

## PRAISE AND PRAYER Feb 2016

2 Cor. 1:11 ...as you help us by your prayers... **many will give thanks** on our behalf for the **gracious favor** granted us in answers to the prayer of many...

You prayed special prayers for us at year end. Now **many will give thanks** for God's special answers, **gracious favor**, in three areas: Support, Healing, Open doors



**PRAISE:** It starts with your prayers for year-end **support**, but goes far beyond... to healing and ministry

**SUPPORT:** "God hit me on the head..."

Recently you offered special prayers, God answered in special ways, many thanks were given.

He said it three times, "**God just hit me on the head. I have experienced God's work through your ministry in my own life. We've seen so much fruit in so many others. Suddenly we asked ourselves, 'Why haven't we supported you before? Now you can count on us to pray and give faithfully...'**"

Another person said, "*I don't know why. I just felt like I needed to send a gift to for your ministry.*" He had not received any prayer letter or other info. **God just stirred his heart.** And many others. Just as you prayed.

As you prayed, God stirred many to provide resources for ministry and medical needs... many encouraging notes, many special gifts. Our **past ministry expenses were reimbursed**. Past kidney and other large surgery/**medical expenses were covered**, past **backpay reclaimed**. Strong year end giving launches us into 2016 without needing to stop and raise funds. This a **huge relief**, freeing my mind for ministry vs monetary needs. We still need more per month, but for **now we can forge ahead for several months with no delay**.

**HEALING, Many thanks...**

God granted gracious favor... **Ginger's surgery** revealed no alarming medical problems. **My pulmonary tests** revealed good progress with lung and heart and leg circulation. My **strength is returning**; from 10% in August to 60% now. Ginger and I still need further tests/treatments for some areas. It will take time for full restoration of strength and endurance, but **now we can get back in the game**.

**OPEN DOORS:**

**COMING OUT FROM THE CAVE, FROM MEDICAL AND MONETARY TO MORE MINISTRY:**

I feel like a **bear coming out from his cave after hibernation**; I'm still a little weak and woozy, but I am hungry! Hungry for a deeper walk with God, for fruitfully serving and enjoying Him. Hungry to enjoy more life.

## 7 PRAYER TARGETS, scriptures, details

2 Thessalonians 3:1, 2 .. **Brothers, pray for us that the message may spread rapidly and be honored...and pray that we may be delivered...**

Would you pray for God to stir our hearts, and many others, That He'd "hit us on the head" in these 7 areas?

1. **OUR HEARTS FOR GOD** Proverbs 3:5, 6 That we would trust Him, seek Him, love Him, enjoy Him... first, most, with our best. Romans 12:1,2 that we'd offer ourselves as living sacrifices, and be transformed by the renewing of our minds  
2 Chron. 16:9 Our hearts completely His...-->Fasting and praying on Mondays

2. **HEALING AND HEALTH**, Proverbs 3:7, That we would reverence Him, trust His wisdom, experience "healing in our bones", Psalm 103... He heals all our diseases.. renews our strength like the eagles. Endurance, strength, flexibility --> upcoming medical tests and treatments for Kurt and Ginger, "cultivating a Caleb spirit"

3. **INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE OUTREACH**, Matt.4:19 Fishing for men effectively. Acts 1:8 you shall receive power, you shall be my witnesses, 2 Thess. 3:1 ...message may spread rapidly and be honored... --> Outreach equipping; personal , face to face, and events: "Trophies of Grace", 2/20 Bella Vista and 4 other churches, and beyond...

4. **INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE MENTORING/DISCIPLESHIP**, John 15:16 I have called you to bear fruit... which remains, *multiplies*, Matt. 28:18-20 .. teach them to obey everything I have commanded you, *multiplication*, 2 Tim. 2:1-7 take what you have learned and transfer it others who do the same.. *multiplication* --> , **Raising up leaders/laborers**. Spouse to spouse, Parents to children, Peer to peer, culture to culture, 4 generations of multiplying disciples in churches, families, workplaces, communities... and beyond

5. **UPGRADING OUR ENTIRE EQUIPPING PROCESS, TOOLS AND TRAINING FOR OUTREACH AND MENTORING**

No tools or training can replace the Holy Spirit or quality relationships. But God's word says clearly that His blueprint uses tools and training as part of His process. Matt. 16:15, 1 Peter 3:15, 2 Peter 1:15

--> That all our outreach and discipleship tools and training would be even more scriptural, clear, personal, transforming, transferable... usable for families, ministries, churches, and beyond...

6. **POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS**, Acts 15:41 Paul and Silas went through Syria... strengthening the churches... Acts 16:5 the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers. Acts 18:23 Paul traveled from place to place, strengthening the disciples... --> God working through us, our equipping and tools to accelerate the fruit of other ministries. --> Speaking, at Ferris St. U, Real Faith Ministry, Mar. 1, training and tools after. Expanding fruit at Bella Vista, Hillcrest, Sunshine and others

7. **PERSONAL AND FAMILY NEEDS**; Ephesians 5 and 6. Filled with the Spirit; marriage, children, next generations, spiritual armor, glorifying Him. Ps 37:4 God giving us the desires of our heart. Wisdom and blessings in our home, friends, finances, adventures...

8. Bonus. Praise for all God has done, and will do. ***WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED, Kurt and Ginger***