



I am praying for you...because I know Christ is praying for me.

September 2008 Greetings from Kansas City!

The picture above is from the one I painted in the Philippines and used on the cover of my book. I feel so much peace looking at it and remembering sitting on that beach. Father's love was impacting my heart for all the children who live there. Some were so young and unaware of 'their condition' and others were just entering the age of reality and mounting cares of life.

I am getting ready to begin teaching a grief recovery class in a few weeks. As I was preparing there were 12 notable losses I have experienced, and certainly several others. In reviewing those events, I know being alive, really alive today, is a miracle. At the time of most of those events, I was not aware of the impact they would have upon my life. God has been so kind along this journey of healing and restoration.

I long that others experiencing anguish and agony in life will find hope and relief as I share my story and enable them to embark upon their own once again. I believe God is love, and that He loves me, even with so much that dared to imply otherwise. I know many have had trauma occur in their lives who are not so convinced they are loved...but they will soon!

Jesus is introduced to us in Isaiah 53 as the Man of sorrow acquainted with grief. I know about the invitation to drink His cup, and I have with joy and trembling both. This week I felt Him speak to my heart that He desires to share mine! Jesus weeps over the unjust events that were the result of others sin against us, the results of our own that have occurred, as well as the impact from living in the groaning of this fallen world aching for that which is yet to be.

There are going to be widows with young children, couples who have lost multiple babies in the womb, those who have experienced ongoing illness, loss of limbs, failure in career and education opportunities, divorce and other life changing events too numerous to mention.

This month my prayer for you and for them and for myself is Psalm 119:88 "In your steadfast love *GIVE ME LIFE*, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth." The testimony of His mouth is that He came to give us life, life abundant!

May we simply and fully LIVE all of the rest of our days!

For those who want to partner with me in this wonderful life, tax deductible contributions can be made out to IHOP-KC. Please do not place my name on the check. A simple sticky note with my name on it is all that is needed. If you would like to send a gift and do not require the tax deduction, please make the check out in my name. I would love to pray specifically for you, so also include any prayer requests or personal notes.

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