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News From Behind the Puppet Stage

Acts 10:34-35

“Then Peter opened his mouth and said: In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.”

**In a world that is in such turmoil,
isn't it great to know that God doesn't show
partiality? He accepts anyone that comes to
Him with a repentant heart.**

The last couple of months, I have been working my way through Acts and the four Gospels. One of the things I have learned is that Christ, being human, still became weary. While He sought out time to pray and rejuvenate, He still paid attention to what was happening around Him. It didn't matter that He was tired; He saw others around Him in need and had compassion. To be honest, it is so easy for me to become focused on what is happening in my own little world that I miss what is happening in the worlds of those around me. How many people did I walk past in the store that just needed a smile? Did I pass someone that needed help with something, but I was so focused on my own agenda that I missed it? Was I so focused on my financial needs that I missed helping someone that was in greater need? While I am working on showing others the love of Christ in everyday life the excitement level for traveling this summer is growing. I can't wait to get out there and reach out to those who are still in spiritual darkness as well as encourage the growth of those who know Jesus already. There is a list of things that needs to be done before June though. While I am keeping busy with my normal job at the office—payroll, donation receipts, balancing accounts, emails, answering the phone, going to the bank and post office, and recording and editing the weekly podcast. I also work on printing everyone's newsletters, build and print the Glance, print all the envelopes and inserts for the mailings, stuff envelopes, help with creating the set for our summer promo along with filming and editing it, record script audios, designing the summer poster, printing and mailing the instruction packets for VBS, and traveling to scheduled programs. I could keep going but I think you get the idea of what life is like right now—BUSY!

Christmas In Arizona

My parents bought me a ticket to fly out to Arizona so I could spend Christmas with them. An added bonus to going to AZ was that my brother and his family joined us for a few days. This makes two Christmas' in a row that we have been all together as a family. The pictures are just a sampling of my time out West. Brett, my niece Hannah, nephew Charlie and I went on a beautiful sunset horseback ride. As a group, we all went to the Grand Canyon and had many other great experiences. My parents were staying very close to the Superstition Mountains. We enjoyed doing some hiking and the beautiful views. We also caught up with the Mustangs that live in the area.



You maybe wondering to yourself how support raising has been going—I am seeing my percentage rise! I am currently at %, \$ is needed monthly to reach 100%. Even though I still have a ways to go, those who are on my support team continually encourage me. If you have any questions about supporting me, please call me at 616-430-2003 or email me at jcarlson@ghhinc.org. If you would like to share any prayer requests with me, please feel free to do that as well!

In Him,

Notes of Praise

I am so thankful for the unusual ways the Lord provides for my needs.

Praising the Lord for safety this winter.

I am so thankful for those who support me with prayer and financially.

Words of Prayer

Pray for the staff as we strive to complete our projects on time.

Pray for continued unity among staff.

Pray that my support level will continue to increase.

Pray for safety while traveling.

Pray for the hearts of those we will be ministering to this year.

