

Paul & Joyce Helfers Jr.

Missionaries

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FINGERPRINTS OF GOD

by Joyce Helfers



Have you ever thought about your passions, mission or purpose and the difference between them?

Passion = intense, driving emotion.

Mission = a specific task.

Purpose = the reason for which something / someone was created.

Passions and missions can be seasonal, but a purpose is constant throughout your life. All three can intertwine and if you search, sometimes, you can see the threads as if they were fingerprints of God.

I recently attended a women's conference. The speaker spoke into identity and the difference between passions, missions and purpose. As we were working through some thought-provoking questions, I realized that that I could see my purpose throughout my life from a very young age. A few years ago, while attending a different conference, I made a "mission" statement for my life. I realize that it was more of a Purpose Statement and recognized that in this current season my Passion, Mission and Purpose are intertwined. It's beautiful when you can see God's fingerprints throughout your life. It helps build faith, deeper trust in God and allows you to walk boldly into new seasons.

It seems like Paul and I are walking into a new season with bigger opportunities and open doors and God's fingerprints are all over. This year has been very challenging with deep losses and great wins that have prepared us for breakthroughs. Throughout it all, our focus has been on God as He heals, mends, nourishes and comforts us. Since 2017, Paul and I have increased our passions and mission towards Human Sex Trafficking. The passion drove us to Hope Center to serve with open hearts and minds.

My purpose is to create. Since 2018 I have been on staff at Hope Center creating on all different levels; Creating awareness for HT, creating events for survivors, creating hope, creating processes and procedures and much more on a local level.

Paul's purpose is to Love God in various ways. One of these ways is by using his gifts and talents from his handyman experience on staff at The Hope Center. He has been building & renovating special projects all around the campus since 2021. He also works on creating, cultivating, and maintaining relationships with staff & volunteers while encouraging and offering Hope to them! He also gets to lead volunteer work groups to help beautify the campus!

In the next season we will continue carrying out our passions for anti-trafficking as missionaries of World Renewal and on staff at Hope Center. The extra covering helps us raise funds for local and international projects/travels. We look forward to growing in our purpose that God created us for. Paul and I stand united and honored to serve God and King Jesus, as the Holy Spirit guides us.

PRAISE WORTHY

- Cheyenne (Our eldest daughter) and Mark got married and just celebrated their 1st anniversary.
- Sierra (Our middle daughter) and Matt are engaged with a Wedding date in August 2025.
- Lizzan (Our youngest daughter) is working at Westminster Village North as a CNA.
- We brought home a Great Dane Puppy in the spring.
- We enjoyed some time with friends in Northern Michigan this summer.
- In the Spring, Joyce spent 2 weeks in Georgia at Be In Health retreat, thanks to a few very generous sponsors.
- Paul traveled with 4M (4th Musketeer) US to Ecuador last fall.
- Joyce continues to help with the residential program and was asked to join the new Center Planting division at Hope Center.
- During the difficult season of losing Joyce's mother in May, God's comfort, peace and fingerprints were cherished.



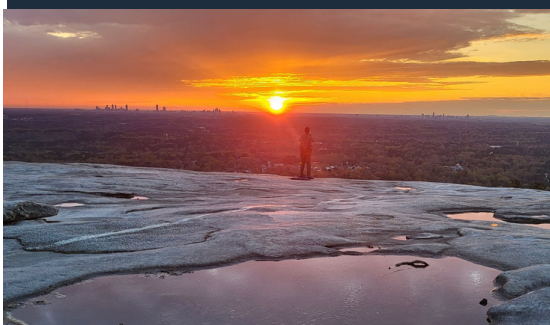
Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Psalms 5:11

LOOKING FORWARD

- We have joined World Renewal for our covering as Missionaries. World Renewal will be able to help manage donors, taxes and marketing.
- We are praying to sell our Plainfield home soon.
- We have been asked to join a Brazil trip in June/July of 2024 through Hope Center.

We Love Being Part of
Something Bigger than Ourselves.
God is Moving Through Us to Serve
HIS Kingdom at Hope Center and Beyond.
We Invite You to Join Us!



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Who is World Renewal and What do they do?

WorldRenewal.org

- Is a covering for missionaries around the world, that supports in leadership development, marketing and strategic funding and taxes.
- Was founded in 1986 by Gary and Carol Wright, as an outgrowth of their evangelistic and preaching ministry.
- Is serving partners in Brazil, Burundi, Dominican Republic, England, Haiti, Israel, Mexico, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Spain, as well as outreaches in Latin America, in persecuted countries, and locally in USA.
- Has a presence in over 60+ countries and has ministered in 90+ countries.
- Since 1990, World Renewal has founded an estimated 300+ new congregations with their partners around the world.
- Has founded 2 orphanages, 8+ schools in Brazil, Haiti, Tanzania, Kenya, India, and other closed countries, 2 camps (Brazil).
- We have 17 locations in 6 countries that help children through child sponsorship, serving around 500 children.
- World Renewal and their partners have founded the Northeast Bible Seminary (Brazil), an International Business as Missions hub (Brazil), and online and in person training for over 4,000 leaders each year through multiple Biblical training programs around the world.

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