

Merry Christmas!

2015

Each year as we write our annual Christmas letter, we find ourselves thinking "this is the best year ever!" But, this year **HAS** truly been amazing - filled with awesome marriage ministry, exciting travel extending from one side of the US to the other, blessings that fill our hearts with gratitude, and memories that we will have forever! II Corinthians 9 : 8 works! (check it out!).

Where to start? We just returned from the most recent ministry trip. We spent 3 weeks traveling and presenting seminars in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and then flew to the Seattle area to hold another weekend meeting in a church in Bonney Lake. Talk about blessings! One of our MTM board couples (Bill & Norma) DROVE us up to Canada! They have relatives in Billings, Montana and had never been to Calgary, so we shared our RCI vacation condo with them. They dropped us off at a motel provided by Southside Victory Church and then they drove on to Canmore to the condo. We had a fantastic marriage seminar with approximately 150 people in attendance. We spoke in both am church services and then did the seminar. After the meetings, we met up with Maybees and we toured Banff, Lake Louise, and the Glacier Parkway in Banff & Jasper National Parks. We enjoyed the fresh snow and beautiful Canadian Rockies!



Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada

While ministering in Bonney Lake, we were able to spend several days with our good friends, Dan & Adele, checking out the Bavarian town of Leavenworth, WA and enjoying the Oregon seacoast at Seaside.



Leavenworth, Washington



Seaside, Oregon

In mid November, we visited Lauren's mom, age 97, in Illinois. She is still doing well. She now has a private room at Maple Lawn. Lauren's brother, Lee, and his family are near by. So, we get back to see them all about 3-4 times a year.

Our other ministry engagements have had us traveling all over across the U.S. beginning last Jan. with the romantic getaway at the Chateau Avalon in K. C., KS. We were back home in Colorado for a short time in order to hold one of the many overnight retreats we do in Woodland Park, CO at the beautiful El Tesoro resort

lodge. We hold overnight marriage seminars at the lodge several times a year. We rent the whole lodge and usually host anywhere from 10-12 couples.



We drove back to KC in March to present an Emotional Healing seminar for a group of Home Church leaders and couples. It was back to teach a seminar in CO in April and then after being home for a couple days, we flew to San Antonio to hold meetings there. May 1 & 2 we taught at the Colorado Springs YWAM. The base is only about 10 minutes away from our home. The end of May we drove to Estes Park, CO for our annual week long Rocky Mt. retreat.

We try to visit our kids during the grandkids birthdays to help them celebrate. Mark's son, Caleb, turned 16 in May. Makinzie will be 14 in Dec. Steve's oldest, Hannah, was 12 in June, Holly was 6 in August and Gabriel was 8 in September. They are all growing up way too fast! It is fun being able to watch their baseball, and track events, school plays, of course the Aspen Valley Nutcracker event! All the grandkids are in Christian schools and doing well. Mark & his whole family went to Taiwan and Mexico on missions trips this year.

The big news from the summer was that our Hungarian friends came to the states for Andrew Wommack's summer family camp and we got to host and show them the beautiful areas of Colorado. Also, during the Charis Bible College "Healing Is Here" conference we hosted two good friends from Loveland, CO. Peggy received her healing and left her cane at the altar! How exciting!

This fall our ministry itinerary took us in Sept. to Branson, MO for the Ozark Mt. and in Oct to the YWAM Orlando, Florida base for a marriage retreat with their staff and students.

Besides ministry and family, we were also able to fit in a personal vacation with our good friends & board members, Tim & Meg Britton. Tim is originally from Boston. We walked the "Freedom Trail" and also visited good friends and previous MTM board members, Mike & Tina Pratt on Cape Cod. We stayed in an RCI condo in New Hampshire.

Last but not least, Nov. always finds us in Kansas City at the Cross Points Missions conference. That is where we connect with other missionaries from all across the globe. We have been to many of their countries at their invitation. What a blessing! During the conference we received confirmation that we will be holding a MTM meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii in Dec. We have been with Pastor Rod before and are excited to go back. We will be combining this trip with a personal vacation to celebrate our anniversary. We will be with all our family during the Christmas holidays and enjoying all our friends.

It is our joy to meet new couples and make new friendships at each MTM meeting that we hold. Thank you all for being a part of our life. May your holidays be blessed and happy.

Love & Prayers,

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!