

GOD'S LEADING AT THE END OF 2017

For us, the end to 2017 was really a story of God's leading. And, with the help of hindsight, things became clearer after much of the story unfolded.

We were all set to return to Iraq and had just bought the last airline ticket for a worship leader that would be joining us. The next day, Samaritan's Purse and other ministries evacuated their staff due to the unrest.

After waiting for nearly a month for things to settle down, they didn't!!! Airports and border crossings were closed down and there was no way for us to get into northern Iraq, even though some of the staff were able to return. So much for the plans of man! Now, what does God want us to do Nov. 25-Dec.4??

Now for the Rest of the story

Things became clearer on Dec. 1 when I had a heart attack! *Didn't see that one coming!* We are so thankful for great medical care and things like stents, God-directed decisions that were made and we were not in Iraq!

I have also learned that all the exercising, healthy diet and cholesterol meds over the last few years are sort of like doing penitence. They are good for you, and make you feel better, but do nothing to remove 30 years of plaque build up in your artery!



Kate, Annette and I in my ICU room about an hour after my surgery. Smiles all around!

Four days after getting home from the hospital Camerin and his parents arrived. He was the second Hunt of a Lifetime we hosted this year. I told my doctor I needed to help a young man on a hunt later that week and was given a green light as long as I didn't try to lift or drag the deer. Thanks to good friends that helped with the hunt, they did the heavy lifting! Camerin has a mitochondrial disorder that is ravaging his body now and shutting down muscle function and even organs. At 15 years old, he lives on a feeding tube and colostomy bag. Praise God he was able to fulfill his dream of harvesting a big mule deer. But the best part came a day later, when Camerin began a relationship with Christ. The photo on the right was taken minutes after he said "YES" to Jesus! Further confirmation that God still has more Kingdom work for me to do!



One door closes, God opens another!

Not going to Iraq opened other doors as well. The same week that our trip to Iraq was postponed, Annette was asked to help with a retreat ministering to missionary women in south-east Asia. So, on Feb. 3 Annette will head for Cambodia. Together with a team of several other women, they will seek to bring refreshment, teaching and times of worship to 56 missionary women from all over South east Asia!

Would you pray for this time, that God would meet each participant and fill their cups? Our prayer is that they would be able to continue to minister from a place of fulness! They will be near the capitol Phnom Penh for the retreat that hopes to impact women who impact the world!



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We thank God for each of you and your partnership with us and BHM. We could never do this without you!

Prayer and Praises

Praise God for the way He brings pastors and missionaries to us for refreshment and for providing a safe place.

We Praise God for each of you and are grateful for how you bless us so we can bless others.

Please pray for Annette and I to walk humbly and intimately with the Lord each day and listen to his voice.

Pray for us to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, have discernment and be safe people for the variety of folks that come our way as well as the ones we travel to see.

Praise God for Spencer's heart surgery and there was no damage to his heart and for God's providential leading.

Please pray for Camerin as he begins his journey of faith and that God would provide fellowship and a church home for him!

Please Pray for Annette and the team traveling to Cambodia Feb.3– 15, for safe travels, to be effective ministers and for the 56 women who will attend the conference, that they would find refreshment and God would be each of them in a special way.

Please Pray for the pastors who we are coaching from a distance. It is always harder to do this by phone!

Serving Him by helping people take their next step,
Spencer, Annette Andrew and Kate