



“Do Not Be Surprised....”

I think that the Apostle Peter’s words are helpful in giving us perspective on the trials of 2020 and any that will unfold in 2021. While the context for his first century admonition is different, the principle behind it is still applicable today— “*Do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you....*” 1 Peter 4:12 This was not an original thought for Peter, for he had heard it from none other than Jesus himself shortly before his crucifixion — “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 So the crux of the matter is not the trial, but my response in the midst of it.

You see, our commission, our marching orders in this world as followers of Christ have not changed. Regardless of the trial, whether political, social, economical, or physical we are still to be about our heavenly Father’s business. So, in spite of the challenges we faced in 2020 or the ones that will rise up in 2021, we know the task before us— be salt, light, and the aroma of Christ in a lost and hurting world!

I am happy to report that our medical clinic in Muthetheni, Kenya is up and running, providing physical and spiritual help to the people in this remote area. One of our goals for 2021 is to provide short Christian content videos in the Swahili language for the patients to watch while waiting.



“AHHHH” is the same in any language.



The children in our orphanage in Meru, Kenya are waiting to see if they will be able to resume attending school in person. Online teaching is not an option so if schools remain closed due to COVID, we will probably have to find some tutors to come to the orphanage to continue the children’s education. Speaking of the orphanage, I thought you would enjoy a couple of pictures of their Christmas celebration. How about that “Charlie Brown” Christmas tree in the background!



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