

M.I.A.!

Ever heard this one? “What’s missing in CH _ _CH?” The answer is “U R!” (You are!)

Of course if you picked this up when you arrived, then that does not apply to you! Certainly it applies to those who did not arrive!

I have heard the comment made that if we made those who attend feel so welcome and wanted here, when they are not able to be here for one reason or another, they will miss it so much that they would be sure to come back!

That is so true! When we have the kind of fellowship, which provides encouragement, support, compassion, consideration, affection, nurturing, respect, loyalty, patience, and love. Who wouldn’t want that?

Do you realize why Jesus went to the poverty stricken and outcast? He went to them because they were not arrogant and self-absorbed and were looking for someone who would love them and accept them and appreciate them. What would we do for that? Almost anything!

All of us have a desperate need to be loved! Our actions may often prevent some people from loving us, yet God has shown us the way!

Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” He loved us by shedding His blood! He loved us when we were sinners! He loved us before we loved Him! Who can match that? We can! Well, at least we can imitate it! It may not be as good, but it’s a start!

So, when some are M.I.A. (Missing in Action), we have the ability to let them know we love them by saying a kind word, sending a note, making a call! Even more than that: we can continue to become more and more like Jesus in compassion and humility and love!

Love to all,
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