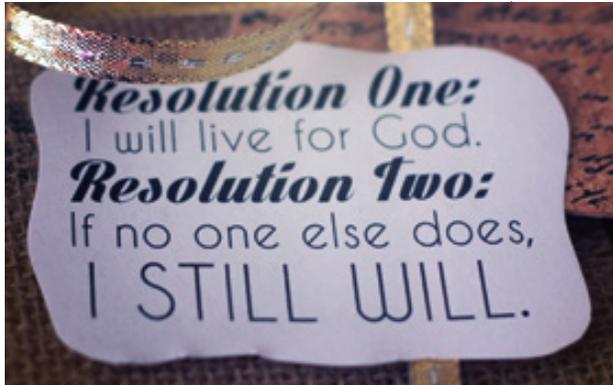


# wotnews

"CHRIST IN WHOM YE ALSO TRUSTED, AFTER THAT YE HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH..." EPHESIANS 1:13

January 2016



**Dear Praying, Caring, Co-laborers,**

2016 has arrived! 2015 is behind us, and a truly exciting year is before us. We are so looking forward to what God is going to do through WOT in the coming year. Edna and I feel like God has had us in a season of waiting, just like all the examples of waiting on God in the Bible. We see Abraham who waited for years for a promised son. Joseph spent most of his life waiting on God, either in the pit, prison, or the palace. Then, there is Job, even though he lost everything, he still waited on God. And, of course, the ultimate example was Jesus as He waited to start His ministry here on earth. These are just a few of the many, many examples in the Bible of waiting on God. The beautiful thing about waiting on God and His timing is that at the end of the waiting period, God has a plan that exceeds anything that we could ever imagine. That's where we feel God has us right now, in the waiting period. But, we also believe that the waiting period is just about over.

I have had several people, most of whom have been strangers, tell me that God is getting us ready to do great and mighty things for His kingdom. A couple have even gone as far as to say that God is not going to use us in small ways. But that in the small things He has us do will have great impact for the kingdom. These comments have been nothing more than affirmation for us that God is taking this time to get us, and the

world, ready for what He is going to do through us. I personally am not interested in any fame, notoriety, or numbers when it comes to the ministry. All we ask is that God use us to reach people with His Word. Whether it be few or it be many, our goal is to be faithful and obedient to God as He gives us opportunities to share His message to the lost and the believers.

It is so exciting to see what God is doing in our lives and the lives of those we encounter. I have encountered a lot of people that seem to think that for those of us in ministry, God has given us all of the answers and we have grown all that we can. But, that could not be further from the truth. God is still teaching and growing us, daily, just as He does with anyone that is a believer and is seeking His face. Anyone who chooses to seek God and allows Him to guide his steps finds himself in a position where every day is an exciting day; a day that is another opportunity to glorify God and thank Him for what He is doing in

our lives. And not only for what He is doing in our lives but how He is using each one of us to further the kingdom.

God's kingdom is not built by the preachers, teachers, or evangelists, only. It is built by every single individual that accepts Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. In Matthew 5:14 It doesn't say that the church is the light of the world, or the pastor is the light of the world, or the evangelist, or the Sunday school teacher, or the missionary, or anyone else. It says "YOU" are the light of the world. You are the city on a hill shining with the beacon of God's love to those around you.

That's all that we want to be: A bright beacon on a hill pointing those who are looking for the meaning of life, for the Creator of life. As we look to the new year ahead of us, pray asking God how you can be a beacon to those around you.

May you have a joyous New Year

In Christ Jesus,

The McCollums



**LOOKING FORWARD**

Thank you to all of you who were obedient in giving to WOT in the last year. If it were not for your obedience to pray and give, as God directed you, WOT would not be able to continue to reach souls with the Gospel. You have been a tremendous blessing to us and all who have been touched by WOT. I just want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You" for all that you have done for God's kingdom.

The month of December was a busy one. Between Edna and I attending and participating in a marriage renewal weekend, to all of the traveling for Christmas, and then wrapping up the month preaching at Second Baptist Jacinto City, it seems like we were gone most of the month. But, we are grateful to be back home.

God is so gracious to give us these opportunities. But, I am excited to see what He is getting ready to do in the near future.

