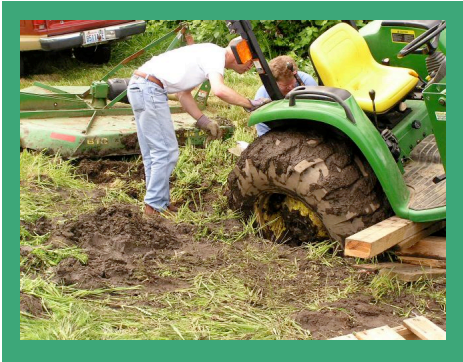


Are you “Stuck in the Mud”? Or just plain “stuck”?

We had an exciting incident this month with a borrowed tractor, as you can see.



Betsy’s horse pasture is very wet (it’s still raining here) and when mowing, the tractor found an especially wet hole. It only took 4 hours to get it out with lots of help from a neighbor! Do you ever find yourself “stuck” and needing about 4 hours of help to get out? Do you ever see yourself getting out at all?!

Here is what I am learning about people being “stuck”, i.e., when they’re not moving ahead aggressively into God’s plan or are settling for mediocrity.

“Stuck” could include thoughts like:

- Yes, I know what God wants me to achieve but I’m too busy at the moment
- I’m waiting for Him to solve this big challenge first
- I’m not gifted
- That was only for Bible times
- I actually don’t have a big dream to go after
- I took a leap of faith last year

And my current favorite is:

- I know the next step is to acquire the big boat but I have no idea how God intends to finance it.

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When ‘destiny progress’ seems to be stalled (when I’m “stuck”), I think to myself, “If ‘nothing is impossible with God’ and ‘no Word comes without the power to fulfill it’; ‘I will be with you always’ and ‘My God shall supply all my needs...’, etc. **Then why am I hesitating, really?!** *Luke 1:38 Amp, Matt 28:20, Phil 4:19*

This is the very place in which many of our guests who come to us for retreat and prayer ministry find themselves. I am continually watching the Lord reveal truth to folks who are desiring to move forward in their journey with Him but are caught in lies and baggage from the past which are holding them back. Unfortunately, I don’t have the space here to go into detail about the simple process we walk through to bring the Lord’s light and truth to a person’s “stuck” places, but it is SO rewarding to be a part of the process where a person can finally move ahead in a new freedom. Wow. What a privilege!

The Lord is walking me through the same process of discovering my blockages to moving ahead in the boat acquisition step, and He is shedding light and truth on some old lies I have been hanging onto my whole life. Lies such as, “I can’t do that, I’m not smart enough”, “I will look stupid”, etc. How many of us have those same beliefs deep down inside and need the Lord to come in and replace them with His Truth!

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Prayer Requests, Praises and Family News

✂ We welcome to our Network of Advisors, Capt. Chris Toney, founder of **Destination Paradise**, a ministry of YWAM. Check out their website: www.destinationparadise.org

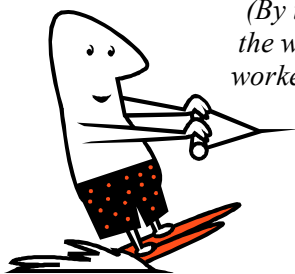
So, to be transparent with you, I said to the Lord just this week, “Lord, when I imagine choosing the ideal boat for the Boat Retreat program, I feel uncomfortable, embarrassed and foolish.” Then I asked myself, “Where did that come from?” Right away I remembered a childhood experience where I had this great idea for building mini water skies to use when swinging over water from a tree. A bigger kid scornfully asked me, “How on earth is that going to work?” I could see it in my head but couldn’t explain it so I felt embarrassed. Thus, I came to believe right there “if you can’t explain how you are going to accomplish something ahead of time, you are a fool”. (Note that that belief and the accompanying emotions were dumping into my present day experience every time I consider moving forward, thus causing me to hesitate.) So I submitted this to Jesus and received His truth about me (and the older boy) and that memory became filled with peace.

The fruit? Now when I imagine a boat broker asking me, “So, how do you intend to finance this vessel purchase?”



I only feel excitement and not fear or shame.

The scripture, “the Truth will set you free!” continues to have a whole new and exciting significance for many of us!



(By the way, the water skis worked great!)

Thanks and blessings,
Neil, Kathy and crew

✂ Betsy graduated from Homeschool High School. We had 30 guests for a wonderful celebration dinner in her honor.



- ✂ We continue to host guests in our home for meals, overnights and weekends. They come for a variety of reasons (visit, fellowship, ministry) but we pray each will leave with a sense of peace and refreshment in the Lord.
- ✂ Boat hunting in earnest – either online or walking the docks in a marina – is becoming more frequent.
- ✂ Pray for a boat and the right guests for a mid Aug. Boat Retreat.
- ✂ Moving from this lovely rental home may be a possibility as our lease ends Aug. 31, with the option for another year, but the owners would rather sell if possible. So, we are beginning the home search again in case we are required to vacate.
- ✂ Please continue praying with us for the finances to hire an administrative assistant.

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