

Kyla's Calling

How God has been working through us

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Hello Friends!

January has been a difficult month. The physical and spiritual darkness has been strong. However, God has still been working and providing and I am glad to be able to share that with you.



My Work

There has been so much pain lately. In the last few weeks I have heard of 3 suicides and 3 attempted suicides. Some of the attempts involved youth I have been very close to. It can be hard to see how God is working in this. This last Saturday, instead of SALT, we went to a funeral for a twelve-year-old boy. It's so sad to see how someone can have so little hope at such a young age. I hope and pray that somehow God will be able to use me to show his love and bring people hope again. I know that I will not be able to help people without God first helping me.



I have found it amazing that, in spite of the pain and weariness I have felt, God has provided for me emotionally. One of the ways he has done this is through laughter. There was one youth event in Nelson House where I had a funny picture on my phone. I showed one of the youth and I laughed about it with her for a while. Then I showed the others and everyone laughed for close to ten minutes. It was wonderful! I have attached it so you can maybe laugh about it as well. I was also able to laugh on my birthday. I had a bunch of people over to celebrate and it was a good time. We played games together and laughed some more. It's amazing how laughter brings life and restores energy to the soul.

A big encouragement for me is to see how youth are coming to know God more and growing in their relationship with him. I met for tea with one young lady last week and we were able to laugh together, but also to share about the areas in which we struggle in our walks with God. Now we both know how we can pray for and encourage each other. It is amazing how God gives freedom through talking and sharing with other believers. I am so blessed to be a part of his family!

Last month I mentioned a new Sunday School program that we were hoping to start in Split Lake. That happened! And the prayer requests I had leading up to it were answered. The youth took ownership over leading it. They pretty much planned the entire event. I asked them what we should all do, which Bible story we should teach and what the memory verse should be and they had answers for everything. It was amazing to see the prayers answered so clearly.

Now we can pray that the excitement they had will continue and that it will be something that will help them grow in their faith.

The other Wednesday night group that I mentioned has happened once as well. I already knew everyone that came from the past. It was exciting for me to see their desire to have this as a time where they could grow. They seem to want to grow in discipline and encouraging one another to follow God.



Personal Growth

I already mentioned God's provision of laughter to help with my weariness, but that is not the only way he has provided. A few weeks ago, I got together with a few friends to drink coffee and eat chocolate. It was a fun time, but we also studied the Bible and prayed for one another. I think it is the first time that I can remember that I came home from being with friends and I wanted to read the Bible more on my own.



Another blessing was that, in my most difficult week, God seemed to take away my desire to do any of the things that would normally distract me. All I really wanted to do was to read my Bible and spend time getting to know him. It was so helpful to not have all the other temptations competing with my emotions while I was so weary since I am pretty sure that I wouldn't have had the strength to fight them.

Prayer Items

- ~ Thank God for his provision of energy and strength this month
- ~ Pray for the new Sunday School and other group
- ~ Pray for hope
- ~ For people affected by suicide
- ~ For wisdom as I try to lead effectively
- ~ For discipline in my relationship with Christ
- ~ That I would have God's love for everyone I meet

Another thing that I have found joy in is my plants. The ones I am most excited about are some orchids and a narcissus that are blooming right now and a coffee plant that I recently bought at Safeway. I also have a number of seeds that I am hoping will come up. Seeing new life shows me that there is hope, God is working and Spring will come again.

Thank you for your many prayers, supports and encouragement. I have seen this month even more than before that they are necessary. I don't know if I would have made it through this month without your support.

In Christ,

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