatmeal raisin cookie as illustrated above in the cartoon sketch? **HE** said, "Signs, miracles and wonders would follow those who believe." Could we not each truly say we have limited **THE GOSPEL** on display in and through us? Is it not past time for us as The Body of Christ to live and move in **THE SUPERNATURAL** like never before and to advance in our vision lifting it higher and broader? And finally and foremost should not our activities be aligned in such a fashion that we leave plenty of time for the cultivation of the fruits of solitude and silence. This is more of a challenge today than ever before in history as social media's scream for our attention. Seems like few desire to get alone and truly to **BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT HE IS GOD. (Psalm 46:10)** yet out of this discipline of **LOVE**, we will be catapulted to see and hear and act upon that which is **IN THE FATHER'S HEART. JESUS DID NOT SAY ANYTHING EXCEPT WHAT THE FATHER SAID, AND DID NOT DO ANYTHING EXCEPT WHAT THE FATHER SAID DO.** "We can be straight as a gun barrel theologically and as empty as one spiritually" "If we major on knowing God, and cultivate a sense of **HIS** presence in our daily lives, and do what Brother Lawrence advises by Practicing the Presence of God daily, and seek to know The Holy Spirit in the scriptures, we will go a long way in serving our generation for God." A.W. Tozer. It is a weighty question to ask ourselves, how high is our vision? However, much more the significant and weighty to ask The Holy Spirit to reveal to us how largely extensive is our vision. **HE WILL ALWAYS TELL US THE TRUTH.** How we spend our God-given resources is of paramount importance. We will appear before The Lord one day to give an account of what we did while we were on the earth. Can we honestly say that we are being good stewards of the riches God has given us? Each person must take an inventory of our expenditures. Billions of people are perishing without the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The time is short. Strengthened by **HIS** help, are we going to wholly accept the responsibility He has entrusted to us? Seek God's heart for the lost and perishing. Ask **HIM** to motivate you with **HIS LOVE** and **COMPASSION** to do your part to fulfill the **GREAT COMMISSION.** To whom much is given, much is required. We owe everyone an encounter with God.

Graduate Testimony

My name is Ryan Curtis. I am 20 years old, from Denton, Texas. I've struggled all my life to find out who I truly am. At the age of 10, I gave my life to the Lord or so I thought, I was really just playing church. A year later my emotions started taking over and I could no longer play church. Then one day at school I had a nervous breakdown in fifth grade PE class. Long Story short I went to the hospital. I was put on medication for depression. After that I was good for two years till my depression turned into suicidal thoughts and I threatened to kill myself. Since then I have been in seven psychiatric hospitals. Somewhere in the mix of things I let anger into my life and almost lost it all; my family, home, and sanity. When I was 16 I was introduced to xanax but I quickly decided not to go down that road. By the age of 18 I had turned my back on God, by hanging out with an old friend who was a drug dealer. I had started buying pills and marijuana from him. By the time I started college I thought I was living it up. I was spending hundreds of dollars on drugs and was selling my prescriptions. All of a sudden, WHAM! My life turned upside down. I had run out of money and options. I asked God for one more chance, by His Mercy, He guided me to Freedom House, and then went to Teen Challenge to break my sin nature. Finally ended up at Shiloh, my last chance to make right all the wrongs. Psalm 40:1 -3 is the verse that describes how I got to Shiloh, "I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him." But the scripture that gives me the power to do what God wills is "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me!" Philippians 4:13. My stay at Shiloh was exactly what I needed to get back on the straight and narrow path. I am Thankful that God didn't allow me to die in my sin. I now look forward to doing work for God's Kingdom, and joining YWAM, because I now know who I am in Christ!



Prayer Request

We are asking for everyone to be in agreement with us for all the money to come in to complete the new dormitory . We are about 80 percent complete & close to a completion date that we have set for the end of May. Everyday we receive phone calls from desperate men calling about obtaining freedom from their addictions. We have to advise them that as of now we have no bed space. We council them & pray with them for God's mercy, grace & protection during their waiting period. It is all we can do for now. We are aware that often after the initial interview we never hear from them again. It is sad & difficult for us to hear the desperate plea for help & not have the bed space for them. Since April of last year we have been preparing the land & the building to accommodate more men. We have been faithful stewards over all the resources that has came in for the new dormitory. Most all of our current & former students (as well as Staff) has been involved in the remodeling, construction phase. We have not hired any outside contractor's to do the work. We have used wisdom & insight from the Lord to steward all that He has brought in from loving people. Would you prayerfully consider giving financially towards the completion phase of the new Dormitory? We are grateful for your giving to the Lord's Ministry at Shiloh. Be blessed & thank you for co-laboring with us.

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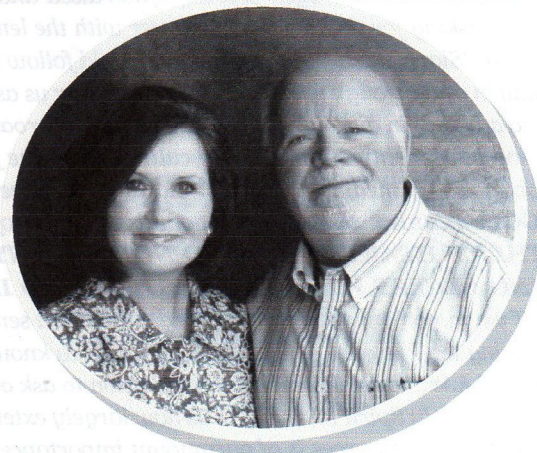
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