

Merry Christmas

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2017 GRACEMODE



Pastor Al & Eloise Dugel

Dear friends and family,

December 2017

What a year 2017 has been for the ministry of **GRACEMODE** and for Eloise and me! In all of it, God has shown Himself to be our Provider, our Healer and our Comfort. We have seen our older daughter, Andrea, returning to much better health. She is actually back in the work force and dealing with significantly fewer seizures. Add to that, she and David had a happy wedding and reception in September. It was a real delight to share that time with them!

Our younger daughter, Angela, is also doing well. She continues to teach math at the local community college, but her pottery business is booming, keeping her very busy. She and Nate are also home schooling Duncan and Carson, which means that every day is a new and exciting experience. Add to that a new baby on the way, and you have Angela's definition of life in the fast lane!

Eloise has been the focus of lots of medical activity, from cardioversions to a cryo-ablation, and a few things in between, we are grateful for her improving health. She is still finding more about her health situation, but it looks like she'll be doing pretty well for the Christmas season and beyond. Growing older only happens to other people, right?

I continue to be in pretty good health. I sleep with a C-Pap machine now, and the house is much quieter, I'm told. Eloise and I have both been busy sewing for some schools and for the Pueblo Children's Chorale, and that is finally done for now!

In March, we went to the Christian Motorcyclists Association's annual pastors' retreat in Arkansas. We later we enjoyed a family reunion in northwest Iowa in July on the way home from attending the Czechoslovak Baptist Convention for the United States and Canada's annual conference in Pennsylvania. There we met our latest **GRACEMODE** associate, missionary, Peter Kuruc. (More about him below.) Life continues to be both challenging and exciting!



Goma, Doran & Bishnu

Along the lines of ministry, this has been a year of growth and blessings. We officially took on Bishnu and Goma to serve as missionaries in Nepal, helped them get there from the Philippines and have been supporting their new venture in Jumla, Nepal. Their year and a half old son is being prepared to become a big brother, and Goma will need a lot of bed rest and medical supervision, due to health issues and history. For that reason, she and Doran will be staying in Kathmandu for the next several months, while Bishnu continues to work in Jumla. There will be extra expenses, but they, and we, are happily depending on God for their support.

I mentioned meeting Peter at the conference, and we are thrilled to have him officially on board as a ministry partner and our Nepal coordinator. Because he is already supported, we are not burdened with raising his family's support, although we will be working toward raising much needed funds for his "Hope for Kids, Nepal" ministry, joint projects and



personal support. It is a joy to work with Peter and Leena his wife. Since she is Nepali, Peter, who is Slovakian, is freer to do minister in Nepal and to travel abroad to call attention to his ministry. In fact, we have invited Peter to join us here in Pueblo for

our annual banquet on February 24, 2018. This will give us a wonderful opportunity to get up close and personal with his ministry!

Peter Leena





Umesh Pandit continues to work with helping children get out of the clutches of poverty and lack of opportunity. Just this month, he teamed up with Peter and Leena to do a winter ministry of clothing and blankets to the 14 children we are supporting in school north of Kathmandu. The project was very powerful, as the children found that they can depend on others to help meet their needs. These inroads may well open the door for more sharing about why we are helping in the first place. They know that this was made possible by followers of Jesus, but we are praying that they, too, will one day also follow Him.



Above are Peter & Leena on the left and Umesh in the dark jacket on the right.

Our partners in India are continuing on in ministry, too, even though the children are not currently in their care. Pastor Prem and his wife, Sangeeta, never slow down, except for the last week or so, when Sangeeta went in for surgery. She is recovering, and will soon be home. We continue to seek and accept funds for the new orphanage building, which will allow the children to return to the care of the FAITH Ministries, Odisha, India team.



Sangeeta, Pastor Prem, & Pastor AI

This team also has several pastors and evangelists working alongside them, reaching villages and individuals for Christ.

During this Advent season and at the end of another year, everyone on our team wants you to know that we love you, and we could not do what we do without much prayer and the support that God lays on your hearts. There is much to do. The need for funding has been brought to the Lord's attention in our prayers, and we really want you to know that *we depend on God to touch some hearts, leading to funding, and all hearts, leading to fervent prayer!*



We miss those who go on ahead of us...

Last month, our Iron Men ministry lost one of our founding members, Benjamin Wilton. He will be sorely missed, as will another of our members Tom West, who went to be with the Lord earlier in the year. Even so, we rejoice that these men loved the Lord and our times together. Our lives have been enriched by our friends.

Memorial gifts are always welcome. They are a way to help us remember our loved ones and honor them carrying on in their loving ways.



It wasn't a wreath on Jesus' head, but life would not be the same without what He did for us! Remember ... The cradle could not have brought salvation without the cross!

Pastor AI & Eloise Dagele



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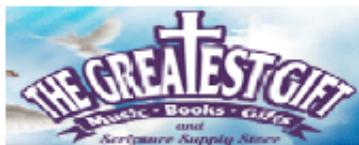
Hear missionary,

Peter Kuruc

GRACEMODE & Hope for Kids
Nepal

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February 24, 2018
6:03 PM
El Pueblo History Museum
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