

**JUNE 2008**

*Dear friends,*

Any minute now an 80-year-old man and two mid-50 year olds will come through the door, exhausted but exhilarated from hundreds of miles of travel up through the Sequoias ...on motorcycles. For two days Ted, Doug and Jeff have revisited the campsites and fire stations that helped to equip our sons for life as pioneers rather than settlers...just like their dad.

It's easy to believe that God created everything beautiful when we glide through the magnificent Sequoias. It is not so easy to behold beauty as we search through the ruins of a charred Planet, frantically looking for fragments of Him. ....and then we SEE Him...We REALLY SEE HIM, in an otherwise unexplainable change in a person who has been mucking around in our visible world for decades and now has been given NEW eyes to see the INvisible.

This world is IN OUR FACE! We are spiritual beings having human experiences... in suspension between two worlds. Jesus was the only human being who experienced full knowledge of both worlds. Because He has taken up His residence in us we have growing awareness of that other world. He assists us in fixing our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is UNseen. ... for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. II CORINTHIANS 4:18.

...but we are still here, attempting to build settlements of God's Kingdom in the midst of the charred ruins. Every once in awhile, we glimpse HIM, who is INvisible, in the countenance of once-cast lambs, now on their feet, frisking about with new energy because God is changing their view of Him from one of judgment to GRACE!

— *Jo, for the two of us....*