



# Newsletter

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## Kreider's Korner

### The Faithful Walk

A momma duck struts across the lawn and into a pond. Right behind her follow eight tiny ducklings; plunk, plunk, plunk into the water they follow her and sure enough they begin swimming in a little row behind her. What makes this scene so charming is its rarity. How often do we see this kind of thing happening around us? As humans, especially in our society, we have been conditioned to think that following someone or something is a bad idea. We must be our own person and do our own thing. We don't need help from anyone else

and so we go through life trying to be self-sufficient.

Early on, in the very first book in the Bible, we read: "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.... But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God."

Walking with God is just as rare in *our* generation as it was in Noah's day. Religion isn't rare. Spirituality is popular these days. But walking with the God, who sent His son Jesus Christ to this earth, is uncommon. Yet this walking is precisely what differentiates real Christians from their plastic toy-store

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# *Missionary Update*

Dear Family and Friends.

Since our September letter went out, we have been "settling in" at our new home in Hemet, California. We had the wonderful help of our friends in Fallbrook to get moved out, and then the strong arms of our sons and their families and brother John, to get moved in. Everything went so smoothly. Now we're rejoicing in every provision of the Lord on our behalf. We're excited about what lies ahead.

We believe God has called us to invest the rest of our life in the service of mentoring and equipping pastors and churches of both Hispanic and American cultures to better carry out the Great Commission. There are several areas where we can contribute from our own gifting and experience. Some of these are:

1. Discipleship -- We'd like to help Hispanic churches develop a program to disciple every believer in the fundamentals of the faith.
2. Bible Reading -- We'd like to motivate pastors to get every believer reading the Bible on a regular basis and to offer them a plan to do so.
3. Stewardship -- We'd like to promote the teaching of biblical financial principles, since we have seen so many marriages struggle and churches unable to support their pastors because people don't know how to manage their finances. We will draw upon the resources provided by such organizations as Crown Financial Ministries.
4. Leadership Training -- We'd like to make ourselves available to teach in short-term Bible institutes as the Lord leads.
5. Obrero Fiel -- We look forward to contributing our expertise in editing and producing material for CAM's website, "Obrero Fiel", that provides ministry helps for pastors and leaders all over the Hispanic world.
6. Hispanic Church Planting -- Though we do not envision planting another church ourselves, we want to show American churches how to begin an Hispanic ministry within their own facilities.

We trust this gives you an idea of where we're headed in the coming days. We continue to value your prayers for us. We want to thank you for praying for Ramiro and Olivia in regards to their permits to stay in the country. You can rejoice with us because they were granted another two years on the religious worker's permit. However, the permanent residence is still pending. Would you pray also for our financial support. In the

last few months our support level has dropped considerably due to the death of some of our support team and for various other reasons. We're confident, however, that the Lord will provide what is lacking.

We send you each our love,

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Dear Praying friends,

Thank you so much for praying for us as we kicked off this new school year. As of yesterday all the Certificate of Theology (CAT) students have arrived, and the Masters and PHD students have now gone home to work independently on their studies until they return for another boost in November.

Pray for the CAT students' adjustment and for their studies. Pray for Greg as he heads off many activities, teaches, disciples, studies for his PHD and leads the Jr High Sunday school class at church. Pray for Debby as she leads W.O.W at church, helps with hospitality at IBTS and helps Nic and Selina keep on track.

Pray for Nic and Selina as they enjoy their school and are witnesses there amongst their friends.

Praise God for the many opportunities to serve here.

Praise God that Debby's mom and dad were able to come for a visit

Praise God for the new students that were able to come this year

Praise God for good health.

Praise God for continued good financial situation that we can send the children to the same school this year

Thankyou for standing with us. You are our life line here. We could not be here without your support and prayers.

Blessings to you,

Debby for us Nichols

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Greater Europe Mission

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### October 2005 Prayer Update

Dear Praying Friends,

On Friday, September 30, Jean plans to fly to the US to spend two weeks with her mother whose health has been failing. Because within the past 2-3 months her mother has had two heart attacks and congestive heart failure as well as her kidneys functioning at less than 6%, Jean wants to see her mother. We're grateful that there is someone who will take her classes. Thank you for your prayers. Of course, while there, Jean will take the opportunity to see Sarah and Matt and their families and hug the newest granddaughter who is just about 2 months old.

