

## Words from the Woodwards

November, 2018

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess. 5:16-18

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, we are reminded of the blessings we enjoy in North America and in our personal lives. This text reminds us that joy, praise and thanksgiving are God's will for us. This positive attitude is for our good and God's glory.

I'm thankful for those who attended the Conference Nov. 2,3 (see page 2) and the Workshop on Nov. 5-8. The Lord strengthened us to host and teach the events and He used the truth and fellowship to minister to those who came.

I'm also thankful for the opportunity to teach a Walk Thru the Old Testament event in Virginia this month. Over 100 attended who indicated 41 Christian life decisions. And a young teen, Katherine, indicated that she prayed to receive Christ as Savior!

And we are thankful that our new Grace Fellowship team members, Don and Leis Steve, have moved from New Jersey to Tennessee. We pray they will be led to the right house to rent or purchase (probably in the south Knoxville area).

Linda and I are thankful for the continued prayers and gestures of sympathy as we mourn the passing of our daughter, Sarah. God has given us supernatural peace as we rest in His comfort and trust in His promises. Generous gifts have been given to Sarah's GFI memorial fund which is helping to scholarship some for GFI training. Our daughter, Laura, is visiting us (from Canada) during Thanksgiving week, so we get to be with our son-in-law and three grandsons as well. The rest of the family will hopefully reunite here for Thanksgiving day.

We are thankful to our support team who continue to uphold us in prayer and financial support. We appreciate each one of you. It's such a privilege to serve these past 17 years on the front lines of Christ-centered Discipleship Counseling and Training. May we all abound in God's grace to rejoice, pray and give thanks to our Good Shepherd day by day.

Love in Christ,

*John & Linda*



November Conference group

### **Correspondence**

Received your treasured books! I'm working weekly on the advanced lectures. LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this model. I'm in tears from the joy I feel at finding ME in all of this. It's as if God Himself molded me to teach what I'm learning.

### **Conference comments**

Enjoyed the creative tools God has given Dr. Solomon and John. Thank you for walking in the calling of Christ. [I now have] more tools for my personal life and [this encourages my] heart for others.

It has been a lot to take in, but I will keep learning and using the tools God provided in this notebook. Thank you for a well-given conference. May the Lord continue to bless you.

You reminded us that grace (supernatural enablement) is needed to be successful day by day, moment by moment...

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