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KATIE'S KORNER

NEWS FROM EQUADOR



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I am very excited to announce a new edition of my newsletter "Katie's Korner".

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for me as I carry on my missionary work here at Alliance Academy International in Quito Ecuador.

I hope that everyone is doing well. All Saints' continues to be in my heart and prayers.

We have been in classes now for a month. Things have started off slowly this year - more slowly than usual. There are lots of changes that we are still working through.

This year is also full of challenges. But I know that it is in those challenges that God grows us.

One verse that I have been reminded of recently is in Isaiah 43. That whole chapter holds a lot of meaning for me. If you haven't read it before, or if you simply haven't read it in a while, I would suggest reading it again. I went out to my patio and just sat there the other day with my Bible. After talking to God for a little while and getting a few things off my chest, I felt inclined to reread that chapter once more. God caught my attention very quickly with verse 2.

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,

**you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze."**

On Friday night, my youth pastor said "There are lots of voices that come at you, but you need to be sure you are listening to the one that matters." I heard that small voice speaking gently to me out on my patio saying, "Katie, cling to this promise right now. Don't let it go."

When the Lord is in the midst of our lives, even the most difficult situations pass. That is what having faith is about. I have faith that this year, God will equip me with the patience, tools, and wisdom I need to serve each one of my students' needs. And I have to have faith that God is going to take care of the rest of my unknowns. I was reminded this morning in Jesus Calling that God has already taken care of the future but that's not for us to worry about. He has it under control and so we just need to keep it like that, with Him in control.

I so appreciate all your support and prayers. I feel the love! J As you are praying for me, I would appreciate prayers that the process with my visa goes smoothly and quickly. Once that is taken care of, the school will be able to pay me. God can provide all I need though. He has, and I know He will continue to do so. Also, please pray that God would give me wisdom in teaching all my students this year, and that he would give my students understanding.

This year, I have many students who are very low, academically. I am currently working on filing a few referrals to have the Student Study Team at school observe students to see what extra support they may need. I also have a student who is autistic in my class. He still does not have an aide working with him to help him stay focused and get work done. Today he had to take most all his work home, because he couldn't concentrate long enough to complete it - and we had a half-day.

Today we also had an outbreak of lice in my classroom. I am just praying that we can get rid of the little buggers - QUICKLY - and that no one else gets them.

I will continue to lift you up in my prayers. Your love and prayers are felt, even across continents.

Blessings in Christ,

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