

2022 Merry Christmas!

AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR



It seems like I was just preparing to embark on the seven-week, twelve-State journey I took at the beginning of this year, yet here we are celebrating the joys of Christmas again and anticipating another new year! I trust your celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus, was a precious one!

2022 was full...of surprises! For those who haven't heard, my biggest news is that I have officially "planted" myself in Washington State for a season. I came here by faith in February, without fully understanding why, but believing it was for a short-term transition. In October, however—after a progressive surrender to His directing my steps—I committed to a lease on an apartment here—the first time I've had a place of my own since 2006. Through the years, as I have travelled to various States and nations for ministry, I have either been hosted by others or rented a room in someone's home. It has been a gift to finally have a home of my own again, and I have daily been full of awe and gratitude! God provided in amazing ways.

God's Word to me at the start of this year was to "*Be still and know that I am God*" (Psalm 46:10a), and He had me focusing on *Isaiah 32:17-18*, as well: "*And the effect of righteousness will be peace. And the result of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever. Then my people will live in a peaceful surrounding, and in (safe) secure dwellings and in (quiet) undisturbed resting places.*" It took some time to bring me to my current "place to call home"—a fulfillment of those verses—but each place He led me to this past year as I purposed to "be still" was a uniquely distinct gift, too. I spent time with family friends in Georgia, experienced a pivotal time of rest with friends in Puerto Rico; was hosted at a ministry that offers respite housing to missionaries; and stayed with two other families here in the Pacific Northwest. Community, rest, relationships, and growth came through each experience. I am especially grateful to the Gobin family who helped to care for me while recovering from an extended bout of COVID. They were God's precious provision to me during a particularly vulnerable time. Now God's Word to me is to "plant yourself in order to root and ground," and I am excited to see the fruit that will come as a result of my being in Washington in 2023.

BE STILL
and
KNOW
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GOD

PSALM 46:10



After 16 years, I continue to work alongside Gary and Connie Crowl in their ministry (gcinternational.org). I was able to join them in January for the launch service of the church they have helped pioneer in Boerne, TX (boerneriverchurch.org). They continue to minister in the States and internationally, too. My primary responsibilities for them are helping with Partner communications,

overseeing their website, and facilitating things with the FLP Chinese translation distribution. We now have over thirty, free, downloadable, Chinese resources at flpchinese.com...with over 85,000 downloads to date! I'm working on an FLP Chinese YouTube channel as another means to get the Word out, as well. I will be in Tulsa for two-weeks in January to connect with them and help with year-end things for their ministry. I look forward to seeing the many people I still know in the area, too!



I am grateful to continue partnering with Cindy McKinney as part of her team for REST, as well (restinme.org). Every four to six weeks she hosts a virtual gathering for women on Zoom who join us from around the world. I was able to share the message for December and focused on *Emmanuel, God with Us: The Resting Place* (pro-visioninternational.com/streaming-audio). Our next gathering is February 4th. I'm excited about the year ahead where in 2023 we will focus on being anchored in Him and sharing stories of God's faithfulness that have anchored us in living for Him.

In 2022 I also continued to make progress toward my Master's Degree in Counseling through Denver Seminary. This year I took *Social and Cultural Dynamics in Counseling, Psychopathology and Diagnosis, Theological Foundations in Counseling, New Testament for Counseling Students, and Addictions in Counseling*. I have been in awe how timely each course has been, not just in preparations for the future, but in life experience, application, and growth in the here and now.

I wasn't sure how staying in Washington might impact my schooling. Shortly after making the commitment to my lease in Washington, though (a huge step of faith for me), the seminary announced that they are actively pursuing making their Master's of Counseling available as a fully distance-modeled program for those living outside of the Denver area. Again, it was as though God was whispering, "I've got this!" and affirming that His plans for me to stay in Washington for this season had taken ALL things into account...above and beyond what I could ask, hope, think or imagine!

While pursuing my Master's in Counseling connects with my calling to be part of healing the brokenhearted and binding up their wounds, God has also been rekindling things in my heart about the fullness of *Isaiah 61:1... The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to bring good news to the meek, the poor, the suffering, and the afflicted; He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted, binding up and healing their wounds, to proclaim release [from confinement and condemnation] to the [physical and spiritual] captives, and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound (various translations).*

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Isaiah 61:1



In recent months, I have connected with a ministry in Washington called Tierra Nueva. They have a heart and call to minister to those in the margins, including refugees, migrant workers, prisoners, homeless, drug addicts and gang members. I have been learning from the founders of the ministry through a training program they offer. They were on the mission field in Honduras for many years, but now consider the greater Skagit

Valley in Washington to be their assignment, even as they continue to travel internationally to train others to minister to those in the margins more effectively. I look forward to sharing more in my monthly e-updates, and to seeing how God weaves these various threads together in my own calling.

2022 has been a pivotal year, and as we move into 2023, know how grateful I am that you are part of my journey, my calling, and my life! Always...with joy in the journey!