

GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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2015 is Gone

The year 2015 is gone, never to be seen again except in our memories. Whether that remembrance is good or bad is up to the one looking back. So many times we as people spend too much time looking back. We often feel that the things gone are the best part of our lives and in some cases they are. But as Christians and as servants of the Lord we must focus our gaze on the things in the future. There is still a battle raging around us and we are asked by the Lord "Who will go for us?"

51 And it came about, when the days were approaching for His ascension, that He resolutely set His face to go to Jerusalem.... 53 And they did not receive Him, because He was journeying with His face toward Jerusalem. Luke 9:51, 53

When we answer the call of the Lord on our lives, by accepting the free gift of His salvation, we enter into His army. It is an army whose mission is to lead the lost to that same knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I command you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."  
Matt. 28:19-20

We are to set our face to Jerusalem, just as our Lord did. Not to have our focus shifted from the primary reason we are on this earth. We are not here to gain worldly treasures, man's approval or any of the many pleasures in life that take our eyes off of the true reason. We were created to have a real, personal and dedicated relationship with our Creator.

...."Teacher what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" And he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." Luke 10:25-28

Satan is a dangerous adversary, who is prowling the earth like a roaring lion seeking those whom he can devour. He is very skillful in the art of espionage and counterintelligence and so many people in the world fall victim to his devious plans.

They may be Christians that are caught in one of many traps that entangle us and keep our eyes off the Creator and His true purpose for our lives. And in so doing, they miss the many blessings the Lord wants to give them.

They may be the lost who need salvation but fight the truth when it is presented to them and so they also fall victim to the enemy's plans.

In any case we, as the soldiers of the Lord in His army, are to concentrate our efforts on seeking the lost, reaching the needy, showing the LOVE of Jesus to everyone that we come in contact with each and every day. There is no more important quest in life than that. Nothing we do on this earth will go with us into eternity except the things done for the cause of Christ.

True picture of eternity

"Now there was a certain rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor ever day. And a certain poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.

But Abraham said, Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us. And he said, Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house for I have five brothers, that he may warn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.

But Abraham said, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them. But he said, No, Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent! But he said to him, if they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead."  
Luke 16:19-31



2016 is upon us

We have been able to spend some time with our grandchildren and try to catch up on some lost time with family and friends. And of course rest.

We have looked into several ministry opportunities since we arrived. One was an inner-city ministry that helps the homeless and others in need. We have also looked into a children's home, not as house parents, but to assist with the needs they have. And also at a Bible study for those with life controlling addictions.

We can honestly say we have no clear direction from the Lord right now, except rest. We have started looking into a ministry that we would do while traveling around. Possibly something along the lines of Baptist Re-builders. Since the Lord has always kept us mobile, we are thinking of purchasing an RV that we can live in while we move about ministering to those the Lord brings to us. We would of course ask you to be in prayer with us as we seek answers to these opportunities. We also want to praise the Lord that you have remained with us for future ministries.