

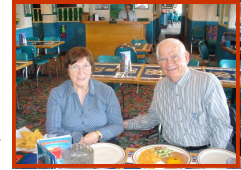
# THE SKIPPER'S LOG....

FRESH NEWS FROM TOM & JUNE SKIPPER....JULY 27, 2010

"AND THIS IS THE TESTIMONY: GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON!" 1ST JOHN 5:11 NIV

Dearest Friends in Christ:

To encourage you .....this Skipper's Log breaks from our typical report format to bring you a testimony from a dear Brother, Bill Leslie, who is '*GROWING AS A DISCIPLE*' and boldly sharing what God is doing in his life. We have known Bill and his wife Kristi for several years as we have worked preparing teams for Overseas ministry. They led a team to Argentina in 2009 and are excited about how God may use them in the years to come.



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## Is Faith in Christ Just Another Hat to Wear?

A message from Bill Leslie



We all wear many hats. I am a husband to my wife, so when I am with her, I put on my "husband hat". I am a son to my mother, so when I am around her, I put on my "son hat". I am also a brother, a father, a boss, a subordinate, an uncle and a nephew. I put on and take off hats as my circumstances require.

Can our relationship with Christ be just another hat to put on and take off? When should we put on our "I am a Christian hat? Sundays at church of course. Perhaps on Wednesday nights, in a small group Bible study? It feels good to be in control of our faith. For many years that was my life. Because I was in control, I could separate my faith from my work. Isn't that what our culture is? Christianity doesn't belong at work. (Isn't it illegal to be a Christian at work?)

In time I came to understand that I am not called to be a good Christian father, or a good Christian husband, or a good small group Bible study leader. I am called out to glorify—to shed light—on Christ in all that I do. Every relationship that I have is His. Yes even my work. And if I can separate my faith from my work, I fail. I am to release control of all of my life to him.

My understanding that my career belongs to God has led to the restart of a Men's Bible study at work. I have become more open in sharing my faith with coworkers, customers and vendors. Could it affect my career? It's not my career anyway.

I continue to grow in faith. Last year I found myself preaching in churches in Argentina multiple times....in Spanish. What was unimaginable five years ago has become something to look forward to. I'd rather not be in a control anyway. I'm not that reliable. But HE is!

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[Watch for other '*GROWING AS A DISCIPLE*' features in future Skipper's Logs]