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Glorifying God Through the Ordinary

By Kylee Broadhurst

Well, I've made it back safely to Northwest Arkansas after traveling solo to Central America and back—and I'd like to be as honest as possible when talking about how the Lord wrecked my heart as I responded to His call.



I'd be lying if I said I didn't romanticize the idea about traveling solo and ringing in my 20s by holding orphans in a third world country. It didn't take long for me to learn that there is nothing romantic about walking off your plane completely alone and feeling like you're suddenly in the town of Babel, not understanding a single thing those around you are trying to communicate to you. There is nothing romantic about rocking a 9-month-old orphan knowing that she'll likely never have a mother that wakes up in the middle of the night just to walk in and check to make sure she's still breathing. God disturbed me in my peace. It was awful, and it was beautiful.

A big lesson I learned is that sometimes changing the world means changing a diaper. My days began by working at the Hope for Tomorrow Preschool at 8:00 am, which is also where we lived! Kids from multiple children's homes joined the Hope for Tomorrow preschoolers for class until noon. At around noon, Jeneva and I would walk down the street to the Hope for Tomorrow Children's Home and eat lunch with the 12 children, aging from 9 months to 17 years. There I would spend the rest of my day, pouring love into the children as much as I could.

In my past missions, the fruits of our labor were as tangible as a roof over someone's head or a new plumbing system for an upcoming boys' home. I struggled with the idea of being a Mary instead of a Martha (Luke 10:38–42). I wanted to come in and shape these children's lives, and I wanted to do so in a grand way. Honestly, part of that was derived from selfish ambition, but I would say the majority of that desire came from a deep need in me drenched in zeal to glorify God in an earth-shaking way that He so deserves. I had to humble myself and tame my fire in order to understand the gift of time and just being present in these children's lives. True discipleship isn't done in one grand gesture and shaking things up for a bit. **True discipleship is done by entering in the lives of your disciples and just walking alongside them in the least glorious of ways.** Jesus performed miracles, but the majority of his time was spent just pouring into 12 people and doing life with them. I had 12 orphans. God makes things so obvious sometimes.

Many of my hours were spent rocking Ashley, a 9-month-old at the orphanage. I would rock her, feed her, and encourage her to crawl. I fiercely loved her, and as I rocked this child who hasn't yet come to understand how she was shorted in this world, I prayed relentlessly over her life.

Rosa is a wild 9-year-old who came from an abusive background. When she first came to Hope for Tomorrow, she was covered in bruises and experienced seizures every other minute. She has scars all over her forehead that serve as a daily reminder of how she was traumatized in the worst of ways. While I was in Guatemala, Rosa celebrated her 9th birthday. The next day, her parents came and visited her. After they left, Rosa was experiencing seizures every other minute, similar to when she first came to the children's home many years ago. I think with so much going on and the presence of her parents reminding her subconscious of the abuse all over again, Rosa's body just couldn't handle it anymore. For her birthday, her parents brought her a tattered, old book filled with Bible stories in Spanish.

Rosa sat on my lap and asked me to read her the Bible stories. Tears streamed down my face as I rocked this seizing 9-year-old and read her stories about a God I prayed she'd come to fiercely follow one day. I could have done nothing else during my time in Guatemala, and still felt I fulfilled what the Lord had called me to do just from those moments with Rosa. I know that if Jesus were walking the earth that day, he would have been doing the exact same thing.



My time in Guatemala wasn't grand, dramatic, and earth-shattering like I longed for it to be. My time was simple and involved a lot of snotty noses, screaming children, countless giggles, and a bunch of Spanglish. My time was simply just being with 12 children day by day. But my time was so divinely crafted and specifically planned by a God who knows infinitely more than I can even fathom. My time was awful and beautiful, and it wrecked my heart.

Full article can be read in the upcoming September/October issue of *Tidings*

You, too, can experience this same opportunity by serving on our mission team to Hope for Tomorrow in Guatemala. For more information on this team or any of our mission team opportunities, please contact Marilene Long, mstrong@asburytulsa, **918.392.1164**.

Announcements

A full list of announcements is available at www.asburytulsa.org/announcements.



Asbury VBS 2015 DIGGIN' IT

**June 9–12,
9:00 am–12:30 pm**

6 WEEKS–6TH GRADE

Time to roll up our sleeves and dig into God's Word! We're planting the seeds so that our kids will know that God's love keeps us rooted and growing strong.

Register online at www.asburytulsa.org.



June 13

Want to go on a missions trip this summer but can't get the time off? No extra money for a plane ticket? We have nine locations for you and your family to serve throughout Tulsa. Join us this Saturday, June 13. Meet at 8:15 am at Venue, pick your site and get on a bus. Return by noon. Individuals and families encouraged.

Contact Betty at bhiggins@asburytulsa.org or ssaturday@asburytulsa.org.



God & Country — Patriotic Concert —

Celebrate God and country at Asbury, on June 28 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Our choir, orchestra, special guests and soloists will present patriotic classics and songs of faith.



Welcome To Asbury.

We're so glad you joined us today. At Asbury, our mission is to develop all generations for significant lives in Christ. Here, you'll find opportunities to worship God, biblical teaching to increase your understanding and strengthen your faith, and a variety of opportunities to get involved in serving and connecting with others. Let God work in your life today! You can learn more at www.asburytulsa.org.

Worship *with us*
on **Sunday**

8:00 am—Traditional Service In Mason Chapel

9:15 am—Traditional Service in Sanctuary

11:00 am—Modern Service in Sanctuary

Order of Worship | June 7, 2015

8:00 AM

WELCOME

Dr. Guy Ames

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord
Hymn #540

Dr. Pat Calhoun

CREED / GREETING / NEW MEMBERS

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

SPECIAL MUSIC

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
Melody Gum

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

We Are the Body of Christ

Make Us One

Bind Us Together

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Tom Harrison

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:13–15

MESSAGE

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Dr. Tom Harrison

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Dr. Guy Ames

POSTLUDE

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June 9: Acts 18:1–11

June 10: Acts 17:16–23

June 11: Matthew 14:13–21

June 12: Matthew 20:29–34

June 13: Matthew 9:35–38

Next Week: Ekklesia: Sees and Responds

Order of Worship | June 7, 2015

9:15 AM

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sean Groombridge

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Lenderman

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

How Great Thou Art!
Hymn #77

A Charge To Keep I Have
Hymn #413

ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I

PASTORAL PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rosanna Corrales

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11:00 AM

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Todd Craig

SONGS HEARD TODAY

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

This I Believe

For The Sake Of The World

Holy Spirit

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Worship Leader: Chris Cleveland

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