

## CALLED TO MORE

A Thrill of HOPE...

...For Yonder Breaks a New & Glorious Morn!

As we approach this sacred celebration of our Savior's arrival on Earth it causes us to be mindful of the various carols that we will join in singing. One of the well-known favorites of 'O, Holy Night' was a focus of a message the first week in advent that Lynette delivered. Have each of us been sharing the hope that our Jesus brings? That thrill that the shepherds got when the heavenly hosts announced the birth of Messiah, the thrill that Joseph must have felt in a dream where an angel instructed him to go through with his plans and take Mary as his betrothed, and Mary as an angel broke the news of her becoming pregnant and to be known as the Savior's mother. Each of those thrills were caused by God's call to more in each of their lives. A call that would take ordinary people in the world to be gifted with a divine story. Each of us are just the same. Ordinary everyday people that have accepted a divine gift from God to become a part of His family and has a call to do more than that of the typical world.

So, what are you doing this holiday season that is MORE than the typical? In the upcoming year of 2018, what are you hearing God call you to? Maybe it is simplifying things in your schedule, so you can better control it or perhaps it is saying no to those few things you only feel obligation to fulfill to make room for the more important items in your world. What about sharing your life with those in your world? How about showing transparency and authenticity so that Jesus' love and grace can't help but outpour through you. How will you shine that little light of yours and how will you allow God to thrill you in your routine day-to-day in order to accomplish His kingdom work?

Many blessings and prayerful thoughts to you and yours as you get involved and become quiet to hear the still small voice of God's heart.

**THANK YOU!**

**Because of Partners like YOU...**

**We have reached 65%!**



## PRAYER & PRAISE

- Praise & Prayer- For the exciting stories we get to experience as God works and calls His children to kingdom work.
- Praise- For time to be with family for the Christmas season making sweet memories together.
- Praise- A quickly filling schedule for the first half of 2018.
- Praise- For our many opportunities to share our Call to More in ministry and for those that God reaches through us.
- Prayer- Continued learning of the Haitian Creole language and culture.
- Praise & Prayer- For the privilege to work with our MPT in unique capacities and for the strengthening of these ties.
- Praise- For the faithfulness in commitment and investment through our partners in ministry.
- Pray- For continued safe travel and health as we attend trainings and speaking events.

## CALLED TO MORE 2018 What's Coming...

After numerous miles of travel and checking off 22 different states, we are ready to enjoy a normal Christmas and New Year holidays celebrating with family in Pennsylvania. Beginning the second week in January, we will find ourselves in North Carolina for 5 weeks of spiritual retreat and cross-cultural training. It will assist us in quieting our hearts before Jesus in preparation of learning about transitions into full-time ministry and living in a new culture. We are hoping for a visit to Kansas in late winter/early spring for refreshing current connections and forming new ones. We will also plan to stop in Utah for time with Brian's sister and nephews. Our spring will start with two anticipated ABW conferences in Maine, followed by our second

invitation to the ABWNJ weekend conference. This was an amazing send off for language school in 2017!

We are eager to begin thinking about commissioning and departure to the field of service in Haiti. By reaching 80%, we would be able to begin this next and very important milestone. God willing, Ricky and Calen could be entering their seventh and kindergarten years of education at the Cowman School in Mourn Rouge, Haiti.

We look forward to the adventures God will have us on in this upcoming year and we can't wait to hear about yours, as well. Keep looking for our communications and updates...hopefully SOON you will be receiving a commissioning save-the-date!

