



Happy New Year Everyone!

On October 13<sup>th</sup> Ruth and I entered the last year of our twenties. It caused me to jump-start my “new year’s” resolution mentality to consider what the Lord has in store for us. The path ahead is confirmed and the direction is clear, but what we will encounter along the way is a mystery. We are confident that we walk with Immanuel; that God with us. The reality of this has been growing in me over the last few months. The path of following Jesus is going to be filled with many temptations to abandon it for the much easier road of self-satisfaction. I know that many of you on our small ministry team are facing difficulties and trials. Some are homeless, some are ill, some are jobless, some are struggling with the burden of sin and some are just feeling defeated by their tired mortality. Amid it all though, I see resilience and hope that because of Jesus we are “...more than conquerors...” through His finished, victorious work on earth.

The last thing Jesus spoke before his ascension was this: *“and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matt. 28:20)

Throughout scripture we see and hear countless proclamations and exhortations that *“(His)...word is the light unto our feet and the lamp unto our path.”* (Ps 119:105)

*“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, ...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His Law he meditates day and night.”* (Ps. 1:1a, 2)

*“1. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge....7. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel....8. I have set the LORD always before me.... 11. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy....”* (Ps 16: 1,7,8,11.)

*“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”* (Josh. 1:8)

These constant reminders to keep the Law as the chief influence in our hearts are to keep us present with Him on the way. Our hope as we launch out into this new year is that we will encourage and remind one another that like the people of Israel who heard Jeremiah’s prophesy, *“He knows the plans he has for us, a plan for welfare and not evil, a future and a hope,”* we will live in the joyful refuge of the Word and the *fulfilled* prophesied future and hope: Immanuel. We anticipate all that He is going to do to and through us, and are glad to be with all of you on the journey!



Looking at the “Has Been”:

- Benjamin is successfully transitioning into his new role as Digital Asset Management Admin & Analyst.
- CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) partnered with TWR for a very special broadcast of the *JESUS* film audio for Christmas. This was Ben’s first major project in his new role.
- We were invited to be part of a special leadership training at our church for people stepping or preparing to step into leadership positions.
- Benjamin was part of our church’s Men’s Retreat in December and was very encouraged by that time.
- Ruth got to be part of a special women’s social at church where they did service projects for local ministries.

Summing up the “Now”:

- Ruth is in her third trimester with our third addition.
- At the time of this writing we are gearing up for Christmas and enjoying the season of lights.
- Ruth is wrapping up her last few weeks of cleaning houses before the end of the year. She’s been excited about the break.

A quick glance “Ahead”:

- NEW BABY COMING! We expect him/her to arrive in March.
- Benjamin will be travelling to Arizona to participate in the leadership huddle for Mobile Ministry Forum (MMF) in mid-January.
- More responsibility being assumed in Ben’s new role.
- Continuing to be active in our pursuit of ministry and support partners.

Please pray for:

- Spiritual and physical protection for our family as we pursue these unique leadings of the Lord in direct opposition of the enemy.
- New ministry partnership opportunities and financial supporters. (If you know someone who you think needs to be part of this team please let them and us know. Personal introductions to your family, friends, small group or churches are most welcome.)
- Wisdom, humility and patience in our marriage, parenting, relationships and work.
- Faithfulness and perseverance as we run the race!

Please send us your prayer items so we can be praying for you too!

Much love, hope and blessing



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