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Many people know my son Neil as he has been here in Salado for a few months. He is on some of your minds these days as he is hiking the Appalachian Trail for just under 2200 miles. Neil also served in the Peace Corps in Madagascar for over two years. This fact reminded me of a story regarding the Peace Corps and our coming now to the end of Lent and entering Holy Week.

“I have a habit,” he said, “of asking taxi drivers in Washington, D.C., if they ever had a Peace Corps teacher. It seems that all D. C. cab drivers are students from Africa!

Almost without exception a driver will turn quickly to me and start describing a Peace Corps teacher. They say this with the most spontaneous smile of good will, because the Peace Corps volunteer teacher, as a rule, made her/himself a part of the life of the community without making silly comparisons. The volunteer entered into the lives of the people as, how, and where they were. One could observe on the slightest contact how gently and easily these giving young people—and some not so young—bridged the chasm of language, culture, religion, and economic difference. It was agape love at work, because it is such selflessness, generates a response of similar selflessness.

I would hope that this might be Salado UMC’s approach to evangelism. That is, when we share Christ with others that we might, “enter the lives of the people as, how, and where they are.” This is how Christ become incarnate in our world.

Come, Worship

Stay, Learn

Go, Serve