



when i wait  
you strengthen  
my heart

PSALM 27:14

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***“Wait for the Lord be strong and let your heart take courage yes wait for  
the Lord”***

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# Approved for 1 year....

I'm excited to let everyone know that my work permit has been approved for 1 year.....**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**

During that time, immigration still wants to do a site visit of our TBM Kenya office. After the site visit, they will then great me the 3-year permit. This process should move quickly and I'm hoping to be back in Kenya in March.

I'm feeling all the feelings right now and one of the big ones is thankfulness. Thankfulness for you! Your faithful prayers, love, encouragement and commitment to the ministry in Kenya...it is humbling. I couldn't do this without you and I thank God for you, from the bottom of my heart **THANK YOU!!!**

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Frontier School of the Bible Missions Conference.....  
Encouraging the girls....there is a place for you as singles in ministry.

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This time of waiting has been filled with joys and frustration, blessings and doubts but most of all learning and growing in my relationship with Jesus.

I have been going through a devotional called The Quest. I have been learning a lot about this quest that I'm on with the Lord and I want to share bit of it with you.

From the devotional (this part of the devotional is following Abrahams "quest" with the Lord)...We are called to similar obedience. We "set out" like Abraham, we plod this sod by faith. Unlike Abraham, at least we know where we will finally land but we have no idea what our journey will entail in the meantime. And frankly we are afraid time will be mean. The disciples recognized from the geography in Acts 1:8 that their witness would start where they were and then reverberate like sound waves further

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and further from home. But as for specifics about the journey? God would employ the same method He used with Abraham...He would show them. You can behold the process through the Book of Acts. He led them in all sorts of ways and often through means they and we would never expect.

I never expected to be back home these last 9 months. And I certainly never expected all the things the Lord would show me and teach me during this time. But through my obedience to Him, He showed me where and what to do. God always has a plan and He never said we would know all the answers.... He simply said "follow me".

From the devotional: Follow Me, Jesus said. For those of us this side of Christ's ascension following involves being led by the Spirit (Gal 5:16-18,25). This is the soundless version of "I will show you". Talk about margin for error but planting ourselves in Christ with His words planted in us is paramount for navigating our path. (John 15:7). Without His words we cannot test what we discern when our directions at crossroads are unclear. But you see, our predecessors got it wrong at times too. They misunderstood the means and the timing and took matters into their own hands. Mission has always been messy, and yet engaging faltering sinful humans in a holy venture is how God still chooses to fulfill His agenda....and He always gets it done.

I am following Jesus...wherever and how ever that looks. My relationship with Him is the most important thing in my life and in any ministry I do. God's word is my guide and just like the believers before me I will not always understand the means or the timing of what is happening in my life but that is the beauty of how the Lord works.....He uses us sinful, broken and incapable on our own humans and makes something holy, perfect and wonderful. Because that's how He chooses to do it....and we get to go on the quest with Him. How fantastic is that??

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For Christmas this year we celebrated Hanukkah as well. I learned a lot from my studying about the Jewish holiday. It was amazing to not just learn it for myself but to then share it with the family. We even learned about the Sabbath. Both traditions are filled with symbolism, thankfulness for Gods provision and time with family. One of the prayers for Sabbath is when the father prays over the children...such a beautiful picture of God's care for His children.





This time at home I plugged into a local church when I was not traveling. The church here has been a huge blessing to me. The time of fellowship, worship and studying



the word together has done amazing things for my heart and soul. God never wastes anything or any time on drawing us closer to Him. As Gods body of believers, the church, I have had the privilege of worshiping in many different churches on two different continents. No matter where I am, no matter where you are, we need the body of Christ.

TOP PIC: Sharing my testimony at an I AM SECOND event.

BOTTOM LEFT: Adult Christmas program...A Charlie Brown Christmas.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Marge and Linda, two women I have had the privilege to get to know better, singing for the Christmas program.



## The New Year 2020.....

Looking back at all the Lord has done over this last year is amazing. He has grown me in ways I never thought possible. He has provided for me, showed me the way and drawn me closer to Him. This last year was not without hardships and trials but I wouldn't change it because it was Gods best for me

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and for His glory. I'm so blessed to be loved by a God that loves me unconditionally.

I will be back on the road again for a few weeks. Then I will be taking care of last appointments and starting to pack. Thank you for faithfulness and sacrifice. I thank God for you, from the bottom of my heart.

Because of His Grace

Love

LeAnn

## Praise

- God's answer to prayer
  - 1 year work permit
  - God's timing
- 2019 a year of learning/growing
  - Time with family & friends
  - God's continued grace
  - Church family

## Prayer

- My mom had a stay in the hospital for pneumonia, home now, needs prayer for continued improvement
  - One last time on the road for support raising
    - Last appointments for good health
    - Work permit to move quickly
    - Heart and mind stayed on Christ
    - To be moldable and teachable

