



DIAKONIA Prayer Letter August

“...And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let everyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.” Revelation 22:17c.

One morning, as I looked out to the far end of our backyard, there was a hole where the trees act as a border between the two properties. As the sun beamed brightly down, the morning dew sparkling on the grass, I was reminded of the many areas of God’s creation suffering from the major shift in climate change. This year we have seen and experienced the intense heat that have parched many places...where the blazing sun has left areas desperately crying out for water.

The parched land has caused farmers to make difficult decisions about their land and livestock. The hundreds of burning forests thirst for water to put out the flames. The extreme heat on concrete surfaces cry for cool relief. Lakes, rivers, glaciers and ocean struggle with level and temperature changes. As the rising temperatures beat down on tourists on the lookout for the fountains of cool refreshing water. For many people relief from all this heat has been found in swimming pools...lakes and ocean. While we pray for relief for physical thirst, Christ offers us a different kind of permanent relief to when we are spiritual dehydrated. In those moments of dryness, parchedness, feeling as if our whole inner being is burning, when we hear his call, “come”, Christ promises to give us his gift of living water...to quench our inner thirst. What an amazing promise to be given. While we have been given the promised gift of living-water...let us continue to pray for water to quench the places and lives so desperately needed.

Let us pray...

...for all first responders who continue to battle the flaming blazes of the forests...for the rain and cooler temperatures and for all who have lost loved ones and property that they may be able to rebuild their lives:

...for farmers who have not seen a drop of rain in years...and for those who have to sell parts of their livestock only to worry about how they will feed the remaining ones in the coming months:

...for those living on the hot concrete streets of our cities and communities, trying to find ways to keep cool and for those who are providing them with cool cups of water:

...for those who are traveling in countries seeing rising temperatures that they remain hydrated and that cool temperatures come to bring relief.

...for those who are spiritually thirsty, when they hear Christ voice...”come” they receive the gift of the living water to quench their thirst. Amen

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