



Seek the Son Ministries

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I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth! He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. The LORD himself watches over you! The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. The LORD keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever. (Psalm 121:1-8 NLT)



The sun is warm on my face. The wind is blowing gently through the leaves of the Maples around me. The brook is babbling in accompaniment to the birds singing. I am standing at the foot of Mount Mansfield and the

peace that fills me is beyond words. My family gazes in wonder as we look at potential land for the retreat center for Seek the Son.

Six months later, I received a phone call that put a bend in the road. I discovered I had thyroid cancer and needed a thyroidectomy. The peace that filled me at the foot of those beautiful mountains is the peace that still fills me today as I struggle to meet the daily challenges of living without a thyroid. I want to share about both these life changing events.

.Seek the Son continues to search for property. We have created specific criteria and many properties seem workable for our goals. We want to open a year round retreat center to help the disabled realize their full potential. We are currently raising funds to continue looking for the property which will fulfill all the needs of accommodating the disabled in a year round setting. Please pray for us as we follow God's leading on this exciting journey.



Praises & Prayers

Praise: Theresa's surgery went well, continue to pray for wisdom for the doctors to aid in the recovery process.

Praise: Bethel Seminary is walking beside Theresa as she recovers and allowing her the time to finish her doctorate.

Continue to pray for our kids as they face the challenges of young adulthood.

Pray for Seek the Son's board of directors for God to touch each one of us where we are.

Pray for Seek the Son to continue to impact the lives of the disability community in a way that glorifies God.

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On a personal note, the thyroid cancer is a label that has given me another filter to look through. It has made me vulnerable and at times feeling so helpless. My other disabilities seem to just happen as a normal part of life. This cancer has opened my heart to the pain experienced through nonfinite grief. I am currently waiting for my thyroid replacement medication to reach a functional level for me. The doctors are also waiting to see if more cancer has occurred in remaining thyroid tissue. I am thankful for a loving family, church home and most of all a Savior who walks beside me and even carries me when necessary.

We continue to bring the saving power of Jesus Christ to the disabled through various programs. Please check out our website frequently for updates. We want to thank Team Beach-Body for providing us an excellent fundraising opportunity. See enclosed letter for more details. We also want to thank Triumph Technology, otherwise known as Handy tech North America for partnering with us by donating an excellent online contact management system to help us as we expand the ministry. Exact Contact is developed by Triumph Technology as a mainstream service with an emphasis on accessibility. Check it out at:

www.exactcontact.net. We are grateful for the generosity of Earle Harrison and for his inspiration as the founder and president of Triumph Technology.

The disabled still represent the largest unreached people group in the world. A disabling condition can strike any person at any time. There is no protection or warranty to insure your status. One principle we can take peace in is that God desires a relationship with each and every one of us. He loves us and our brokenness is not important. Think of a glass. As it sits on the table...it has an ordinary existence. If it shatters on the floor...it takes on new meaning. If you let light shine on those shattered pieces an incredible beauty emerges. The same light from our Lord Jesus can shine through our brokenness and provide a saving light and peace. Allow this to shine through you. One barrier may be forgiveness. Forgiveness is a complex topic. One point to keep in mind this Easter season is that when Jesus died on that cross...he allows each of us to be forgiven. Don't hold on to bitterness or hurt. Don't hold a grudge. If you have been wronged...forgive. You also must learn how to accept forgiveness. I have been reminded that I need to live as if I am dying. The following hymn reminds us the power that Jesus allows each of us to possess.

Beatitudes Hymn

Loving Father, always here, In our need You draw us near, Weak in all we think and do, Ever poor but rich in You,
From Your glory light is born. Here we see ourselves and mourn, Humbled as we glimpse the truth. Empty, Lord, we thirst for You.
Mercy flows as we believe. Now we give as we receive, Vessels of Your healing grace. Pure in heart, we see Your face.
Peace in You is peace profound. Help us live it all around, Peace complete though problems press, Rich, eternal blessedness.