

Reaching Out Across the Street and Around the World Caring, Witnessing, Making Disciples

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Dear Friends,

Waiting. Watching. Warning. I spent a few days at Orange Beach, AL, this week as Hurricane Barry developed. We waited with anticipation of what might happen, and watched as the water turned from glass-like smoothness on Sunday afternoon, to roiling waters on Thursday morning. By the time warnings were issues, we were back at home in North-Central Mississippi, grateful to be well out of harm's way.

I spent hours watching the furious beauty of the ocean, and specifically asked God to speak to me. What did He say? "Lee Ann, you spend a lot of time waiting for instructions from Me, watching the storms of life in many people's lives, and even issuing warnings. But just as you plan to do in wisely fleeing from Barry, too often, you leave too soon, failing to step in to help others escape the impending storms that may devastate their lives."

When He spoke these words to me, I knew I was to share them with you. Here is the reality: without Christ, there is no hope of salvation. We must not only warn people of the eternal "storm" that awaits those without Christ; we must be fully committed to helping others find Jesus, the WAY to life eternal. "Rescue the Perishing." People are dying. We need to be busy sharing Jesus and making disciples. That requires an all-in commitment. It's the difference of the egg and the bacon – the chicken makes a contribution; the pig makes an all-in commitment!

Tomorrow morning, Monday, July 15, we head to Washington, D.C., for 5 days with a group of students and adults from P.R.E.P., our renamed youth ministry here in Starkville. Several of our kids have never been out of the county. One had to be taken to Walmart for appropriate clothing and toiletries. All are excited beyond measure – and so am I!!! Please pray for us! We will have many opportunites to share deeply with these precious ones, not only about the nation, our history, and the way government works, but especially about Jesus and how He has called us to walk with Him and make a difference in our world.

So....no pictures and no news this month! We need your prayers! We appreciate your all-in commitment to God's work! We treasure your partnership in the Gospel and your friendship for eternity!

Many blessings and much love,

SeeAna

PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

LOCAL MINISTRIES:

Men's Prayer Breakfast Friday, 6:30 am *PREP (formerly known as YCE)* SUMMER: June 10 – July 25 *Worship at the Claiborne* 4th Sunday, 4 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July LAW Sundays at Sandtown UMC, Philadelphia, MS Jul 15-19 P.R.E.P. Washington, D.C. Jul 24 P.R.E.P. Closing Program Aug 9 Building Dedication Sep 13-15 Peculiar UMC, Peculiar MO Women's Retreat

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:

Church-Planting in Nigeria – 5 new churches in the Kwara Diocese.

New believers are turning to Jesus every day in Nepal, in spite of increased persecution and threat of imprisonment or deportation. Pray for all believers there, and in other areas of persecution, to be filled with the Holy Spirit and boldness.

Local Supporters -- We are now recruiting tutors, mentors, special program leaders, and help with meals for the Fall program of PREP. Call Areal at 334-468-2113 to sign up!

See our website for upcoming event details: http://www.christianworldmissions.org/newsand-events/ministry-eventsmissions/

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