

A New Thing ...



Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Hello to all. I am so sorry this newsletter has taken so long to get to you all. There were so many things to do, prepare to return to the States last year, and also much more to do when we arrived. I have started to sit down and write this newsletter at least half a dozen times, but always got sidetracked.

The last thing the Lord said to us after Mongolia last summer and before coming to the States, was that He was going to do a new thing. And this was confirmed when we arrived, during our first week at work last October. He sent a dear sister that was volunteering at our thrift store with the encouragement that God was doing a new thing with and for us. It brought both Deborah and I to tears.

It was a whirlwind new thing for me, my wife was far more prepared than I was. This story starts way back into 2013 somewhere. We were pondering what the Lord was doing with us in Asia. Our work was slowing down a bit. Deborah suggested that maybe God was wanting us to seek His face and see if there was something new He wanted us to do. Deborah was actually paying attention to the Lord's voice. I was not. I was looking at the things the Lord had done, instead of asking Him what He wanted me to do. I could not see the forest for the trees. Actually, if you all

remember, I was not seeing many things clearly at the time.

It actually took a lot of intervention on the Lord's part for me to see clearly again. It took some shaking on His part, (shaking of me BTW). It took learning to walk as a Christian again through a ministry called "Cleansing Stream".

<http://www.cleansingstream.org/>

I had forgotten how to lean on the Lord. God also used our trip to Mongolia. Ministering to some precious children there, and a movie we saw on the airplane, on the way back from Mongolia called "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty".

(You will have to ask me about that last one later.)

Isaiah 43:19 (NKJV)

Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.

Well most of you know by now that the "new thing" the Lord is doing in our lives is a place called the Outreach Gospel Mission, here in Brookings Oregon.

<http://bogm.org/>

God has planted us here, and set me as Executive Director. The OGM is a small rescue mission on highway 101, on the Oregon coast, in a small community known as Brookings. Our goal here is to introduce all who come to the door to Jesus Christ, and disciple them. We are a completely faith based organization. The mission serves 3 meals a day, and offers housing to the men that have joined our discipleship program.



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It has 9 Beds, + 3 live in staff, including Deborah and myself. We have a very active thrift store on the property here. The men that live here contribute to the running of the place as part of the discipleship program. The OGM has been established as a rescue mission / shelter for some years, but has not really focused on Christian discipleship in the past. We have had many challenges since we arrived back in America, and I am very glad to be reminded every day about Philippians 4:13, That I can do ALL things through Christ, who strengthens me. I really need to be reminded!

A single day in the life of the mission folk that live here goes something like this;

0600 Wake up—Quiet Time.

0700 AM Devotions.

0730 Breakfast is served.

0830–0930 Local Pastor Led Bible Study.

1000 Thrift Store Opens—Day jobs start.

1200 Lunch is served.

1600 Thrift Store Closes.

1700 Worship and Chapel.

1800 Dinner is served.

1900 Evening Bible Study.

2100 Goodnight!

As you can see we have set up a very structured day here at the OGM.

Our first six months here have been a blur. God has had plans for this place for a while. Our first challenge was the women's half of the mission. We had the facility but no staff. Within the first month the Lord showed us His plans for the ladies mission, and thrift store, by causing the building to sell. It had been for sale for 2 years, and in our first month here it sold. It also happened to be the house we were living in, so after moving 8000 miles back to

America, and getting all settled in to a new house, job and community, we now needed to move again!

It was stressful to say the least, but the Lord provided again by giving us a rental house in town that we could actually afford! (This is a town where we cannot afford to live.) God is GOOD!

So we got settled into our new house just before Christmas, and it looked like life was starting to get some sense of normalcy. Then of course in God's perfect timing, my assistant director went home for Christmas, and never returned. With a mission to run, and no live in staff, it was either close the mission (not an option), or move in. Me, my lovely wife, and our

neurotic dog, moved into the mission to keep it going. We have since changed our dogs name from Israel to Doorbell ;-)

WOWEE! Looking back on that time shortly after Christmas, with just Deborah and I here to run this place, I am thoroughly amazed that we got through it. God held us up through all of it. He had other plans, plans for a new thing, a really new, new thing!

I can see with hindsight now that we **both** needed to be here at the mission. Deborah is an integral part of the mission now that we live here 5 days a week. God made me the Executive Director of this place, and gave me my wife to help me run it :-). How cool huh?!? I think that is the definition of "help meet for me".

So we have found that living at the mission 5 days a week gives us an opportunity to minister to married folk that come through, and the occasional woman travelers that come to our door. The Lord provided me a new live in assistant director, so he is here on the days that we go to our other home for 2 days a week.

Genesis 2:18

King James Version (KJV)

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

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God is so amazing, He uses us here, and gives us a place away to have our Sabbath rest. After 5, 24 hour days here at the mission, we need a 2 day rest away.

So Beautiful feet ministries is continuing to point to Jesus through providing for the physical needs of folks here through the Outreach Gospel Mission. BF ministries helps in ways that the OGM cannot, or doesn't have funds for. BF Ministries also allows Deborah and I to be here to serve as missionaries to the lost on the Oregon coast. We will continue BF Ministries as a non-profit under the umbrella of TMCI (The Missionary Church International). THANK YOU for all of you that have continued to support us through all of the changes over the last year. We are blessed that you have all partnered with us over the years, to see the work done in Asia. We really hope that you all will prayerfully seek the Lord about continuing to be part of the work here in Oregon, and wherever the Lord would have us be.

Romans 10:15

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

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God Bless You !



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Praise Him ...

- † Because we are forgiven ...
- † For marriage ...
- † For the new transmission for the VW.
- † We know that we are His when we are chastised (Hebrews 12:8)
- † Because He knows my name!
- † His gifts and calling are irrevocable.
- † For our safe return to America.

Prayer Requests ...

- For wisdom to minister to the folks who are coming to our door.
- For the Lords work at the OGM in Oregon.
- For our kids in Mongolia.
- The Peace of Jerusalem.
- Wisdom to lead OGM to where God wants it to be.
- In all we do, that the name of Jesus be lifted up.