

NOBLE MARITIME Ministries

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Well Digging!

If the Christian life is intended to be like an artesian well, and the bubbling upward of water represents the Life of the Spirit of Christ into and out from us, then what is going on when we are having a bad day?!



More and more I am coming to understand that our lives, as chosen vessels of God, are designed to be extraordinary -(why would God design mediocre?) - and characterized by an abundant flow of Christ's love, wisdom and power in order to change the world. (Gal 2:20, Eph 1:17-20) His Spirit inside of us is pushing to flow out, like that artesian well, eager to touch a hurting world through us. However, often our 'well' is clogged/choked up with logs and stones, which are the unbelief and lies that are binding us and hindering really free and fruitful living. Besides needing to experience more of Jesus we need **less of our junk in the way!** Our heart's cry is to assist in the breaking up of 'log-jams' in the lives of believers so they can be freed up to walk, function and **thrive** in their God designed destiny!

In pondering my own life, I recognize that my "flow" is increasing as the Lord steadily removes my logs of unbelief and lies, but I want more! We, as a family and ministry, desire massive, steady, flowing rivers of Life gushing over and through us into this hurting world because **it is only His presence and Life that can create new life and wholeness!**

The next thought makes us stop and consider the cost: in order to handle a massive flow like the Columbia River, the banks must be strengthened and reinforced. How do you think this is accomplished? Remember James 1:3-4? *"Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance, steadfastness and patience. But let endurance, steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be perfectly and fully developed, lacking in nothing."*

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Praises:

- We had a fantastic team of movers to help on both ends: faithful old friends in Port Townsend and brand new friends met the truck in Anacortes. We are blessed!
- Our request for a lap top computer was answered just before moving, which has enabled us to stay in touch "on the road". Thanks J.H.
- So far, our temporary housing has included lake front property for sailing, horses, dogs, cats, ducks and cows for entertainment and families of kindred heart and values.
- When offering "Prayer Ministry" for emotional healing we ask **IF** you receive benefit, be open to making a donation to the ministry. A new client gave \$930 after one session! Wow - talk about timely encouragement!
- Thanks again to you who faithfully give and pray to sustain us and the ministry entrusted to us.
- Our girls Julie and Betsy have been the most amazing support/helpers through this challenging faith walk. They have been mature and strong movers, worshippers, prayer partners and encouragers.



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Some of our moving friends

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Last ferry out of town

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The Lord is answering that cry and through the pressure of this transition to Anacortes, He is doing some intense excavation work - on me (Neil) especially! He continues to identify and then remove logs and stones (lies and unbelief) that hinder radical faith for big ventures with Jesus!

It has now been nearly five weeks since leaving Port Townsend. God has shown Himself strong and faithful in preparing the way for us in this new location. It has been awesome and heart warming to be rapidly embraced by the community of believers here from many different churches. So far we have been 'incorporated' into two wonderful and influential families by living with them and house sitting for another. They have introduced us to others who have introduced us to others who... We've been drawn into home groups, churches, men's groups and homeschool support groups.

The search for a home continues...we have looked at many homes and properties but as of this date none seem to be God's provision. It has become obvious, though, that by living with other families, we have gotten to know folks pretty well pretty quickly!

Kathy's daily activity: Poring over maps & new real estate listings



Some great fellowship, relationships and wisdom would likely have been missed if the new home base had been discovered immediately. So, we endeavor to be patient.

Capt. Neil started work this week with Arrow Marine (see www.arrowlaunch.com), another boat company that operates around the deep sea ships at Anacortes plus passenger ferry boats to the San Juan Islands, Victoria and Port Angeles (see www.victoriaexpress.com). Incidentally, this isn't the company that initially got us to move to Anacortes. That story hasn't fully unfolded yet... to be continued...!

Thanks and blessings,

Neil, Kathy and crew

Prayer:

- ✧ Opening of our spiritual eyes to see what God wants us to see about His way and provision for a home and ministry here.
- ✧ Wisdom, wisdom, wisdom and courage for daring exploits. *"I wouldn't want to miss the purpose for which I was created"* -Bill Johnson
- ✧ Favor and blessing on the man (mentioned in earlier newsletter) wanting to purchase the large boat for ministry.
- ✧ Physical stamina, emotional peace, continued good health.



God's extravagant care of us



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