

May 16, 2006

Thank you for praying. God's word is so wonderful, Here are some answers:

Phil.4: 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

MINISTRY: (See the may Prayer Letter)

1. God continues to work mightily since the Calvary Retreat April 21-23 (25 couples) and the Equipping for Maximizing Mentoring May 6. (30 men)

Ask Randy Gentry for a video/DVD or audio CD of the May 6 equipping. You'll be VERY ENCOURAGED by the testimonies of my Dad Curt, Scott, and Guy. Powerful...compelling...Jesus is still calling people to follow Him. He is making fishers of men. People are still dropping their nets and following Him.

God stirs people to hunger more for Him, to eagerly seek more discipleship almost any time we prayerfully ask people about their convictions and spiritual coaching. (See the May prayer letter)

2. God is stirring people to take more faith steps: Todd V with 2 new guys, Marty A reaching out to several people; Roy Clark helping 2 guys start Destined with people they have led to Christ, Scott VT reaching out, and maybe mentoring new people, Guy reaching out to more people at work... and Ginger, Linda, Beth are seeing fruit (see prayer letter) Many more are beginning the mentoring process with their spouse or child.

Jim and Kelly are re building well. Jim continues to take faith steps that make a secure home. Kelly and Rosa are glad to be with him. Jim & Kelly are expecting a baby Late November. Rosa is very excited about this, too.

PERSONAL / HEALTH

1. Many people encouraged me last week about being honest about my struggles, keeping my focus on God, and taking time to heal. After resting for 2 more days, I had some very encouraging times with some friends, caught up on a few things, and made adjustments for other unfinished issues. I'm still weak and feverish, but not so drained physically and emotionally. Thank you for your patience with the darker sides of my journey.

2. Dr. Pedtke, Born Clinic, is very caring and insightful. She prays for Ginger and me often. She's grateful that I am seeing more progress than many others who have Lyme disease. But she is disturbed that it's so difficult to deal with. Getting the Strep infection (from Kelly and Rosa?) set me pretty far back. I am increasing my UV blood treatments again, and she is recommending we go next to a Lyme disease specialist... Who? where? when? still to be determined. None of this would be possible without strong support and extra giving.

3. We are trusting God for HIS plan for healing, and new proportions of ministry, home, family, friends and fun each month. As I make progress, I get glimpses of some more ministry time,, a little more exercise and fun, and time with friends...It felt wonderful to have a few more tastes of things I have been missing. Then big setbacks... How should I best re enter those streams wisely? That's the big question.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (see May prayer letter)

1. Continued faith steps for those starting or sustaining the mentoring process, here and around world.
2. Fruitful outreach: relational and creative events and tools, here and around world.
3. Continued strong and extra support for ministry and medical needs.
4. Wisdom, healing, increase of productivity & peace and plain old freedom & fun.
5. Annual Fishing Retreat with Mark and Mark, May 21 pm through May 23 noon (a tradition begun in 1985)
6. Anniversary #32, June 1, some kind of getaway with Ginger
7. Minister with Pastor Tom to "Sniper School" participants this week?

Grateful to serve and enjoy God with you,

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