

As 2012 draws to a close, our hearts are filled with gratitude for



- Loving family members
- Caring friends across North America and around the world
- Faithful financial supporters whose generosity makes our ministry possible

Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamation of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. Philippians 1:4, 5 (MSG)

Ministry update

We are grateful that we have the privilege of influencing the lives of missionaries and pastors around the world. By year's end, over 300 ministry guests will have attended seminars or participated in pastoral counseling. A recent guest responded:

We are exceedingly glad we had the opportunity to spend such purposeful and meaningful sessions at MRI. It was, without doubt, one of the very best investments we have made in our relationship and in our ministry future. Thank you for your timely and talented input into our lives. It is deeply valued.

On a personal note

2012 has been a noteworthy year on several fronts.

- Our grandchildren continue to grow. Hailey is nine and in fourth grade. Ethan will celebrate his fifth birthday on January 1. They love to help Jim blow out his birthday candles. *(photo #1)*
- We both have continued our weight loss journeys. This summer we enjoyed a day hike to Wallace Falls in the Cascade Mountains of Western Washington.
- This summer, Jim joined his brothers to celebrate their mother's 85th birthday. *(photo #2)*
- Sallee's siblings also gathered this summer to celebrate a family wedding. *(photo #3)*

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with awareness of God's presence and provision.

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