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K5NMB Communications Trailer Manual

“Or... What in the world am I doing here?”

A devotional about what we are doing here.



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Devotional by Rev. Norman Riggins

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6:8

A few years ago as I was stepping off of a plane I was looking around and out of sheer fear, I asked myself the question “What in the world am I doing here?” The more I looked at my surroundings, the more I asked myself “what in the world have I got myself into?” I was cold, about 17,000 miles away from my new bride and no place to run to!

So; you are asking yourself just where in the world was I? Well, the year was 1963; I had just gotten married and I was arriving at McMurdo Sound in the Antarctica with the US Navy. Yup! It was about 25 degrees...below zero! And that was on a warm day.

I have arrived!

So as you have just arrived at your assigned location to serve on the Disaster Relief Team, you may be asking yourself the same question; “What in the world am I doing here?” As you have traveled closer to the disaster area you been looking around and have seen the destruction. The broken homes, the homes that aren’t even there any more, the people who have lost everything, some have even lost their families, the burned trees, the flooded areas, etc and you ask yourself: What happened? The people you may meet may be walking around in somewhat of a daze still trying to understand what happened to them. We as Christians and Disaster Relief workers need to be able to get over our shock of the destruction and help those who really need some help. Not only physical help, but spiritual help as well. ***I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Phil. 4:13).*** Many of the folks we will be in contact with already know Jesus as their savior, but many will not

know Jesus. We need to help them with their physical needs first before we can help them with spiritual needs.

You have arrived:

It isn't until the folks that your are helping ask you the same question "What in the world are you doing here?" that you really find the answer to why you are where you are and what are you really doing! They are asking you; why did you come all this way to help me, when you don't even know me? How much are you being paid to come and work here? These are just some of the thoughts that run through their minds. Remember Jesus would have come to earth and paid the price of death just to save one soul.

It may be a cultural shock for you to see how some of these folks live. When we see their way of life, it is normal to them, but would be anything but normal to the way we are accustomed to living. We need to remember that even within our own country there are many cultures and many beliefs. We need to remember, the US is a melting pot of many cultures. Remember when Jesus went into strange villages, he was sometimes met with people who had different beliefs than he had. What did Jesus do? He witnessed to them, many times through parables.

The blessing:

As a Gideon in 1987, I was part of a team that went to a state prison to pass out bibles to the inmates. After passing out the bibles, a small group of the inmates asked our team to join them in their Wednesday evening Bible study. You may think we went to the prison to be a blessing to the prisoners, but it wasn't until we attended the Bible study that the real blessings began to happen! We were blessed beyond belief. That was an evening I will never forget.

As you help those in need, remember, the great commission *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the*

end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28: 18-20). We are going out into the world to help others, many of whom do not know the LORD as their savior. As we meet their needs, we are doing exactly what Jesus has asked us to do, and because we have responded to the call, Jesus may very well say to you; “Well done thy good and faithful servant” Our reward is not here on earth, but in Heaven. “Lay up your treasures in Heaven”

So what is your answer?

As you have been asking yourself, others also have asked you and as you have answered the question “What in the world am I doing here?” You now realize that you’re where you are because that is where God asked you to be, doing His work for His honor and glory. *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. (Isaiah 6:8)*. God has asked you, and yes, you replied, “yes LORD send me”. *And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:17).*

Just remember, that at some point in time, you may find yourself on the receiving end of someone coming to help you or your family. So treat the people whom you are trying to help with the same kind of love and respect you would want to be treated.

Prayer:

Father, as I come to this place to help these people, please give me not only the strength to carry out the task you have set before me, but also the words that would bring comfort and love to their hurting hearts. Please be with them and their families in this time of need. Keep them safe and let me be your beacon of love for them. Let them see your love and compassion through me.

Please be with my family while we are separated as I bring honor and glory to you through the tasks set before me.

In Jesus Holy name I pray, AMEN.

The following references and readings were taken from the Gideon's International Bible, and may be of assistance and guidance to you and others while you are in the field.

Help in time of need.

The way to SALVATION:John 14:6
Acts 16:31
Romans 10:9

Comfort in Time of LONELINESS:Psalm 23
Isaiah 41:10
Hebrews 13:5-6

Comfort in time of SORROW: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
Romans 8:26-28

