

# Reflections on My Time Here

Not long ago there was a young man considering volunteering for this station. The work was still in its infant stage. The decision to come was not easy because his assignment was still undefined. It would certainly involve doing things that he had never done before. The “what ifs” were endless, but so was his God.

My situation was not unique. We face decisions and choose what to do next. Although risks and uncertainties are involved, does that prevent us from moving ahead? What young man would not buy a vehicle because he might wreck it? What young lady has refused to marry because she thought her husband might die young? Ridiculous! Then why do we allow so many things to prevent us from playing an active role in the Kingdom of God?

There is nothing surer than the promises of God, yet we often live as if we doubted they even existed. To lay claim to His promises, we have to do what He asks. What does He ask us to do? Earn a lot of money? Have a good time? Get married? Be really busy? These are not priorities on God’s agenda for you. His deepest desire is that you would worship Him, continually delighting in His presence, awesomeness, and wisdom. We say, “I want to worship You, God. I want to love You.” We ought to be saying, “I want You!” Let all other desires go and the heart of God will be stirred towards you like never before. When that becomes your reality, you will soon find your eyes and your heart opening up towards the needs of others. As a result, you will start helping others to understand who God is so that they can worship Him, too.

God desires that His light would shine in the hearts of all mankind. He has promised that His glory will be known in all the earth. The God who needs no one has chosen you

to deliver His message. What a thrill!

During my time here, I have had ample opportunities to realize the truth of God’s promises. I have not for a moment regretted my decision to come here. Although I have not attained the American dream, I have experienced something much better. There is still much to be done and God is not finished here, but the time is coming for me to go home. I would love to stay here, but as I said, I cannot order my life according to my own desires. We are praying for others who are gazing into the Master’s face to be moved to come here.

I am not suggesting that everyone in America pack their bags and come here. I invite you to embrace God’s calling on your life, recognizing that your life is not your own. Get ready to go where there is little or no light and if God directs you to stay where you are, do not narrow your vision to just your own little world. You do not have to be in another country for the promises of God to take effect. Live your life with the same focus and zeal you would have if God had called you to the jungles with illiterates all around you.

As I start thinking about wrapping up my time here, these are some of the thoughts I have for you, especially if you are a young person wondering what to do with your life.

God’s formula for success is:

Sell out to Him... Attempt the impossible for Him... and God will be at work in your life.

This has certainly been true for me and I know it can be for you too.

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