

Catch up

I ask you all to pray for these things, because prayer is so important in any ministry. A ministry without prayer will fail. I am thankful for all of you that do pray already. It means so much and has accomplished so much.

Currently I am back in Sarasota, Florida diving headstrong into fundraising. I have been able to make some progress. My pastor gave me a list of many churches to call and share my ministry with. Pray that that will go well and doors will be open. I still have quite a few to call. I plan to stay in Sarasota until I am funded. I will share with churches and people in the area. A few weeks one of my partners and I had a Skype meeting. He saw the promise Jesus gave in Matthew 18:19, "I also tell you this: if two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you." The purpose of our meeting was to agree with me for getting fully-funded by the end of March. We believe in Jesus' promise, for He is a faithful God. We can believe His promise to us.

I picture the Bible as God's wedding vow to us. As we were born into salvation, we were also born into God's family, but just as we were born into His family, we were also born into marriage with God. We are the

Bride of Christ. In any marriage you have to trust that your spouse will be faithful to you, that when they go out shopping, they are not going to cheat on you. You have no trouble letting them go off to a place like that by themselves because; first of all, you know them, and second, they have proven themselves faithful. Since we know God, we know He is faithful; so I will let Him go about His business in fulfilling His promises He has made in His Word. A wedding vow is like a series of promises or one long promise. You are essentially declaring to this person, the one whom you are marrying, that you will remain faithful or true in all circumstances, whether young or old, in sickness or in health, etc. Jesus tells us that we are His Bride and He binds Himself to being faithful with us. So, since we know He is faithful, we can expect a fulfillment of His promises. That is faith: a trustworthy relationship with God.

I will wrap it up for now. I hope all of you enjoy reading the report. It is quite large, so feel free to take your time, but it is a good way to learn about all that Overland is doing around the world. The next newsletter I will put out at the beginning of March. Thank you for reading, and have a wonderful day!