Words from the Woodwards

January, 2019

Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:3,4

The busy and joyful Christmas season is over and here we are in 2019. Linda and I appreciated visits from our three sons (plus family and friends) over the holidays.

As I look back over this past year, I give thanks for ministry opportunities and God's faithful blessing, protection and provision. I'll include some 2018 statistics from my December report to GFI's board: In person counseling sessions: 85 Telephone counseling sessions: 142 In person coaching sessions: 208 Networking sessions/events: 42 GFI conferences or seminars: 7 (and a co-event with Freemans) Workshops: 3 Videos produced and/or formatted and added to GFI vimeo: 29 Audio messages produced and/or formatted & uploaded to gfiworld.sermon.net: 12 We give thanks for the completion of the *For Me to Life is Christ* DVD album, *Navigating the Recovery Journey* conference/seminar, and *Solomon Online Lecture Series: Recovery Coach edition*.

I'd appreciate prayer for a ministry trip to Saskatchewan, Canada next month. I'm to speak to the regional conference of the Professional Association of Christian Counsellors and Psychotherapists on Feb. 15-16.

We give thanks for those who support us in prayer and finances. What a privilege to continue to serve on the front lines of international Discipleship Counseling. We wish you a fruitful new year!

Yours in Christ,

John and Linda

Mailbox

My work schedule finally lightened up a bit for the next month. One of my current projects has been over an hour's drive away and I have been using the [GFI] podcast a lot as I drive to work! What a blessing to be daily "transformed by the renewing of your mind." Grace Notes and the podcast group have been a real blessing



November, 2018 Workshop

I also want to let you know that I pass on some of the messages to my family and brethren as I see a need. I don't want to be a spiritual, "hog"! So thankful that the Lord's intention is that the Living Waters are meant to flow out. One of my favorites [recordings] that I call to mind was *A Tale of Two Rooms*. -R.

John, first of all, thank you for taking the time to advise me as I counsel _____. I really appreciate it. It's been a couple of weeks ... We met last week and began going through *For Me to Live is Christ*. She seemed to enjoy it and participate fully in reading and recording her answers. My plan is for her to relate each of these lessons to her life. So there are a lot of rabbit trails, which is fine with me ... One other item ... my heart is burdened for pastors and ministers. Hearing of the young pastor who took his life was so sad. If only they knew of the life of rest in God. They take on themselves a burden they weren't meant to carry. So sad. -S.

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