

Heart to Heart with the Johnsons

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Our church just finished its annual Missions Conference about a week ago. The theme this year was "The Changing Face of Missions." We had a number of missionaries speak to us about how missions are different today. Our two main speakers both touched on disciple-making and what that looks like.

When we think of discipleship, we often think of it as follow-up to evangelism; we think of people who already have a personal relationship with Jesus growing deeper. However, when we look at Scripture, we see Jesus discipling His followers long before they believed in Him. Jesus went into the homes of those who did not believe, and He taught them about God and how to live. Jesus constantly walked with His Father. He lived His life in a way consistent with God's Word no matter where He was, and others noticed.

Likewise, we need to realize others are watching us. As followers of Jesus, we are called to disciple others, and that often begins before salvation. Passionate Discipleship is one of HCJB Global's core values: "God gives us the privilege of discipling the people whom our ministry touches and those who work with us. We proactively invest ourselves in the lives of these people so that they become Disciples of Christ who follow and serve Him, resulting in greater kingdom impact."

The value HCJB Global places on discipleship is one of the things that stirred our hearts two years ago when God first called us to join them in ministry. We are anxiously looking forward to how God will use us as disciplers when we move to Colorado.

In Exodus 17, Moses went up a hill and raised his hands so Joshua and the other Israelites would prevail against Amalek. "Whenever Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hands, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword."

In the same way, God has called us to a position similar to Moses'. We have not been called to serve on the frontlines like Joshua. We are called to "raise our hands" and be the support of those who are already on the frontlines of the Lord's service. Nick will be supporting HCJB Global's missionaries through technology, and Rachel will be supporting the missionaries' kids through encouragement. Although we will be mostly behind the scenes in Colorado Springs, we need people like Aaron and Hur to raise up our hands and support us financially and prayerfully. With 51% of our financial need met, we have one hand lifted up. Please consider joining with us financially to raise up our other hand, so those on the front lines can get the support they desperately need.



One week after the earthquake certain essential medical supplies were still not getting through. A doctor working via a translator informs a patient that she must continue to wait for her operation.

