

Chicago
January 17, 2011

Dear friends,

Here we are in the New Year and 2011 is already 4% over! Well, in this first part of the year we have been celebrating. Our celebration was a bigger milestone than a simple New Year; on January 3 we celebrated our thirtieth anniversary. There has been a lot of water under the bridge since that cold (20 below zero) day in Michigan in 1981. As we celebrated we made an informal inventory of some of the challenges and special events we have faced together: the joys of being parents, and now grandparents; adjusting together to life and ministry in Argentina, and now, life and ministry in the US; growing in our love with each other and with God. Lots to celebrate, so we did it up bigger than usual, culminating in a romantic lunch on the 95th floor of the John Hancock building, overlooking the winter landscape of Chicago. We cannot adequately express our gratitude to God for bringing us to this point in our lives. SEE PICTURES BELOW—JANUARY 3, 1981 AND 2011.

This milestone brings thoughts of three shared decades to mind, but it also gives us a renewed sense of hope and purpose in this new year. 2011 will be a good year—not because unpleasant things couldn't come, but because *whatever* comes, as pastor Steve Story of Windy City Community Church repeats every Sunday, we “*have a great God, and He is with us every step of the way.*”

So, what do we foresee for this year? Here are a few things:

- Lori has started her second semester of graduate school, going for her Master's degree in Counseling Ministries. Projected date to finish is May 2012. This semester her focus of studies is in family and group therapy.
- We have at least two potential *Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills* workshops, both in Spanish for Latin American missionaries and some preparing for cross-cultural ministry. One in Barbados, at a missionary training school, and another in Mendoza, Argentina. Neither one is confirmed, since there are details, including finances, to straighten out before they can happen.
- Trip to Argentina. If all works out for the workshop in Mendoza, we would certainly go to Tucumán, about 700 miles from Mendoza. A visit to our many friends in our old stomping grounds would be a special treat, but more than that, we need to take care of our belongings which we left behind at the end of 2008 when we left.
- Visit to SEBEA a Distancia students. Our friend Antonio Cilimba, who is acting director of the distance learning program, wants to schedule a visit to the far-flung students while we are there, to reconnect with those we taught and mentored in our previous ministry. How exciting to see how they have grown and matured in the Lord!
- Training leaders in Mexico. Boy, it's dangerous these days in Mexico! I was to have gone to Mexico for a second time by now, but the people we are working with in Torreón tell us it is still very dangerous for that kind of trip. I need to get down there to lay the groundwork for the training program they have asked me to develop. In the meantime, I am still working on ideas for the program. The second week of February I will be in Elgin, Illinois with Tony Gomez, pastor from Torreón, as well as two key men of the Spanish American Mission, Doug Bytwerk and Cecil Patterson, to push forward on plans.
- Serving as a “Missions Coach” with the regional office of WorldVenture. Our mission has re-arranged how they seek to minister to churches in the US, recruiting of new missionaries, mentoring, and coaching. January 18th I will be participating in a training to be a Missions

Coach in cooperation with our new regional director, Dave Childers. I hope to implement some of what we believe is God's call to me in this period of our lives, to come alongside missionaries and those in cross-cultural ministry as mentors and encouragers.

- Local church involvement. No matter what ministry we have had, we always have committed to being involved in a local church. While in Chicago, we participate with Windy City Community Church. At present we are helping with the missions program of the church as well as writing some of the commentaries/devotionals for the daily Bible readings.

We believe that God is preparing us for investing in the lives of missionaries and others who work overseas. That is why Lori is studying now, and why we are involved in these different roles in the present. We continue as missionaries with WorldVenture and answer to them, but actually we answer first to God, as well as those of you who so selflessly back us in our work. We are grateful to Him and to you.

Could you pray with us for:

- Our family. Thank you, Lord, for our family being together, and to be able to trust you for all our needs. Thank you for thirty good years.
- Our finances. Anywhere is difficult in this economy, but the US is an expensive place to be at this time, as our support base is aging.
- The two workshops, that they might come to fruition—organization and finances.
- Mexico. May the training program come together soon.
- Missions coaching. May our contribution be significant in the lives God is raising to work cross-culturally.

And here is a toast, for year thirty one.

Dick and Lori Greenman
current address: 6120 N. Navarre Ave., Chicago, IL 60631
cell phone: 773-355-9633

Pictures: January 3, 1981 and 2011

