WYMA UPDATE

The new semester has started here at the Missionary Training Center and what a joy it is to be a part of training men and women motivated to effectively communicate the wonderful provision God has made for the least reached people groups around the world. The morning of the semester "kick-off" there was a loud din in the crowded auditorium as staff and students hugged and laughter rang out as we got caught up after the weeks of separation! Testimonies of broken down vehicles and God's provision --- God's faithfulness in so many areas from difficult family get-together's to safety over treacherous roads were given! Something that struck me was all the tiny babies that have been born these past couple of months and several of the babies had life-threatening problems --- but God intervened in these little lives and they are all doing well. As I observed these things --- heard these testimonies, an article came to mind that I just read called **"Make it Count"!**

It talked about what the Apostle Paul *didn't* pray for in his letters to the churches! He *didn't* pray for people with cancer, busy schedules, lack of finances or injured relationships. Though these things matter and we should pray for them and God certainly cares about them --- they weren't on the Apostles "prayer list." He prayed that God would "make it count! He prayed **"... so that these light and momentary afflictions do the work of preparing us for a weight of glory that outweighs them all".** I looked up all Paul's prayers and sure enough ---- he prays for "perfection" --- that "our God may count us worthy of His calling" --- that we be "sincere and blameless" --- that we may be "active in sharing our faith" --- "strengthened in our hearts for every good work" ---- and the examples go on and on! But the point is made! So --- as I sat listening to these testimonies my prayer for each one is that God would **"make it count".**

And we pray that for you today also! That in whatever situation you find yourself, that God will **"make it count"** to draw you closer to Him and those situations will be "perfecting you, establishing you --- and strengthening you in every good work".

Please pray this for us also! That God will use every situation we find ourselves in, whether it's difficult leadership decisions, solving problems or physical limitations and **"make it count"** --- for eternity and for our spiritual growth and dexterity! **One thing is very clear to us and that is that your financial support and prayers COUNT!!!** Thank you for **"making it count"** for eternity as we strive together to take the Gospel to the least reached people groups of the world!

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