



disaster response & ShortTerm missions

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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

It is God Himself Who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.-Ephesians 2:10


And so we work. And most of the time we don't know exactly how God will use our contribution. Most of the time we don't get to see the whole story or the end result of our efforts.

Since my particular calling to MNA is to recruit and, in a way, 'call' folks into Christian service, I have the high privilege of seeing the beginning of many stories. This is a wonderful encouragement, but it is also a problem for me because I want to see the rest of the story. Don't you long to see the whole story from start to finish? Without delay I wish to see lives changed, lost people found, families restored, houses and churches rebuilt, churches planted and communities won for Christ....statistics. And occasionally I do, but God calls me (and you!) to labor even when we can't see the ultimate end goal of God in all our endeavors.

I am learning that biblical promises are not meant mainly to be seen but to be trusted. Christ has given us footsteps to follow even when the road is narrow, encouragement to walk even when our feet are heavy, and strength to work even when weariness is all we can see. We may not know the fruit of our own lives or the impact of the church in our generation, but rest assured, we *will* see one day. We can be confident of this: He is doing more than we can see. He always is. Please know this, someday we will be astounded at the outcome of the plans of God!

Thank you so very much for supporting us in this vital ministry. Katherine and I appreciate your love, support, partnership and prayer for us; it sustains us each day. And please know that as your support sustains us, vicariously you are actually helping begin many stories. Our team has facilitated the movement of more than 55,000 short term missionaries and disaster response volunteers since 2005. WOW! And YOU were a very significant part of that story!

With a servant's heart,



Arklie Hooten

MNA ShortTerm Missions and Disaster Response Director

PS. Would you please consider giving an extra gift this December to help us make up a shortfall in our support account? Two of our long term supporters graduated to glory this year and the economic downturn has affected most everyone, including us. We are praying and believing God will meet our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Will you join us in prayer asking God to meet this shortfall?

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