

NOV 2021

## 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 GOD'S ABUNDANT MERCY

When 2021 began, Jennifer and I were both meditating on Romans 12:1-3. As I reflected on these familiar verses, my mind wouldn't let me move past the first phrase.

*"Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy..."*

The Father made it clear that He wanted to lead me on a journey this year to better grasp the immense depths of His abundant mercy. He wanted to show me how humility and mercy are intertwined. A proud heart cannot receive mercy. Like David, we must recognize that we're "poor and needy" (Psalm 40:17, 70:5, 86:1) to be in a place spiritually where our heart can grasp God's mercy. But it is His mercy that frees

our heart to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." To lay down our life on the altar, we must come to God humbly, recognizing that we're poor and needy, "not thinking of ourself more highly than we ought." Over and over again, as I read David's prayer journal, the Psalms, I am reminded of God's mercies that are new every morning. And as the Father leads me deeper and deeper into His mercy, He renews my spirit, strengthens my heart, and draws me into the sweet beauty of intimacy with my Savior. God's mercy isn't meant to be an academic pursuit or a theological concept, but a treasured experience of the very heart of God.



Grateful for...

## THE CALL OF GOD



## CALLED TO BE HIS SON

When Jesus was baptized, the Father said, "You are My Son. I Love you. I am pleased with you." This was before Jesus ministry began. He hadn't healed anyone, or preached, or fed people, or walked on water. As I reflect on this, the Father reminds me that He loves me, not because of what I do for Him, but because He has chosen me as His own.

## CALLED TO BE A HUSBAND

The most important earthly relationship God has given me is with my bride, Jennifer. What an amazing gift she is! I am called to Nourish, Cherish, Honor and Understand her, Loving her as Christ loves His Bride, the Church.

## CALLED TO BE A DAD

After Jennifer, I am called to shepherd the hearts of our six amazing daughters: Marisa, Jaclyn, Emma, Edline, MaryFaith, and Edithe. I long for each of them to discover and live God's purpose for their lives.

## CALL OF AN EVANGELIST

On a visit to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC earlier this year, God reminded me that He's placed the call of an evangelist (Ephesians 4:11-12) on my life, and He wants me to faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and inspire and equip others to do the same for as long as I have breath.

## CALL TO YOUTH MINISTRY

In spite of the immense cultural and spiritual challenges that this generation faces, I am more hopeful than ever that God plans to use this generation to spread the gospel and spark revival across the globe, and that's the cause I'm called to give my life to!

### Sonlife Staff Retreat



It had been 21 months since our Sonlife Leadership Team was able to gather in person. Our Staff Retreat in Lake Geneva, WI in September was not only an opportunity to eat, laugh, play and pray together, but also to refocus on how we can encourage and equip youth ministries across North America for greater disciple-making impact. Between covid and cultural dynamics, youth ministry has never been more challenging. The needs are great. Which means the opportunity is even greater!

### Liberty Homecoming



In October, my college roommate, Todd Dorsey, and I traveled up to Virginia for Liberty University's 50th Anniversary and Homecoming weekend. As a bonus, Todd and I were able to be there for Brant Tolsma's retirement as Liberty's Track & Field Coach. I was there for his very first year as coach, and a handful of teammates who I hadn't seen since graduating in 1987 were there for the celebration. We also got to connect with some staff from the youth ministry department there to continue to make inroads for Sonlife training.

### SOYM Begins Year 14



It's been a tough few months in Haiti... the assassination of their President, an earthquake, and then the recent kidnapping of 17 missionaries in Port Au Prince. None of this thwarts our mission. Haiti is in desperate need of the hope of the gospel. The young leaders we are training at SOYM and the Open Door Seminary are being equipped to impact their nation, one village, one life at a time with the gospel of Jesus Christ. How fitting that we have 14 new students in our 14th yr

### Celebrating 29 Years



With all our family moves in August, we weren't able to get away to celebrate our 29th anniversary, so we made plans to head north in October to see the beauty of the Fall colors. We stayed in Michigan, on the Indiana border, and enjoyed some sightseeing on the campus of Notre Dame. It just so happened to be the day of the Notre Dame-USC game, so the campus was abuzz with excitement. Another highlight was an afternoon soaking in the beauty at the Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Museum in Grand Rapids.

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## UPCOMING MINISTRY...

## How You Can PRAY

### Sonlife Planning & Prayer

#### November 14-17 / Toronto

Our Exec Team will be gathering at a cabin outside Toronto for three days of planning & prayer as we head into 2022.

### Open Door Haiti @ SCC

#### November 21 / Florida

I'll be sharing the story of many of the miracles God has done through Open Door at both Sunday morning services at Seminole Community Church. Jennifer will be leading worship. You can watch the service on YouTube, Facebook, or [seminolechurch.com](http://seminolechurch.com).

### Concentric Lead Team

#### December 1-5 / Prague

I'll be meeting with the leadership from Sonlife's global partners in Prague for a few days of planning and prayer.. Our global partners are:

Josiah Venture / Central/Eastern Europe  
Intentional Disciplemaking Network / Asia  
Singular / Latin America  
Shift M2M / Australia  
J-Life / Africa

### Training for Life Action

#### December 8-10 / Michigan

Life Action Ministries is bringing Sonlife in to train their leadership team with Sonlife's two-day Disciple-Making Strategy Seminar. Together, we're looking at how we might partner together to equip emerging leaders and impact youth ministries across North America.

### Open Door Haiti

#### December 9-16 / Florida

We'll be loading a shipping container with Christmas Hope Boxes, food, clothes & shoes for the orphanage at Open Door once again.



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