Jean's back problems flared up recently, causing pain and anxiety about travels, but she's gotten some help from a physical therapist. May the Lord provide a block of three seats on the longest stretches so that she can lie down when she needs to.

#### Answers to prayer this month:

1. The Xavante New Testament arrived Friday, September 16! It's too bad you weren't here to see, hear, and sense the excitement as the truck carrying the huge crates arrived. We thank the Lord for their safe arrival and for a Christian who helped get the New Testaments liberated from Customs.
2. School is going well with teachers and parents pitching in together to provide an education for the students. Rachel Tannahil, our prospective elementary teacher, for some reason decided that her place was in the US and isn't coming. Thanks for praying with us through this situation. We are not sure what will happen for second semester.
3. One week ago on Saturday night we showed the film *David and Goliath* to the children of the community where we'd like to see a new church. On Sunday some new children came to Sunday school. May the Lord continue to guide in this effort.
4. Nathan Buzdor continues to do well—gaining weight and slowly increasing his activities. We praise God with the Buzdor family.
5. Menno and Barb Kroeker along with their son and his wife visited 10 Nambikuara villages this month. In one village, they were told, "Even though you spent a long time living among us,

## Primary Class Memory Verses

Here are the verses the Primary Class is memorizing during the month of October

October 9, 16 & 23

Psalms 86:11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth

October 30

Galations 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

As a reminder the verse that we working on from September 18 & 25

1 Corinthians 15:57: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### All About Me! (Confessions of Nathan)

One day, on Gracie's birthday, we played "Kick-the-Can" and we played "Hopscotch" but I got disqualified because I was throwing my rock around. I also had to do a time-out while everybody else was playing Hopscotch. Oh, did I already say we played Kick the Can? My friend Emma got sick but her brother Joel kept playing and Emma stayed at our house. One day me and my mom got a ticket for going past the speed limit.

One day we went to Lake Michigan, and we (the kids) took the Oreos without asking; Mom and dad were swimming. And then, "hee, hee, hee"...One day my mom made cookies and I stole two of the cookies without asking.

Mom: Did you really?

Nathan: Yeah (shyly).

Mom: Are you just telling bad things that you do?

Nathan: No, mostly not bad things! We went put-putting at Grandma's cottage. Grandpa Ken took us.

Mom: Did you have fun?

Nathan: Yeah. We also went tubing and ate S'mores at night. I really want to keep going on by book. (By the way, this is it.)

Mom: What was your favorite part of vacation?

Nathan: We got to go tubing and dad bought watermelon and you and dad were arguing.

Mom: Not that much.

Nathan: Yeah, mostly dad. I am glad that I fixed my CD player.

Mom: How did you do that?

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to follow? Will you remain faithful to walk with God? Will you be one of those rare individuals who makes glad the heart of God? Who brings pleasure to a heartbroken Father? I want to be one of those, and I trust that you do, too. There's no higher honor we can aspire to than for people to say about us what is recorded about Noah of old: "He walked with God."

### ***Activities for the Younger Kids***

Ages 5-11 are invited to come with us to **DOLLINGER FARMS** on **October 22nd**.  
Attractions: petting zoo, corn maze, and hayride. There will be more details to come.

### ***ACF Update***

The Adult Christian Fellowship October event will be held on Saturday, October 15. Our theme is "Harvest". We will have a Pot Luck Supper, beginning at 6:00 pm. The committee members will supply the main dish and beverages. Attendees are asked to sign up for a side dish or dessert. Entertainment will follow the dinner. Child care will be provided. Watch for details about the Holiday Events in the November Newsletter!  
Your ACF Committee

### ***The Gospel of John***

On Sunday October 9, Trinity Church (99th and Damen) will host a Gospel of John Presentation at their church starting at 4:00 PM.

### ***Church Newsletter Mistakes***

"Don't let worry kill you off -- let the Church help."

"Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a Friendship that began in their school days."

### ***Missionary Update (cont. from page 4)***

we still need more teaching about Jesus." They were grateful to see spiritual interest.

#### **Prayer Requests for this month**

1. Since Joan Richards began working with the "R" people in the 70s, she hasn't seen much fruit. But that doesn't mean the Lord isn't working. Just recently a shaman, or witch doctor, has been helping to check Scripture and shows interest in knowing more about this "Jesus." At the same time the only three believers Joan knows of will also be helping to check Scripture.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal clearly who Jesus is and show the shaman there is forgiveness and eternal life to gain. Pray too for these new believers that they may encourage each other and grow together.

