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The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5 (NIV)

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Have you ever felt like the darkness of your deeds is greater than the goodness of God...
disqualified, beyond hope, unloveable?

You are not alone. It is a common thing among many these days, but that, my friends, is a lie
straight from hell. And it contradicts everything the Bible promises.

Jesus came into the world as the Light of God, overcoming the darkness and offering us a fresh
start through forgiveness. You are loved, especially by Him.

Of course emotions are real and they can inform us about where we stand at any given
moment, but they are not very accurate and can be easily manipulated. By knowing God's
promises, we can trust that we are not forsaken, and that darkness cannot overshadow the
Light that shines for us all.

If you feel like I'm getting preachy... that's ok, disregard. But, if you needed to hear that, can I
encourage you to read that first chapter of John again with fresh eyes? There are some
powerful claims there for those of you dealing with feelings.

In this issue, we circle the globe with tandem trips to East and Westcoast Canada. Lib shares
her journey with Ethiopia over zoom, Craig leads a photo week in Kona, Hawaii. Today, we're in
the Philippines prepping the next big medical/dental outreach to some of the outermost islands
of the Philippines.

Straddling Canada

Balancing life while straddling Canada is a stretch. January kicked off with a respite visit to
Craig's 88 year-old dad in Nova Scotia. This included a quick trip to see friends in Fredericton
and an unplanned trip to ER. The month ended with birthday parties for our Westcoast family,
complete with a dedication service for the Pulsifer grandkids in Vancouver. In our tradition,
"Dedication" is where parents publicly declare their intentions to train their children to live in
reference to the Lord.

Reaching Africa

Lib answers call to teach long distance

Two years ago, a call came out of the blue from Ethiopia - a young man asking Lib for advice - God knows why. In January, that same fellow, now with YWAM Addis Ababa, wrote Lib directly asking her to lead a week of teaching and sharing experiences/testimonies about hearing the voice of God for their YWAM Discipleship Training School (DTS) in Ethiopia.

It is God who orchestrate these kinds of things, but it is only when your answer is YES that you actually experience the rewards of stepping out in faith.

Creative Media Course: Photo Week
YWAM University of the Nations

This quarter has been rich in mentoring opportunities. Once again, we were offered the chance to lead Photo Week and share the pitfalls and pleasures of photojournalism with a class of international students at Joel Roger's Creative Media Course at YWAM University of the Nations in Kona, Hawaii.

This year's bunch of keeners hailed from 5-different nations, and brought with them a unique blend of cross-cultural, creative expression. The future looks bright for this batch of upcoming communicators.

UP NEXT: YWAM Ships Philippines
Medical/Dental Outreach

Next month's medical/dental outreach takes us to the Balabac group of islands; comprised of 42,500 mostly-Muslims residents with a 30% instance of poverty. Easily, one of the most remote outreach opportunities that YWAM Ships Philippines has undertaken to date.

Being only 60 km from Malaysia, this outreach, in concert with the Philippine National Coastguard and other uniformed support teams, will be one of the first national aid programs to reach this region since the Covid pandemic.

New this time, Lib steps in as Outreach Coordinator, while Craig again leads a ragtag group media volunteers. Dentists and doctors are expecting extremely demanding schedules.

Please pray for health, security and a fruitful time of service.

More stories... more mentoring.

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Craig and Lib Pulsifer serve with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) reporting on stories of God's work among isolated people in remote parts of the world. YWAM Ships exists to serve people in the South Pacific with practical medical aid and hope of the gospel.

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