

Encouragement for the heart from

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Dear Friends,

Our Year

This has been an eventful year to say the least. Up to five years ago we believed that our family would reside and minister in or near Davenport NE. for the rest of our lives. We had made plans to do just that. Then some things started to happen in the family that let us know that God may be moving us. We then asked in prayer where we should be as family and ministry. Both Shirley and I agreed that if given the choice we would choose Southern Colorado. After four years of prayer to move to Colorado, we made plans the first of this year to make the move, still not knowing the home that we would move to. The week of the CFTH directors retreat in Hesston Kansas we put a bid on a house that had been sold three weeks previously to another buyer. The deal fell through for the first buyer, and the house was put back on the market just days before our bid. The seller accepted our first offer within 2 hours of receiving it, and with the fact that my truck driver could only work it in that very next

week as planned, we finished loading the truck that weekend and set out on the road yet that Monday afternoon. We stayed in Hays Kansas that evening and went on into Westcliffe that next day. We stayed in a cabin one night and closed on the house the second day that we were here, this was only possible because of the title work that had just been done for the previous buyer. We love it here, the kids have adjusted well in school and the church family is just what we needed.

Thank You

We say *thank you* to the many of you that gave it the extra effort to come to Westcliffe rather than coming to NE as first planned. The comments of those that have come have been very positive. I look forward to meeting many more friends here in Colorado.

Opportunities

God has presented WFI new opportunities as well as the same operation that I enjoy so much. There is opening up need both in Haiti and possibly the Philippines for this counsel to be taught and demonstrated. We are still exploring possibilities and assessing the resources needed for such an undertaking and making ready ourselves to follow how God would lead. The church that I am working with also has a potential weekly radio audience of 11 million people plus the local, and WFI has been introduced to that audience as well.

Waste no time

We as family and as ministry do not want to do churchianity as usual. If something is not working or does not line up with the word of God I want no part of it, I do want to make time for a *powerless church* to teach them the authority and position that they do have in Christ. As I remember a time 20 years ago in my life I ask God to not let me waste 1 minute more time here on earth, I learned that He was preparing me. In the same way we want to waste no time in doing damage to the powers of darkness and advancing the kingdom of heaven in all that God has given us to do and be. Many times the greatest enemy of Gods will is my very best.

Make room for the Teacher

As I have had the honor of meeting with so many of you I have realized that one of the things that clients coming this distance do first is to *make a time and a place for God* to show up and begin a work in the lives of those who will give him room. Many times I see how God makes the entire week a classroom to move and bring understanding in the life of the willing soul. God wants your freedom, and for you to live the abundant life here on earth more than you do, let's make room for Him! Start with your prayer closet. Is this room clean? Is it the secret place of the most high (Ps. 91)? God knows all our sin and all thoughts and intents of our hearts completely anyway. But He is such a gentleman He will not force his

way in to make the changes, He lets us make the decision to bring our darkness into His Light to have it dealt with when we are ready, or when we are tired of bondage.

Testimony

In a recent session a wife made the comment that when the relationship with her husband became strained and hurtful she turned to a social network and texting other friends to **replace the relationship** with her husband. After several sessions she was able to see on her own that this was wrong and repent. Let's examine ourselves to see who or what is meeting our needs, is it glorifying to God or not? One of the best ways that I have heard of being vulnerable is to "undress with your feelings" before your spouse, it is not easy to lay your feeling out in an unsafe place, but if you pray first, then with God's help you will be able to communicate the right things to open communications again. Remember that your response to your spouse is answerable to God. Peace only stays present in our lives as we order our lives according to His will. Our **personal peace is only between us and God** no matter what anyone else is doing right or wrong.

More Testimony

In this same setting both the man and the woman had secrets that they felt that they would take to the grave and never tell anyone else on earth. When I shared with them that **sin**

loves secrecy and that any secret will give the enemy or accuser something to use against them, they knew that they had to get everything out in the open. After getting all of the hidden things out, they found that God used them as miracles in the lives of others around them.

Some personal thoughts

As a husband, father, and as a man called to counsel I am reminded almost daily that I must **practice what I teach**. I have to continue to go to the Word of God each day, pray without ceasing, take every thought captive, keep my wife's heart and stay under authority to accomplish the course that is set before me in the way that God is glorified. The end of 2010 was also a furnace of affliction that God used to take us as a family through to learn from and to understand and empathize with those that would come my way. Another great concern for prayer is that Shirley has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is scheduled for surgery soon. These are not things that I would have ask for or wanted but are still teachers. Please pray for us to have wisdom and strength through this time.

Another Thank You

This ministry and our family are directly blessed as we ask God for Him to meet our every need and then experience the thrill of those whose hearts are turned toward Him and answer His prompting in the form of gifts and

monthly support to the ministry. Tax deductible donations can now be made online at www.westcliffe-community-church.org and then to ministry links and biblical counseling where you will find Whole Families, Inc information and a place to donate to the ministry. We now say a sincere thanks to all those that are his hands here on earth that have met our needs as we ask Him. God uses you to get the work done; I just get to be one instrument that He uses. **Thank you for your prayers** daily for the ministry. Please pray for wisdom to apply the written word, to expose the plan of the enemy, for the secrets of each lock on each heart, and for safety for all involved. Pray that God forms and fashions this ministry to get done what he wants done and for it to go past my lifetime still on course with His will.

Thank you

We enjoy you sending your friends and family to see us. Thank you for trusting us with them.

God's blessings to you.

Brad, Shirley, and family