



Shiloh Messenger

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Arise & Shine

“Arise and shine; for your light has come. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will rise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you” (Is 60:1&2)

As I sit here on my last and final flight of my journey home, I can sense and feel the sweet presence of God all around. Gazing to my left from the tiny oval shaped window, I see the beauty that is His creation. The light baby blue sky with its perfectly hand painted clouds all over to the rolling hills and mountain tops that seem to go on for ever and ever is His handiwork. Inside the plane as I look around and listen, I can see and even hear in speech that so many of us are foreigners to one another, everyone in their differences in ethnicity and culture but all so tangibly formed and fashioned in the very image of God. All of us fearfully and wonderfully made ya know! This simplicity in this beautiful diverse scenery alone is enough for me to know that He is the wonderful and masterful creator of ALL things. I Sit in such awe and amazement reflecting on everything and everyone that I have encountered the past few short weeks. A small team of five crazy, radical lovers of Jesus and myself have been very privileged to travel to the nation of Nepal for some ministry, general outreach, and what we have ordained a Hope Strike for a nation! Right now at this very moment in time there is so much that I feel God is cracking open, and shifting in this land and in the people. I believe this is truly Nepal’s time to “arise and shine” according to Is 60:1&2 *“Arise, Shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will rise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you”* The heart of God is burning for Nepal. This is a nation that for years and years has labeled themselves a “Hindu nation.” There’s this sense of anything goes concerning false God’s and idol worship and religion itself. A nation where its common to see animals sacrificed to idols in temples daily, where it is common to see demon possession in almost every worship gathering. Seeing and encountering these different experiences seems like an overload to me in my little infinite comfortable American mind, but this IS reality for the people of Nepal, this IS every day life as they know it! I can say that amongst all the evil, it is so beautiful and amazing to see the hand of God at work in the most darkest places of the world. To see so many turning their backs on the false God’s and idols of the land and turning their face’s and hearts to Jesus, the King of the universe! So much took place in this trip, but one day stands out among them all, I call it my “it was all worth it” day. We teamed up with some local Pastors and friends on a Thursday morning to do some evangelism. My preconceived ideas of evangelism that I carried over from the west were already putting me in doubt. See I have gotten chances to “evangelize” in America many times before and really I was not crazy about going out and feeding the poor or passing out free Christian literature to random strangers. My past western world experiences reminded me of being perhaps mocked or laughed at, or maybe even taken advantage of for my kindness as it had seemed to happen before. I guess I had just not felt called to evangelism or just had too many un-fruitful experiences? Well all of my thoughts and ideas were quickly tossed out the door when I realized how and where, and to whom we were being sent to. We were told we would be hiking up and across a large portion of the Himalayan Mountains. Some of us to the tops to some very remote locations and villages where there would be people and entire families that had never even heard the name Jesus! We were not “hitting the streets” to visit the poor, or just to meet anyone’s immediate needs, but to go and love people who almost literally have no contact with a world outside their village’s. This floored me! I thought to myself, how could this be? With all of our resources out there, and still we have people who have not heard of the truth and Love of God. So here we were in a van driving up dirt roads, which were now mud due to it being the rainy season in Nepal. Every few miles we stopped and dropped a team off to make sure we covered as much ground as possible. We traveled higher and higher, before I knew it everyone had been dropped off at their assigned destinations except three men and myself. The van pulled over with the driver claiming the van could not physically go any higher up the mountain, so it was all hiking from here on out. We got out and began trekking up steep cliff walls and through the thick brush straight up the mountain creating our own paths. With various down pours of rain this did not make it any easier to climb, but only worse. This fueled the team even more to press on, knowing there are people out there who need to encounter the true living God. We began to find homes mostly rock and mud made structures where large families lived amongst each other, most never even coming off the mountain for anything. What was up in their villages was all they knew. It all finally set in when we began to meet the many different people. Through translators we would ask them if they knew Jesus, and their response would be no as if we were asking them about an individual who lived on the same mountain. We would share about the amazing agape love that God has for them and His desire to have relationship with them and for them to know Him intimately. We watched eye’s light up! The people began to be intrigued by all of this, interested to know more. We left every home with promised visits to come back to share more in the days to come. To me this was the best part. We were not doing the “repeat after me” prayers with anyone, We were not condemning anyone of their “sin.” We were simply building relationships and sharing the Love of Christ with the un-reached. Making Him attractive to a lost people. Telling of His goodness and all that He is from the place of adoration we have in our hearts. I want this story to challenge other believers that we would get out of the places of comfort for His names sake. There are so many people in this world who do not know the Lord. As the body it is our responsibility to tell them. We are not to leave it on people with church titles to do all the work. We are the body. Together we can see entire cities, and regions and even nations changed forever! Let us never stop contending through worship, prayer and intercession for the lost in Jesus name.



