

## Milestones & Reflections

March 2021



Last month Bob celebrated his 60th birthday. To commemorate the event he completed a 60-mile bike ride on the beach bike trail along the Los Angeles coast. Better yet was the time with our children and grandchildren who spent the birthday weekend with us in Redlands.



Caleb and Jack making birthday cookies as Gigi, Uncle Logan, and Auntie 'Issa look on.

Milestones such as birthdays bring opportunities for reflection. Earlier this year Tommy Lasorda died. Over his lifespan, he spent 71 years with Los Angeles Dodgers baseball — as a pitcher, scout, coach, senior adviser, and global ambassador. He told people he wanted to continue working for the Dodgers after he was dead. “When I die, I want my wife to put the Dodgers home schedule on my tombstone. When people are in the cemetery visiting their loved one, they’ll say, ‘Let’s go over to Lasorda’s grave to find out if the Dodgers are playing at home or on the road.’”

*Los Angeles Magazine* writer Jesse Katz recalls Lasorda’s appearance on a late-night TV talk show. Lasorda shared his tombstone dream and asked host Conan O’Brien, “Can you honestly tell these people tonight that you want to do this job when you’re dead and gone?”

Katz notes: “It was not so much a question as a challenge, an admonition, a dare: to find a purpose in life and to pursue it with every cell of your body. As Lasorda had reminded us, year in and year out, season after season, across coasts and generations, it’ll be over sooner that we think.”

Thank you for your faithful and ongoing partnership with us in a worthy life purpose commissioned by the Lord Jesus. This is a ministry that is worth doing for the kingdom long after we are dead and gone!

In the next few days, we’d be grateful for your prayers as we make plans for our annual preceptorship and pre-pro student missions. Though the pandemic seems to be improving, we need to be prepared for various contingencies including virtual and hybrid options. May God give us all wisdom.



*Bob & Diana*

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