



He is Risen

What a blessing it is to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the fact that He has defeated the power of sin and death. Like many of you, I have spent a lot of time in the gospels this week. One of the things that stood out to me was Mark 16:7 "But go, tell his disciples, and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." Why wasn't it assumed that Peter was included in the "disciples"? Why was his name stated specifically? I think it is because while all of the disciples abandoned Christ, Peter had an especially grave offense by denying Christ 3 times. I imagine that Peter felt completely ashamed and disqualified from the "team," so to speak. Have you ever had moments of feeling that way? I have. How amazing that we have a God who redeems and restores and chooses to use each of us as we walk with Him, in spite of our past failures.

Thank you for praying for the Easter events at church this past weekend! The Lord was gracious to bless these events and our time together. On Friday morning as I was sharing the story of Jesus' crucifixion, there was one moment where the kids' jaws literally dropped. They said that it was the first time they heard the story. Later in the day, and even the next day, we asked them what they remembered. We were very pleased when they shared that while many were involved in the death of Jesus, it was the plan of God from the beginning and Jesus died to pay for each of our sins. What a simple yet powerful truth!



These pictures are from my quiet time, working with the kids this weekend



PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- * Praise God for the opportunity to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior! Praise for the gift of sharing this life changing story with a young girl who comes from Muslim family. Please pray these seeds take root and bear fruit of salvation, freedom and peace.
- * Praise for the ability to share Easter traditions with loved ones here.
- * Please pray that I am able to share a meal with my Saharawi friends one day as they break the Ramadan fast. Pray for spiritual conversations and for the Lord to be glorified.
- * Please continue praying for the end of April - our Spanish team will have some important meetings with our Unit Leader who is based in the US and several of us will attend a conference for those who work with the Saharawi people. May the Lord use these times to advance His Kingdom work.

This is me, hosting Easter lunch with the Espada family

