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2024 — 2nd Quarter Prayer Letter

Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

There are many great and timeless hymns of the faith that can encourage our hearts, lift our spirits and motivate us to keep pressing on for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Now, why so many have elected to abandon these hymns with the intent to replace them with songs that have very little biblical substance and that focus on appealing to the flesh more than the spirit... that is a good question.

Of all the hymns that could be a good theme song for many churches, not just in the Western United States, but all around the world, one contender could be a hymn that was written in 1924 by a Christian... a Christian who would be used of God to encourage others to use their God given talents for the Lord (others such as George Beverly Shea)... and that Christian was Kittie Louise Jennett Suffield, and that hymn is "Little Is Much When God is In It"!

As one blogger wrote concerning the hymn:

"The song emphasizes the need for all Christians to be doing what they can for the Lord. Stanza 1 tells us to labor in the harvest... Stanza 2 tells us to share God's love and mercy... Stanza 3 tells us to continue working even in obscurity... Stanza 4 tells us to pray even when we cannot do anything else... Stanza 5 tells us to be looking forward to the reward for our labor... The chorus reminds us of God's blessings on those who serve Him faithfully, whether with little or much.

Obviously, the greater the talents and opportunities that a person has, the more God expects of him. However, even if we have few talents and opportunities, the Lord still expects us to use what we have and promises that "Little Is Much if God Is in It."

This is a thought that many of us need to keep in the forefront of our minds in order to effectively combat the constant attack of discernment in our service for the KING of kings and LORD of lords.

In early summer, we were the recipients of a great blessing by a group from one of our supporting churches that came out to assist us with a one day VBS. To be honest I was overwhelmed by the sacrifice that was made by these precious souls that came so far to minister to so few.

Our youth group is not a big one to say the least, but on the day of the event, we had a decent number of youth with 3 first time visitors (whom we are fairly certain are not saved). This Pastor and the visiting church group treated it like we had a great multitude and were such an encouragement to our youth and to our church! We cannot express enough our heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Mike McDaniel and the good folks at Currytown Baptist Church of Lexington, NC! Your love and encouragement will not be forgotten... not by this missionary, nor by the faithful few at Grace Baptist Church of Billings, MT.

To all those that love and support my family and myself (and any faithful servant of God for that matter), please know that your love, prayers, and support in any way is not in vain and you may be the very reason a missionary/missionary family receives the encouragement needed to stay on the field and keep fighting the good fight of faith!! Thank you all!

With the Love of Christ,

Bro. John McKinney and Family

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