



The Northington Newsletter

The Fear Factor



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It has become more than a show; it seems to be the current reality we live in. You can sense it all around you. You see it on the media. You see it in your family, friends and co-workers. It is that overwhelming sense that everything is going wrong and we are powerless. It is fear. The forms it comes in vary, but the result is the same. It may be fear of a global financial crisis, fear of pending nuclear war, fear of famine across multiple continents, fear of natural disasters, fear for the loss of our jobs or even fear that we are living in the end times prophesied in the Bible. The result, regardless of the source, is that we forget God is in control and we are not; we forget to trust God and instead put our trust in ourselves.

I was reminded this week of what the Bible has to say about fear. We are told in 2 Timothy 1:7 that we have not received a spirit of fear from God, but a spirit of power, love and self-discipline. We are told to trust in God with all our heart and not to lean on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). We are told to fear the Lord is to hate evil (Proverbs 8:13). That type of fear looks much different than the fear that has enveloped and paralyzed us as we wait for the next disaster to strike. If fearing the Lord means we hate evil, then the result should be a burden to stand against the evil that is consuming the world around us.

the unknown as we gear up for the next term overseas with a child in an economic climate that ratchets up the risk we are taking. Once again abandoning the "security" of our homeland, family, friends and jobs for the opportunity to live out our faith, to fight evil as it manifests itself in poverty and injustice across the globe. There are limits to what we can prepare for in all our preparations. At some point we must acknowledge our inability to know what lies ahead and trust it is in God's hands. Expectations deter us from fully experiencing what God has in store. Trials are also a tool orchestrated by God's hand to mature and grow us in our faith. We must be taken to that place where we acknowledge there is no other explanation for the result except

Tiffany and I have been fighting our own internal battles with this thing called fear. It is a fear of

God's blessing and control of events both in our personal lives and the larger events happening around them. We must learn not to fear.

Take a moment and ask what form of fear has grasped you recently. Is it a story you heard in the media? Is it news of pending layoffs at your com-

pany? Is it fear of a dwindling bank account or unpaid mortgage? Is it fear that your faith is faltering in uncertain times? Whatever it may be, I encourage you to take hold of that fear and hand it over to God. His grace has already rescued our souls and defeated death on the cross. What can we possibly fear in

light of knowing that eternity awaits and this life is but a blink of an eye? What can compare to the glory and majesty that awaits those who put their trust in Him. Let the knowledge of what has already been accomplished comfort you in those moments when fear knocks at your door.

The Top Three...

Prayer Requests—Pray the Lord will provide...

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| Our residency permits for long-term stay in Africa | 1 |
| Trust and peace in place of fear and doubt | 2 |
| An end to recent persecution of our Fulbe friends | 3 |

Prayers Answered

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| A healthy pregnancy and stability for this season | 1 |
| Pre-approval for a loan modification for our home | 2 |
| Approval as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit | 3 |

Ministry Needs:

- Partners for our "Pick a Project Campaign" (see our web site)
- \$1,200 in monthly support pledges to meet our goal for 2010
- Assistance with the construction of our home in Cameroon
- DVD players to show the Jesus film, solar panels and a "mini" notebook computer
- Continued prayer for a healthy pregnancy

WTM Approved as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) Christian Non-Profit

It's been a long, legal road to get there, but World Transformational Ministries has finally been recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. This is a major milestone as we step forward in search of a unique way of doing missions and hopefully finding others who share our vision and may one day join WTM as missionaries elsewhere around the world seeking to reach the Unreached through sustainable, transformational development.

So what does it mean to be a 501(c)(3) organization you ask? There are essentially three important results. The first is that donors to the ministry can continue to write-off their contributions and gifts. If we had only remained a Florida non-profit, we would have eventually been unable to allow our

partners to include their contributions on their tax returns. Of course being tax-exempt means exactly that—we are also exempt from federal income tax (with the exception of funds used for things such as a living stipend, for example).

WTM may also qualify for federal grants as a 501(c)(3), although a great deal of discretion would be exercised to ensure the grant criteria were in line with our values and mission. Because we have a “felt needs” ministry, there may be numerous opportunities to received funding towards water, health and appropriate technology projects to benefit the Unreached and continue building bridges to places where the Gospel is unknown.

As the organization continues to grow,

we will be in need of others to join us in various roles, including tax advisors, volunteers to assist with fund raising, web site developers, small team leaders and members, long-term missionaries and more in addition to our current board members, prayer partners and financial supporters.

We're not going to put any limits on where God could take this organization and ask that you continue to pray for continued direction and wisdom. Please prayerfully consider how you can become involved in this vision to reach the Unreached. Any questions you may have can be e-mailed to:

info@transformationalministries.com

20 Weeks Down, 20 to Go!!!

It's amazing to look back on our last newsletter and read about the challenging time we went through with a miscarriage in February and now look at the miracle growing in Tiffany's womb. God has been faithful to our prayers and yours and granted us another opportunity to have a child. It is a very special time for us as we watch Tiffany's waist (and mine)



grow! The picture on the left is 3 months. The right pic is Baby Northington at 12 weeks. Boy or a girl??? We find out this week!!!



Partners in Missions with Chad & Tiffany Northington **W+M**

While State-side, we are continuing our support-raising efforts. Donations received are collected in a ministry-dedicated account and saved for ministry projects upon our return to the field. We are in need of both monthly supporters as well as project-related gifts.

