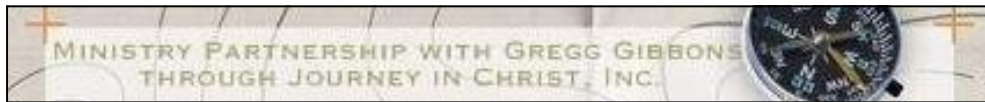


Journey in CHRIST



I thank my God upon every remembrance of you for your partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:3, 5)

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What changes a year can bring to all of us! It's been one year since I stepped out of my 31-year job and into full-time pursuit of the call of my life -- to minister to people the centrality of Jesus Christ through His finished work in the cross and resurrection. ***Journey in Christ exists to train and build up Christians*** upon this foundation to fulfill God's highest calling for all of us, "Go make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Journey in Christ has a staff of six who disciple and train up to 20 individuals each week to be disciplers. We train groups of people through our 8-hour Grace Life Conference. We also have an 8-month Advanced Discipleship Training program that qualifies as a seminary course for a Christian counseling master's degree.

Our staff is developing partnerships with churches, businesses, and other ministries to offer our discipleship training for people where they are (i.e., go make disciples). Partnerships are growing tremendously as people are hungry for real answers to crucial life issues.

It has been an emotional year for me. When 1 Corinthians 9:14 says that those who minister the gospel should live by the gospel, I realize I have been called to a new level of stewardship that is both risky and exciting. God is also taking me to deeper levels of surrender of self-sufficient ways. God is graciously showing me that life and ministry are through relationships, and I am so grateful for family and friends He has given me. Prayers and words of encouragement have lifted me and affirmed my call this year.

Joy and I are humbled that 70 people have invested financially in us so far, and that 20 of these are monthly investors. We need an additional \$1,500/month to complete our family budget. We are praying for additional investors to help complete this need and to experience the joy of ministry with us. Our deepest desire is to edify and encourage everyone who reads this letter and those we financially give to ourselves.

We are also diligently seeking an affordable health insurance plan to replace our plan that expires June 30. Although Joy is doing great, this search is complicated due to her pre-existing conditions. Please pray with us as we believe that "He who calls you is faithful, who also will provide" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

I realize the privilege I have been given to champion the message of the ages. I have surrendered my life to living and proclaiming this message from God's heart, because ultimately it is how I best care for Joy and best relate with family and friends!

For the sake of His name (3 John 1:7)

