

2000 Newsletter



Happy Holidays !!!! Can you believe that we are already close to wrapping-up this year? Our hope is that this year was a 'good one' for you and your families... many things have happened in our lives so we must get to it... statistics say that we can only keep an average person's attention no more than 10-15 minutes... so lets see what has happened with the

Some of you knew that we were actively looking for a home church --- last December (1999) we found Woodland Hills Church, is our home now and we are so very happy and thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to participate in the body of Christ here on earth... we belong to a couples covenant group that meets every Wednesday and also started attending a new program called Alpha - Preston calls it "Christianity 101" ... we have been able to examine and discuss our beliefs and also to confirm the calling that we have to serve the Lord with every piece of our being. We also have been able to meet a set of wonderful people that we have come to love like a family.

After our Missions/Medical team to Honduras in 1999, we have continued our support of the clinic that was started with the support from River of Life Church - the clinic continues to service the Baracoa adjacent communities and we for see a continuing and growing opportunity to serve and care for more Hondurans. A couple of months ago, Nancy met the Mission committee of Woodland Hills church and got the "Green light" to organize a mission team to Honduras for 2001. We will be posting more information soon and if you feel called to join us in this please consider it pray fully, contact us about the details and we will go from there...

On the personal side, we continued trying to 'get pregnant' but we had reached the point that we needed to start fertility treatments... we were not sure what to do and for a moment it seemed as if it was meant to be (Nancy's medical plan would cover 100%) but we had no peace about it so we prayed and asked the Lord to give us peace about our decision and waited -- not as patiently as expected -- but nevertheless we felt that at this moment we need to wait in the Lord ... it has been very difficult for both of us to understand God's direction in this area of our lives but we are trusting His Wisdom...

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On the super happy-exciting side of life... Sammy and Yoly (my brother and his wife... some of you were at their wedding) had their first baby on October 27th, 2000. Her name is Keren Alexandra. She was quite a big baby for our family averages... 9 lbs. !!! We have not met her yet but expect to see and hold her soon... her whole existence so far has been a tremendous blessing for our whole family -- we feel even closer and we praise Jesus for her life and for the pleasure of becoming the 'condescending and permissive' aunt and uncle that we intend to become for the rest of our lives.

We continue working in our regular jobs, Preston with ITEX 4 days a week and the 'other free time' with our web design and hosting business. Nancy's still working for St. Paul Companies, she enjoys her job with a few exceptions. We definitely feel that the Lord placed her in there for a reason and so far she has been able to shared her faith and reach coworkers with a friendly, loving approach -- pray that the Holy Spirit would used both of us in our workplaces -- our only desire is to do His Will.





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Finally !!! (some of you might know this...) We never had a wedding in Honduras like our parents and family would have wanted to, so pretty much every year we were reminded that we had it coming... last year my parents reached the point of no return and proposed to do it this year one way or another, no 'ifs' or 'buts'....so WE ARE GETTING MARRIED... Again!!!

We have been making preparations of all kinds and there is no denying... we have felt the pangs of 'cold feet, 'mood swings' ... weird too because we have been married for 7 YEARS... you figure it... !!!

Nancy's family is super-super-super excited and we hope to have a blast.... it's PARTY TIME for us and we know that the Lord is going to bless this time of gratitude for his mercy and love in our marriage Year !!! We plan to have some relaxing, and also setup and organize some of our 2001 Missions plan. We will be leaving on 12/15 and are positively sure that we will have a F-A-N-T-A-S-T-I-C time down there... if anything the weather is 80-90 degrees daily... that beats our below zero temps in Minnesota so ADIOS

... and staying on the subject --- this is also a good opportunity to THANK a couple of people that have been holding us accountable in our marriage for quite some time now and without your advise and loving listing skills --- we could not have reached as far as we have... Jesus brought you to our lives and for that we PRAISE HIS NAME OVER AND OVER AGAIN !!!

... Just in case that you are curious... the first name of one is 'J' and the second person's is 'D' ... that's our Christmas puzzle for you...

So, if you followed the previous sections, yes we are going to Honduras for Christmas and new Year. May the Lord bless you and your families, that his grace would fall on you like a downpour and that his love would abound so much that you would feel like running out of the door and shouting 'JESUS I LOVE YOU... YOUR MERCY NEVER ENDS.....!!! but if you are the shy type... just go to the bathroom, make sure the door is locked and fall on your knees... you are alive and well, you have a family, shelter, food and even a computer since you are reading this...give Him the 'high-five' of the day... THANK JESUS !!!