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The King of Kindness

Our culture has mastered the art of distorting facts and distracting attention from the meaning of Easter. Although we are not on a crusade against the proliferation of pastel eggs, shiny shoes, new clothes, and chocolate candy, exactly what similitude do they have to the blood, sweat, tears, humiliation, agony, and betrayal of Jesus' during his last week of earthly ministry? Why should absurdly dressed "bunnies" merit the attention of us and our children when we celebrate this weekend the King of Kindness (links to a good article defining kindness) showing all the extent of His love? It is like feasting on a stale piece of bread when we have a personal invitation to the most extravagant banquet in the world. May we allow one as a cultural experience without neglecting to emphasize the main point as we spend our time on earth. May His kindness lead us to repentance from our ways to live as He designed for us (Rom. 2:4)!

The Kind of "Kingness"

What kind of King washes the feet of His betrayer and asks His Father to forgive His crucifiers? The kind of King Who expects us, His disciples, to follow in His footsteps (links to health benefits and example of being kind). The kind Who gifts us with His Holy Spirit so that His kindness can flow through us to some of the foulest, most unpleasant people in the world. Because such would be all of us before His kindness found us or our ancestry. Do not let this season pass without praising Him (song link from an Acapella Co. service that creates projector adapted choral singing to permit today's generation to experience congregational harmonies.

Progress Points

As we reflect with wonder of our King, we also perceive progress in Cote d'Ivoire and Tennessee. Verlin attended the funeral ceremony of Alfred, who demonstrated Jesus' kindness in his repair business. Apprentices, family, and health-promoting co-laborers, along with church members and local leaders, testified to that. One repeated that he oft' said he had come to Cote d'Ivoire for money but found Jesus! Verlin also succeeded in getting the Toyota down safely from 40" high log sections with new missionary friends. Three of the log cuts had rotted from termite damage despite paint and soaking in an anti-termite solution. With a new battery, it started right up! Some crucial financial obligations are resolved. Debbie spent three days helping her parents pack for an eventual move and said goodbyes to more ministry partners.

Prayer & Praise

- Verlin has slowed some, feeling under the weather since mid-week. He has treated himself for malaria. Pray his return to full strength and activity continues, as sensed today. Thank the Lord with us for Godly people's help extended to both of us who remain continents apart this week!
- Some essential repairs need to happen on our Ivorian home to witness well. Paint peels from the ceilings and drains drip, a frequently repaired leaking roof needs replacement, and so on. Ask the Lord to give us a workable solution with our landlady and her agent.
- Pray for two Ivorian pastors who suffered strokes in the past year. Ask the Lord to grace them with the best advice for recovery and wisdom to make necessary life changes.

Your partners in the Gospel,

Verlin & Debbie

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