2. Sheila, just returned from England, is planning a boat trip to visit the Rikbaktsa villages in the month of October. She'll need a good boat, sufficient fuel and a skillful pilot to take her down river. She plans to distribute a daily devotional book to leaders who want to have services in their villages. May the books be used well. Besides the distributing Scripture, she wants to put the Rikbaktsa dictionary on the web and continue translating *Pilgrim's Progress*.

From time to time it's exciting to catch a glimpse of how the Lord is working. May it encourage you too.

Yours,

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### ***All About Me (cont. from page 4)***

Nathan: There was some connection that wasn't hooked up right or maybe that we traded plugs and that made it work. My mom bought me some boxing gloves at the thrift store.

Mom: O.K. Nathan let's put an ending on this story.

Nathan: NO! NO! NO! I want one more page. I want to say I Love my Mom because she likes me and she feeds me breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The End!!

P.S. How precious. Nathan wanted to write a book. He dictated it. How fun. By the way, the argument took place over the watermelon. I didn't really think it was an argument but obviously Nathan did. I guess we can say it was a stupid disagreement.

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counterparts.

Walking along the stony beach of Galilee, Jesus sees some fishermen. "Follow me," he says, "follow me." They leave the fishing nets with their astonished father and follow Him.

He sees a tax collector, sitting in his office. "Follow me," he says, and Matthew pushes back his chair, hangs a "closed" sign in the window, and follows.

Walking with God can't wait until a commercial break, a week of vacation, or a convenient point in our lives. It is now. We make excuses and keep putting off this task that should be of highest priority to us.

In the Gospels we are given an account of an excuse that one man gave Jesus for not immediately following Him. The man said, "I'd like to follow you, but I can't until I bury my aged father." Jesus replied to the man, "Let the 'dead' bury their dead, but as for you - you follow me."

Walking with God is marked by its immediacy as well as its costliness. A finely dressed young man came to Jesus on one occasion and asked, "What must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus' answer, "Give away your wealth to the poor and follow me."

The man's pace slows. He drops out of the journey. In that man's mind Jesus asks too much of His followers. The cost was too much and He was unwilling to continue on.

Jesus says, "Whoever would follow me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow."

God's heart breaks at the sight of men and women lost in time, on their own paths spiraling

down into the pits of compromise, self-absorption and ruin. He's created them for fellowship with the Most High, and all they can do is offer explanations and excuses for their deaf ears, numbed feet and self-willed souls. In the process God is grieved.

God, in his heartbreak turns to someone who "walks" with Him. Noah is a man who is cautious of the way he lives, in spite of the moral filth around him. God finds pleasure in this follower who listens when He speaks, who turns when God's direction changes, who obeys when he hears a new word. By this action God is pleased.

"I want you to build an ark, Noah. I want you to build it longer than a soccer field and as high as a four-story house." How absurd that that statement must have sounded in a day an age when boats were never built that large. Just notice the reaction of the community around Noah who were observing this process. They laughed at him and mocked him, which by the way seemed to be a common occurrence throughout Scripture for those who faithfully followed God.

On our walk with God, he asks of us some big things, too. Things undreamed of. Things impossible. Things uncomfortable. Things which stretch us to the limit. Some drop out at this point. Some don't continue the journey.

Jesus, during His life and ministry on this earth, made no mistake about the fact that following Him was going to be an extremely difficult task. On numerous occasions His own followers told Him that His teachings were difficult and some of them even deserted Him altogether. They couldn't handle the costly commitment that was involved.

Jesus asks His closest followers, "Will you also go away? Will you leave, as well?"

He asks this question of you, too. Will you continue

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship Service 10AM Communion Sunday	3	4	5 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	6	7	8 Men's Prayer 8AM
9 Worship Service 10AM Sunday School Gospel of John at Trinity 4PM	10	11	12 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM Ted Hollander BDay	13 Eleanor Hollander BDay	14	15 ACF 6PM
16 Worship Service 10AM Sunday School Prayer & Praise 6PM	17	18 Elder's & Trustees 7PM	19 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	20	21	22 Men's Prayer 8AM Kid's to Dollinger's Farm
23 Worship Service 10AM Sunday School	24	25	26 Bible Study 7PM Kid's Club 7PM	27	28	29 Daylight Savings
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