

# THE PUBOLS POST

"...I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some." –1 Corinthians 9:22, NIV

## BECOMING ALL THINGS

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 that each of us is to make ourselves a "slave to everyone" and "become all things to all men" in order to "save some." That sounds tough, Paul—do we really need to do that? It can be hard to lay aside our own agenda in order to serve others in this way. This was the message that we were confronted with during this last month. We are thankful that we don't have to do this on our own, but that God does this through us when we are willing to change and be conformed to who he wants us to be.

From August 10-September 7 we attended a cross-cultural training course with about 30 others at Wycliffe's JAARS center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. The training staff challenged us to live out what Paul says in this passage of scripture while residing in another country and working in a culture that is not our own. We heard testimonies from other missionaries. Each shared about the wonderful and unique experience of cross-cultural ministry. They also shared about the pain and suffering that can come, and how God worked in their lives during every difficult circumstance.



**Jeff's Group.** Each person was connected with a table group for the duration of the course. Married couples were put into different groups. Each group had five or six trainees and one staff person who was the table leader.



**Want to buy something?** Heather is selling her *wares* during a cross-cultural marketplace role-play.

We studied what the Bible says about our identity in Christ and how we can combat the schemes of Satan. We reflected on our own walk with God and asked him to show us where we needed to grow. We shared the pains of our past with each other and rejoiced together in God's power to heal us. We celebrated how God has created us all differently and discussed how sometimes those differences can challenge us.

We did some fun things like learning to drive off-road, cross-cultural role-plays and basic language learning techniques. It was intense, but also wonderful.

Thank you to those who have given to our ministry. Your gifts helped us cover the expenses of this training. Thanks also to those of you who prayed for us during this time. God showed himself to us over and over. He is the sovereign I AM, the great creator, and the ruler of all things!!



"Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

-1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV)

## MOVING AHEAD

Now that our cross-cultural training is complete, we are focused on building a team of financial and prayer partners and finishing up anything else that we would need to do prior to moving overseas.

We ended up back in Orlando for a couple of weeks to clean up our house and get it ready for someone else to move into it. The length of stay was longer than we anticipated, but it did give us some additional opportunities to share about our ministry. It also gave Heather an opportunity to train her replacement for her old job (Director of Communications) at Wycliffe's office in Orlando.

The real estate market is slow right now which has created a bit of a road block for us. We know that God is in control of our situation. However, it's hard to be completely free of anxiety. Be praying for God to provide a renter or buyer for our home.

We're thankful to be seeing progress toward our financial goals. As we've evaluated our faith goal with our personnel administrator at Wycliffe, we have decided that if we are able to receive pledges for 100% of our monthly financial need by mid-November, we will move forward with going to Kenya in January. Otherwise, we will need to revise our plan and push back our departure date. Please keep this in your prayers!

## WHERE IN THE WORLD...

...are the Pubols? We will be speaking about our ministry at several churches and groups. Please come and see us! We still have some open dates, so please let us know if we can share with your church or group.

Be looking for us in these places:

- Sunday, Sept 30: Ligonier, IN
- Sunday, Oct 7: Lafayette, IN
- Friday, Oct 12: Arrive in Rhode Island
- Sunday, Oct 14: Hyannis, MA
- Wednesday, Oct 17: Chepachet, RI
- Saturday, Oct 20-Sunday, Oct 21: Fall River, MA
- Tuesday, Oct 23: Rockport, MA
- Friday, Oct 26: Lynnfield, MA
- Sunday, Oct 28: Woonsocket, RI
- Sunday, Nov 4: Lexington, MA
- Wednesday, Nov 7: East Hartford, CT
- Sunday, Nov 11: Brookfield, CT
- Wednesday, Nov 14: Arrive in California
- Saturday, Nov 17-Sunday, Nov 18: Los Angeles, CA
- Sunday, Nov 25: Santa Maria, CA
- Saturday, Dec 1: Los Angeles, CA
- Thursday, Dec 13: Arrive back in Rhode Island



## PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for a great month of training in North Carolina. We learned a lot, had time to rest, and had safe travels.
- Praise God for additional monthly financial support and a growing team of prayer partners.
- Praise God for continuing to meet our needs.
- Pray for God to provide a buyer or renter for our home in Orlando, Florida.
- Pray for continued safety while we are traveling.
- Pray for more open doors for us to share about our ministry.
- Pray for more prayer and financial partners to join our ministry team.

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