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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

from the Hollidays

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." **Philippians 1:3-4**



GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

We cannot say thank you enough for your investment in our ministry and our family. God has used you, our ministry partners and friends, to continually pour out His blessing on our lives. This Thanksgiving, we are both humbled and grateful for all that our loving Heavenly Father has done for us. He is so faithful!

When Mary-Faith was in the hospital for her brain surgery this past May, text messages and e-mails poured in from friends across America and around the world. That experience comes to mind as I think about all the people who have touched our lives in our twenty-seven years of marriage and our last twenty years as missionaries. Faces and names and memories flood into

my mind. Friends who love us and pray for us. Friends who would do anything for us. Friends who have invested in us and encouraged us. Friends that have rolled up their sleeves and served alongside us in advancing the gospel. Friends that live far different, simpler lives than ours in far away places. Friends we seldom see because of distance, but whose hearts we know are always close. Friends we've walked with through their heartache, and friends who have shared in ours. Friends we've laughed with and cried with and celebrated with. Friends like you!

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."
Proverbs 17:17



Grateful for...

ENDURING FRIENDSHIPS



FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS

While many new friends have joined our missionary support team through the years, we are both overwhelmed and humbled by the 35 families that have faithfully supported us for all twenty years of our missionary journey.

OPEN DOOR HAITI

I met Pastor Wiljean Compere in August 2000, and his impact on my life, our family, and our ministry has been profound. While we have made many more friends in Haiti since that first trip in 2003, Wiljean has become a brother who is that "iron that sharpens iron" in my life.

SONLIFE TEAM

While Sonlife has been a part of my ministry since first going through training as a new youth pastor at the age of 22, the opportunity to build and lead a team over the past seven years has brought incredible joy. I would not categorize our team as mere "co-workers." We are family. We are together. We are one.

GLOBAL FAMILY

Through Sonlife and the Global Youth Initiative, we've had the privilege to not only travel the world with the message of the gospel and equipping for leaders, but to also be enriched by incredible friends from all different backgrounds and cultures. Just imagine being with friends from 53 countries at the same time... in Israel studying Jesus together... a true taste of heaven on earth!

CHURCH FAMILY

In 2002, Seminole Community Church became our church family. It's been a place to love and serve. It's been home. It's adopted us and our ministry efforts in Haiti and elsewhere. We are blessed!

Like Jesus Training Tour



Through October and November, Sonlife did a five city training tour, equipping leaders in Toronto, Atlanta, Dallas, Philadelphia, and Nashville. My favorite location had to be Philadelphia, where the American Bible Society hosted our training, and our training room overlooked Independence Square with the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. A personal highlight was my 4 hour stopover in New York on my way to Toronto where I was able to take Jaclyn out to dinner for her birthday.

Disciple-Making Forum



Our Sonlife team was in Nashville for the Disciple-Making Forum along with several other national disciple-making organizations to equip over 1700 ministry leaders from across North America. One leader I met in our Sonlife training sessions shared with me that he was from New York, and when I asked where, I discovered that Gregg is the Campus Pastor at Shelter Rock Church in Long Island, the campus of the church that Jaclyn attends while she's in school at Long Island University. I love when God does stuff like that!

ReFuel at Liberty



This was the second year in a row that Sonlife was invited to participate in the ReFuel Pastor's Conference at Liberty University October 7-8. It was great to be back at my alma mater again, connecting with former professors and key ministry leaders. A highlight was getting to hear Ravi Zacharias speak at the closing session.

As an added bonus, I was able to fly into Virginia early to connect with long time friends and ministry supporters.

Escape to the Mountains



On the front end of my Sonlife Exec Team Meetings, the Like Jesus Training and the Disciple-Making Forum in Nashville, Jennifer and I had the opportunity to get away to the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina to enjoy the beauty of the changing colors of the trees in the Smoky Mountains. We enjoyed hiking the Smokies and strolling the streets of Gatlinburg, TN and Asheville, NC, visiting art galleries and enjoying some famous southern cuisine. Walking, talking, holding hands...never gets old!

PLEASE PRAY FOR
UPCOMING

Disciple-Making Impact

Open Door Haiti

December 3-7 / SOYM

I'll be training our young leaders in the character and priorities of Jesus and how they can BE disciple-makers wherever God sends them.

Sonlife D*Conference

January 14-16 / Orlando, FL

Our Sonlife team is busy preparing for our national disciple-making training event where we'll bring together leaders from across North America to Orlando to sharpen our disciple-making vision.

April 30-May 2 / Portland, OR

This year, we expanded our Disciple-Making Conference to the West Coast, and we hope to build on that effort again with next year's event. The same training will be offered in Portland, with many of the same speakers in the line-up as well.

Life of Christ Study Tour

March 15-25 / Israel

35-40 ministry leaders will join Sonlife in Israel for a chronological study of the life of Christ, on location, as we examine together what it looks like to "walk as Jesus walked" while we're walking where Jesus walked. There is still room on next year's Study Tour if you'd like to join me. The Tour cost is \$2200 plus airfare. Contact me for more details.

Global Youth Initiative

April 1-4 / South Africa

Sonlife's global disciple-making partners will gather together in South Africa to pray for one another, encourage one another, and strategize together on how we can see disciple-making movements in 100 countries across the globe.



"Pray for us that God may open a
door for our message!"
Colossians 4:3

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