At the time of this letter being printed, we have posted the first video to our website. The recording is the Sunday morning service that I preached at SBC Jacinto City. Hallelujah! This is the first of many videos that we plan on putting

on the website. We have other videos of me preaching, that will soon follow, that are bilingual in English and Spanish. Plus, we have some of the videos that Earnest had recorded that are just about ready for the website. I believe this will be one of the greatest tools that God is going to use to get the Gospel out to the world. Check the website regularly as we are planning on adding the videos during the month of January.

Please be in prayer with us as we seek God's blessing to provide for some new cameras. The cameras we have work, but not well, with the newer equipment God gave us. The issue is that, with the cameras we have, we have to convert the signal several times through several pieces of equipment. Because of this, getting everything to work the way it is supposed to becomes difficult. When we do have the opportunity to record, it takes us several hours to get it all working instead of the 30 minutes it should take.

We, also, ask that you be in prayer with us about the travel trailer we currently have. We bought the trailer back in 1997, and at that time, it was already

10 years old. The trailer has worked well for us, and continues to be used, but the reality is that it is falling apart. Every time we take it somewhere, I wonder which piece will fall off before we get home. We have lost several pieces over the last year. The trailer is a vital piece to WOT and the ability to go wherever God wants us. We are asking God to show us if He would have us keep the trailer and repair it, or if it be His will, to supply us with a newer one. The problem with repairing it is that it will need to be parked for months while it is gutted to repair the areas that are water damaged. We are not opposed to this option but are left with wondering what to do when we travel while it is down for repairs. Hotels are an option but generally cost way more than the cost of a place to park. Up till now, the churches have been very gracious and allowed us to park on their property, thus keeping the cost of travel way down. The other option would be to see the Lord supply a newer trailer or the finances for a newer trailer. God is able to provide for either option, and we are asking you to pray with us as we seek Him to provide.



**PROJECTS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

We are continuing to ask for support for the following projects. Some of you were gracious in giving towards these projects, but we are still far short of being able to purchase everything.

**Pastors Packs**

- \* New Testaments – \$2.00 each
- \* Pastor's Pack - \$180.00 (8 books & 1 Bible)
- \* Blank DVDs (1 set) - \$25.00 (103 to a set)
- \* Ink cartridges – \$25 (for 1 set of cartridges)
- \* Cases for DVDs – \$5.00 each
- \* Thompson Chain Reference Bible - \$25
- \* Large Bible Concordance - \$25
- \* Boxes, packaging tape, rubber bands, misc. & shipping- \$10 (1 set)
- \* Supplies for Doctrine Books - \$15

**Equipment**

- \* Cameras - \$1800 (each camera)
- \* Camera tripod - \$400
- \* Video software - \$300 (per license) (We need 2 of these)

**Loera Orphanage**

- \* Each orphan's needs - \$10 a month
- \* Additional Staff Member - \$100
- \* Building Material - \$100

You might want to give to one or more of these as individuals, families, Sunday School Classes, Bible study groups, etc. Please, pray about this. Anything the Lord leads you to do will be a blessing to us and to the ministries we support. We tried to break it down to smaller amounts for those who would like to help. Your gifts can be a one time donation or monthly donations.



**IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF**

We appreciate those of you who send in offerings as a memorial. A card is sent to the person honored or the family members of those given in memory of. God delights to bless those who give and He blesses the gift given. As you give, you are blessed, and others are blessed, because you gave. The memorials are used to buy the Pastors' Packs unless designated for other purposes.

es. When you send the memorials, please, remember to include the city of the deceased and the correct address of a family member to send the card to.

**In Memory of:**

- Joy McCollum – Madisonville, Texas
- David Brashier – Cypress, Texa

**Honor of:**

- Bill Breedlove – Wimberley, Texas
- Patricia & Wesley Pace - Shelbyville, KY
- Lois & Chuck Pace - Kyle, TX



**JUSTIN, MANDY & CHLOE**  
**"Great Joy for All People"**

As we stop this month to celebrate that incredible night in Bethlehem, the angel's chorus is beautifully haunting. The birth of that baby was indeed good news of great joy! Yet that joy still hasn't reached all people. That's why we pray, give, send and go to the nations. So that all people might know this joy!

We are now settled into to our beautiful new home and have received permission from our local authorities to stay here! Thank you so much for lifting up our housing permission. In the process of securing it, Justin built a deeper relationship with our landlord, and he has been very generous in offers to help our work. He's even offered several pieces of land and the use of some buildings he owns. We are researching the possibilities of planting coffee in this area next year, so please pray for wisdom in this process.

