

Kids for Christ, International

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I wrote this article a year ago and with the events over the year, I find it even more important for us to put our trust in the “Storm Calmer”.

Jesus Calms the Storm

What storms are you facing? Family problems, health, financial woes, helplessness as we watch our nation crumble, marital or any other major calamity that comes our way? We all face storms of many kinds, sizes and degrees of severity. How do you deal with these storms? Is it with fear or do you hit it head on with certainty of your faith?

The Gospel of Luke 8:22-25 records the account of Jesus and His disciples crossing the Sea of Galilee. Matthew and Mark also record the same event giving us a different perspective of how the event unfolded. Simply told they got into the boat, Jesus went to sleep and a storm came up about half way across the water. The disciples were in the presence of Jesus and they were frightened. In previous experiences with our Lord they had witnessed His power over, demons, illness, and death but now they are frightened for their lives due to a storm. The fear and unbelief of the disciples is in contrast not only to the calm of their Master but also to the endurance they themselves should have had in “the time of testing” (Luke 8:13). I want a Master who is calm in the midst of great conflict, how about you? Why is being afraid during a storm a test of faith? Jesus questions their faith when they woke Him and He spoke to the elements and they calmed. I believe it reflects on His initial instruction given in verse twenty-two. He said, “Let’s go to the other side of the lake.” His word declared they were going to the other side. Did they doubt His word? Granted they had never seen Him command the forces of nature before but they had seen Him perform many miracles. The passage says, “**In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him.”** (Luke 8:25) The question for us is do we doubt His word and are we content to put our total being in His hands, no matter the outcome? Gods Word assures us that we can have contentment, peace and the assurance of our salvation. We used to sing “Trust and obey for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.” Do we trust and obey in all situations or do we pick and choose to our liking? The disciples went on to have difficult times in times of trial but in the end they had grown in their faith. They, for the exception of John, faced martyrdom head on giving God the glory. John lived out his life in exile on Patmos. Paul wrote in Philippians 1:21: “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

We are going to continue to face storms and as time goes by I believe they will increase in number against Christ’s Church. How will we face them? Will our faith be strong enough to help us remain faithful to the end? We should remember this: “**Jesus will calm the storm or He will calm us in the storm.**”

Charles E. Fordyce (MR. CHUCK) - August 4, 1927 – June 17, 2015

We were saddened in June to lose the visionary who started KFC, but we rejoice that he went on to be with our Lord. His failing health over the last five years had taken away the vibrant servant that we all knew and left us without the counsel of God's servant. His knowledge and wisdom of God's Word is sorely missed.

I was privileged to be his son-in-law and his brother in Christ. We worked together for nine years in Philadelphia and those were the most beneficial years I have ever experienced in Kingdom work. Chuck was a strong leader who remained true to God's Word and it was reflected in the churches he served.

We praise God for Chuck being a visionary and rejoice that KFCI is expanding as he saw it would so many years ago. Today KFCI is located in 9 countries and Lord willing will add one more (Uganda) in 2016. The rag tag team of 8, that were in the beginning (1994), put in place through trial and error the very format in which we use today. Mr. Chuck & Mrs. Mildred invested their lives into this ministry and we praise God for their leadership and wisdom.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The growth of KFCI continues to be astronomical as we see more and more children being reached with the Gospel of Christ. KFCI is helping to train volunteer workers to plan, prepare and present programs for children ages five to twelve. These programs involve the use of puppets, Bible lesson, singing, drama, skits, Bible memorization and more, with the sole purpose of introducing children to Jesus.

This method eliminates the need of sending a missionary to do these things. Many churches in other countries around the globe have not focused on the evangelization of children. In many of these countries we are pioneering and the results have been great. You can imagine how much is bypassed when locals are trained to do the work. The cost alone is definitely worth the method as well as many of these countries are missionary prohibited.

KFCI is supported through individuals and churches; financially we have been on a tightrope for some time. The economy hasn't help matters and our need simply is to raise more support. We are grateful for our faithful supporters who have continued to sacrificially give to keep this ministry afloat through the years. We thank God for all who have stuck with us and have kept this ministry in your prayers.

The following are areas in which we desire to raise funds to support:

1. We need to raise an additional \$500 a month to support two full time workers. That would be \$250 a month for each person. One would be in Antananarivo, Madagascar and the other on the Island of Negros in the Philippines. The first year's

- salary has been raised thus far for our Philippine Director. We are still in the process of seeking someone to fill this position.
2. Travel expenses have become very pricy through the years and it requires that every trip made we have to raise additional funds. We have been blessed to have those who contribute each time and each time the funds have been raised. The problem is that many trips cannot be made due to the funds not being there. I usually travel at least once a year overseas and sometimes twice. Many trips involve many countries in order to keep cost down, as it is cheaper to go from one to the other.
 3. Monthly income has continued to decline due to cut backs from churches and individuals. Our current monthly income is \$2,335 a month that works out to \$28,020 a year. Based on today's economy this is quite low and is the same figures from last year and the year before.

Uganda & Other Places

Plans are underway to travel to Uganda after the first of the year to plant KFCI. Isabirye Asaph contacted us through social media and we have been making plans for several months. He wanted us to come last year to get things started but funds and time were not available.

Next years trip may cover many countries, as the need to revisit several countries exists. I am currently making plans and trying my best to figure out the logistics of making such a trip. Contacting our travel agent as soon as possible will help to keep the cost down but they will also want our funds up front. Please make this a matter of your prayers and for the finances as well. We have a possibility of planting KFCI in Nepal as well.

Mission Fair & Convention

I am planning to attend a Mission Fair that will be held at Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly, MO. This is scheduled for September 24, 25.

Carolyn and I plan to attend the International Conference on Missions to be held October 29-November 1 in Richmond, VA. The Eastern Christian Convention will combine with this convention as well. Our booth is #904 and we hope to see you there.

Carolyn and I are so appreciative to all of you who pray for us and support this ministry with your finances. KFCI will celebrate 22 years of service in January and we are grateful to God that we have been a part of this great ministry. God has blessed children around the globe due to the vision Chuck Fordyce had and got us to see. Praise God for all that He has done and continues to do through His workers globally.

God's Blessings