

# 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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I am so grateful to have family and friends to share my and Joy's journey with! It's been 1-1/2 years since the door opened for me to pursue the call of my heart to serve in the ministry of discipleship as a full-time vocation. I know now more than ever that ministry -- and all of life -- is sustained through genuine relationships.

The most important thing to me will always be Joy. The truths that I minister to others have transformed me and Joy....which is why I am compelled to this ministry. Joy is enjoying life! Here she is with our grand-niece Alice Joy.



God has affirmed my call during the past 1-1/2 years. This is not a call for me to fulfill, but a shared call to experience with others. My heart is not for other people to support me to do ministry, but for me to help support others with opportunities for using their unique gifts to minister to others.

Sandbagging during a flood in the photo below is a great picture of a shared call. My call is not about me asking people to provide me sandbags for me to put in place for needs that I see. My call is to share a vision with others of a great cause, and to be moved with others to use our God-given gifts together in fulfilling the great cause.



On the back are just a few examples of partnerships where you and I and others can be a part of the greatest cause of all:

*Equipping the body of Christ to multiply disciples of Jesus for ministering transformational hope to the world.*

We've been entrusted not only with the greatest story ever told, but with the greatest life (and only true life) ever lived -- *Christ in you the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)*! *Journey in Christ* is poised to train disciples and to collaborate with other ministries as one of God's instruments for transforming thousands of people around the world with this hope!

My and Joy's financial needs are being provided through your prayers. Currently, 85% is by tax-deductible donations and 15% is by my moonlighting work. We are so grateful. Thank you for partnering with us in any way that encourages you.



*A fellow worker for your joy (2 Corinthians 1:24),*

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## MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Discipleship counseling & training** The staff of Journey in Christ (photo left) provides one-on-one mentoring in several locations throughout the community each week. 5 people are nearing completion of our intensive 8-month discipleship training. And we recently added two new staff members!

**Teaching ministry** I teach a Freedom in Christ class every Monday evening at the Haven of Rest mission in Anderson, SC. I enjoy relating to the 140 men who have attended so far this year. You are most welcome to go with me any time.



**Boys Home of the South chapel** To the left are photos of me and a ministry partner praying with two of 100s of boys who have been transformed by Christ. You are welcome to attend chapel services any Tuesday at 7 pm near Belton, SC.

**Foundational training** I recently had a special time teaching a 2-hour *Centrality of the Cross* study and an 8-hour *Grace Life Conference* in Hendersonville, NC. These present the most foundational and vital truths for everyone and for all ministries. Let me know if a group in your area might be interested in either one of these studies.



**Writing ministry** I love being nurtured by Christ through writing. My weekly e-devotion *Gregg's Rest Stop* has 135 subscribers, including people in Latvia, Canada, Belgium, Germany, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, and a US Army base in Arizona ([www.aweber.com/archive/ministryteam](http://www.aweber.com/archive/ministryteam)). The purpose of the *Rest Stop* is to equip subscribers with truths for their lives and ministries.

**Running the race** My friend Bryan has encouraged me to take breaks from long hours of ministry preparation this year. He has invited me to 5K races, exercises I would have never done without him.



**Brother in Christ** At a recent ministry conference, I re-connected with my friend Justin, a fellow discipleship counselor. I last saw Justin at Luther Rice Seminary in 2003 during a course *Listening and Helping Skills*. Justin has a vibrant ministry in El Paso, Texas. Pray for Justin.

**Becoming as a child** I recently visited my friend Mike who lives in a special needs home and works at Piedmont Skills. Mike can't read, but he does pray and is eager to be discipled by others telling him the truth about God's deep love and total acceptance of him in Christ. Pray for Mike.

