



From Pastor Jim's
Desk

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Dear Freedom House Friends,

A Blessed New Year to you all!



I always enjoy sharing some noteworthy events from over the last month or so, usually about these young men... and I will as well in a moment... but let me first and foremost proclaim the goodness and glory of our Lord in His protecting of my son, Joshua, as well as my daughter, Gelsea. They both were on the way to work on New Year's Day when a huge pick-up lurched out of a side road and T-boned them both in an instant. Their little car was sent flying into a grove of trees which totaled the car with such damage that it would deeply traumatize all involved. As you look over the pictures let me now share that both of them escaped harm miraculously. I am convinced there was a hedge of protection that saved our kids and entire family from an enduring grief that day. Thank You Jesus for your great hand of love and mercy! And I am beholding to those of you who pray over us and our team as your intercessions have provided cover from many demonic attacks. Gelsea here, was celebrating that she is alive and my wife, Geri, Joshua and I as well as our other family members are grateful for the prayers of our friends and loved ones. Thank you all so very much. Praise His Glorious Name Forever! Now we have begun a fresh task to pray and seek out another blessed family car.



This past week we celebrated Mason's completion along with many of his family and friends of the ministry. His intention is to prepare himself to join a ministry team heading to Costa Rica. His completion brought a lot of joy to all his loved ones and the service was a highlight to all who shared in the evening. PTL!

Spencer arrived here about a week ago and is the "new-bee" in our midst. Ian is scheduled to enter tomorrow and Jay will be entering after he wraps up a court appearance. There are also several scheduling interviews in the next few weeks. Many of you may recall that David went to Uganda to serve for a few months and we are expecting him back around February 10th. So all in all 2020 has hit the ground running.

I have a couple of church groups to extend kudo's to. *Rhapsody Church* in Vancouver rallied to provide a wonderful Christmas experience for all the students as they provided each one gifts under the tree Christmas day. What an expression of love and grace. You should have seen the joy all over these men to have such nice gifts, shirts, jackets, very nice Bibles, shoes and the list goes on... Wow, thanks folks. You are a blessing.



Next a great shout out to the *Simple Faith Church*, Women's Tea group who along with many others in the congregation surprised us with a great Shower of blessings... canned food, office supplies, paper products, medical and first aid items and so much more. Our friends there went the extra mile and filled our huge dining room table area with practical items. Talia, Jay, Lee and their team led the way to become such a gift to us all. We thank the Lord for such help.

So as we prepare for more students and continue to tackle projects around the campus, we look forward to the first signs of Spring not too far ahead. I am convinced that these blessings are here to encourage us all to keep after the work of housing and discipleship training as His heart is to reach, rescue and restore the broken. Thank you for choosing to become a part of this effort. Blessings.

Thank you Jesus!



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