MANAGER'S DESK FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

IT WAS TRULY GOOD TO GET BACK TO THE OFFICE YESTERDAY AFTER A WEEK OF 'VACATION'. MY WIFE AND I SPENT LAST WEEK VOLUNTEERING IN THE KITCHEN AT AN AREA BIBLE CAMP. MY HAT IS OFF TO THOSE WHO DO THIS ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND ESPECIALLY TO THE CAMP STAFF MEMBER WHO OVERSEES THE KITCHEN. WE DID IT FOR ONE WEEK WHILE THEY HAVE BEEN THERE EVERY WEEK ALL SUMMER. THOSE ARE LONG DAYS IN A HOT KITCHEN WHILE ON YOUR FEET. SOMETHING I'M NOT USED TO.

WITH THAT SAID, IT WAS A FUN EXPERIENCE WORKING ALONG SIDE OTHER BELIEVERS AND SEEING THE SMILES ON THE FACES OF THE CAMPERS AS THEY ENJOYED THE FRUIT OF YOUR LABORS. I ALSO GOT TO MEET SEVERAL WRVM LISTENERS, BOTH ADULT AND CHILDREN. THAT WAS FUN, AND ENCOURAGING.

SOME TIME AGO, I SHARED THE LYRICS FOR THE SONG "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS". THERE ARE THINGS THAT HAPPEN EVERY DAY THAT OFTEN GET OVERLOOKED AS A BLESSING FROM GOD. ONE BLESSING I REALIZED I HAVE EVERYDAY IS THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES. I WAS SURPRISED BY HOW MANY CAMPERS REQUIRED A SPECIAL DIET. FOR EACH MEAL WE HAD TO FIX ALTERNATIVES FOR THOSE WITH MILK, EGG OR GLUTEN ALLERGIES. IN MOST CASES, IT DID NOT LOOK AS GOOD AS WHAT EVERYONE ELSE WAS SERVED. I REALLY FELT BAD FOR THEM. SO IF YOU'RE ABLE TO EAT WHATEVER YOU WANT, COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

ALAN GAVE ME AN UPDATE ON THE TREE CLEARING WORK AT THE NEW TOWER SITE FOR OUR POWERS TRANSLATOR. THE WORK WAS TO REMOVE TREES THAT COULD FALL ONTO A GUY WIRE AND BRING DOWN THE TOWER. WELL, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ANYMORE. A PIECE OF MACHINERY THAT WAS MOVING TREES ALREADY CUT DOWN SNAGGED A GUY WIRE AND... YOU GUESSED IT. IT BROUGHT THE TOWER DOWN! ON A GOOD NOTE, IT DID NOT HIT THE BUILDING OR ANY OF THE VEHICLES PARKED THERE OR ANY OF THE WORKERS. IT FELL IN THE BEST PLACE POSSIBLE. IT'S A SET BACK BUT IN SOME WAYS IT MAY PROVE TO BE A GOOD THING AS THAT TOWER WAS ABOUT 50 YEARS OLD WITH A VERY LIMITED LIFE EXPECTANCY. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT PUTTING UP A NEW 110 FOOT TALL TOWER. THE LORD ALREADY KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW HE PROVIDES. STAY TUNED.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.