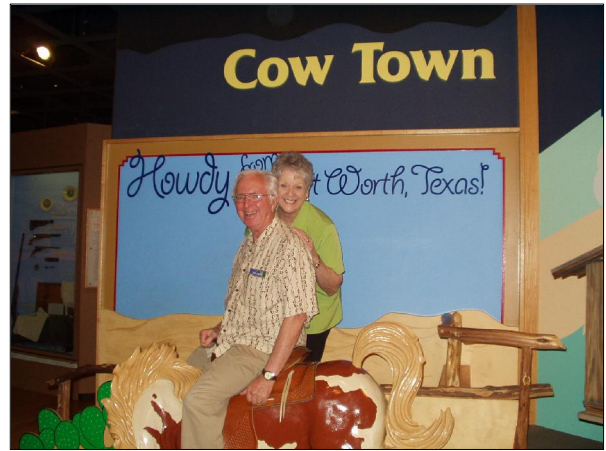


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Dear Family and Friends,

What a great year 2012 is going to be! Come rain or come shine, we are declaring that we will turn all lemons dealt our way into lemonade. We are declaring that we will glorify God in whatever happens. We may not be able to stop the birds from flying over our heads, but we can stop them from building a nest in our hair. Come on and join us and make the same declaration.

We have declared that we will take our spiritual authority over the enemy when we need to (not everything that happens in our life is GOD at work). *GOD will allow whatever we will allow.* We'll walk away from a situation when we need to. We will pray diligently and study HIS word diligently to know when to do each. In everything we will give GOD thanks (not for everything) for trusting us enough to give us HIS authority.

When our own thoughts begin to say; *"What do you have to offer anyone? You're too old, too out-of-touch, too decrepit, too poor, etc, etc, etc, and how do you think you can do anything? You want to preach/teach God's word? Who would listen to you? Why don't you retire?"* (we don't see retirement anyplace in the Word of God). Guess where all those negative thoughts come from! Definitely, not from God. He says we can do all through Christ, Who strengthens us. If we can dream it, He will help us do it.

We spent a large amount of time praying and seeking God for guidance for 2012, not only for our Ministry, but also for our personal lives. We ask Him to give us some encouraging words to for our family and friends. He made it real that it would be a challenging year on many fronts. There will be many attacks against His children. But we cannot fail if we will not worry but praise and trust Him.

He reminded us that there is nothing to fear but much to gain when we put our trust in Him and do what He instructs us to do. He reminded us that He has given us His word as our guide. He reminded us that He has given us the Name of Jesus to use against demonic attacks. He reminded us that He has given us supernatural prayer power and wisdom to know how to respond in all situations. He reminded us that we must begin to think like He thinks instead of the world's thoughts. He reminded us that with Him living inside us, we are limited only by the limitations we put on ourselves. He reminded us that He created the world for us, His children, and we are to enjoy it. We are to have fun, but if fun becomes the goal, we have misplaced His plan for our life.

MISSIONARIES: We ask you to pray for these couples this month:

Please pray for [Tim and Vriesyda](#) as they reach out to Muslims. The fruit of over 20 years of faithfulness in that area of ministry is seeing wonderful success.

Please pray for [Pastor Borche](#) as he is evangelizing and pastoring the Romas (gypsies) in Macedonia.

Please pray for [Yoko and Michael](#) as she and her team are reaching out to the people, especially the children, that are still suffering from the massive tsunami in Northern Japan.

Please pray for [David and Heather](#) who spend more than half of every year working in the hardest parts

of Europe, on into Siberia. Their ministry is to train directors for Teen Challenge centers (to help free and make disciples of former drug addicts) in some of the most spiritually deprived nations. They recently returned from Siberia and will be returning there soon.

Please pray for [Rob and Debbie](#) who direct a Christian, half-way house for former convicts. Rob recently graduated from a reputable University with a Master's Degree in Counseling. That will open many doors for them as they teach the word of God and train former convicts. Their need is to raise financing to upgrade and expand their facilities and hire reliable help.

These are all valued ministries that we know of personally and we help regularly or periodically. There are many more we could tell you about but we will save them for another time. We will prompt them to give us some more personal stories for future newsletters.

None of the ministries mentioned above are underwritten by a particular church or organization. They are full-time ministries and must raise their own financing. They do what they do for the love of Jesus. We understand that completely. We are in that same category. Besides raising funding for our own ministry, we help others who are on the field so they can continue their work.

Whether we are on the field or making short trips in and out, our commitments remain. What better way to show the love of Jesus than by reaching out to those around the world who have so little!

We are committed to preaching/teaching/encouraging and helping everywhere we go and have fun while doing it. We expect to spend the rest of our lives enjoying what God intended for His creation to enjoy. Exciting/fun opportunities will present themselves as we are about the Father's business.

PRAYER: We are in the planning stages of beginning a series of teachings on "Effective Prayer" and holding a weekly prayer meeting in our local church as soon as Sue recovers fully from her surgery. It has been discussed with the pastor (who is excited about it). Now, a timeframe and plan needs to be worked out. Any traveling will need to be scheduled around those times. Please pray with us about God's perfect timing.

As we began this letter, we stated that we are determined to stay in a godly attitude regardless of circumstances. A week ago we were surprised with an oral surgeon charge that was twice what we were expecting. Not having any type of dental insurance, it shocked us. Our calculations told us it would take two years at one-fourth of our monthly income to pay for it. The work is done and we seem to have no choice but pay. We are declaring and expecting that it will be paid off much sooner, supernaturally if necessary, so God's work will not be interrupted in any way. We are smiling through the pain (pain less, smile bigger).

Do something special for the loves of your life, whoever and wherever they are. Let them know that you love them and God loves them even more. We are praying for you for a great year. There is nothing in the world that compares to being fully persuaded that He loves you and you love Him back. In turn you will love and feel His love through other Christians. Take a few minutes and read I John 4:7-8

We are making a note on our calendar to pray for everyone on our mailing list - and their family - on Valentine's Day. We will be praying for each one to experience a new wave of God's love in their life.

**In His perfect love,
Tom and Sue**

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