

NOTES FROM THE FOGLEMAN JOURNEY WITH JESUS...



Vol 3, October 2020

“Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.”—Isaiah 43:19 (HCSB)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”—II Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

‘And he who sat upon the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”’—Revelation 21:5a (RSV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been three long months since we last wrote to you. In a normal year, we would have had plenty to share with you in 3 months. But this is not a normal year.

Many missionary newsletters in 2020 have become somewhat challenging—as have so many things in our lives. We usually write about what we have been doing and what major changes we see occurring. But with so many of the things we mentioned in the July newsletter—(plans to continue Trauma Healing and health worker training in East Africa, Greenlight medical student mentoring in Kenya or Ghana, or opportunities to work with Samaritan’s Purse or Project CURE)—no obvious change has occurred. We are still waiting, reading, meeting online, etc. Updates for medical education and resources/books for an anti-racist discussion group have occupied many hours. We have postponed our KY, NC, and VA church visitation trip from this autumn to next spring (hopefully). But that is the current COVID world in which we live.

There are some changes to note:

- Our Colorado partnering agency, Global Refuge International has changed its name to Global Refuge Project (GRP)—and its focus has changed to more short-term projects and fund-raising. They are currently focusing on Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
- We are now planning a Convening Group meeting at our local Iowa City church for

January 2021, a time when participants can learn about the content and method of Trauma Healing.

But I believe that we would do well this quarter to write less about **what we are doing** and more **about what we are becoming**. As we wonder about what is ahead of all of us in the post-pandemic world, I think that there are very few of us who are going to come out of this experience unchanged. Certainly, the world and the way it operates will change. Our nation is struggling with change, even as we approach election time. And each of us has been through something more-or-less traumatic, that we never expected to experience. We **will** be different. But how?

As you read the scriptures at the top of this page you see just a few of the Bible verses which talk about the “new-ness” that God has always brought into the lives of humans—since the creation of the world. God is in the “new-ness business.” Jesus spoke of “new birth” and “new life.” Although I do not believe that God intentionally brought COVID to us, I do believe that He is working in us through it.

We believe that we are at a budding stage of some new things in our ministry:

- The Global Refuge Project (GRP) is likely to have a different approach to our trainings in DRC—a new mission site for us in which to train. The project method may not only change our training, but, hopefully, provide opportunity for additional spiritual health training.
- The Convening Group in our Iowa City church could begin a whole new Trauma Healing ministry in this area.
- My (Lynn’s) discipleship study (The Bonhoeffer Project) that I have been doing virtually with a group of committed followers of Jesus is changing all of us. We are learning more about the importance of sharing the full gospel that calls people to sincerely take up the challenge of following Jesus as Lord —loving as He did and making disciples as He did. I am also intending to

NOTES FROM THE FOGLEMAN JOURNEY WITH JESUS...



Vol 3, October 2020

apply this to what we will be doing in East Africa.

- And I would hope and pray that all of us individually will find ourselves being “made new” in many ways. In addition to being just more knowledgeable about things because of all that we have been learning, I pray that we will come out of this:
- more able to dream about what a new future could look like,
- more patient with people in the midst of change - **including ourselves**,
- more appreciative to spend time **with** people,
- more sensitive to what hurts and what helps others (**as we are all in this together**)
- more faithful to our faithful Lord
- and more trusting in God who is able to lead and carry us into new, unimagined parts of our lives and our hearts.



#720-646-6679 (Lynn)
lynn.fogleman@gmail.com

#319-333-5372 (Sharon)
sharonlynnfog@gmail.com

OUR NEW ADDRESS:
718 – 8th Ave.
Coralville, IA 52241
(for ALL personal mail PLEASE)

So, as we continue on through this pandemic, I remain optimistic. I believe that God is changing who we are and who we are becoming - for the better.

May He bless us with His peace as we go through change to newness of life.

In Christ's love and service,

Sharon and Lynn Fogleman

PS—Speaking of new life, we are pleased to announce the arrival of grandchild #5 for us: **Matthew Jack Fogleman**, born September 1 to our son Mark and his wife, Kenzi and brother to Emma and Will. We think that he is pretty special, and we are thankful that we got to be with him in OK during his second week of life.

SERVING SINCE 2012 WITH



PO Box 936559, Atlanta, GA 31193-6559.

Phone: 800-478-8963

www.tms-global.org/give - #3017 FOG SUP