**Through Justin's Eyes...**

Life in this new "big" city has its pros and cons. Traffic is worse, but there's also pea-

nut butter down the street, so I'm happy. Most of all, I'm excited about the potential partnerships in this city. I've already been able to meet with several strong believers either doing Pal ministry or interested in partnering. Most nearby villages are inaccessible to foreigners right now because of instability in the region, so we are dependent on national partners. Will you join me in praying for a small group of local men that I can regularly disciple and send out to reach the Pal?

**Through Mandy's Eyes...**

I'm excited to be living in our new city and even more excited that we have permission to stay in our new house! It's been nice to connect with national partners in this city and get to know them on a more personal basis.

I'm also grateful that we found a new Burmese teacher and babysitter, so I've been able to continue studying the language. Some opportunities have recently come up to help lead a Bible study with other women. Please pray for these and other opportunities to disciple women.



**The Loeras**

Please, continue to lift up the Loeras, the orphanage in Ocosingo, and other ministry open doors. We are including a recent Christmas picture. Thank you to all of those who gave a special gift to them for Christmas.

Please be in prayer with us as we work with Benjamin and Westgate Church. The church has shared an interest in digging a water well for the orphanage. We have been asked by Benjamin to be the mediator between him and the church. Edna and I have agreed to do this for them and are in the process of contacting the necessary individuals and gathering requirements for all involved.

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THEN AND NOW**

As we begin another new year, we remember the things that are past, but we press forward to all God has planned for WOT in this New Year. We don't know what the year holds, but we do know that God holds WOT and our future in His Hands. We can trust Him with our lives, the ministry, open-doors, finances, JD & Edna and the boys, and each day the Lord gives us to serve Him. God has given J.D. a vision of what can be done through WOT, and we believe that He has great things in store as we walk together believing Him for wisdom, for His supply, and for obedience in every step the Lord leads us to take. Last year was a difficult year for so many of you. We had a number of our

co-laborers who went home to be with the Lord and the family left behind is believing the Lord for strength in this New Year. So many were faithful to pray and give to WOT, and now, there is a hole that needs to be filled in order to see WOT continue. Please, believe the Lord with us for new co-laborers and for churches who will get behind this ministry and help move it forward to get the Word out to the lost and strengthen the pastors who serve Him. Believe the Lord with us for daily general fund expenses, for supply for Earnest and myself, and for God's supply for J.D., Edna and their family. Someone recently asked if we had a good retirement. Earnest always believed the Lord would have us in-

vest as much of WOT funds as we could in the ministry. Because of this, he did not set up a retirement fund, but instead, put it all in the ministry. So, at this time, we believe the Lord to continue to supply our needs, supply for J.D. and his family, and supply funds for the ministry He has planned for WOT. God is faithful and we can trust Him. Please, pray for supply, wisdom to use what He supplies, and new co-laborers and churches to participate in all God has planned for WOT. Thank you for your faithfulness to us and to the Lord over these many years, and thank you for your continued prayers and support for the future.

**PRAISE THE LORD**

- For reports of how God is using the PPs & DVDs
- For renewed strength physically
- For protection for distributors who travel many miles to distribute our material
- For all who pray and give to this ministry

- For new pastors receiving the PPs & DVDs
- For blessings on the Loeras and new areas of ministry
- For those of you beginning to give toward J.D. & Edna's needs
- For new opportunities for J.D. to preach and present WOT ministry
- For the privilege of

**Prayer Corner**

- praying for our co-laborers
- For our family always ready to help when we need them
- For all the blessings the Lord allows us to enjoy by serving Him

**PRAY WITH US**

- For the ongoing ministry of WOT and for

- God's supply for all He has planned
- For the Loeras and the orphanage
- For J.D. & family & supply for them as they have stepped out on faith for full time ministry
- For Justin & Mandy in S. E. Asia

- For God's continued blessing of His Word as the pastors listen to the DVDs
- For the urgent need for more Pastor's Packs we are totally out
- For the supplies needed for binding books - another urgent need
- For continued need for blank DVDs and supplies

- For God's supply for the General Fund each month - gifts have been much lower in recent months
- For the health needs of some of our co-laborers
- For God's timing for surgery for Earnest
- For our continued health needs

*Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24*