Hi, my name is Steven Hunt and I'm 40 years old. I grew up in a good family. I have three brothers. However, we were never taught about The Word of God growing up. As I began to reach my teenage years, I started rebelling against my Mom and Dad who were divorced. I had never accepted their divorce so I began to drink as an escape. This escalated to drug use. I was looking for something to fill the hole in my heart. I had no idea that God through His mercy was watching over me all the while. *Psalm 139:15 "My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place."* I had struggled most of my life with just trying to fit in and find my purpose. Through my struggles I ended up in places I never thought I would go and doing things I thought I would never ever do. I became a person I disliked. I had become a liar, cheat, and a thief. I hurt everyone I ever came in contact with. I hurt my family, wife, friends, and even my own children. But God had a purpose and a plan for my life. I reached a point where I had no where else to turn. I had a choice to make. It would be life or sure death. God had mercy on me, and I choose life. *Revelation 3:20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock, If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him and he with me."* God had arranged for me to come to Shiloh Ministries where I received God's plan of salvation (healing, deliverance and restoration). I was given "Purpose for His Glory". Shiloh has been set up by God. There is an atmosphere in place to worship and learn about God, and develop an intimate fellowship with Him through His Spirit. Brother David Walls revealed the Word of God like I had never heard before.



On September 7th 2009, I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. I have learned how important it is to have a relationship with God through the power of His Son Jesus Christ and His Spirit living inside of me. I can never thank Pastor Rocky, Sister Debbie, Jason, Brother David, and Joe enough for their faithfulness and obedience to God for yielding themselves to co-labor with God at Shiloh Ministries. Shiloh is truly impacting men's lives for God's Glory. I have been set free from bondage and my mind, is being renewed daily. I also received my GED while at Shiloh. Sister Barbara Page worked with me diligently and her intercession on my behalf had great weight in the heavenlies. I can no longer be labeled as a quitter. At 40 years of age, I have my high school equivalent diploma. My future plans are to be assistance to a man of God in Galveston, Texas. His name is Darren Smith and he leads Streetscape Ministries. Streetscape is an outreach to the homeless, who are in need of Jesus to become a reality to them. God has given me such a desire to help people now. I could not have done this myself. Only God can get us to a place IN HIM where we no longer live to ourselves but we live for Him, and live to help others to know Him. I thank God for His mercy upon me and my Bethel, Shiloh Ministries.

More Land To House More Men

(Update!! Current balance needed, \$28,225.91)

Everyday we receive e-mails & phone calls from men & families requesting help in getting set free from addictions. Our heart response is heavy in telling them we have no room. We as Staff have been praying for God to give us more land so we can build to disciple more men. Now we are at a place where we have the opportunity to purchase land adjacent to our existing property. It is 4 acres with a business building on it. The man that is selling the property is asking \$100,000 for it. We know this man & he is honorable. We have believed for this land & have participated in prayer walks over it for years. We know it is God giving it to us. Our Heavenly Father has spoken to us. He has said, "believe & trust Me that I will speak to people & they will give". Therefore we have opened a separate Bank account to receive the money that will come in before January 2011. This is our time frame of receiving the full amount of the \$100,000 that is being asked. We ask that everyone consider sowing a generous financial gift into this much needed addition. So other men that are still in bondage be brought into their "glorious inheritance". Thank you, for your generosity in giving & co-laboring with us in the Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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