

The true heart of Christmas has never been so important.

His name shall be called, Immanuel; God with us... "I will come INTO him...
 "I will never leave you or forsake you." Christ IN you, the hope of glory...
 I chose and appointed you .., I will bear fruit THROUGH you... 30, 60, 100 fold...

But who really understands "God with us", "Christ in us"? Two examples:

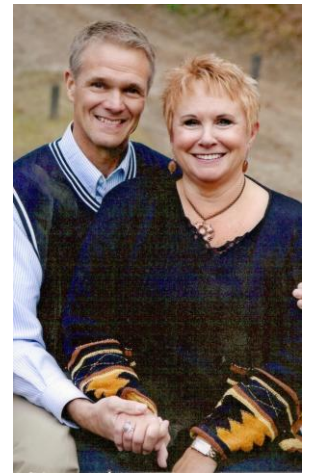
Last week I saw one wife weep. She and her husband are not experiencing "God with us". Their family could be destroyed because she and "Bart" are **not clear about "Christ in us"**. Last week he asked for help. "I want you to help me rebuild the very foundations of my life. I want to learn how to bring blessing, not destruction upon my family."

Another wife wrote joyfully of her transformed husband, "Phil". He was destructive, neglectful. Now he is being mentored, clear about **Christ living in him and through him**. He is loving God, her and the family well. He is reaching and mentoring others, who are impacting others.

Thank you for helping us be there for Bart, Phil, their wives, kids, and many others.

You help us ask them the **most important Christmas question**: "Do you truly understand 'God with us'?"

And you help us deliver the **greatest gifts**: encouragement, equipping, tools, processes and events focusing on "Christ in us and through us..." What could be more valuable?



Last December your prayer and giving made a huge difference:

The "craters" of **2011 needs** were **filled in remarkable ways**. You helped launch us into wonderful opportunities in 2012. How encouraging to have the necessary resources when needed! Especially when facing the challenges which occurred.

God provided more fruit in 2012, one of our toughest years. He opened doors beyond our abilities:

OUTREACH: Over **1,350** heard **Good News** through **events** and **personal sharing** through generations in discipleship; Wild Game Dinners, Athletic Teams, Men's events, Survival/Adventure, Weddings, Funerals, Summer Mini-Retreats, "Ready Aim Fire" . 500 outreach CD's, 150 Angling Life, and 50 other inspirational books were gladly received by seekers.

Other cultures impacted: Abdul, Max and family, Cruz and families, Guatemala, and beyond...

PEOPLE RECEIVING CHRIST, BEING BAPTIZED: Eric, Terry and daughter, Former Muslims Max and his family, and Micki, and many more. Many received **good follow up** from mentors and are **connected with good churches**.

LEADERS AND MENTORS BEING ENCOURAGED AND EQUIPPED TO REACH AND EQUIP OTHERS:

Over 100 people were involved in equipping which leads to spiritual multiplication to 4 generations:

Pastor Keith is beginning to mentor some elders and leaders at Crossfire church. He said, "I need Kurt to equip me **to be more effective** in reaching and equipping others in the foundations of their faith.

Now I will equip you to do the same." 20 more people have also expressed interest in being mentored.



Pastor Keith

WHY ARE YOUR PRAYER AND GIFTS SO IMPORTANT THIS DECEMBER?

PRAYER: When you pray for us, God hears, provides, protects... **beyond the ordinary**. Your prayer is as important as your gift.

GIVING: What you give now carries us for many months . He works through your giving to provide resources for missions and needs He assigns to us. We do not have other sources of income, no denominational/organizational funding. **You are His support team for us**. Your giving through CCC/ CRU provides our salary, ministry, medical, and family needs. Our salaries are fixed, and benefits determined, all according to CRU and IRS policies and procedures. (See **Ministry Partner Info** for details)

DOORS OPENING for 2013 : Our prayer: "Lord help us find and feed hungry people." He has been answering: Many seekers want to explore the Good News, many **new Christians** need more follow up, many people are **beginning the mentoring process**, four generations in some places, more **pastors and leaders** want to explore equipping for their church/groups. Details in January.

SPECIFIC NEEDS: (See Ministry Partner Info for details) Your gift to CRU, **our acct #0029870**, by Dec 31, has great impact. **When these needs are met**, we can reach and equip others with **no "profit motive"**. People don't wonder, "Are they doing this for the money, or **because they love me?**" When needs are not met, we must stop ministry and raise funds.

MINISTRY: **\$13,600** (staff training, ministry retreats, outreaches, ministry tools, office/computers/laptop, admin. help)

MEDICAL: **\$11,300** (\$5,400; Kurt's 11/20/12 surgery, Ginger's physical/ prolotherapy, etc. 2013: \$5,900; Lyme, more surgery)

MONTHLY INCREASE: **\$1,100/per month**. Some ministry partners have experienced losses.

When let us know of your giving commitments, it helps us plan accordingly.

We know you have many of your own challenges, and many other places you could give. We can visualize your faces even now. That's why we pray for you, appreciate you so much.

Gratefully, Kurt and Ginger



Judah, Carrie, Kurt Jr

Please pray for **God's overflowing resources** to show in our **family, fruit, fitness, friendships** and **finances**.

We've really enjoyed times with Carrie, Judah, and Kurt Jr, now that he is back after 7 months of work travel.

(Almost 0 contact with Kelly, Rosa, David since late April. She lives somewhere around GR but won't reveal where) ?

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