



Innovative Truth

Bringing Scripture to Life

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Dear friend,

When I was called into a life of full-time ministry at the age of 19, I always thought I'd be working on the mission field in other countries. For several years I did. I loved my time in Peru, Ecuador, Columbia and Mexico. Before we were married, Tonya also did mission work in Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Haiti and Dominican Republic. Now, thirty-seven years later, Tonya and I have learned that ministry work is often right in our own backyard. Ministry is wherever God summons us.

Living in a broken world as a sinner and among sinners, we know every situation, location, and relationship we encounter requires ministry. Ministry is not just the calling of the paid professionals, nor limited to scheduled church activities on your calendar, or trips to help in other countries.

In biblical terms, ministry is not about a time, a place, or a job description. It is a heartfelt willingness to respond to the spiritual need that God puts in your path, anytime, anyplace that He calls.

We must view every area of our life as an avenue for ministry. Marriage is ministry. Parenting is ministry. Friendship is ministry. Encounters with workmen and neighbors is ministry. Work is ministry. Exercise is ministry. Life is ministry. And ministry is life. Tonya has been doing ministry by the way she clings to the cross and shares the gospel at every cancer treatment. We're in ministry

day in and day out caring for my father as his Alzheimer's progresses. We know you've all been there too. **Innovative Truth is YOUR ministry**

because it is by your partnership in prayer and financial support that we continue to work in the mission field encountering people daily, answering YES to the Great Commission.

Scripture admonishes that nothing we have belongs to us. We don't have a life divided into God's part and our part. It's all "God's part," the whole thing.

"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." (1 Corinthians 6:20)

We have been brought into relationship with God. Not only will He rescue us, but in

our surrender to Him, we can be part of God's rescue of others. Our life exists for His purposes. The question is whether we have opened our eyes to see the opportunities. Have we opened our ears to hear and our hearts to feel all of the places we have been called to be Christ here on Earth?

The last few months we've experienced Jesus transforming lives of people we're walking with in profound ways. In the coming months we look forward to sharing their stories.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS CHANGING LIVES!

With all our love,