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## Thanks for reading!

Dear Praying Friends,

We look back on 2009 with grateful thanksgiving to our God for both the blessing and the difficulty.

**ON THE TESTING SIDE:** It was a year of difficulty because of the tough decisions which had to be made. We are especially grateful to God for those who have shown us so much love and consideration as we have gone through our transition to Breadcrumbs Ministries. It was also a year of testing with respect to Anne's eyes. We had some difficulties stemming from her September surgery which led to further complications. Equally as difficult was sharing the ordeal of our on-in-law's brain surgery. Mark (Almas) is ahead of the curve in his recuperation, but still faces challenges and we all appreciate your prayers for him.

**ON THE BLESSING SIDE:** Our "unplanned" Biblical *Intensives* ministry has been blessed greatly. While we do not keep count, we are absolutely certain that more decisions were made for Christ this year than in any recent year. While we do not label our Intensives as "evangelistic" the Lord has chosen to use them in that way. Our internet ministry (consisting of a great deal of doctrinal counseling and defense of sound doctrine,) has also grown surprisingly. Of course, many other ministry type activities have gone on "behind the scenes" in the churches we visit – all of which have underscored that we are doing what God would have us to do – at least for now. While we have (understandably) lost some support as a result of making our transition, God has graciously met our needs!

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER:** We want to remind you that we generally set up our "broad schedule" early in the year. We are hoping to be in the general area of

Minnesota and surrounding states earlier in the year, in Colorado toward midsummer, and in California at least twice. If the Lord so wills we also hope to fit in a campaign which moves us eastward into new ministry territory.

*So, for the pastors who are reading this, if you are so led to consider us for an Intensive this year, it would be helpful to hear from you soon. We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration!*

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE STEELS:**

*For: Anne's eye situation* as she continues treatment. We have at least two months before any decisions have to be made regarding further procedures.

*For: Ministry opportunities* – that the Lord would open doors and lead us to “hungry bears” who are committed to learning the Word of God and standing on it in these last days!

*For: Additional supply from the Lord* to compensate for support lost as result of making our ministry transition.

Thank you so much – for your prayers and support.

Love,

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