



Last month, we went to the Minister's Conference at Charis Bible College, Colorado and it was a blast! I was amazed and excited to see the growth of the bible college and the great number of students, especially young people seeking God's plans for their lives. We met so many nice people whose lives are being changed. The culture of Charis Bible College is truly God's culture. Arisa and I look forward to going to school there in the future.



**Charis Bible College, Colorado**



**Worshipping in 'The Barn'**

I would like to share with everyone, my 'revelation' of ministry. A lot of Christians have a concept of what a missionary and a ministry is like. Their concept of a missionary is usually someone in a third-world country, who has left everything to pursue God's calling on their lives, and is 'roughing' it out on the mission-field. As for a ministry, it is something a person purposefully 'sets out to start'; like a church, an institution, or an orphanage, for example.

Though these are true definitions to some extent, I like to share with people, especially teenagers that one's 'ministry' is not confined by these concepts. Every day, when Jesus is living **in** you, He is also living **through** you.

**When you're at your job, and have the opportunity everyday to minister to fellow coworkers, this is your 'ministry'.**

When my family and I are going about our errands for the day, and we can stop and give a lady and her sons a ride home, this, is our 'ministry'.



**A man helps a woman and her child during a flood in Texas**

Ministry is being able to *minister* to people on a daily basis. **When Jesus was on this earth, His ministry did not have a title.** There was not a name that people called it. Simply put, He was living His life with a purpose and knowledge that He was a light to people wherever He went. There were times that He and His disciples were just going to meet some friends, and **along the way**, multitudes would flock to Him, and He would minister to the people.

I am reminded of the time, while in Colorado, we were having breakfast at a Village Inn; and the hostess was not feeling well at all. We asked, and then prayed for the girl, and by the time we left, she was looking so much better; the color having returned to her face. **This is ministry.**

Wherever you are, be it the United States, or a foreign country, your ministry is letting God's light shine through you. Do not look down on simple displays of kindness, or getting to help someone in need. For these are needed just as much as the 'big ministries', some would call it, in other countries.



**A woman gives a homeless man a blanket**

Just because you may not have a foundation or a 501(c)(3), does not mean you are not in ministry.

**Ministry is ministering.**

I pray this encourages you all.

God bless you,

*Ariya and Arisa DeVine*



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