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I don't want to go to Kenya alone.

We weren't made to do life in seclusion. God has created humans as relational beings. He looked at Adam and declared it was not good for him to be alone. The very way in which God has structured His church demonstrates the high value He places on community. The church is described as a body- each part dependent on the others.

No part of the body of Christ can function alone. As members of His body, we must choose to ignore the messages of independence our culture is shouting at us. The truth is we are not strong enough. We are not powerful enough. We are not indestructible.

Rather, the Bible is clear that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. We are designed to live and to work in community- to laugh together, to cry together, to struggle together, and to celebrate together.

This same idea applies to the concept of overseas ministry. The Lord has opened a door for me to go to Kenya. However, I can't go alone.

In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul talks about the idea of one who plants the seed and another who waters. Perhaps we can use this as lens through which to view overseas ministry.

As followers of Christ, each of us are called to be missional. We have been entrusted with the Truth, and we must proclaim it to others. However, this overarching calling will play out differently depending on our individuality and our season of life.

Some of us are called to give more than others. Some of us are called to pray. And some of us are called to go. Our strengths and gifts play a role in this calling. (A person who is a gifted host or hostess does not carry the same responsibility as one who is a gifted speaker, and vice versa).

Likewise, our season of life plays a part in how we are called to be obedient. Each of us have a role to play in the advancement of God's Kingdom. For some of us, our mission field is our workplace, or our homes, our neighborhoods, our gyms, or our child's soccer team.

My season of life and my individuality allow me to uniquely fulfill our Christian calling to go and make disciples. I have the time and the freedom to be able to go halfway around the world. And God has wired me in a way that makes me eager to travel and to engage with cultures different from my own.

But does this make me more obedient to the call to go than anyone else? The answer is no. As much as I'm tempted to think this way, the Lord continues to teach me that this is untrue. Instead, I am continually reminded that I am not to go alone.

That is why I ask for your support. As a member of the body of Christ, I am a part of something much bigger than myself.

So will you join me? In this instance, I may be the “goer”. I’m going to Kenya, but I can’t go alone. I need the love and support of fellow believers. I need you. Will you be a part of what God is doing in Kenya?

God has been working in Kenya since the beginning of time; and He will continue to work there long after I am gone. I am blessed to be able to travel to Kenya and to be mutually encouraged by our brothers and sisters there.

Will you pray? Will you give? Will you also go?