Words from the Woodwards February 2023

"The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: 'Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you." Jeremiah 31:3

Dear ministry friend,

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support. Our schedule here at GFI stays very full, but we are grateful for the opportunities the Lord continues to open for Christ centered discipling, counseling and equipping.

The New England pastor who wrote the hymn, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, observed the essence of the Exchanged Life: "Feed on Christ, and then go and live your life, and it is Christ in you that lives your life, that helps the poor, that tells only the truth, the fights the battle and that wins the crown" (Phillips Brooks).

Ministry

As I counsel people at the office and over phone and zoom, we see the Holy Spirit bless the ministry of the Word in the lives of those who are desperate for biblical solutions. Thankfully, we have "the rest of the Gospel" to explore as we put struggles in the context of one's life journey and explain the potential of the message and way of the Cross.

The February ministry letter fills you in on some exciting developments. Yesterday we recorded another Glimpses of Grace podcast episode, tomorrow we have a meeting with the company that is building GFI's new app, next week we have the Exchanged Life Counseling Workshop. and March 4th is the Finding Joy Seminar

Mark and I also need wisdom for invitations to minister to pastors in Nicaragua and Cameroon...

Family

Linda is staying busy with Dollywood H.R.; they facilitated a big leadership event at Sevierville Convention Center this week.

Thank you again for your partnership in ministry. May God's love and grace encourage you daily. :-)

Yours in Christ,

John 2/16/23

Thank you John, for always thinking of me. I'm working at _____Recovery now and P.R.N. with the home health. God is working and allowing me to teach and witness of the exchanged life with my patients daily. Planting seeds. It's wonderful. I've shared Grace Fellowship with a few girls and have offered to pay for their counseling if they are willing to go, so we will see. Keep praying for God to use me, etc. Thank you. I love y'all all so much. You saved my life—you and Aaron—personally.

(USA)

Hi Dr. Woodward.

Thank you also for the reminder from the book of Galatians and what brother Andrew Murray said. It's a strong spiritual battle right now on all fronts but I keep on focusing on who Abba Father is and my identity in Him — not the what the world says or what people perceive. Thank you brother for continually encouraging me. Today's text from you was 100% Holy Spirit-led and it was something I needed to read / reconfirm in my spirit. I pray Yahweh's hand of direction and strength be over you and the GFI team this week as you go forward impacting and changing lives for His Glory.

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