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Wandering Woodrings

JULY JEBELS

Happy Summer from our mountain home. Jebel, a loan word from North Africa, is another word for a mountain or a range of mountains. July is a month of mountains, so July Jebel was born. Since last Fall we have been scaling mountains to organize this year's family debriefing retreat in Chico, California. The final peak, the actual retreat, is in sight. In this letter, I (Jen) will review the trek thus far and tell you what is planned. Our many thanks to those of you who have traveled with us in prayer.

First we invited well over 100 people to consider coming debrief the adults and the kids of families who had not yet applied. Shadows of 'build the ark!' with nary a cloud (or family) in sight. The critical shortage those qualified to debrief kids came to light. Thus, we shared any and every training opportunity with anyone who had even vaguely expressed interest in learning that skill. Several did attend one of them.

Slowly, debriefing teams started to come together for both Kansas and Chico. YWAM Cross Wind in Kansas graciously made flyers for two venues. We started advertising. We sent them to the whole debriefing network to share on social media and with friends at different locations/countries! At first nothing happened, and we couldn't get a full team together for the Kansas location, so we had to cancel that one. And pray harder for Chico!

Applications and inquiries started to trickle in. The debriefing team for Chico started to really come together. With some creative additions, we grew to a place of being able to debrief 6 families, and 2 rooms of kids (younger/older). I won't take you through the details but we lost 2 debriefers and one family, so that at press time we are full with 5 families and 12 kids, being debriefed by 10 adult debriefers and 8 kid's debriefers. And those numbers do not include the necessary support staff also coming: 2 nannies, 3 interpreters for American Sign Language and one German translator. It has been amazing to watch God answer all the team's prayer requests. Right down to the baby who needed a passport receiving it 2 days before flying into the US and the final interpreters saying 'yes' 2 days ago!

For now, we are prepping for the final ascent. Chico staff are prepping all we need with spaces and meals. The kid's team have trained and organized. The art processing room is staffed. The schedule is in place. Snacks are planned. Craig is organizing the transport, budget, and 1000 other details that align with the budget. Jen is printing handouts, assigning other tasks, churning out emails.

All this, for what? So that these families, loved by God, can review their experiences and process them prayerfully in an atmosphere where God meets the parents and the kids to remove their excess heaviness or pain and strengthens them for whatever is next. We believe this helps build the Kingdom of God. Results are different for each person; we never fail to be thrilled and grateful to watch the transformation over the week when we debrief adults. Being able to help the kids and the whole family is what makes all this extra work for these retreats worth it. The great learning and networking opportunity for debriefers is also a strong incentive.

Our prayer requests will cover the needs over these next weeks. If you want to receive a daily email prayer update over the week of the family debrief, just let us know. The work at these events is 'heavy lifting' in the spiritual realm so the more who are praying, the better! Basically, we pray for God to be richly at work in everyone, for them to find fresh freedom in Christ, and for new insights that inspire their faith and lives. We also ask God for protection and endurance; it is an intense week.

Looking forward to the view from the Pinnacle!

Jen and Craig

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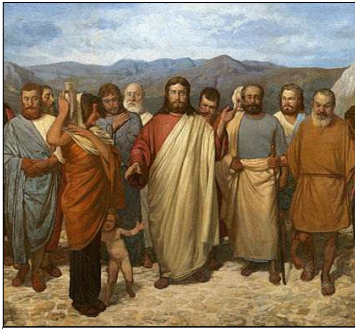
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Photo: TOP: the Himalayas on a clear day (photo credit to unnamed friends who work there.) Left: The flyer for this year's Family Debriefing Retreat at YWAM Chico



When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida.

Luke 9:10 NLT

Just one Biblical example of a debriefing retreat

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JULY Prayer n Praise: Thank you for praising and praying with us for many details of the family debrief retreat (and then the rest of life):

- 15 - health for all coming to the family debrief...the challenges faced by group members are numerous!
- 16 - wisdom for delegating all the final tasks to be done at the debrief with NOTHING forgotten.
- 17- good communications without missing emails or misunderstandings in writing or in person.
- 18 - for the handouts to finally get finished!!!
- 19 - extra rest for the next few days for everyone who is coming; we will all need endurance for the retreat
- 20 - Thank God for a full family debrief with all needed personnel and passports, etc, and for generous extra supporters who helped fund this. (one random person in a store heard about it and gave Craig \$20 to help families!)**
- 21 - everyone coming to the debrief retreat to feel God's love and care for them (Eph 3:14-21).
- 22 - mental/emotional protection for good processing at the debrief.
- 23 - spiritual protection for all coming to the debrief and at the debrief.
- 24 - protection physically (no fires, no power outages, no injuries, disease, or disasters etc) at the retreat.
- 25 - safe uncomplicated travel for the debriefing team (especially the Canadians); everyone to arrive today.
- 26 - quick team bonding and all the final preparations to welcome and debrief.
- 27 - Praise God that we welcome debriefees and kick off with a welcome dinner/small party tonight!**
- 28 - a smooth start for everyone: kids, parents, debriefers working with new teammates. Debriefers working with translation to quickly find a workable, smooth rhythm.
- 29 - God to meet parents in a busy schedule and some really painful 'homework' as they look at losses.
- 30 - debriefees to receive fresh revelations and insights about God, themselves, and others.
- 31 - debriefees to encounter Jesus afresh as savior, redeemer, just judge of others, the owner of vengeance, enabler of forgiveness, tender healer, one who replaces ashes with beauty and heaviness with joy.

AUG 1 - great closure for families and changes that will last. Celebration!!! Safe trips today's departures.

- 2 - safe journeys home for the remaining staff...and a chance for everyone to rest and recuperate.
- 3 - thanks for Jen's good cardio report and for many encouraging ministry opportunities for both of us (aside from the family debrief).**
- 4 - Josh's health. He got some challenging in early July and it's hard to get follow up.
- 5 - a gnarly unspoken prayer request that we must now deal with.
- 6 - finding rest and restoration from God despite the other challenges we now face. We will be tired.
- 7 - times of refreshing from the LORD (from Acts 3:19).
- 8 - catching up while resisting the urge to go faster than is necessary .
- 9 - good family and couple time.
- 10 - Praise God that He does indeed provide strength to the weary and hope to the hopeless. We are facing some tough situations and so need to lean on Him.**
- 11 - fun with friends who plan to visit a couple of days.
- 12 - passing off leading the family debriefs well. For months we've said "NOT next year," and smiled.
- 13 - preparations for a couple coming to stay with us next week and then another to debrief the next week!
- 14 - the next letter to come together smoothly.
- 15 - Levi to forge ahead diligently on the next steps in his education and life calling.

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