

10.23.11

## Walking Dusty...

teacher: R.A.H.

Jesus said: A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of. (The Message, John 10:10) As Laura and Kerah shared their heart for Kenya and the Kawangware slums, I remembered the first time I watched the video from Redeeming Africa's Hope. I couldn't imagine my children playing in mounds of trash or washing laundry in muddy, sewage water. But Kerah said that Africa has the gift of weeping and that it is bringing people back to God. Even in these horrendous conditions, God is being glorified.

When Dan, Laura, and Kerah challenged us to really seek to see people and situations as God sees them, I knew this was a problem for me. I'm often self-centered and don't want to be inconvenienced. Why do I see a tragedy on TV . . . and change the channel? How can I read a news article . . . and think that someone else will fix the problem? Why do I complain to others about injustices in the world . . . and never help to find a solution? Why don't I take the time to earnestly pray for others?

To be more like Jesus is to care about these things. We don't serve in order to pat ourselves on the back or have photo ops. When we remember what God has done for us, we need to share this hope with others. We serve to see lives changed, to see hearts restored, and to see people come to know Jesus as Savior. 1Mosaic has given us lots of opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus, but it is not their intention for us to only serve once a month at 3rd:culture scheduled events. God's desire is for each of us to serve within our families, small groups, schools, jobs, and community. I pray God gives us a heart to see what He sees. How will we respond?

### **Question to consider:**

The Greatest Commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39) Has God's love permeated my heart so much that my heart breaks when His does?

RAH was able to help people in the Kenyan community change their idea of who will bring about change (Laura called it a poverty mindset.) Who do I think God is calling to bring about change in my community? In what areas of my life do I have a poverty mindset?

Laura is glad to be able to build toilets and showers in Kenya but is more focused on the need to impact peoples' hearts. Thinking about my relationships . . . what am I focused on?

Laura talked about spiritual warfare and said Satan is having a heyday with demonic activities and witchcraft. People are in bondage. In what areas are people in captivity in the U.S.? What about our infatuation with technology or entertainment? How about with food, drugs, and alcohol?

Dan mentioned that the internet and media can harden our hearts. In what ways has my heart been hardened? Do I need to confess this? Do I need to have someone hold me accountable with how I spend my time?

Kerah said, "The whole place is transforming before our eyes." He credited God with the changes that are taking place. Who will I give credit to when I see lives transformed? My community changed? Relationships restored?

God is big enough to use anything to bring people to Himself. Have I recognized God using the hard times in my life to bring about closeness with Him?

Laura is praying that God equips her to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people she works with. What am I praying for? How do I spend time praying for my community? Am I on my knees praying to see change in this world?

Laura challenged: Am I excited about setting people free? About seeing someone saved? Am I rejoicing when even one comes to Christ? Am I comfortable with being safe? Does my heart break for what breaks God's heart? When I hear of a tragedy, does it move me into action? Have I neglected prayer? Do I believe that in Christ I have the power to heal the sick, to break strongholds, and to bring people to Christ?

Dan challenged: Am I comfortable? Am I intentional? Am I broken? Do I remember my salvation? Am I broken for those that don't know Jesus? For those that don't have hope? Am I living this out? Am I on my knees praying to see change? Am I ashamed of the Gospel? Do I share it?

***This month's memory verse:*** *This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. (Deuteronomy 30:19 TNIV)*

***Additional verses:*** *Proverbs 16:9, Mark 16:15-18, Isaiah 58:6-7, Ephesians 6:12, Romans 1:15-16; John 10:10; Isaiah 58:11-12;*

#### **REMINDERS:**

10.30 –FAMILY FALL FEST & RAKE N' RUN!!!We'll start our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Family Night by serving a few families in our area who need their lawns raked. Meet in Senorita's parking lot (across from Spotted Cow) by 3pm with your rakes & gloves. Then after raking, we'll head out to Heritage Park for our Family Fall Fest

Stay tuned for November events . . .

RAH YouTube links:

[Redeeming Africa's Hope](#)

[RAH Maishe Tele Workshop](#)

[RAH Community Clean Up video](#)

[RAH Kids' Education Day](#)