



*Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind. Psalm 67 LB*

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## **WELCOME 2024! WHAT'S GOD GOT IN STORE?**

**Sabbatical!** WOW! The Lord Jesus met with us in special ways during the three months we focused on "restoring our souls." Joy read a plethora of books & enjoyed creativity in her hobbies of cardmaking and other craft projects she rarely has time to do. Tom read a couple restorative books, but especially enjoyed reading hymnals – both for the texts AND the musical refreshment & variety. All blessed us.

As we get back into our ministry with renewed vision to see teenagers reached with the forgiveness & love of Jesus Christ, we're reminded of a story about William Carey. In 1793, Carey, a pioneer missionary statesman, told Andrew Fuller, a Mission Society partner, "I will go down into the pit, if you will hold the rope!" We are humbly grateful that YOU faithfully "hold the rope" through your prayer & financial partnership. This allows us to "go down into the pit" to help rescue teenagers for Christ!

The High School Ministry of Cru focus these first two months of 2024 is on **FastBreaks**, conferences to equip students to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit & communicate their faith to bear spiritual fruit. **FastBreak** attendance this year is way higher than recent years. We expect many new students to hear the gospel as these kids share their faith in Christ at school this spring semester!

We are helping launch a new emphasis for the High School Ministry: **300 X 30**. We're trusting God to raise up 300 new high school movements by 2030! What a GREAT vision to reach teenagers for Christ!

Coming up on March 5<sup>th</sup> is knee replacement surgery for Joy! She's actually put this off for 20 years, but has come to a point that her mobility is quite limited. We're excited that successful recovery from surgery will give Joy many more opportunities to be involved in ministry activities (& life in general)!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- **Praise God** that He allowed us to have a Sabbatical that helped "restore our souls!"
- **Pray** that the hundreds of students trained at **FastBreak 2024** will share Christ in their schools!
- **Pray** that Joy's knee replacement surgery on March 5<sup>th</sup> will have a successful (& short) recovery time!
- **Praise God** for the **300 X 30** vision to launch new high school movements to reach more students.

**Thank you** for choosing to partner with us in ministry by your prayer and financial support as we help reach teenagers for Jesus Christ – in the USA and globally! ***We appreciate you!***

In Christ's love,

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