

HOLMAN FAMILY!



I Do Not Have Nothing. I Have Jesus.

“I do not have nothing. I have Jesus. He is all I need.” My friend was interrupted as he told me the story of an abandoned widow. When her husband died, his brothers and parents did not take her into their home and protection. Instead, they declared (legally) the compound, hut, and field they farmed all belonged to “his” family. She was forced to live with her two young children outside. She built her own little hut out of handmade bricks and gathered firewood to trade for food. A torrential downpour broke our drought. The skies made up for months without rain in a moment and before the night was over, the small little mud hut she lived in became a small mud pile. She and her children now, literally, lie down at night with the goats.

“I do not have nothing. I have Jesus. He is all I need.” That is what she said when he told me her plight and told me she had nothing. She did not have more clothes than on her back. Her family did not have a home, land, or money. They had no access to clean water. She owned one bucket and a blanket. Yet, she insisted she did not have nothing.

“Jesus saved me. He will provide for me. If I do not have it, then I must not need it. I will do what I can and He will help me.”

She took the Bible lesson I gave to her village to heart. My lesson was on how God cares for you and He will use what ever you have if you make it available to Him.

I thought once again about something we encounter over and over. I then juxtaposed it to my life. I have so many things, but many times struggle with discontent. The people I minister to have so few things, and are contented and grateful for what they have. We say “Things do not bring you joy.” Then we are surprised when people with NOthings are full of joy.

Such words of truth. “I do not have nothing. I have Jesus. He is all I need. He is enough.”

HOW TO GIVE:

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SNAPSHOTS



PRAYING WITH THE 14 PEOPLE WHO WERE BAPTIZED.

THIS IS WHY WE DO WATER MINISTRY. LOOK AT THE WEIGHT HE CARRIES AND THE COLOR OF THE WATER.

A MUSLIM MAN A FEW SECONDS AFTER ACCEPTING CHRIST AS HIS SAVIOR.

ALL OF US ATTENDED A CONFERENCE ON HOW TO TEACH USING THE EXPOSITIONAL METHOD.

FRIENDS OVER FOR A VISIT.

SNAPSHOTS



THE NEW CHINATOWN HAS CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. DENISE BOUGHT THEM ALL.

LANGUAGE TEACHER USING HIS 'TABLET' IN OUR HIGH TECH CLASS.

PATIENCE TURNED 20, SO HARD TO BELIEVE.

WATER IS THE CONSTANT STRUGGLE. WHEN THERE IS NONE, YOU HAVE TO BUY IT.

COOKING HERE IS A THROWBACK TO LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE.

SNAPSHOTS



A FRIEND TAKING HIS FAMILY HOME.

SHARING JESUS IN A VILLAGE.

MERCY VISITING PROJECTS WITH ME.

PATIENCE AND MERCY VISITING A FEW OF THE ONLY CHRISTIANS IN THIS VILLAGE.

PASTORS I MENTOR MONTHLY, WE MEET FOR A THREE HOUR SESSION ON A SATURDAY.

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MY POSSE PASSING OUT WATER TO KIDS.
BAPTIZING NEWLY CONVERTED MUSLIMS.
WE ARE BUILDING 60 TOILETS THIS YEAR.
CLASS AT KIDS CAMP, UNDER THE TREE.
SHARING TO MISSION LEADERS AT AN
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE.

SNAPSHOTS



DISCIPLING A GROUP OF STUDENTS.

A NEW CHURCH. WE ARE NOW CONSTRUCTING ANOTHER ONE FOR THE SAME CHURCH PLANTER.

PRAYING WITH A FAMILY WHOSE SON JUST DIED.

MY WEEKLY RADIO SHOW, "THINK ABOUT IT".

TEACHING BAPTIST LEADERS FROM FIVE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ABOUT STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND DISCIPLING CHURCHES.

SNAPSHOTS



WITH MY CO-EVANGELIST IN THE COMPOUND OF THE CHIEF.

KIDS CAMP IS NOW ON THE ROAD. THIS IS OUR SECOND CAMP THIS YEAR.

MERCY WITH A NEW FRIEND.

STUDYING THE BIBLE WITH OTHER PASTORS.

WAITING IN IMMIGRATION....AGAIN...RINSE AND REPEAT.

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Advice From Denise

“Don’t be boring.” Denise told me after reading my newsletter first draft. “You always tell people we did this, we did that. Everyone knows what we do. Most of them are on social media, and you post things all the time. Our newsletters are like singing “Just As I Am” for the 17th time. Let’s do a new song.” She is right, so, no more droning on with statistics.

I Am An Influencer

Yep. I might be old, but I am a young old. In a day when everyone is trying to influence folks to a product, I want to influence people towards world missions, missionaries, and the Great Commission. I want to have some Contagious Christianity go viral!

Follow me:

Joe Holman on Facebook.

HolmanMission on YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram.

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Ghana Fun Facts

- The entire state of Delaware can fit inside of Lake Volta, one of the largest man-made lakes in the world.
- We have over 80 spoken tribal dialects.
- Many times people are buried in coffins shaped after things they loved, airplanes, shoes, fish, fruit, etc.
- Ghana is one of the closest land points to "0° latitude, 0° longitude.
- A Ghanaian handshake always ends with a loud 'snap'! Hard to do, but cool.



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Throughout our ministry, God has always provided above and beyond our expectations. Our personal support has always been covered, so our fundraising focuses on projects and special events.

Recently, our largest supporting church decided to restructure their missions giving. They have decreased our support level by 40% since 2022, and gave us notice more cuts will be coming.

This, along with the typical things such as inflation, cost of living, donor attrition, etc., means, for only the second time in 17 years, we need to ask for personal monthly support.

We need to raise \$2500/month. Honestly, not a big deal when it is spread out among so many faithful donors. 25 folks at \$100/month and covered! 10 people could give \$250/month and waalaa... problem solved. So, the question isn't whether

God will provide, it is how much He wants you to give.

If you get our newsletter, and have read it all the way to this point, to me it means three things.

First, you believe in missions.

Second, you believe in us.

Third, God is at work.

So, we need our current donors to pray and seek to increase their monthly donation. We also need new people to join our team.

The Great Commission needs both the sent, and the sender.

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