

To the saints and faithful supporters of Grace Family Ministries across the USA,

The Apostle Paul was known for his travels all across the Mediterranean often called his “missionary journeys.” Sometimes he stayed in one place for several years (Ephesus—Acts 19:8,10). Currently, this historical narrative from Scripture comes into my mind as we are in our second month of interim pastorate in Wayne, New Jersey at Preakness Bible Church. We have been very warmly received by the saints here and encouraged. They very much have hearts open to God’s Word and we are thankful for their testimony. Would you pray with us that God would raise up His man to lead this church in going forward soon; and not only this church, but many others across the land who find themselves without pastoral leadership?

This is one of the reasons we push forward in Grace Family Ministries. We need faithful people to passionately understand the value of family life—getting married, having children, raising them up with a heart to serve the Lord—all while daily in His Word--so that we are multiplying worshipers of the Lord who stand in the gaps and fill churches...not the current slide away that so many are experiencing. Will you pray for this vision in the Body of Christ? Will you pray that many more men would stand up for service in His church? Will you pray that many more would passionately read God’s Word entirely on a regular basis with a desire to know God more? Will you do your part where able?

Looking back on the past month, we left home just after the new year to spend the first 3 Sundays in New Jersey. Then we took a short break to head back home and take care of things there as well as to take a short weekend trip to Wisconsin for Tim to participate in the winter Northern Grace Youth Camp board meeting as well as to present the mission of Grace Family Ministries at Grace Bible Church, West Allis, WI. It was a cold weekend (-20 degrees one night!) but it was a very blessed time of fellowship. We then left our two oldest sons at home to keep the house and start their spring term at Berean Bible Institute while the rest of us headed back to NJ for another 5 weeks. Tim and I had a planning meeting for the year looking out at possible family conferences and church visits. If it is anything like previous years, time will fly by and our schedule will be full!

One of my greatest joys has been to see how many people have read the Bible through for the first time this past year. What better way to know God and His ways and to live it out than by reading His Word! I pray that many more people would catch a vision for being in the Word of our Creator! “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...” Phil. 3:8a

Along that same theme, I pray for you, this February, as it is cold and snowy, that you would be encouraged. And as Paul prayed for the Ephesians in chapter 3:17 “...that Christ may DWELL in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in LOVE, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the LOVE of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be FILLED with all the fullness of God.” May you be filled up and overflowing!

Sincerely because of Christ,

*Lori Board* (for Grace Family Ministries)

P.S. Since I haven’t said it yet, a heartfelt “Thank you!” to all of you for your support and prayers as we “*advance the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth...beginning right at home.*”