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Moment to  
Pray for  
Peace!



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God has given his people, that we too often forget about, is this wealth of possibilities! Just think of it. No one person can do everything, know everything, or solve every problem that arises, but each one of us is only a handful of people away from someone who can help with the thing that is stumping us! If we do not know someone who can help, someone we know, or someone they know does. That is part of the reason Jesus called us to follow him, not on our own, but as part of a community of faith. A community is like a body that relies on each part and works together for the good of all (I Corinthians 12:12-31). Humans are tempted to put limits on community. We often try to associate only with people like ourselves and exclude those who are different or do not see the world just as we do. Our society glorifies the individual and being 'self-made' even though no one really gets anywhere entirely on their own. When we fall into the trap of ignoring or stifling the possibilities God has given us in other people, we suffer, other people suffer, and the world is a less friendly, less creative, and more challenging place. When we hide our own gifts or hoard them, we do not become the gifted people God created us to be. What ministry is God calling you to develop and celebrate in yourself? What ministries is God calling you to help call forth and celebrate in the people around you? Answer the call to unleash all these God given possibilities!

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- The continuing plight of refugees and other displaced persons
- Nigeria. Rebuilding continues and the church is growing, but violence continues. Another largescale attack has sent hundreds of people fleeing to neighboring Cameroon for safety.
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