

Kanour News Letter

OVERCOMING DARKNESS

Lelah and I recently visited one of our favorite restaurants. This restaurant is known for their good food and amazing fresh rolls they serve as an appetizer. As you can imagine we waited with great anticipation for our fresh rolls.

When our waitress came, she was a woman in her middle 30's. She was not very cheery. No welcome and she immediately started listing off a bunch of different types of drinks, none of which we had any interest. All we both wanted was a simple glass of water. We told her we were ready to order. We are still waiting for our fresh rolls. Other people were coming in after us and they already had their rolls. We have now been here over 10 minutes and still no fresh rolls. We told another waitresses that we had not received our rolls and that we would really like to have them before our meal came.

Our waitress came by and we started complaining to her and wanted to know why it was taking so long to get our rolls. She gave us a snappy answer. They probably aren't ready yet. We knew that wasn't so because other people were getting theirs.

Our meal came out and at the same time our waitress shoved a basket of rolls down on the table and another waitress put another basket down at the same time. Now we had two baskets of rolls.

We were about ready to call the manager and complain. Just then our waitress came by again and asked us in passing is everything ok? I wanted to say no and complain to her about how unhappy we were. Then it hit me maybe she is just having a bad day. I stopped her and said you wanted to know if we were satisfied with the meal and if everything was ok. I said, my wife and I were wondering, how you are doing? She stopped and shared how tired she was. She works a full time job all day and when she is finished with her day job she comes to this restaurant and works until they close. She has to work both of these jobs in order to provide for her daughter.

That night we were reminded again about how important it is to get our eyes off of ourselves. Getting our eyes off of ourselves is a key way to overcome darkness in our lives. When we took our eyes off of ourselves and onto her and what she was dealing with our whole attitude changed and we become a light in her dark world. We didn't give her the normal tip, we gave her a great big one.

That night Lelah and I became a blessing to her. Blessing people is a way to open doors for the gospel.

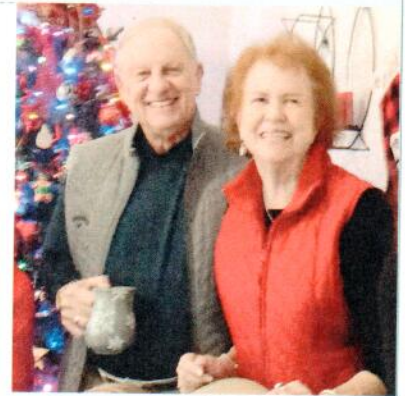
That night we were reminded again about Jesus ministry and what it looked like. HE LOVED EVERYBODY, BLESSED MANY, AND INVESTED IN A FEW. When He departed this earth He assigned this responsibility to us, his disciples. We are to be the light of the world, we are to be the salt of the earth in our spheres of influence. (Matt. 5: 13, 14)

THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Love in Christ,

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Our summer has been filled with surprise visits from our children and grandchildren and so many friends. We feel so loved by all of them.

Lelah and I are both doing great but we are starting to feel our age. Recently we have been praying and getting counsel about the years ahead of us.

At this time we both feel God is leading us to remain full time for the next year or two and then move to associate staff or retirement. Pray with us as we trust God for His perfect plan.

In addition to representing The Navigators here in the southwest suburbs of Raleigh I have been asked to take more of a shepherding role among our staff here in Raleigh and in Virginia. I will also be giving more time to developing practical ministry tools for everyday disciple makers. In addition I will be teaching seminars on discipleship and disciple making at Nav gatherings.

WE PRAY ALL OF YOU ARE DOING WELL. BLESSINGS TO EACH ONE OF YOU!