

Nancy Ehrlich was kind enough to share the following piece from First Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO's Advent Devotional booklet. It was written by Jennifer Vansandt, who is one of those going along on the Guatemala Partnership trip in early January 2012.

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Inspired by the Holy Spirit in light of my call to serve in Guatemala.

Titus 3 "Saved to do good."

Happy home, loving husband, amazing children.

--comfortable.

Solid education, gracious coworkers, secure career.

--comfortable.

Supportive church, growing faith, unchallenged heart.

--comfortable.

Religious freedom, exploring God's word, feeling the Holy Spirit.

--comfortable.

Called to service, be the church, be humbled.

--comfortable?

Am I quiet, open-hearted, and listening?

--comfortable?

Is it the right time, financially feasible, too difficult?

--comfortable?

Who's idea? Who to serve? How to serve?

--comfortable?

What to give? What's the need? What do I have to offer?

--comfortable?

Clear my mind, open my heart, wait for the Holy Spirit.

--comfortable.

Pray for discernment, acceptance, and strength.

--comfortable.

Pray for guidance, humility, and a servant's heart.

--comfortable?

Passport in hand, return ticket home. What's my purpose?

--comfortable?

Fly away from what I know, a language I understand, and a community of like minds.

--comfortable?

A war-torn nation, persecuted people, searching for faith.

--comfortable?

Transport me, transform me, use me.

--comfortable?

Inspire hope, show respect, do good.

--comfortable.

Feel the mystery, accept the mystery, and share the mystery that is God.

--comfortable.

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