

Dear Northern Hills family,

Just a quick note to send my thanks and some news.

First of all I want to thank all of you again - so very much - for the various ways you support us, and especially your prayer support. You have been such a blessing over many years of faithful and loving care and support. The Lord is good, and your faithfulness to Him is much appreciated!

Ministry news: Ron and I continue to be amazed at the constant flow of encouraging feedback from the Growing Christians website and radio program. We just received this email: *"I've been listening to Dr. David Reid's morning radio broadcast (Augusta, GA) every day since we moved here from CA & Hawaii in 2007. It's such a big help for the spiritual growth of my wife and me. May God bless you. This program continues to reach out to people everywhere who are hungry for the Truth and the Word of our Lord and Savior, our Creator and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!"*

I hope you all realize that each one of you shares in the encouraging messages and thanks from those who appreciate GCM's reliable teaching of the Word! Your faithful support enabled the ministry to get started from simple letters - and grow, as the Lord led - and now enables it to continue ministering to people around the world.

Because of the new website platform Ron is better able to keep track of how much, where, and which segments of the GCM website are used, and it's very encouraging! We thought the "Talks" would be used more often than the "Devotions," but interestingly there are many hits on the Devotions as well. Lately Ron has been updating some of the older Devotions (from 45+ years ago!). As you may recall, Dave was sometimes a bit more wordy than necessary (!!), so (with 2021 readers in mind) Ron has been doing some streamlining, while retaining all the vital messages. (And he always asks me to proofread his version to double-check that nothing vital has been omitted!) We may have mentioned that we've heard from a number of small chapels that appreciate Dave's Talks as the teaching time for their mid-week Bible studies.

I'm currently editing the transcripts of Dave's "Talks from Proverbs." Only Leviticus remains to be edited! We're thinking and praying about a new idea of selecting and "bundling" some of the Talks and Devotions to cover specific topics. Although studying the Bible by books is best, topics are sometimes useful for shepherd groups or youth groups, or to augment homeschool curricula - and may be more attractive to people who feel intimidated about getting involved in studying an entire book.

Chapel news: Our chapel is almost back to normal now that the incidence of Covid has declined, although for a second summer we'll be holding a

“different” kind of VBS. We’re thankful that our chapel kids will be back at Camp Berea this summer. Our weekly women’s Bible study met all year. There was a strong emphasis on guarding against false doctrine in the 3 books we studied - very much needed these days. The larger group is “officially” on hold for the summer, but my discussion group enjoys meeting during the summer with our own “unofficial” study. My personal hospitality ministry, the Missions Committee, our shepherd group, and the Welcome Team all continue through the summer, so I have lots to keep me busy!

Family news: All our grandchildren are doing well. *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”*

Dave & Kari’s daughter, Ingrid, and her husband Matt, are newly involved as youth leaders at their Indianapolis church. They’re a vibrant young couple and good role models, and I believe will be a real blessing. They’re leading the 7th graders, and Lord willing will stay with this group of kids right through high school.

Ron & Erica’s son Jon graduated from the University of Rhode Island in May. He plans on graduate studies in the fall, and is very happily working as a “pro” at a golf club this summer. Their son Dave graduated from high school last week, and he’s already on his summer job as an “assistant carpenter” with Erica’s brother, a contractor. He’ll develop some valuable skills! Jon is a HS youth group leader and Dave is on the chapel music team (Ron, too, of course!).

Ron recently heard a young man’s testimony that his life was literally saved by listening to a song on the first CD that Ron recorded and produced with musicians from the chapel! He was addicted to drugs and alcohol at the time - and is now a counselor at His Mansion, a Christian addiction treatment center in NH. How encouraging!

Dave (son) has finally recovered from bone fusion surgery in one of his ankles. His mobility was severely restricted for 12 weeks, and he didn’t appreciate the inactivity - but it gave him more time for reading and studying the Word, and he has started writing a blog!

Special request: Because of a recurrence of cancer, our daughter Catherine underwent surgery in Philadelphia on June 10 . Thankfully, this was not a metastasis to a different area, and we thank the Lord that the small tumor was discovered very early. She’s recovering well. Please pray for no further recurrence of malignancy. Both their grownup children came home for Father’s Day weekend - a joyful time for the entire family!

I trust that the usual activities and events and ministries are returning to normal at the Chapel, and that many of the youth will be able to enjoy the valuable experience of summer camp once again! Camp is so helpful for growth in faith: *“Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live*

your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught..." (Colossians 2:6-7).

May the Lord continue to guard, guide and bless each one of you, and may His Spirit provide all that is needed for blessing and generous fruit in all the various personal and corporate ministries of the chapel family. *"May the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory forever and ever!" (Hebrews 13:20-21).*

Overflowing with thanks, through His love,

Margie