

EAST ALLEN COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

CONFER'S COMMENTARY

January 24, 2010

The Why Question

With the recent devastation in Haiti due to an earthquake people have already suggested reasons why this happened. Pat Robertson blamed the deal with the devil they Haitians allegedly made to rid their country of French Imperialism. Actor Danny Glover pointed the finger at the USA for not doing more at the recent climate change conference at Copenhagen. He even hoped for a new era when our nation no longer took from Haiti but entered a genuine partnership with the historically poor country. When you hear these comments a number of descriptive terms float to the surface. Outrageous, ridiculous, absurd and downright silly are some of the things that come to mind.

The truth is we don't know why other than that God allows these natural disasters to occur. When hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis, blizzards and floods hit nations or areas of our nation we need to accept them for what they are. We dwell on this terrestrial ball known as earth and part of our experience includes natural disasters. Rather than get stuck on the why question we would be better off to seek God's guidance and wisdom as to how we best serve those in these dire circumstances. (James 1:2-6) Instead of blaming a nation being cursed or the world's lone super power the people of Haiti would be better assisted through financial donations, supplies, prayers, medical personnel and security. There are no satisfactory answers to the why question. The core issue is Who are we going to trust in the midst of devastation and hardship. If you question my conclusion I suggest you carefully read the Book of Job.

TEXT AND TITLE

AM: **THE DAY JESUS CALLED** John 1:35-42 Herchel McKamey

PM: **IS IT REALLY JESUS CALLING?** I John 4:1-3 Herchel McKamey

PRAYER REQUESTS: Keep those individuals in prayer who are being deployed~**Cody Griner, Mike Hale, and John Randall. Norma Lothamer**~Betty Hudgin's sister-in-law has some cracked ribs. **Dale Lutton**~a friend of Denise Hudgins was just diagnosed with cancer. Dale lives in Knoxville, TN. Remember those in nursing homes and those with long term health concerns. **The Confer Family**~Everett, Debi and Chantelle are in Nashville welcoming the newest members of the Confer family! Prayers are requested for Denver, Audrey and their baby boys. Specific details will be given when Everett and Debi are back in town!

JANUARY 31ST: This is our 5th Sunday. We will have a potluck at noon and then we will be having an afternoon service. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship. Our young men will be in charge of the afternoon services.

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday AM: 148 Sunday PM:77 Wednesday:N/A

