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"Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace to men on
whom his favor
rests."
- Luke 2:14, NIV.

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*Wishing You A Meaningful Christmas
A Fulfilling New Year*

*We find ourselves profoundly blessed
with the love, prayer, partnership and long-term
support*

of family and friends ...

friends like you.

God has been faithful through you.

We are deeply grateful.

Global Initiatives in its 15th Year of Ministry

This has been a year of adventure with a shifting focus upon North America and the preparation of Christian leaders for effective ministry through university and seminary education. We continue our priority upon serving international ministry leaders and North American local church leaders as we "Come Alongside" to encourage and enhance their ministry effectiveness.

We continue in our one-on-one relational commitment to ministry and business leaders. Ron has been preaching at Biltmore Nazarene since October as "pulpit supply" while Interim Pastor, Tharon Daniels, takes a "medical leave." Ron Serves as the Director of the Multi-Campus Seminary at Nazarene Theological Seminary. NTS is establishing its M.Div. degree delivered on the campuses of collaborating universities across North America. Classes have begun at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Southern Nazarene University and Trevecca Nazarene University with Eastern Nazarene College and Point Loma Nazarene University joining the program within the next two years. Ron also serves as Adjunct Professor of Christian Leadership in the Master of Ministry program at Olivet Nazarene University and as Forum Facilitator through the Center for Pastoral Leadership at Point Loma Nazarene University. Global Initiatives is currently working with local churches and ministries, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions to offer coaching, consulting, classes and encouragement in ChristStyle Leadership, organizational effectiveness, institutional advancement, team and strategy development.

As said in previous "UpDates," the economy has made it a challenge to respond to the needs and opportunities to serve internationally. In a recent end-of-the-year board meeting we determined to "reshape" Global Initiatives to respond to recent economic challenges, to take full advantage of the North American educational and relational opportunities, to remain responsive to our international friends who face challenge as resources become available.

As God leads and enables

Many of you have been a vital part of our capacity to serve challenged leaders. As said many times, we are deeply grateful for your partnership in serving. As God leads and enables you may give through Global Initiatives for ongoing ministry offering resources and relationships for effective ministry ... in North America and globally.

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Friends Who Serve

Linda Psaute continues a unique and effective ministry in Germany using music as the tool to serve. Linda is recovering her health. (www.psaute.giserves.com).

Jonathan and Maggie Salgado face *significant* challenges in their ministry in Southern Mexico (www.Salgado.giserves.com). Jonathan has visited our friend and former Governor of Chiapas, Pablo Salazar, and his family as he Pablo has been in prison in Chiapas for several months. It is important to continue to pray for the Salazars and other friends who are touched by the current political climate. This includes our friend, Senator Ruben Valezquez.

Dr. Bruce White continues to expand his dental ministry beyond Mexico and into additional Central American countries (www.white.giserves.com).

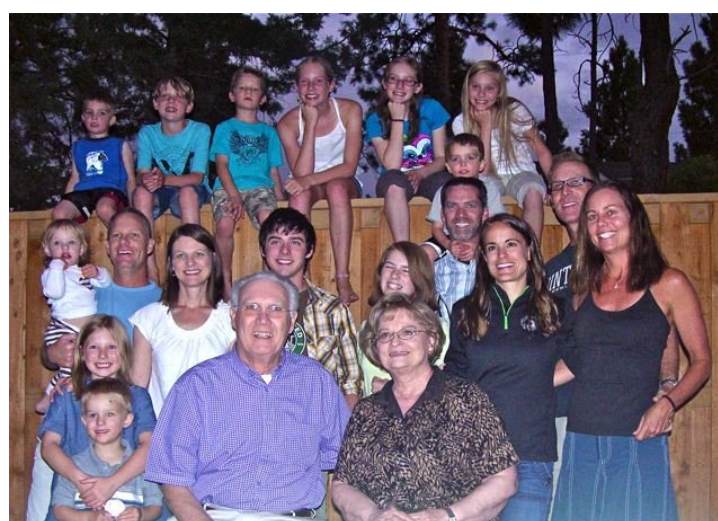
NetWalking Friends. GI is blessed with a network of effective international ministry friends. These ministries share our mission to serve ... globally (www.friends.giserves.com).

You are encouraged to visit each of the links mentioned above for more detail, or go directly to www.global-initiatives.com where you will find these Friends Who Serve, as well as the story of Global Initiatives.

A Personal Update

We are so grateful for our family!

This has been a year of discovery for Ron and Kay. Kay was diagnosed with lung cancer in June. Following surgery she has been declared cancer free (this is the short version). You can understand our gratitude to God, your prayers and several alert and effective doctors. We are blessed with good health, good friends and a great family. The grandchildren total 12 at last count.



Great Fun ... as you can see!

Steve, Shannon, Maddie and Jared live in Keizer, OR. Steve is the Principal of Hallman Elementary, and Shannon directs the distribution of the *LunchPunch* in North America (a company created by her friend in Australia). This summer Steve and family will move to Santiago, Chile where Steve will be in the administration of Nido de Aguilas International School.

Stacy, Jack, Caleb, Elizabeth, Faith, Annika, Eliana, Josiah, Anderson and Summer live in Bend, OR where Jack is a Certified Financial Planner with Wells Fargo Advisors and Stacy is a more-than-full-time home schooling mom.

J., Deb, Atticus and Becket live in Keizer, OR where J. is Systems Sales Manager for Supra Systems and Deb is a partner in the Heltzel, Williams law firm.

We are particularly grateful for their love for God, their love for each other (and for us), and for their involvement in the lives of others through church and community.

Our prayer for you is that you will indeed enjoy and be inspired by a meaningful Christmas as you celebrate the coming of the Promised One, the Christ, Jesus, whom we follow as we pray His prayer, " ... your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10), and as we realize that we are the conduit of His love through which God will answer that prayer. Our further prayer is that your New Year will be full of peace (with a little adventure) and fulfillment ...

... **As We Follow Him Together.**



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