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Giant Steps

We are all familiar with the game of "Mother, May I?" where the caller calls you by name and instructs you to take three baby steps or two scissor steps or four giant steps. Before we move on we ask, "Mother, may I?" And given permission, we move. There is an adult version of this game and it is called "Life." The caller also calls you by name and gives you instructions - "Take three baby steps" or "two scissor steps" or "four giant steps." Sometimes, the caller doesn't call your name while everyone else is advancing in the game and you wonder what kind of dumb game this is. The caller is supposed to be fair and sometimes He doesn't appear to be. But then He calls your name and says "Take four giant steps." Unlike the game of "Mother, May I?", our response varies from "Do I have to?" "You mean now?" "Are you kidding?" and "No!" But the Caller sees the end of the game and He waits patiently for our answer of "Yes, Father." And then, all of a sudden, from standing still in the back of the pack we are taking enormous giant steps towards the caller. And that is today's weather report - GIANT steps!

The first giant step is the establishing of our first international training center in El Salvador. The establishing of the school, securing enrollment and the sharing of this magnificent spiritual educational journey is as tall as the mountains of El Salvador. Yet He gives us "hinds feet for high places."

The next giant step, which has been in the works for several years, is the establishing of accreditation for Christian Montessori schools and teacher training. We will be partnering with Accreditation International (AI) to make this come about.

Our third giant step is the hiring of an assistant director for the Christian Montessori Fellowship. Yanika Daniels worked with us in Dallas over a dozen years ago. Later, she ran her own school for four years. For the past two years Yanika has been knocking on our door saying she wants to work with us to help advance Christian Montessori. Yanika tells us "Once, Christian Montessori gets a hold of you, you can't let it go." The time has come to spread our wings even more. Yanika has a B.A. in political science from Trinity University and a law degree from Texas Wesleyan University.

Our fourth giant step is having Don Barber join us as our teacher training director. Don has been actively involved in the creation of our Christian Montessori training. Don has a B.A. from Colgate in Religion and an M.A. from Rivier College in Elementary Ed. Don has 20 plus years of classroom experience and is AMS certified. Don has also been actively involved in Montessori teacher training with the Seacoast Montessori training center since 2002.

These giant steps will need your prayers and support as we all minister to the children that God entrusts to our care and nurturing.