



Lessons from Sabbatical by Pastor Mark



Thank you for graciously welcoming our family back from Sabbatical. It was wonderful to be away, but I agree with Dorothy, from the Wizard of Oz, when she said, "there's no place like home."

As we enter back into ministry and life with you here, I have been thinking about some of the lessons that God richly reminded me of during our time away that I wanted to share with you.

1. **Rest is a form of worship.** At first thought this doesn't seem to make sense, but as I examine Scripture, I find this to be true. Rest provides us an opportunity to trust in God's provision, set aside our responsibilities and give thanks to the One who makes it all possible. The scriptures tell us that on the 7th day God rested. We know God wasn't tired. He must have been modeling what He desired from us and what He knew we would need.

2. **Before I was a servant, I was a son.** For many of us, our M.O. is to do, to get busy and carry out the task at hand. Naturally, many of us find our security in what we do, but God isn't only interested in our activity. He desires our hearts. If not careful, our relationship with God is simply relegated to our activity, service and ministry. I'm reminded of the story of Mary and Martha here. Martha was focused on the task, yet Mary was focused on Christ – and she was commended for it. While God did save us to do good works, may that never take the place of our communion with Him.

3. **Every Day is Thanksgiving.** Scripture tells us "it is good to give thanks to the Lord". We have many to be thankful for who allowed us one of the greatest gifts we have ever been given: Pastor Jim and the Elders, Guest Worship Leaders (Ray, Tony and Randy), the Worship Arts Ministry Team, and you! While we did enjoy the break, we thought of you often and "gave thanks in our remembrance of you". We are grateful to be back and serving in ministry, alongside you, and look forward to what God has in store for us, down the road.

Yours,
Pastor Mark

Want to see Life Change in Kids & Yourself?
Join us this summer in Promiseland!

Metamorphosis

We need to give our faithful teachers a break. If you help us out 1-2 times this summer, we can have a full staff and a great time! Make a difference and watch God make a difference in you! Contact Nicole Oury at nicole.oury@lc3.com TODAY!

Soddo Christian Hospital Needs Our Help!

From our Partners at Soddo Christian Hospital
Soddo Ethiopia

**Electricians
& Plumbers Needed!**

Soddo Christian Hospital just became the proud owner of a brand new GE 16-slice CT scanner. (And some other really cool digital x-ray equipment). Our CT-scanner will be just the 16th in a nation of 90 million people. Can you believe it? We are so excited to get started using it, and to bring this cutting edge diagnostic tool to our patients. It will allow us to do so much for the 3 million or so inhabitants of the Wolaitta Soddo region that we serve.

But before we can even begin, we need to install it...

That's where you come in. We have all the equipment we need: the scanner, a transformer, a generator, the wiring. But we need some electricians to come help us get it going. (We could also use a plumber or two, if you know any of those...).

We are planning for this team to come in the next month. It's short notice, but maybe you or someone you know can help? We already have a team leader... we just need the team! Just email info@soddo.org if you're interested.

And help us out by forwarding this to your friends. Thanks.

Discover LCCC - 101 Class

MEMBERSHIP 101

Our next Membership 101 Class is on Sunday, June 23, from 3:00 – 6:30PM with dinner following. Class 101 is a chance for you to learn about our church's vision, beliefs, strategy, and leadership; and meet the staff, elders and ministry leaders. Childcare and dinner are provided. Sign up by marking your Communication Card or by notifying the church office at 582-8040.

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