

Living Out God's Vision!

CtK exists to connect all people to the life-giving message of Jesus, as we experience God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference in our world.

Day 8, Sunday, August 13th — Make a Difference Globally

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Luke 3:11 NIV

I read a story once about a missionary who had been serving for many years overseas. When he returned to his home church in the US, a member of the church thought it would be a nice gesture to purchase him some new shirts. When the missionary opened them he said "Why would I need more shirts? I already have one to wear while I wash the other". Wow. What perspective. I did a Bible study last summer called the Seven Experiment, and one of the activities was to count the items in your closet. Ouch. I can promise that I had more than two shirts. Chances are good that you do, too.

International missions have opened my heart to a big, big world. It took me seven years to finally feel "ready" to answer the call to Guatemala. I was waiting for my husband to feel called to go with me. After seven years of praying, he still had no desire to go saying, "This is your calling, not mine. My calling is to stay here and support you". And he has been a tremendous support. We are all called in our own way, but make no mistake - we are all called.

Where do you fit in? Where are you feeling called to be involved in international missions? Perhaps it is to serve in another country. Perhaps it is to serve your next door neighbor who is from another country. Maybe someone needs financial support for a trip. Maybe you are called to cover a missionary in prayer. One thing is for sure - we are all called to live beyond ourselves and in a place of sacrifice, no matter where that calling is. Pray about it right now, because if you are walking, talking, living and breathing, there is a place for you to serve in the global mission field.

Father of all nations - Though the world may speak different languages, your spirit speaks but one - the love of Jesus. Show us where we are being called to serve your people throughout the world. We pray for those serving you in others countries, Lord, and for all the people they serve. Grant them safety through dangerous times, companionship through the loneliness, and provision for your will to be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. We are delighted that you have called all of us, and trust you to totally expose our hearts to the needs of our world. Show us where we fit in and then give us obedient hearts to spill your love all over the globe. In the strong, strong name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

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