



SCOTT & MARILEE *Norman* SERVANTS HELPING IN THE MINISTRY



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***"There shall not
any man be able to stand
before thee all the days of thy life:
as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I
will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."
Joshua 1:5***

Greetings From The Normans,

As Joshua stood on the banks of the Jordan River, God encouraged him to go forward and to rely on three certain promises: 1) as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee 2) I will not fail thee 3) I will not forsake thee. As Joshua stood there then, so I stand now assured that as God was with Moses so He will be with me, and I know of a certainty that He will not fail me nor forsake me. What an encouragement Joshua 1 has been to me over these past many weeks. This is especially true as we try to navigate the future.

I am sorry this letter is so late in coming. May and June have been extraordinarily busy months for us. We have had to make some difficult decisions as God has directed us along the way.

We began the month of May in Sanford, NC. I was given the privilege of preaching at Miracle Baptist Church on May 3, for their annual missions emphasis Sunday. We are thankful that we were able to share our ministry with these folks.

From May 6-8, we were down at Pensacola Christian College attending the graduation of our oldest granddaughter, Jaina. It was a blessing to see her reach this milestone. Then on June 13, we had a family reunion at Hanging Rock State Park in NC. Three days later we watched as Jaina got married in Walnut Cove, NC. It was a blessing to see and spend with family from June 13-16.

The rest of May was spent preparing for and traveling to Liberia. As you know, we were asked to consider coming back to Liberia next year to relieve missionary Carrie Whaley. This trip was to get an idea of what it is like in this country. We were in Liberia from May 18 through June 10. We had a wonderful time while there, and it was certainly an eye-opening trip! Liberia is the ninth poorest country in the world, and we were amazed at the abject poverty that grips this country. God protected us while there, and we certainly felt His presence in so many ways.

We stayed in a rather large, enclosed compound that included a two story four-apartment building and a house. We stayed in one of the downstairs apartments. During the day, one security guard is on duty, and during the night, two security guards keep watch. We got to know these guards well and had the opportunity to witness to them on a regular basis. We participated in a Bible study every Monday evening, which included the guards. Please pray for Johnson, Harris, Daniel, and Jeremiah. We also had the privilege of connecting with Temple Baptist Church which is about thirty minutes away from the compound. What a thrill to see people from other nations worshipping Christ with such joy. It was especially gratifying to see their respect for the King James Bible. The missionary at this church was on furlough; so while we were there, the church was being run by some national men. The preaching was phenomenal as we heard from several of these men. We were well received and developed some wonderful friendships.

It is very hot in Liberia, and while we had air conditioning at the apartment, we could not use it all the time. There was no air conditioning at the church, and so yes, I was pretty wet from perspiration by the time services were over. I suppose we got used to the heat, but it could be overbearing at times. Driving in Liberia is a circus for sure, with little to no traffic rules. It was quite the picture to see cars, motorcycles, and other vehicles turning two lane roads into four lanes (sometimes five).

We grew to love the people, and had a wonderful time mingling with them as we went shopping for groceries and other necessary supplies. The people in Liberia have an unusual respect for the Word of God, but are so ignorant of its precepts and principles. They will readily admit that the Bible is the Word of God but have a warped sense of understanding. They certainly need our prayers. It was hard saying good-bye, but we are home now with many decisions to make.

The rest of the month of June was spent in Delaware as I continue to fill the pulpit at Grace Baptist Church. We are doing all we can to be an encouragement to these people until such time as they can call a pastor.

Pray for us in the days ahead, and be looking for a second letter. Much has happened in the last ten days that will need further explanation. Thanks for your prayers and your support.

Sincerely In Christ,
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