

## Words from the Woodward's

February, 2024

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.... 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 5:1,2,5

Dear ministry friends,

I am writing this update on Valentine's Day. The Scripture quoted above affirms our wonderful salvation through Christ and access to Heaven's throne room. How blessed we are to stand in grace and be recipients of God's lavish love.

### Family

In November our family welcomed twin boys, Lincoln and Levi, born to our (twin) son, Stephen and daughter-in-law, Maci. They live in Knoxville, so Linda and I have been able to visit sometimes and lend a hand with feeding and care. They arrived three weeks early and spent those first weeks in the NICU at Children's Hospital. We are thankful that they are now growing and doing well. We had the whole family together at Christmas, including Laura's family (Toronto area) and Brad's (Nashville area).

Linda continues to be busy giving the orientation class to new employees of the Dollywood parks and resorts. As a Care Team member, today she has a table at their annual Leadership enrichment day. She titled her wellness table "Pray More" and has a big glass jar for people to write prayer requests on paper hearts.

### GFI Ministry

Jose Barreda is one of our certified Exchanged Life Counselors who is bilingual. Several years ago he and his ministry friends in Tampa, Florida translated my book, *Blessed Reassurance* into Spanish. Recently they sent me the Spanish translation of *The Worthy Walk*. Both of these books are now available in paperback and ebook at GFI's store and Amazon. May God use them to reach our country's growing Hispanic population.

Last month I resumed our Monday night Deeper Life Discipleship Study on Zoom. Everyone is welcome. This week I am publishing the new online

course of Dr. Turner's *Advanced Grace Discipleship Course*. It's at [www.GraceStudyHall.org](http://www.GraceStudyHall.org).

I'm so thankful for the seminar in Alexandria, Virginia last month at Braddock Baptist Church. About 35 attended the seminar and I preached there in the morning service the next day. Now we're gearing up for our seminar in east Tennessee on February 24th and the Exchanged Life Counseling Workshop March 4-7th.

We continue to be busy with counseling in person and by phone and zoom. Recently a missionary came for a 5 day "intensive" with me and we saw God do a wonderful work in his life.

As we reflect on 2023, we give thanks for health, strength, and strategic opportunities. My agenda tallied up these ministry activities last year:

- Seminars: 5 (including Cape Town)
- Workshops: 4 (including Cameroon)
- Counseling sessions: 433
- Coaching sessions: 148
- Online Bible studies: 36
- Online Certification Coaching meetings: 6

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support. May God's love and grace bless and encourage you daily.

Yours in Christ,

*John*



Levi and Lincoln Woodward