

Erickson Quarterly

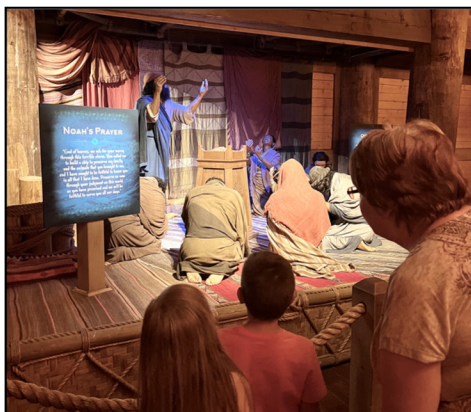


Dear Friends,

We have experienced a beautiful summer here in Minnesota, with low humidity and temperatures rarely reaching into the high 80s. We've had lots of sunshine, but enough rain to produce greenery to rival Ireland.

We've been home most of the summer, except for one week in June when we went with our daughter's family on a road trip to see a replica of Noah's Ark and The Creation Museum in Kentucky. Even though the grandchildren are quite young (the twins are seven and their little sister just four), we wanted them to see the enormity of the ark (510 feet long), and the way Noah and his family lived inside of it. It was important to us that the children understand that the story of the worldwide flood is true and not a bedtime fairy tale.

Although little Audrey slept in her stroller some of the time, Sammy and Georgia were mesmerized listening to the automatons (moving mechanical devices made in



Prayer points...

Praise:

The box of materials was found in the San Antonio church and is now being used by Carlos and Missy Vazquez in a Mexican orphanage.

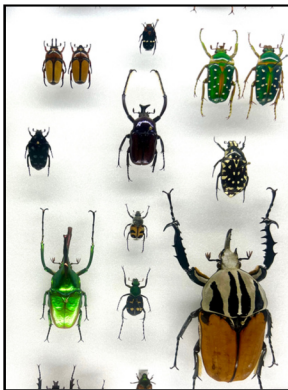
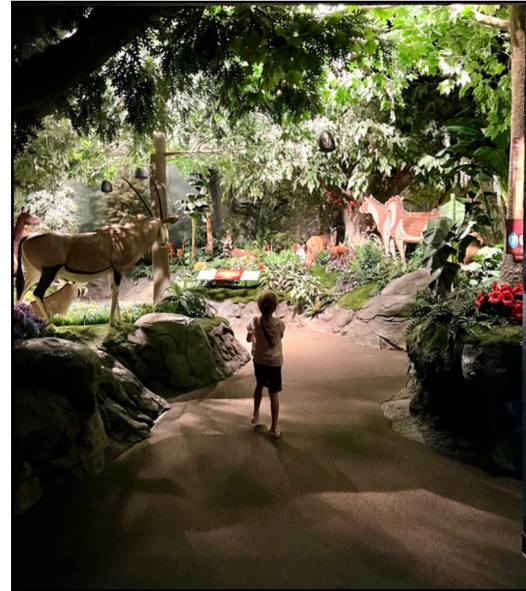
Prayer:

The N Ireland team is now taking applications for a Pot of Gold group they hope to start in October. Please pray that God will move in the hearts of parents to take advantage of this opportunity to help their children.

That the necessary funds will be donated for the October Tumu training. The cost estimate is for 35 participants.

imitation of human beings) of Noah's family talking about their life on the ark. The kids could even ask them questions and the automatons would turn their heads, look at them and speak to answer, whilst their eyes blinked and hands and heads moved like human beings. The animals were also very realistic and some of them were mechanical too.

Little Audrey liked the live exotic fish display at the Creation Museum and all the kids marveled at the variety of bugs God has placed on the earth. They also liked walking through a beautiful garden with steam coming up from the ground, which was to demonstrate what the Garden of Eden may have been like.



Returning to Minnesota, Dale has been working on getting kits together to send to Burundi, where they are always in need of materials as they minister to hundreds of children. He also sent money (\$655) to cover a summer facilitator training in Ghana led by Pastor Francis, and is presently raising funds for Pastor Francis to take our materials to Tumu, Ghana, where an unreached people group called the 'Fulani' live. The estimated cost of transportation, feeding, and materials for this October outreach is \$1,600, and we are trusting God for His provision. Meanwhile, Jewell continues to work with our N Ireland team in editing our leader's manuals so that our partners around the world can access them through our website.

We intended to make this a short letter just about us and our family, but we cannot resist telling you about the summer training for our Rays of Light material that Pastor Francis led in his own area of Bolgatanga with 29 leaders from seven of

his clubs, and 5 other churches which came to observe.

As has happened in previous trainings, one of the leaders had been contemplating suicide, but was blessed by the lemonade activity (see picture) that we use during our first meeting where we say, "If life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Spiritually speaking, we tell the students that the group exists to teach them how to apply the "sugar" of God's Word to the "lemons" that life throws at us.

Previous to making the lemonade, each participant is given a lemon to study its unique characteristics. All of the lemons are



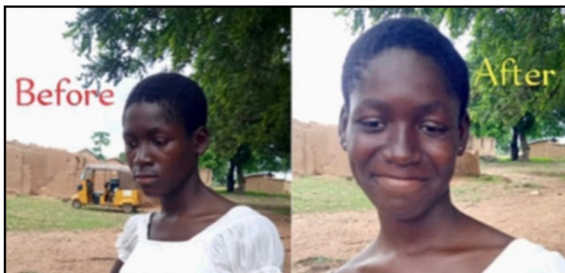
then placed in a pile and the participants are challenged to find their own unique lemon. (Somehow they always do.) They are then told that like the lemons, we, too, are unique and special.

He restores my soul... (Psalm 23:3)

In teaching our grandkids Psalm 23, we had them try to illustrate the text with word pictures. For the phrase "He restores my soul," they drew a sad face turned into a happy face. When we thought about that, we realized that is the aim of our ministry: Helping young people come into a relationship with Jesus so that He can restore their souls.

After his summer training, Pastor Francis sent us pictures of one participant named, 'Blessing,' who had her soul restored. Before coming to the training, Blessing always wore a serious face. She was not a happy girl because everybody said negative things about her. However, through the lessons in the Rays program, as well as the acceptance she received from the other participants, she realized that she had adopted a false narrative about herself.

Blessing says, "I cannot remember when the change came. I just realized over the time that God made me special and loves me . . . I was just enjoying the program and when people said they like my smile, I realized I was smiling."



Hopefully Blessing's testimony has been a 'blessing' to you as it was to us. We give thanks for those of you who helped make the summer training possible, and pray that others of you will be inspired to give towards the October Tumu Facilitator training. God is working through you to restore souls.

Love in Christ... Dale & Jewell

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