



"First the bread then the Bread of Life"

ARE YOU TELLING YOUR STORY?

Yes, several of you have already heard this story, so apologies for the re-run for some. But, we just can't stop telling our story!

Isaiah 40:31 reads: "Yet, the strength of those who wait with hope in the Lord will be renewed. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and won't become weary. They will walk and won't grow tired." Any way you look at it "waiting" on the Lord does several things:

1. Renews or gives strength
2. Makes us soar like eagles (not even sure all the implications of that one)
3. Helps us walk and run without getting tired or weary

I (Becky) want to share with you a small testimony of my healing of rheumatoid arthritis (which a lot of you know)—not the actual story of my healing, but what the waiting and then the telling has done. I had RA for about 15 years. I was prayed for by "the best of the best prayer warriors" if you know what I mean, but it just never happened. Last year though, about this time, a friend at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City said she wanted me to come to the prayer room—I did—and God healed me. When I was first healed, I was telling anyone who would listen (sometimes probably even those who did not even care). Needless to say, my life has been drastically affected by my healing, but eventually just about everybody I talk to most of the time had heard me. So I stopped "telling".

Several months later we were headed to a ministry in New Mexico and did some visiting along the way. I got to retell my story to old friends (some who did not even know that I had been healed), to new friends, and people I had never met in my life. What do you think happened – first of all I realized again and yet it seemed for the first time, exactly what God had done for me. I saw the encouragement, excitement, and joy "the telling" brought to those who were listening and realized **YOU HAVE TO KEEP TELLING THE STORY**. After our trip I was reading Isaiah 40:31 one day and realized that "telling" and "waiting" had a lot in common: both renewed strength, made the teller and the listener soar, and enabled walking and running without getting tired (and for me that has literally happened).

So, find that story that God has given you to tell; something in your life that you know needs to be shared. You will find it will renew, give strength, and encourage others. And if you are

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LOOKING AHEAD

September: Ecuador, HCJB Global

October: Agrimissions BOAA in Alabama

November: Ecuador-SIM; Casa de Fe

December: ECHO-Ft. Myers, Florida; Trinity UMC in Givhans, South Carolina

In June, Memorial Drive Methodist Church brought a group and built a beautiful deck for an outdoor classroom at Agrimissions headquarters. A misting system for the greenhouse was also installed at that time.



We returned from Paraguay to find some beautiful benches and railing all around the outdoor classroom deck thanks to Kirk Herndon and Joe and Carrie Garms, Friends of Agrimissions in Crockett.



PARAGUAY

Blowouts, a flat spare tire, freezing temperatures, and no electricity. Giving the first school books to the kids they have ever had, playing tikichela (Paraguayan jacks) with the children down the street, and sharing tetere, the local Paraguayan “coffee break” where everyone shares the same cup and straw. Such was our trip to Paraguay this time.

A highlight of the trip was watching as teachers handed out books to the children during “Dia de Ninos”, a special fiesta day for the kids in Paraguay.

After 17 years, the Susannah Wesley School in Quinta Linea has school books for **all** the grades – first through sixth. Most of them immediately started looking through the books and reading them; some just held the books tightly to their chest; they all wanted to take them home. What a sight it was!

Sooo—were the flat tires, cold, and no electricity worth it all when we saw the looks on those kids faces—you bet they were.



NICARAGUA

The end of June we were invited to accompany a team from a church in Dalton, Georgia to Nicaragua to consult with the farm manager of a group called Amigos for Christ. This farming operation is involved with a feeding program that provides meals for 600-700 children **a day!** Doug visited the sites where the food was grown, at the request of the farm manager for Amigos for Christ, to see if assistance could be provided in any way to increase production yields for the program and also to do a little troubleshooting. Thanks to some unexpected gifts given to Agrimissions, a

couple of beef cattle were purchased for the program.

As usual, I assumed I would be following Douglas around; but as it turned out I spent the time helping translate for the medical team. It was hard talking to and praying with the people in these poor communities struggling just to survive day to day; but also wonderful—watching as they received medical treatment, eyeglasses, and dental care. Praise and worship music was being played in the background in the prayer room—I thought how easy it is for me to praise God and sing these songs. Would I still be a God *praiser* if I was faced with the circumstances these people face every day – poverty, hunger, homelessness, being fatherless and more? I have to answer that I don't truly know; but I can say that Doug and I and the Agrimissions team will continue to try to do so as we bring “first the bread and then the Bread of Life”.

Prayer Requests

- From now until the end of the year we have a crazy schedule: 2 trips to Ecuador; board meeting in Alabama; ECHO Conference in Florida; half a dozen guests at Agrimissions HQ; several speaking engagements; plus we would like to be with our family at Thanksgiving and Christmas—pray for safe travel and plenty of energy.



- Director, Centro Agritecnico Methodista – the center is in ***GREAT*** need of a director; someone with an agricultural background but also knows they are being called to mission.