



A Time for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3,1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

I think back to my first meeting with Fred Scaife and his son, Jim. I had been praying the Lord would use me in a way so that I could see significant impact on His Kingdom. Elsie Scaife had unexpectedly been called home by her Heavenly Father. Fred knew his physical condition necessitated a search for someone to come along side him to continue with the ministry to orphans and widows in DR Congo. The Lord heard each of our prayers and brought us together.

A time and a season for each of us. Fred told me it would be hard for him to step back to allow someone else to carry on with the work. Throughout his life he had been charged with countless projects. He always completed projects before letting go. He knew there was still much work to be done.

Eleven years later I am now at a time and place to allow the next person to carry on with the ministry. I fully understand why Fred said it would be hard to step back to allow the ministry to move forward without him. In May of this year I requested the board begin a search for my replacement. That task has been accomplished. We have witnessed the Lord's provisions for HCCA.



Pastor Jonathan Unverzagt of Sparta, WI accepted the position of Assistant Executive Director of Hope Centers for Children of Africa. Pastor Jonathan and I will work and travel together through the end of April 2020. The board wants to ensure a smooth and seamless transition as Pastor Jonathan assumes the role of Executive Director. It is my hope and prayer that you will continue with the partnership of ministry to orphans and widows in DR Congo and Uganda. There is still much work to be done. The Lord assured us in His word that the poor will always be with us. It's one thing to be poor. To have little to no chance of breaking the cycle of poverty is what we fight against. Through education, micro loans and health care, we are breaking that cycle. Through

the love of Christ we are bringing true and everlasting hope. Jonathan and Hope Unverzagt make their home in the unincorporated town of Cataract, WI, where they live on a pond, grow berries, raise chickens, keep bees, and homeschool their many children. (They have eleven children, four in-laws, and seven grandchildren, with three more on the way.) Jonathan pastors Christ Is Lord Free Lutheran Church in Onalaska, WI, and Hope tutors international students in English as a Second Language.



The Unverzagt family considers their home to be a little mission field since the Lord has sent a number of international students there to live over the past three years. Seven of their eleven children have gone on at least one foreign mission trip, with the remaining four making plans to travel in summer of 2020. Jonathan has traveled internationally quite a bit, with numerous mission trips to Brazil, Paraguay, and Hungary, and he has had the opportunity to attend the General Assembly of the Norwegian Lutheran Mission on three different occasions in Norway. Last spring he traveled to Germany to be a guest lecturer at Bodenseehof Bible School in Friedrichshafen, Germany. Several months later he was invited on his first mission trip to Africa to assist in the training of pastors in Uganda. The need was great, and the students soaked up the biblical training like sponges. Jonathan returned home feeling he had just experienced the most



satisfying mission trip of his life. God was clearly paving the way for a return trip to Africa, because only a month after returning from Uganda, Jonathan was approached unexpectedly about the possibility of directing a different ministry...one to Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo! God's purpose suddenly became clear. Open door after open door lead him to accept the position on November 1st. His love for the Lord, heart for missions, and fondness for travel have all now merged as Jonathan eagerly takes on the position as director of HCCA.

Jonathan and Hope look forward to their first trip with HCCA to Uganda and D.R.Congo in January of 2020. They are excited to partner with you in this exciting ministry.

Chaplain Emmanuel sent photos of the school children equipped with back packs and showing off their new uniforms. The children are doing well in school. They keep busy with homework, recreational sports and many chores at home.



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