

# The Corbins

And The EMBRACE Ministry to TCK'S



## AND GOD'S NOT FINISHED YET...

The conference I had been working at the past couple of years in February is no longer a part of my responsibilities, but God opened up another very different opportunity to go serve in **EGYPT** at a discipleship camp for young adults. This camp will have a few missionary families serving at the camp that I can pour into; several young adults who need guidance in their spiritual walks; AND one of the TCK's I've been journeying with for the past 7 years who has a passion for the Muslim world, **will be serving alongside me** at this camp. How cool is that?!

Yes, 2020 has been hard to understand what God is doing and why, but I know **He IS in control** and very much at work.

## Can we just hurry up and get to the good stuff??

I remember when I was growing up and the time finally came for us to have our family Christmas. We always celebrated the night of Christmas Eve. The evening would always start with a nice dinner; Dad would read the Christmas story; we would pray; and then FINALLY it was time to open presents. In my young mind, all I could think was, "Can't we just skip this boring stuff and get to the presents already?!"

There's a story in the Bible where Jesus is talking to His disciples about the importance of loving one another. Just before He went into His exhortation to them, He briefly mentioned that in a little while He would be going away and that where He was going they could not come. He then gave a powerful message of how the very reputation of Him being sent by God depended on how they loved one another. But you know what were the first words out of Peter's mouth after Jesus finished speaking? "Lord, where are you going that we cannot go?" Peter was so fixated on that statement that He totally missed what Jesus really wanted them to grasp that night.

As I think about 2020, how many times did I want God to just hurry up and fix all this so I can get to the good stuff? "God would you just end this pandemic and get me back to doing my ministry the way I love to? Just end this

mess our world is in so we can get back to a normal life? I'm tired of waiting." But the truth is, this is where God has us right now, so I need to be asking, "God, what do you want to teach me in this time? How do you want me to be different as a result of this tumultuous year?"



As you already know from our most recent updates, I had to cancel 8 trips this year due to Covid. Typically from late winter through summer, I am traveling to various parts of the world to run the teen TCK programs at agency conferences. One by one, all of those conferences were canceled. But it is only because those conferences were canceled, that I was offered the opportunity to go to Lebanon this summer to serve at an evangelistic English camp. And God worked mightily there. You know, there are so many times in my life that God had to take from me things that I loved because He had something so incredibly wonderful to give to me that would never have happened had He not taken those other things away. (continued in column to left)



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**“You keep showing up in my life...”**

In October I was able to visit 15 TCK's in 5 states, and I just returned from another trip where I visited 15 more TCK's in 4 other states. Some are doing very well, and others are struggling a lot. Like all young adults, they face various challenges in learning how to do life apart from mom and dad, but there are the added hurdles for them because of their upbringing. The mobile lifestyle and being children of ministry parents greatly impact the perspective they bring to each of these challenges. Imagine how differently you would look at the challenges of entering adulthood if you had grown up with a feeling that **nothing is ever permanent**; or that **your parents' "career" (their ministry) could be finished** if you mess up; and **no one ever sticks around** in your life. This perspective was so clearly demonstrated in what one 25 year old TCK, whom I've know for 10 years now,

said to me on this last trip, **“You are the only person in my life today from my former life. You keep showing up in my life. That means a lot.”**

**Liana's Teaching Ministry**

It has also been a unique year for Liana. The added stress of having to make sure everything is sanitized in your classroom; teaching all day with a mask on; and maintaining distance between students, has made this an even more exhausting job than usual. Each year, she seems to have more than her share of students with special needs. And because of the struggles both our boys had with school as non-Hungarian speakers AND their own learning issues, God is using her uniquely in the lives of these students. Here is what the school Special Ed teacher said recently: **“Liana, you are such a wonderful teacher. You have the insight of a Special Ed teacher.** You catch processing issues most teachers would miss, and you use tools and strategies that others are not willing to take the time to use. Thank you.”

**COULD YOU HELP US?**

Lastly, one other impact COVID has had on us is in regard to our financial support. Over the past year, we have lost one church and a few families. Would you pray about joining our regular financial support team? Perhaps you could give an end-of-the-year gift to help offset the losses of 2020. If you would like to help us out, you can do so by clicking the button below. It would mean a lot to us and would help us continue to pour into missionary families around the world.

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Thank you for walking this journey with us. You are a blessing for being part of our lives. Merry Christmas to you, and may 2021 be a year of all of us seeing God clearly, no matter how unique our lives may be.

With Love,

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