

A GENUINE THANKS

As Char and I have celebrated this Christmas with family, enjoyed more food than we can eat, opened more presents than we really need, and surrounded by more friends than we deserve... our hearts are full of gratitude.

As I watch the political crisis in Pakistan, the hatred in the Middle East, and the poverty in so much of India and Africa... I often wonder “why me Lord”. My problems seem so small compared to so many.

Our family, in this brief year-end update, wants to say a heart-felt thanks for your standing with us as friends, prayer supporters, and donors. We have truly been overwhelmed this last year with “His goodness through you”.

Let me just list a few ways I have experienced that “goodness”:

- A wonderful wife who continues to love and support me
- Three daughters who love the Lord and are serving Him
- A new son-in-law whom God is using in great ways
- 93,000 miles of safe air travel to 22 different countries this last year
- Opportunities to share the Life-of-Christ with over 3000 leaders globally
- 237 young leaders registered for our GYI Israel conference in March
- Over \$300,000 raised to make this once-in-a-lifetime conference a reality
- New opportunities monthly from around the globe to serve the Lord
- Two new ministries launched this last year
- New and deepened insights into the ministry of Jesus—God truly revealing Himself in fresh ways
- A great community group of men meeting weekly to learn to “walk as Jesus walked”... all growing and ministering to others, making a major difference in lives. Char calls them my “mighty men” as they have so faithfully served with us.

We have our challenges, but we are also overwhelmed with His goodness. We are truly grateful for your partnership with us and pray that you know and enjoy the significant goodness you have shown us by helping advance His Kingdom globally. We have made a difference together!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Jan 10-13 Athletes in Action staff conference in Vancouver Canada**
- **Jan 24-28 Campus Crusade young leaders conference in Chimmai India**
- **By Jan 31 Message preparation must be finished for Israel**
- **Touring details, visas, and travel arrangements for 230 plus leaders from around the globe for our Israel gathering**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A man went to his dentist because he felt something wrong in his mouth. The dentist examined him and said, "That new upper plate I put in for you six months ago is eroding. What have you been eating?"

The man replied, "All I can think of is that about four months ago, my wife made some asparagus and put some stuff on it that was delicious...hollandaise sauce! I love it so much now that I put it on everything -- meat, toast, fish, vegetables, everything!"

The dentist said, "Well, that's probably it. Hollandaise sauce is made with lots of lemon juice, which is highly corrosive. It's eaten away your upper plate. I'll have to make you a new one, and this time, I'll use chrome"

"Why chrome?" asked the patient.

"It's simple," said the dentist. "Everyone knows there's no plate like chrome for the hollandaise."

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxT5NwQUtVM> **A mom's 24 hour day**

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