



Ministry Updates

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The Worth of a "Nobody"



Back in early November, we listened with interest to the report about Seal Team 6's rescue of an American in northern Nigeria. The event occurred near the region of Africa where we serve. The fact that the kidnapped man is a son of missionaries added to our curiosity. This man's dire situation was similar to that prior of Jessica Buchanan. Jessica is the humanitarian aid worker rescued by Seal Team 6 from Somalia in January 2012.

(Her riveting account of the ordeal is [here](#).) At one point, when it

seemed her life might be at risk, Seal Team members surrounded her and lay on her so that bullets would penetrate their bodies instead of hers. The wonder and gratitude were evident in her voice as she pondered the reality that each of these elite warriors were prepared to die for her, a "nobody" except that she claimed the title of an American citizen.

The Work of "Somebody"

The parallel to the Christmas season seems evident to us: our King left His throne and splendor to rescue humanity's unworthy, sinful souls. His body was pierced for the salvation of each and every person and community in which we live. As many mentally prepare to celebrate during this season when we celebrate His arrival, we recognize the tangible effects of believing our King has come and will come again. Healing comes to individuals, families, and nations in this world when we accurately identify and follow Emmanuel's example in the way we view and serve people. It does not matter our gender, race, religion, or political affiliation, or national heritage. His extraction strategy from the hurts of sin in this world is for all. Praise the Lord!

It is a great joy for us to assist our Lord to multiply the ministries that use Community Health Evangelism (CHE) strategies, which affirm the value of every human life. For that reason, the input of every person in training matters. Besides, entire lesson tracks are dedicated to groups of people who are often considered "the least of these:" handicapped, children, and women. Life-changing CHE lessons are intended to sustain instruction in EVERY household of a given community. May the example of the ultimate Rescuer motivate our love and service with no practiced favoritism.

Prayer & Praise

- 🕊️ Cote d'Ivoire cases of COVID as of December 11: 21,618 cases, 21,234 recoveries, and 133 deaths. Pray that they continue to manage their at-risk populations well.
- 🕊️ Thank the Lord along with us for warm receptions and safe travels as we reconnected with ministry partners in Utah, Idaho, and Montana.
- 🕊️ Pray that those of us in the Kingdom of Light will not get sidetracked from our role of offering rescue to every member of the human race, as Christ intended.

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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