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President's Letter:

Hello to all the Aventurites out there.

I missed seeing all of you last month. With Father's day having just passed, it got me to think about the Father that loves us no matter what. There is nothing we can give to our heavenly Father that he does not have. The only thing He wants from us is a close relationship with Him. It is so good to know that no matter what we do, God will love and care for us. I would like to say 'Thank you' to all the fathers out there, who cared for their children as they grew up and worked hard to provide for the needs of their kids. We are told to honor your mother and father. I know it may not be easy at times, but we are told to do it.

The annual meeting is going to happen at the upcoming reunion. That is when we vote in new officers. So we need everyone that is able to come, to have a good time and to vote in the officers for the upcoming year. I would ask that you pray for my church's youth group as they go to Ohio on a mission trip. (A number of them are Aventurites as well),

Till I see you all next, In Our Lord's Name,

Matt Johnson

Aventura President

Coordinator's Letter:

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3: 17

Instead of going into the needs for the weekend (and there are many) I thought I would share some of the nuggets that God has been revealing to me as I travel this road of adventure(a). As many of you know I have worked in the quality field for many years now. One of the tools we use to get the root of a problem is called the 5-why analysis. The approach which can be used in any area of life is this: if you continue to ask the question why you will get to the core reason or source of the problem. Depending on the depth of the problem you may not need to ask 5 times to get to the source but usually by 5 you can find the source of any situation.

God brought this to mind during my quiet time a while back as I was thinking about why we serve on team. The why flow may go something like this:

Why are you serving on team? I felt God was calling me to serve

Why was God calling you to serve? There is someone He wants to touch through me

Why does God want to touch someone? Because this will bring them closer to Him

Why do they need to be closer to God? As they draw closer to the heart of God, they reflect Him more clearly and He is glorified all the more.

So the core reason serving God in any way should be to bring **Him** glory. In this case God receives double the glory. The team member reflects the glory of God as he or she ministers and the receiver glorifies the Lord as he or she gets closer to the heart of our Lord. Our service for God should flow out of our love for Him and desire to bring Him glory. All we do should ultimately come back to Him. As if to confirm this I was listening to my Bible on CD this morning and this was one of the passages that was read: John 15:5, ⁷ *If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.* ⁸ *This is to my **Father's glory**, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.* Rick Warren says it so well in the first purpose in his Purpose Driven Life book, "It's not about you."

I hope and pray that God has used this to "touch" someone's heart because I know that it would bring Him the glory. PTL!

For those of you who are still wondering what you can do to help, Teri and I will be bringing those needs to the next Reunion. So Teri, get those sign-up sheets ready.....

In His Service,

Your Brother in Christ,

Greg Gibbons

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

June Reunion:

Saturday, June 22, 7:00pm **ASSEMBLY MEETING BEFORE REUNION**

Thomaston Covenant, Thomaston

July Reunion:

Saturday, July 27, 7pm

Arthur Richards's House, Northville

Please consider bringing a favorite snack or soda to share! ☺

Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to all June-born Aventurites! (Rae lost her list again.)

Prayer Requests:

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas':

- Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.net or 482-0172)
- Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

Web Stuff to Note:

Art Richards and Rachel LePine are currently redesigning the [Aventura site](#). Let us know

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