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*The January 2012 Report
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Ice Storm Thoughts



The ticking of ice pellets on the inch of ice atop the 21" of snow keeps us aware that we are snowbound here in Olympia. Shoveling, will take a couple hours to get a car out to a street that is closed due to fallen trees.

So, a perfect time to write, wrapped in blankets, sitting by the fire, without power for 30 hours and by the window with it's bright snowy light coming in.

Madelaine and I ended the year with a Christmas visit to our daughter Alyssa and family in St. Louis. We played hard with our grand-daughter, Esther, taking her to parks, a conservatory, cathedral, and then we all went out in the evenings to see lights and more lights. Neighborhoods would compete to see who had the best Christmas lights.

"KA-POP" goes a tree limb as the weight of ice and snow exceeds the limits. It's a pretty constant sound. We hope our beloved cherry tree does not end up on the ground.

The plans for the next two months are getting some extra polish in my

snowbound confinement. We will be teaching selections out of Genesis. I have found so much over the past few months in this opening book. "Who am I?" "What is my purpose?" "What is wrong with me, you, and the rest of the world?" "What is God up to?"

The "Road Tripping with Tolkien and Chesterton" class has begun and students are not waiting to report in on the God question. Usually it takes about four weeks for people to figure out that there is a purpose to our readings. One adamant unbeliever read all of "The Man Who was Thursday" and reported her disappointment with the ending. The book ends with a fabulous scene of God's triumphant suffering over evil in the world. It's not what she wanted to hear.

Just got back from loading the fireplace with wood. I think the house temperature will stay above 55 degrees with the fire going. The power has been out for 30 hours and we probably have a ways to go. In the meantime, we appreciate wood and good batteries. We hope all of you have been safe through this winter storm.



Prayer Requests

Wisdom and the Spirit's leading as we share the gospel with the students in *Road Tripping with Tolkien and Chesterton*

New community volunteers for our international student Talk Time

Winter Camp students and for me as the Saturday AM speaker 1/28

Faculty luncheon on 1/30

Prayers Answered

A growing group of student leaders who want to reach their campus.

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