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A New Year of Vision and Purpose
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Happy New Year 2014!



Dear friends,

We trust that this new year has been off to a good start for you. We are believing it to be a better year than last. As you know, it was a difficult year for our family with my diagnosis of bone marrow failure, Anna delivering her first child 6 weeks early and Renee suffering a miscarriage. Praise God, the year finished well with my successful treatment (ending in November), Anna's daughter, Jordan, is doing well and Renee is expecting again.

As mentioned in our last letter, when I had my 3 month evaluation in August, there were no abnormal cells. This proved to be the beginning of my recovery. In September I was taken off my trial drug and in November I returned to NIH for my 6 month evaluation. My doctors said I was a complete responder and took me off all drugs. Praise God! They put me on weekly blood checks and then bi-monthly. They're keeping a close eye on me. The sooner they catch a problem the better. Thanks so much for your prayers—we believe they have made the difference.

Since I've been feeling well, I've jumped back into my normal routine. Sometimes Gerry thinks I've taken on too much, too soon. Maybe, but I feel I should live while I can. I'm trusting God to keep me healthy but am doing what I can too, such as eating healthy, resting as needed and exercising. So I continue leading a ladies bible study on Thursday nights. We are really enjoying our new study—*Live Intimately: Lessons from the Upper Room* by Lenya Heitzig & Penny Rose—of *Fresh Life Series*. It examines the intimacy Jesus had with His apostles (John 13-17).

I'm still involved with MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) as a mentor mom. I really enjoy being with the moms, hearing their stories and sharing mine with them. It's a blessing to let them know that they are not alone, that they can depend on God for guidance and relax a little bit. We all make mistakes in parenting. God is bigger than our mistakes.

Behold, I bring you Good Tidings of Great Joy which will be to All People. Luke 2:10

My book, *Hope Beyond Hell* and its website are exciting ways I proclaim the amazing Good News of Jesus. These have connected me with scores of people from across the world. For example, see the attached letter from Jon W of Scotland.

There's a pastoral side of this "book ministry" that I never expected. Very often I encourage people in their faith and share and expound the Scriptures with them in emails and phone calls. Sometimes I'll spend an hour on the phone with someone. The Internet connects me to the world. This has instilled in my heart a deep sense of responsibility before the Lord; and that responsibility includes sharing this important part of my life with you.

My life's passion is proclaiming the Gospel—the Good News, and I'm convinced there's no "bad" news in the good news. I share Paul's passion for the Good News especially as he expressed it in Acts 20:24, Romans 10:15, Galatians 3:8 and 1Tim 4:10 for example. The Gospel is wonderful and amazing news. Billions of lost and hurting people in this world are longing for peace and hope... for hope beyond death and hell. There's no greater joy in life than bringing wonderful and amazing news to "hurting" people—people who are "distressed" and "dispirited" as Jesus identified them in Matthew 9:36 NAS.

In our last letter, I talked about another writing project I have been working on—a simpler and more concise edition of my book. My goal with this new book is to greatly expand my readership. I thought a simpler book wouldn't be too difficult—but not so. It's taking a serious investment of my time, because I want to do it right and honor the Lord in it. Please pray for God's revelation, direction and inspiration in all my reading, research and writing in this project. They are so needed and appreciated.

Dental Training For Missions

Mexican Coast

In January I trained eight mission students, seven of which were trainees with To Every Tribe Mission. They were motivated and focused—all did very well. I must say, this was the most time-efficient course I have done to date—streamlining the lab training to two days. It was followed with a “real world” practical field trip to a small fishing village in northern Mexico. We held our clinic in a new government health post. Special thanks to my friend Gary in the Yucatan who came up to help me train this class. See attachment for testimonial from my star pupil: Jason.

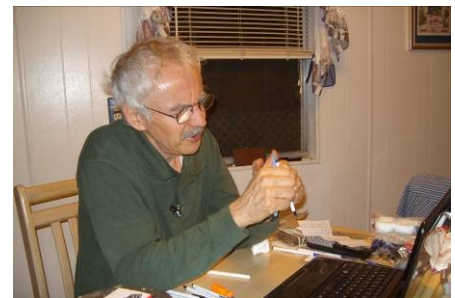


Violence in Mexico

We have recently seen a serious escalation in cartel violence across the border (see attached letter). A US travel advisory warns Americans to not go to northern Mexico. As a result of this violence, David Nuckols, director of Bread of Life here in Brownsville, canceled a clinic we had scheduled at Las Palmas Christian Center in Matamoros. I got a sense of this danger in the fishing village when two vehicles of cartel people arrived and began shooting an automatic weapon repeatedly (perhaps 50 rounds) just a few hundred feet from our clinic. They were intoxicated. Thankfully no one was injured. These are particularly stressful times for our southern neighbors. Please keep Mexico in your prayers.

Skype Mentoring

Skyping is adding a new dimension to my dental training options. I used it recently to teach Dr. Dee Danner and his wife Janet (a former trainee) my revised technique for making dental drills and a more effective group training strategy. Skyping is better than video as it provides a two-way training experience. The Danners are leaving in the next few days for Tanzania to teach the same basic dental course I teach.



Free Clinics

To be a good trainer I need to keep up my own clinical skills. So from time to time, I hold free-dental clinics. If you want to know more about them, please call me (956) 831-9011. I am not at liberty to explain here.

Computer Issues

We've had serious computer issues with malware. So Denise's brother-in-law installed Linux on my computer. There's been a learning curve but I really like it. Linux has very little issues with viruses and malware and is extremely fast. If you go that route, make sure to find someone qualified who can help you.

Family News



Anna and Dave's baby girl (Jordan) is doing great and is such a happy child. She'll be a year old on March 29th. They just bought a small house and it seems perfect for them.

We are so thrilled to be expecting another grandchild in June. We just found out the gender as we were writing this letter. It's a BOY! We are thankful they are doing well in South Africa serving with Mercy Air. If you would like to receive their newsletter just drop them an email at grootscoop@gmail.com.

Our youngest, Nicole, and her husband Paul are doing well. She started a new job working in a call center handling credit card accounts for a bank. Paul's become a regional manager for the company he works for. He seems to like the added responsibility and hopes to help the company grow. Perhaps in the future, he may even own a store too. They are thinking about starting a family sometime this year.



Other News

This last week our community was in an uproar over recent changes to take effect soon. Some have decided to leave. So we organized a meeting to form a tenants association. I (Gerry) was voted president. I have built a new website for our association—www.RioTenants.info Please pray I lead well and we can resolve our differences with the owners. Denise and I like it here and we really do not want to move away.

Health Tip: We think the most important thing in health care is not insurance, but disease prevention. I've been interested in prevention for 42 years, but it was especially renewed last year when Denise became ill. I'd like to recommend Dr. Joel Fuhrman as a good place to start. I know there's conflicting information out there but I think he makes a lot of sense. Check out this video, it's worth your time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TANRknDiXbI>

Thank you

We appreciate that you have taken the time to read our news. Would you please pray that Denise and I would be led of God in all that we do? Let us all, each day afresh, casts all our cares upon Him, for He cares for each of us! (1Pe 5:7)

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