

Words from the Woodwards

January 2023

“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:5

Dear friends,

I trust you had a good Christmas season. Linda and I appreciated getting to see our children and grandchildren over the holidays. That involved us visiting Nashville on Dec. 26 and Columbus, Ohio on Dec. 27,28.

In the GFI ministry letter you will see a summary of some ministry statistics for 2022. We are so thankful for these opportunities ... local and elsewhere, in person and by phone and internet.

Now we look ahead in 2023 for more opportunities to witness the power of God's life-giving Word and Spirit in many lives. Since leading struggling people into their complete and victorious identity is accomplished by the Lord, through us, we can have confident hope for transformed lives.

Andrew Murray noted, “True hope makes all the difference to us in our ministry. Our expectations have been personally proven. It makes possible joy in the midst of sorrow, confidence in the midst of defeat. It changes our attitude toward those to whom we minister ... It changes our prayer for them. We ask not for some little progress or partial blessing for them, but for the Lord's complete victory.”

Grace Notes

One of the ministries the Lord is wonderfully using is the weekly email, *Grace Notes*. I have been writing / editing and emailing them weekly for 24 years. Thanks to my friend, Daniel Parks, the 800+ articles are arranged and available at GraceNotebook.com. Since the web site was redone in 2019, there have been visitors from over 130 countries!

Book publishing

The most recent project is getting Dr. John Best's book, *How to Know and Enjoy the Bible by Grace* in paperback. It is due to arrive from the printer tomorrow! The next project is Dr. Lee Turner's book, *Discover Your Spiritual Gift*. It was a privilege for us to become Lee's legacy publisher in 2015 and for me to attend his memorial service in Arizona last month.

Coming up

January 16th we resume our Monday evening Bible study via internet (zoom). We are going through Lee Turner's *Advanced Grace Discipleship Course*, Everyone's welcome.

We would appreciate prayer for a fruitful Exchanged Life Counseling Workshop here in Pigeon Forge, TN on Feb. 20-23.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in prayer and financial support. It's such a privilege to serve on the front lines of International Exchanged Life Counseling and Training. May God encourage you with joy in this new year.

Yours in Christ,

John

Mailbox

Hi Dr. John,
I retired from ____ Church and we now live in _____. We totally love it here and are enjoying every single day. Hope you and your wife are doing well. Your life and your ministry has had a huge impact upon both [my wife] and me...
Sincerely,
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North Carolina



Giving a staff enrichment session at Victorious Christian Living International in Goodyear, AZ (Dec. 5, 2022)

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