

Okay --- we're going to keep it simple and to the point. I've been waiting for some kind of an "epiphany" and it's just not happening. And if I wait any longer it will be 2015!

The last time we wrote Paul had come successfully through the stent procedure and he continues to do just great! His solution for anyone feeling a bit draggy and tired is that they get a stent! J His conclusion is that the procedure is easier than a dentist appointment! He's in an aggressive physical therapy program and is getting all kinds of "buff" ☺

My daddy often quoted "Only one life, twill soon be past, ONLY what's done for Christ will last!" Which drives us into 2014 and helps us to recognize the values of the "old" the "new" and the "ongoing" --- some of them are ----

God's sufficient Grace every day! His Mercies --- new every morning! The challenge to walk with Him moment by moment! His unfathomable LOVE!

And, of course, I could go on for pages! But these things fall into the categories of the "old", the "new", and the "ongoing" --- don't they?! BECAUSE 2013 was full of GRACE and MERCY and His unfathomable LOVE, we are confident this brand new 2014 will be the same! His amazing promises ARE "ongoing" --- they have never run out --- never come to an end!

Also "ongoing" is our constant challenge to sharpen our skills in training this new generation for effective cross-cultural church planting. There has been regular "ongoing" training for all of us as staff here at the MTC over the past years --- and it's been so helpful as we've learned much about this new generation --- how they think --- what motivates them and how to effectively influence their lives. This past week, and for the next couple of weeks, the training we're receiving is about "Worldview" and the need for clear understanding of our own Worldview as well as that of the people God sends us to train. A definition of Worldview is that it's the lens through which we view the world. It's kind of the "why" we think and respond as we do and what influences that thinking. This is SO important for us as trainers, as well as for the students to learn as they

prepare to move into cross-cultural ministries around the world!

So --- those are a few of the "ongoing" and then there's other things going on that ARE "new" happenings in 2014. A few of them are ---

1. No NEW students here at the Missionary Training Center in Missouri for this January semester. The training program is being extended to a two year course instead of a year-and-a-half and new students will be starting in August only.



2. There are 69 missionary candidates (48 family units).
3. We have 135 staff (that includes all departments) which means that there are 333 people with the same goal of seeing the gospel shared around the world working and studying on this property!
4. This next Tuesday they are going to try a NEW procedure on the offending nerves in my neck that are causing so much discomfort.
5. A New Translation of God's Word, watch this! <http://vimeo.com/73591506>

Something that is NOT NEW is your very sweet and valued friendship! It is ONGOING and how we praise God for that!!! Thank you for your faithful, "ongoing" financial support and prayers. We praise God that we do not have to face this new year --- with its new challenges alone --- but together with you as our co-workers. This is our prayer for you ---

**"May the coming year be one of increased riches of grace--- knowing His heart more deeply, resting in His love more fully, trusting His care more consistently, and knowing His presence more intimately." (Roy Lessin)**

Lovingly,

Paul and Faith Wyma