



Preparation for Bigger Things

No matter what a missionary is doing, the work of their hands and perseverance of the task brings about a certain refinement to their faith. Jesus says in Matthew 25:23 that, “he who is faithful in a few things will be put in charge of many things.” Often we despise the mundane things in God’s work. “How is this useful?” We may even say, “this is pointless... why do I need to do this?”

Jesus, in His wisdom, illuminates why the little things matter. Not only do they teach persistence and tenacity, but they prepare us for the bigger things. They teach us full surrender to Him.

In Luke 12:48, Jesus says, “[...] For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”

Frequently, Kyle has hoped for additional help. Maybe a clone would be the answer. (smiling) God does not leave us without a way of help, and while it isn’t a clone of Kyle, a very skilled helper has arrived!

His name is Jose Aponte Morales.

Jose is a mission-minded mechanic and pilot. He and his family are going to make their goal of heading to the mission field their top priority. While training and preparing for the mission field, Jose is working side-by-side with Kyle.

Jose has been a wonderful blessing! He’s a hard worker, like Kyle, and together, they have been digging into frustrating matters on the planes, and organizing and arranging the hangar for a more efficient workspace.

Organizing is a huge task when you have many little to large, assorted aircraft parts and related items. It takes time to thread it all into an efficient



system; but Kyle and Jose are accomplishing the task. Even Jose's wonderful wife, Betsy, and his three daughters came for a day to clean, sort and organize!

The reward of this work is spoken of in 1 Thessalonians 1:3,4 "[...] remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election of God." These little to large tasks that seem pointless really do have a point and an eternal assurance.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:4

There is peace in being faithful, and joy in being persistent. Why? Because there is hope...hope of success. We can do all things through Christ Who gives us strength and it's rooted in surrender to Him. When we give all to Him, even the simple things, it refines our faith. It paves the way for trusting Him in the big things. Things like forsaking the comforts of life to put on a life of service that may not always be comfortable. Growth does not happen during times of comfort - there has to be a pruning away of what holds us back.

Like Kyle and I, Jose and his family have joined AWA in surrender to God's call. It may seem like a little thing...participating in God's ministry here at AWA, but in the end, it's a big thing. We are all blessed through the gift of giving of ourselves.

Thank you, dear reader for your interest, your support, and your prayers. Thank you for considering God's work and for your donations.

Until next month!

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