

HAPPY 2012 FROM DICK AND LORI GREENMAN

I slowly sipped my coffee as I talked with I.S. in a student lounge. On that grey November afternoon I was visiting with him in my role as a "Mission Coach," helping him navigate the early stages of finding his way as a missionary. As we talked about how God is guiding him to make his contribution to the Kingdom, the parallels took my mind to how God has led us along the way.

Looking back from the 2012 New Year's milestone:

- 31— Lori and I have been on our shared path for **thirty one** years, celebrating on Jan. 3.
 - 26— We have been with WorldVenture as full-time missionaries for **twenty six** years.
 - 23— **Twenty three** years ago we began our ministry in Tucuman, Argentina
 - 3— **Three** years ago we made our base of operations in the States, as we continued with our cross-cultural ministries. We are blessed to be in the same city with our **three** children and one grandchild.
 - 2— Lori is in her **second** year of graduate school. During the year we led **two** SYIS workshops locally. In 2011 I made **two** trips to Mexico in my consulting role, to help get a Bible School established.
 - 1— In August we participated for the **first** time in a conference with the group of WorldVenture missionaries who base their ministry in the US>
 - 60— The Grace Bible School in Torreon began classes in September with **sixty** students.
- Christmas** was a very special time celebrating with relatives, combining the celebration with my Dad's 93rd birthday. It is all about Jesus, isn't it? Only God's provision through the arrival of our King in the form of a baby, sent to die in our place, allows us to become what we were intended to be.

Looking forward, as God allows:

January—We will be conducting an SYIS workshop in conjunction with Lori's internship for her Master's degree. This will hopefully be the first of three workshops during 2012.

April—A trip to Mexico to participate in the Bible School in Torreon.

May—If the resources are available, we will travel to Argentina for a WorldVenture conference, touch base with the people with whom we worked, and take care of possessions we left behind when we came to the States.

Prayer requests:

Ministry activities:

1. Thank the Lord for two SYIS workshops in 2011, and at least one scheduled in 2012.
2. Please pray for Dick's role as consultant in Mexico, which is difficult from a distance.
3. Pray for individuals such as I.S. that Dick is coaching.
4. Pray for Lori as she is developing a plan for how to care for single missionaries; this is part of her internship for her Master's degree, which she is doing at TEAM headquarters.
5. Please pray for the financial resources to make the much-needed trip to Argentina in May.

Family:

1. Pray for Lori as she studies, for inspiration and perseverance. We look forward to her degree in counseling to be useful in caring for missionaries.
2. Pray for Lori's health challenges.
3. We are blessed to have all our children in Chicago; Beth, Andrea and Luca live with us, Ben is nearby.
4. Pray for our daughters; it seems we will very soon have two new sons-in-law! Please pray for their future husbands, as well.

Finances:

We are so thankful for the many who have been generous and patient with us as we go through this chapter of our lives. At the same time, we are quite stretched financially, and our low support is a concern.

With love and gratitude,

Dick and Lori Greenman