



The Spotlight - September 2020



Well, we have just come to the end of one of the most celebrated months in our personal family calendar. Once upon a time, there was just one date in August to celebrate but our family has grown such that we now have a number of reasons to rejoice throughout the month! Of course, like the rest of the world, our family members are all isolated in small groups, and we have not had the freedom to be with each other to celebrate a single event for some time. Still, though we catch ourselves bemoaning our lot at times, we praise God for pulling us up short and reminding us that we have no reason to complain in the grand scheme of things!

This of course, also applies to you if you have chosen to receive Christ, for in Him we are all free in the only way that really matters! John 8:36 tells us, "So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." And, 2 Corinthians 3:17 reminds us, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Now, whilst these scriptures specifically refer to the freedom Christ gives from fear, guilt and sin, surely, if we trust Him, we can also take them at face value, for no matter what restrictions man may place upon us, God is at work in our lives!

He asks us to trust Him absolutely in all circumstances and to accept that He alone Has the wisdom, power, goodness and love for each of us sufficient to chart our paths in the most perfect of ways, and yes, that even includes our lockdown situations! Of, course, as always, He gives us the choice, but most surely He is watching, not to condemn us when we fail, but rather to rejoice in us when we show how much we trust Him, especially in the tough times. Now, perhaps you already know He has chosen to lock the two of us down in what appears to be one of the safest and most beautiful places in the world, but please don't run away with the idea that our lives have been perfect, for our journey has been every bit as much up and down as no doubt yours has for you, but what we have come to understand and see play out in our lives, is that the safest place to be is in His will no matter where we are physically, and the best decision is to trust Him so implicitly that even in tough times we can rejoice and praise His name.

We now leave you with links to last month's messages, which focus upon scriptures and a statement that many find challenging. If any challenge you, may you be blessed as you listen.

1. John 14:12 - Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing...
2. Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
3. 1 Corinthians 14:34 - Women should remain silent in the churches...
4. Christianity is just a blind faith!

Hakuna matata!
Jim & Elaine

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

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