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A word from our Executive Director....

This photo of me and my granddaughter was taken at a carefree church picnic a year ago. So much can happen in 12 months:



Mosul. Gaza. Ukraine. Syria. North Korea. Nigeria

I have spent the summer crying out to God over international headlines. It seems that evil in our world is growing at a frightening pace. Every new atrocity adds to the growing horror that makes me (and perhaps you too) wonder what is happening around us. There is certainly much to fear, and I see fearful responses everywhere. We have three options when we feel fear: fight (be angry, attack back in word or deed), flight (ignore, give concessions, hide), or courageously engage through God's power. My crying out to God has been in the form of a question. "How do we show courage and a Biblical response to evil in this world?" Romans 12 gave an unexpected answer:

"Do not pay anyone back evil for evil, but focus your thoughts on what is right in the sight of all people. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live in peace with all people. Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written, 'Vengeance belongs to me. I will pay them back, declares the Lord.' But 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him. For if he is thirsty, give him a drink. If you do this, you will pile burning coals on his head.' Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good."



Conquering Evil:

As we pray for the persecuted church around the world, we also have the opportunity to do good to people who come from places where these evils are happening.

How can I do good?

Please consider giving generously and volunteering some time to **do good**. We still have some volunteer opportunities available and we expect that **our scholarship fund for this semester will need an additional \$40,000 that has not yet been provided**. If you can give a gift of any

amount in Jesus' name, we would rejoice!

Let's not fight or take flight, let's courageously engage!

Six months ago, although we didn't fully understand why, we believed God wanted us to prepare to do more good than ever before. **For that reason, this month we are increasing our women and children's program class time by 33%; our evening English language program class time by 50%, and Conversation Partners served by 10%.** To enable this to happen we need your help now more than ever. Please prayerfully consider how you can play a part in meeting this critical need.

Do Good Now

Now is a critical time in Toledo to do good. Right now, international students are arriving to study at the University of Toledo. Right now, families are enrolling for a new school year at our American Schools for Women, Children, and Evening.

Yours for God's Kingdom,



Janelle Metzger,
Executive Director

P.S. Whether you choose to do good via Water For Ishmael, or another means, [please don't just think about it and not take action](#). Our world is a mess. My husband, Mike, and I have found some ways to increase our giving in the last few months. Please join us in overcoming evil by doing good.

[Conquer evil by giving!](#)

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