

Beyond Tears Worldwide
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Letter from the President's Desk
(If, the President had a desk)

Although, I had not determined to do a "Letter from President's Desk" this quarter, I changed my mind because, the need still exist. And, in fact, have become greater than ever and I am compelled to continue to ask for your support for the needs among the people that we serve. I have often been asked, why we go to such a remote area as Ladakh.

We are compelled. I am compelled and I feel other team members feel the same driving force. Mt. 9: 37 & 38 is the command from Jesus to go. In response to this command, we are called to obedience. Obedience to God is all important. In my heart and mind the obedience is linked to the compulsion to love.

Love is a theme of both the Old and New Testaments. An expression of love is also interwoven with other words such as mercy, compassion, grace, justice, humility, and acts of kindness. These can all be summed up in the word 'love.'

Recently I read,

"He wants us to experience incredible, life-changing love, mercy, and compassion not only from him, but from those around us. And he wants us to show that love to others. ... The call to love is often difficult, but it's also a reminder of how God loves us: relentlessly, completely, and without expectation of return."

And,

"The main teaching of the Bible is that our love for each other is a reflection of God's love for each and every one of us. The Torah's commandment to love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might (Deuteronomy 6:5) is the essence of Judaism's understanding of our obligations to God."

As God's people we can best become "a reflection" to the world of the unconditional love that God has given to us. *Zechariah 7:9 This is what the Lord Almighty said: "Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another."* The theme of love is powerfully woven all throughout the Bible. The natural response of God's people is to do what we see God doing; being and becoming the type of people that God would have us be as His children.

We participate in a complex mystery. Honest love from God in us compels others to look beyond us, we, the physical hands and feet of God's presence and resource, to see Him from whom the wellspring of our love comes. A love-response from us is viewed by Jesus as an act of mercy (love) toward him.

Matthew 25:37-40 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' "

Thank you for your continued support for the ministry of Beyond Tears Worldwide. Please pray for us. We need it. We go where few others care to go. However, you are also welcomed to come. God would have you consider it as He has called us all as a basic part of our Christian calling and I am confident we want to live in obedience to Him.

If you can't go for some reason, but you can financially support someone, please consider our donation appeal of 5/10/25 or 100\$ a month over a 12-month period as we seek to encourage those who have the time but not the funding to come with us on mission of love.

Our theme for the June Newsletter is "hats." Dona Clair, Nazuna, and others have organized some great pictures. Enjoy the story of one of projects and the women behind it. God bless. 'Until all have heard.'