



April is so special because we celebrate Easter and the incredible Good News of Christ's sacrifice and what is embraced in these powerful words, "He is Risen." For HEART, that message of hope and redemption saturates every dimension of our work with WEEP mothers and those they care for in their households.



April is also a special month for HEART as Vickie begins her six-month sabbatical and I take the reins as our new Executive Director. To acknowledge the "passing of the baton", friends and leaders gathered in Auburn this month to pray over Vickie, me and this ministry at a special commissioning service officiated by Pastor Phil Sparling, HEART's President of the U.S. Board of Directors.



We want to take this time to celebrate and honor Vickie for all she has done to grow and mature HEART into the wonderful organization it is today. Her sacrifice, love and dedication are unmatched. She is truly the heart of HEART.

Vickie started her sabbatical this week. Par for Vickie, she's full steam ahead. She had her 2nd hip replacement surgery this week, has sold her house and will be moving to Florida by the end of June. She has a lovely home in Florida where she plans to fulfill her Bible verse for the year, Mark 6:31:

"Come away by yourself to a secluded place and rest a little while."

Can you all envision her sitting by the pool, meeting new people and sharing stories of HEART? When she comes back from sabbatical in October I'm sure we will have many new friends!

As I reflect on Vickie, what resonates the most are the guiding principles she established, and which will continue on. I'm sure you all can hear her saying the following.

"Never limit the holy One of Israel"

"Don't touch the Glory of God"

"Jesus Christ is our CEO"

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We are excited about the future and look forward with confidence knowing that God, "...who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.", Philippians 1:6.

Wishing you a warm Easter holiday as you celebrate the Holy Day. May you be filled to the overflowing with His love, peace and joy!

He is Risen!



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