

# New Challenges

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***“Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in Heaven and on Earth and under the Earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”***  
***Philippians 2:9-11***

We recently read this in an article by John Piper and we believe that it contains perspective for this stage of our ministry, with all of its challenges and potential successes or failures:

This is the law of heaven which Jesus taught on earth: "*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted*" (Matthew 23:11). And it is fitting that the one who humbled himself most deeply, the one whose obedience cost the greatest imaginable self-denial should be most highly exalted. *Therefore*, God has highly exalted him. And in that little word, there is a mandate for some of you to deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow Jesus and give away your lives for the sake of the nations who know not God. Why could Hudson Taylor say, after a lifetime of toil and suffering in China, "I never made a sacrifice"? Because he understood the "*therefore*" of Philippians 2:9. "*If we suffer with him, we shall be glorified with him*" (Romans 8:17). There's the power to leave a lucrative career. There's the power to say farewell to family and friends. There's the power to agonize with a new language and new culture. There's the power to keep on and keep on and keep on in sickness and obscurity while most of your classmates back home have bought their nice houses and started their families and scarcely remember your name. ***The power to be a missionary and stay a missionary is in the "therefore" of Philippians 2:9.*** (www.desiringgod.org)

Our prayer would be that God would also show you this perspective as you seek to live and minister in His name.

## Prayer Requests

- 1) A dear long-time friend (church leader) has fallen into a very sinful relationship. Please pray for him. Our desire is for him to enter into a healthy restorative process. His wife and children need your prayers as they struggle in his absence.
- 2) We have many additional responsibilities this year as we seek to lead our Honduran team. We desire to come together as a group to bring glory and honor to our Lord. So, please pray for the World Reach–Honduras team and our many upcoming decisions.
- 3) New ministry responsibilities and opportunities mean that there will be new financial commitments and needs. Please pray for our financial needs.
- 4) Kathee and the kids are in the hard push to the end of the homeschool year. Please pray for patience and diligence, as well as academic and character learning.
- 5) April 21, we will celebrate 18 years of marriage. Please pray that we will grow in our relationship with each other, our communion with God and our commitment to ministry together in the kingdom of our Lord.

In Him,

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