

Words from the Woodwards

February, 2022

“For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.. Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”
2 Corinthians 4:15-18

Dear prayer partner,

Thank you for continuing as part of our support team. The general ministry letter gives you a report and I'll add some further personal updates here.

Counseling inquiries sometimes come in waves. February 1st was busier than usual: two GFI office sessions, one zoom session, and three phone sessions. Our partnership with Aaron Kim's YouTube ministry continues to be blessed of the Lord. Many come our way after viewing Aaron's testimony and teaching there.

Chaplain Joey Buck has invited me to co-teach a session of a new employee training seminar about faith at work. It is scheduled to be presented at Dollywood on Feb.10th. Linda is staying busy with the new hire orientation and other H.R. seminars that she and coworker, Amy, teach on a regular basis.

I was able to publish another of John Best's books as a Kindle ebook. It's titled *Exchanged Life Books: An Annotated Bibliography*. He shares valuable insights on books that have enriched GFI and our network of ministries.

Our webinar series continues this month with my guest, Roger Alliman. He was a co-founder of Rapha Treatment Clinics and has authored several helpful books. It's scheduled for 7:00pm eastern, Feb. 16th. These meetings are recorded and usually posted on GFI's YouTube channel.

Family Matters

My step mother Gerry Woodward, has suffered from increasingly severe dementia in the past few years. This led to my parents moving to assisted living in August, 2020 (in the midst of the COVID outbreak). Eventually she needed full time care. Last August they moved to Satesboro, Georgia, near the home of my stepsister, Debbie's family. In recent months Gerry has lived with Debbie, whose family faithfully tended to her needs. On February Moma Gerry went

to be with the Lord. Prayers for comfort are appreciated. Thankfully, she loved and served the Lord, and now her faith has become sight.

Thank you for your fellowship in the rest of the Gospel. May God's love encourage you day by day.

Yours in Christ,
John and Linda



With Moma Gerry, Dad and siblings Jamey and Suzanne (10/2019)

From a mentee,

"I can't begin to express what your presence means. You have meant so much to me in my life."

After Linda and I ministered at a Blue Christmas service in December:

"Thank you for your dedication to serve our Dollywood family. You have continued to be an instrumental part of host care."

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