I have modified our home page to allow for a monthly “subscription” for various gift amounts. It is done securely through PayPal, and a receipt is issued electronically. Visit our home page at www.transformationalministries.com and scroll down to the Donation section with the yellow buttons. Click on your monthly support amount to be taken to the PayPal link. One-time contributions are also welcome. If you would like to support a specific project, please keep watching our web site Donation Page for a list of ministry projects needing your support or let us know of you desire to provide a project-specific gift.

If you have any problems with submitting your gift online or prefer not to do it this way, please let us know.

The Pick a Project Vision - Join Us in a Real, Tangible Way

Some of you may already be familiar with charitable ministries like Heifer International which offer a gift catalog to allow donors to pick specific items they would like to donate rather than just providing a monetary gift. In their case, they allow donors to choose from a variety of animals and gift baskets. WTM would like to develop a similar approach called "Pick a Project" where you would have the opportunity to choose a specific project or item in the areas of water, health care or appropriate technology. For example, an individual or church could choose a hand dug water well project in the Adamawa Province for the Fulbe people in a specific village location. Alternatively, donors could choose from



Imagine Resource Centers like this one across the developing world bridging the gap between technology and the Gospel

a vast array of appropriate technologies we specialize in, including biosand filters, Kenya Top Bar beehives, rainwater

catchment systems, small-scale solar power units, fuel-efficient cook stoves, small-scale tree nurseries and more.

Our grand vision is a network of resource centers across the developing world that combine these technologies with hands-on demonstrations, teaching and the Gospel message. Word and deed come together at these resource centers. Community members that may otherwise have no exposure to the Gospel encounter it here while simultaneously being introduced to new ways of meeting their basic physical needs. It is an especially effective tool in Muslim communities. Centers like the one pictured here would also be included in our "Pick a Project" catalogs.

WTM Presents at Local Missions Conference

World Transformational Ministries recently had the opportunity to present at a local missions conference in Tampa, Florida at South Tampa Fellowship (STF). The church has been involved with Chad and Tiffany's ministry since 2007. STF has a strong missions program with teams going to Haiti, Brazil, Zambia, Peru, Jamaica, Uganda, Namibia, Brazil, South Africa, Dominican Republic and Botswana. You can visit their web site at:

www.stfchurch.com

Back-to-back presentations and a table display allowed Chad and Tiffany to connect to some great people and fellow workers around the globe. Perhaps the best part was watching the children run around from display to display getting their "passport" stamped as they "visited" the different countries around the world where people were serving.

We are always looking for the opportunity to share our ministry with others, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you know of any.

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

- 2 Timothy 1:7



Brochures and Prayer Cards Finally Available

It's been a while since our last newsletter, but we've been busy putting together some essential organizational materials, like brochures, vision statements, logos and prayer cards.

If you haven't yet received our brochures or a prayer card, please send us your mailing address and \$1,000,000 (just kidding) and we'll get them right out to

you.

Tell us your thoughts on the new logo. The red letters symbolize Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross, and the small "t" represents on the cross and the blue lettering is symbolic of the living water we hope to bring to those that lack both clean drinking water and living spiritual water.



OUR NEW LOGO!

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***Reaching the Unreached one need
at a time...***

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide for the material, spiritual, and social needs of those who need it most through sustainable, transformational development. The Gospel is the source of lasting transformation and offers a plan for a holistic and integrated approach to community development and world change.



We're on the web!

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Tentative schedule for the upcoming year...

Most of our plans for the upcoming year revolve around the fact there's a baby in the oven that is due on February 22nd (two days after Chad's birthday, by the way). For all of you who have told us how crazy we are for taking an infant overseas, thank you and yes, we are crazy. We are also fully aware that having a child in the picture changes everything (it better!). I promise, though, that we are not the first and surely won't be the last crazy American couple to travel to a foreign land with a baby(=

With that being said, our desire is to begin our trek overseas when the child is 6-months old. This will allow for many of the initial immunizations and give us time as a family to figure out a few things together. Tiffany will be dedicated to raising our new family member after she gives birth, and Chad hopes to continue balancing ministry and work until mid-year.

Around the summer of next year, we will begin our grand tour visiting families, friends, churches and anyone else who will put up with two new parents and their infant for a little while. Please keep us in mind for

any opportunities that may exist between June and September to present our ministry to others, including church mission conferences, small groups, etc.

Sometime after Tiffany's birthday in September, we hope to be on a plane on our way to France for a couple months of language study in a rural community in the Rhone-Alps region. We know a family that may have an opportunity for Chad to work in exchange for room and board and some good old submersion in French language. The Adamawa Province of Cameroon is French-speaking, so continued honing of our foreign language skills is vital to our ministry.

Our next stop will be Cameroon as the rains end and the dry season begins. This is also the time when homes can be built and mud bricks can be made, so timing is fairly important. We pray a rental home owned by one of the local missions organizations will be available for rent during our interim period of building of our own home.

We will continue the local ministry projects

we had begun locally during this time, including reopening of the resource center, continued water and health outreach to the Fulbe in the area, and assistance at the hospital with medical care and in town with water supply and distribution.

Following our time in Cameroon, it is still our hope to reach Uganda to assist some fellow workers with their ministries by providing our services and encouraging them in their work.

We don't have a definite time frame for our second term but tentatively would expect to be gone for about two years. There is much to do between now and September, including VISA paperwork, finding a renter, researching overseas insurance options, coordinating travel, arranging for tax preparation while we're gone, getting our mail and bills in order, packing up our house and finding storage options and the list goes on and on and on...

Please keep these plans in your prayers.