

Hi KC Parents!

November is here, folks! Can you believe it? At Kids Church, we're encouraging all our kids to grow in As I walk up and down our street, enjoying the break from sitting at my desk all day, I've become intrigued by each house and its inhabitants. There are a few masked locals walking along College View Avenue with me, each being respectful of one another and crossing lanes to avoid any breach of distance we need to observe. Some of the homes on my street are newly renovated, and I try to inconspicuously crane my neck to get a peek inside the windows.

Other homes are tired and worn out—well lived and loved. Some neighbors are at the curb unpacking their cars of groceries or children, or packing the car to take off on an errand. Sometimes young couples will pass me, strolling their babies up and down the street. I get the feeling they just had to have a break and get out of their house.

As I breathe up prayers for those I cross paths with, the thought occurs to me that God is aware of and intimately knows every family, every household. He knows their financial state, their family's dynamic. He knows their spiritual state and their deepest needs and longings. I get the impression that His heart is leaning towards my block with open arms and a desire to become a part of every home. My prayers intensify as he shares his longing with me. I'm amazed at God's desire to be united with human beings and the sacrifice he made in order to become Emmanuel, God with us. That's what this season is really all about.

It reminds me of the verse in Psalm 8:3, "what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?"

I happen to live on the same block where our church, Christian Assembly is located. My thoughts drift towards our precious church and all the people and families who call CA, "home". I think of those who are sick or have loved ones who are suffering from illnesses or COVID-19. I pray for those under financial duress, and the myriad of problems arising in many homes during this time. I pray for our children and grandchildren...for the generations yet unborn. For protection- the protection of our families and the safety of our homes.

I thank God for you and your hard work in remaining faithful to His word and His calling on your lives. He is at work. You are on His mind. He is for us and with us- working everything together for good. His promises will never fail nor be forgotten.

King David says in Psalm 103:17-18

"Your faithfulness to keep every gracious promise you've made passes from parents to children, to grandchildren, and beyond. You are faithful to all those who follow your ways and keep your word."

Be encouraged, dear friends!

Blessings,
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