Relief in Time of SUFFERING:..... 2 Corinthians 12:8-10
Hebrews12:3-13

Guidance in Time of DECISION:James 1:5, 6
Proverbs 3:5, 6

Protection in Time of DANGER:.....Psalm 91
Psalm 121

Courage in Time of FEAR: Hebrews 13:5, 6
Ephesians 6: 10-18

Peace in Time of TURMOIL: Isaiah 26: 3, 4
Philippians 4:5-7

Rest in Time of WEARINESS: Matthew 11:28, 29
Psalm 23

Strength in Time of TEMPTATION: James 1:12-16
I Corinthians 10: 6-13

Warning in Time of INDIFFERENCE: Galatians 5: 19-21
Hebrews 10: 26-21

Forgiveness in Time of CONVICTION: Isaiah 1:18
I John 1:7-9

Suggested Readings

Historical Highlights

The Creation: Genesis 1 and 2

The Fall of man: Genesis 3

The Flood of Noah: Genesis 6-9

The Call of Abraham: Genesis 12: 1-9

Deliverance of Israel from Egypt: Exodus 11-14

Dedication of the Temple: 2 Chronicles 5-7

The Babylonian Captivity of Israel: 2 Chronicles 36

Revival of Israel after Captivity:	Nehemiah 8 & 9
Promises of the Coming Messiah:	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 22 Isaiah 53
The Birth of Christ:	Matthew 1:18-2:3 Luke 1:26-2:40
The Triumphal Entry:	Luke 19:28-44
The Last Supper:	Mark 14:12-26\
The Garden of Gethsemane:	Matthew 26:36-46
The Betrayal of Jesus:	Matthew 26:47-56
The Arrest and Trial of Jesus	John 18:12-19:16
The Death of Christ:	Luke 23:26-56 John 19:16-42
The Resurrection of Christ	Luke 24 John 20
The Ascension of Christ	Acts 1:1-12
The Coming of the Holy Spirit:	Acts 2:1-21
The Conversion of Paul:	Acts 9:1-31

The Heroes of Faith: Hebrews 11

Spiritual Standards:

The Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:1-17

The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-6

The Golden Rule: Matthew 7:12

The Greatest Commandment: Matthew 22:36-40

The Righteousness of Faith: Romans 3:19-28

The Royal Law: James 2:8
Romans 13:8-10

Christ's New Commandment: John 13:8-10

Christian Love: 1 Corinthians 13

Dynamic Doctrines:

God's Greatness and Man's Weakness: Isaiah 40

The Twofold Revelation of God: Psalm 19

Man's Universal Guilt Atonement: Romans 1:18-2:16
Leviticus 16

The New Birth: John 3

Justification by Faith: Ephesians 1:1-10
Galatians 2:16-21

Christ, the Good Shepherd: Psalm 23
John 10:1-18

Christ's Intercession for His Own: John 17
Hebrews 7: 25

The High Priestly Work of Christ: Hebrews 9:11-15
Hebrews 4: 14-116

Christ's Humiliation and Exaltation: Philippians 2:5-11

Resurrection of the Christian Dead: I Corinthians 15
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Second Coming of Christ: Matthew 24
2 Thessalonians 1:7-2:12

The Last judgment:.....Revelation 20:10-15

The New Heaven and New Earth: Revelation 21 and 22

Practical Precepts:

Christian Home Relationships:.....Ephesians 2:22-6:4

A Model Wife and Mother:Proverbs 31:10-31

Marriage and Divorce:Matthew 19:3-9
Malachi 2:14-16

The Sin of Adultery:Proverbs 6:23-33

The Prodigal Son:Luke 15:11-32

Employer-Employee Relationships:Colossians 3:22-4:1

Business and Professional Principles:Proverbs 3:1-12

Separation for Worldliness:..... 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
1 John 2:15-17

Decisions on doubtful Things:..... Romans 14

Christian Fruitfulness:John 15

Heavenly Wisdom: James 3:14-18

Brevity of Man's Days: Psalm 90

Consequences of Forgetting God: Hosea 4:1-11

The Causes of War: James 4:1-4

The Value of the Soul: Mark 8:36, 37

What the Bible says about:

ITSELF:

2 Timothy 3:15, 16 "...the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Psalm 19:17. "...The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."

GOD:

Psalm 99:9. "...for the Lord our God is Holy."

Isaiah 45:21, 22. "...and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

Man:

Genesis 1:27. “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

Genesis 2:7. “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

Isaiah 43:7. “even every one that is called by my name: for I have created for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.”

Heaven:

Revelation 21:3,4 “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Revelation 21:27. “And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”

Sin:

Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

Isaiah 59:2. “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

Romans 3:23. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

Hell:

2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9. “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.”

Revelation 20:15. “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Christ – His Advent:

Micah 5:2. “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall become forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

Matthew 1:21-23. “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Luke 2:10, 11. “And the angel said unto them,, Fear not: for, behold, I bring your good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

Christ – His Person:

John 10:30. “I and my Father are one.”

John 14:6. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

Christ – His Work

Luke 22:19, 20. “And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying. This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.”

1 Peter 2:24. “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.”

Colossians 1:14. “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”

Isaiah 53:5,6. “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Christ – His Resurrection:

Luke 24:36, 39. “And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you...

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”

1 Corinthians 15:3, 4. “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

Faith:

Acts 20:20, 21. “And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you,.....

Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Hebrews 11:6. “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Ephesians 2:8, 9. “for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of your selves: it is the gift of God:

Not of Works, lest any man should boast.”

Life:

John 3:3. “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 1:12, 13. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 3:36. “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

2 Corinthians 5:17. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.”

We have several Bibles on the unit as well as the (OSFA) OPERATIONAL STRESS FIRST AID training booklet.

