

the Tangemans

This year, for the first time, I (Benjamin) joined a mentor friend of mine and about 17 others in a special time of fasting, prayer and meeting with the Lord at the beginning of the year. For some the effort was for direction or a theme for the year. For others it is a time to reset and be reminded of the amazing and wonderful mysteries of our God's grace and faithfulness. Whatever the goals, the Spirit ministered to all of us. I was able to spend a lot of time exploring the Word and it was amazing to see what the Spirit highlighted to me as he guided me along. Several key thoughts were emphasized: "He has made a name for himself" (Neh. 9:10), "Greater things than these" (John 14:12-15), "My Spirit is in your midst" (Hag. 1:7), and "Living Stones" (1 Pet. 2:5). I'm excited to explore these themes through the year and watch the Lord apply them. For now, my burden is this, "He has made a name for himself and wants to use me, as a living stone, to build his church and show the world greater things through his Spirit who is in our midst." This renews and reconfirms to me that my current role, serving and building the church in Apex and around the world, is what the Lord has for me. Praise the Lord!

Ruth's "word" for the year is "Persevere." It is drawn from Galatians 6:9: "Do not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." We are so thankful for the blessing of God in all three of our kids, but the reminder to not grow weary is one that seems very relevant in these days of raising three little humans.



"In reality; this Program has enlarged my spiritual growth in faith. My Faith is built, and has given me good guidance for my life. I would like to encourage all people to continue listening to the program." - A listener from Kenya

The Happenings:

January 1st was our 8th Anniversary! Our tradition for that day is to read our copy of Shannon's (our cousin who married us) notes. This year we did something different. We watched the video of the day with the kids. I wish you could have seen the expression on Penny's face when she watched her beautiful momma walking down the aisle. You can check out our Instagram page to watch it.



That reminds me! We set up a family Instagram account. So, for those of you who use the platform, or just use a computer, you can check to see regular updates at www.instagram.com/thetangemans.

I got to preach a homily at our church for our Christmas Eve Service on the 24th. I was honored to have the opportunity and had a lot of fun. I'm very thankful to our senior pastor, Daniel, who gave a lot of helpful guidance as I prepared.

Things for Prayer:

- Prayer for the Silk Road Transmitter. The transmitter arrived in country but needs to clear customs and be transported to the site. Pray for the teams coming to work on it and for my boss, Daryl, who is managing that project.
- New partnership opportunities. We are trying some new tactics for 2019 to try to find and grow some new relationships. If you know anyone or have a church or small group that you think would be interested in learning about TWR and about what we do there, please let us know. We'll travel!
- Everyone at our house has been some stage of sick since the new year. We are praying for full healing for everyone.

We hope that each of you experience the joy of the Lord as he reminds you of who he is in the coming year!

Much love & joy!

Danny, Ruth, P, E & T