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Revelation 21:4

*“A coach will impact more people in one year than the average person will in an entire lifetime.”*

*-Billy Graham*

*“We use the use the power of soccer to connect with people around the world; assess their needs and form partnerships to meet those needs.”*

*-Surge Soccer*

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*“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*

Dear Friends,

ISRAEL 1980 - Studies show that the human brain can process 11 million bit of information per second; with our conscious mind its 40-50 bits per second. Either way, I still remember the feelings that morning back in 1980. I came out of the hotel in Tel Aviv before the rest of the team, and in the twinkling of an eye I processed that right in front of me was a man in shorts and a normal short sleeve shirt and sandals, with (perhaps) an Uzi. In that second of time, I thought this is it, my time is up! — — — then he escorted the school children (I hadn’t noticed), across the street. Before I could even begin to recover from the shock, I noticed our bus driver was down on his hands and knees looking under the bus, for which I was informed - he was looking for bombs.

SALEM LAST WEEK – I was at my weekly men’s prayer group. We take communion and we pray for each other and the world. I shared something I had never ever shared before, “that I felt ‘weepy.’” Weepy for the terror that struck Israel, for Liberia; for the orphans In Mexico, from 20 orphanages, that had been taken away, like a thief in the night, by the government. 1,500 children came through the main orphanage we sponsored. They felt love, the learned life skills and they learned to pray for the parents who abandoned them. Even after we helped raise money to “fix” all the items the government in Tecate, Mexico demanded — they still won’t let the kids come back. Several escaped from the government facility and hitchhiked back to our orphanage. In total 7 underage kids are back and 12 orphans ages 18 and older. At age 18 orphans have to leave and make it pretty much on their own. But our orphanage leader, Miseal, is allowing them to stay while they go to college or trade school. We help to scholarship them.

... on that day, last Wednesday, the situation felt helpless...but of course we know it's not!

*“For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning.”* Psalm 30:5

Weeping comes with the territory for as at Surge International. Even last week, as one more orphanage far away, and another town in Africa in crisis reached out to us for help. We can’t help everyone, but with your prayers and support we can continue to make even a small difference...

...and bring **JOY** in the morning!

*“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,”* Ephesians 3:30

*Your prayers and support help us make the difference! Dave*

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“Jorge’s” mom died when he was two. His grandmother raised him until she passed away. “Jorge” then moved around from friend to friend until some of the orphans connected with him through soccer. He was invited to the orphanage to live, and at age 16 he started learning to read and write for the first time.

*We can't often solve the big problems in the world, but we can continue to solve smaller ones that add up over the course of time.*



Surge Board member David Welk and I met “Jorge” last week at the orphanage in Tecate, Mexico – Thank you for helping us make a difference!



*No matter what stage of life you're in, you need big dreams to draw you forward. You need vision bright enough to light up the sky.”*

- Dr. David Jeremiah

Please Pray for us as we continue to dream Big! 🙏 And for possible developments that could give us access to all of Liberia.

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