Dear Open Door Family,

This past week we took an offering that will enable God's Word to be sent to Haiti in a way that will have an impact on many lives. The "Proclaimers" we are helping to send are a small box that can be charged by an attached solar panel or a crank. The whole New Testament is on the Proclaimer which is made to last and can be heard by as many as 300 people at a time. I love the fact that God's Word is so powerful. It changes lives everywhere that it is taken. Please continue to pray that God would use the Proclaimers that we were able to provide in Haiti to change many, many lives for the Kingdom. Thinking of the Power of God's Word, let's look at these verses together.

Matthew 5:18-19 (NIV) I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. [19] Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:18 (MSG) God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet...

Matthew 5:19 (NLT) So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven...

Life Application Study Bible Notes: "Some of those in the crowd were experts at telling others what to do, but they missed the central point of God's laws themselves. Jesus made it clear that obeying God's laws is more important than explaining them. It's much easier to study God's laws and tell others to obey them than to put them into practice."

Two thoughts: First, God's Word is permanent and lasting and more real than anything we can see around us. Second, we can obey or disobey, ignore or seek to do what God's Word says. If we ignore God's Word and act as if it makes no requirements of us, then we are treating God's Word with contempt. When we do that we are teaching others to ignore or break God's commands. So no matter what we say, what we do must match. We cannot honestly say we love, honor, respect and obey God if we disobey the things He has told us to do in His Word. By our actions we are teaching anyone who might see us that it is ok to live hypocritical lives. We are teaching them that disobedience is OK.

PRAYER: Lord God, help me to be real. Help me to be honest as I look into Your Word. May I see and understand what YOU want me to do. Then please Lord, give me the ability, the grace to follow through in absolute surrender and obedience.

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