

News and Greetings from the Krejcir's

Equipping Church Leaders and Pastors Spring 2010

Serving the Lord through *Into Thy Word Ministries*, Pasadena, Ca.

...but those who **hope** in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31



A Challenging Devotion

Lead, Follow or Get out of the Way ... or is to Walk Away?

My accountant told me to walk away! The easiest thing to do is walk away. People in mortgages that are “upside down” are walking away, even though that will destroy their credit and the possibility of ever owning a home again. Usually, it is because of greed, buying something one can’t afford and hoping for more or an entitlement mentality or a victim of happenstance of a global economic meltdown. Well, we too can walk away, not just from our home, but from the ministry too. “As the going gets tough the tough get...” But is this right and biblical? I think you know the answer. Our financial woes are not due to reckless spending or from greed or from getting into something we can’t afford or were not supposed to do or not called to. We bought our home back in 2001; it was a “crack home” that we fixed up to make livable, exercising wise stewardship and diligence. The Ministry is over 30 years old now, and it continues to grow and thrive, way beyond any reasonable expectation or hope. We are in over 80 counties training literally, and no kidding or creative accounting, tens of thousands of pastors. We provide the vital biblical curriculums and research that they cannot get anywhere else. In some places, we are the only mission or help there. And, wow, God is using us powerfully! This is humbling and daunting; but we can’t pay our bills! We are afraid that people are scared and are not following through with their commitments and call to come alongside and partner with missions and missionaries. And that is why we may be in our, as my 3 year old says, “predicament.”

The times we are in may seem scary—a government out of control and reckless at one end and apathetic at the other and us in the middle, dazed and confused. But, the Bible tells us that we will face tough times and we can get through them. Just read James 1 and Daniel 3. The fires from the furnaces of life will come at us, while our Lord is in our midst. We may feel the heat, we may even get burned; but in Christ we will prevail, even when the fires seem severe! So, expect it, prepare for it, and trust and hope in our Lord through it. Do not be in fear, or seek to abandon what you have been called to, a word for us too. And when we find ourselves in these furnaces, we can persevere; we wait on our Lord so we can allow the flames to refine us, mold and shape us, and make us stronger and better for His service. Because, we can “wait” and “hope” on our Lord...

This means to hang on tightly and intertwine ourselves in Christ, not wait on the couch or fuss, but exhibit real active faith and persistent trust.

We can use these scary opportunities to teach us, to reflect on our goals, and on what we have been through and what we may face. An opportunity to trust and obey is now louder and more needed than ever and “yes we can!” Yes we can persevere; yes we can have bold active faith! Because our Lord is still in control; He is Sovereign! It just comes down to this: do not fret but trust; do not look at situations—rather look to our Lord. This is what we are seeking to do. Yes, it is tough and we need one another as well as your partnership to make this work. I hope this can be an encouragement and comfort to you and a call to continue for the faith and remember us in full time ministry—at the blunt of it all. And in time, we will rejoice and see what Christ has had for us all along, what we learned, how we grew, and how we furthered His Kingdom (Isa. 8:17; 25:9; 26:8-9; 33:2; 40:31!)

Family Updates

We have faced some medical problems and the resulting expenses, trips to the emergency room for Ryan (very sick & extreme temp) and Mary (bad slip & fall in tub), while Richard is battling a major and annoying illness (Hashimoto's disease). We walked away from the hospital, thank God, but we are not walking away from our Lord or the Ministry He has given to steward!

Mary, Thank-you for your prayers and support!

Ryan keeps us busy and is growing so fast. My mother is still recovering from her stroke that left her partially paralyzed as my sisters and I take turns taking care of her. We are experiencing our own recession, but we are trusting in God’s provisions and blessings as we seek to know and serve Him better.

Ryan will turn 4 on May 10th. He is bright, healthy, active, loud, and all boy! Praise God! He is in 3 different preschool programs, plus violin and...Karate! Yes, we need your help and prayer! He is doing well thanks to your prayers!

Richard, has getting busy with the India 2010 trip, teaching a lot at churches and conferences, writing curriculums, and researching for pastors.

Ministry News

- Did you know that we provide the needed training, materials and pastoral resources for over 20,000 pastors in various Bible schools and training centers?
- Did you know more than 10,000 pastors go to our websites every day! www.churchleadership.org
- Did you know that besides our books, we have over 1,000 quality biblical resources that are used by many other organizations like Campus Crusade and that you can use them too for your spiritual growth, small group, or ministry, all online? www.intothyword.org
- Did you know we teach at pastor and leadership conferences, including CMTA and the Gospel-Com conference as well as many more?
- Did you know we research for the *Schaeffer Institute* and developed a new website? www.acts29.org
- Did you know that our "stolen" website is back? www.francisschaeffer.com! It was hijacked by pornographers in Brazil! A major legal victory!
- Did you know that even with the wars and persecutions in SC Asia, our ministry flourishes there, as we are providing the training and pastoral resources at our "underground" pastoral Bible training centers?
- Did you know that we are on Facebook and Twitter? www.facebook.com/rkrejcir twitter.com/intothyword
- Did you know that this ministry continues after 30+ years because of your prayers and support?

Thank you for all who have partnered with and prayed for us! May God continue to Bless and keep you!

Richard, Mary and Ryan Krejcir *Numbers 6:24f*

We keep our eyes focused on our Lord as our strength!

"Thank you for your Support!"



Into Thy Word Ministries is about Equipping Leaders and Pastors to better understand and apply the Bible. This is crucial to building a personal relationship with Christ and a healthy Church for Christ's Glory. Many pastors are inadequately equipped or have lost their focus. *ITW* seeks to encourage and equip pastors around the world. And you can partner with us too!



Prayer Requests

- Provision of all our financial, ministry, and family needs!
- For more ministry supporters and prayer warriors.
- Wisdom in what to do with our financial and living situation.
- Continual wise use of our time and resources, balancing work, ministry, family, the little guy, and life - that we would walk in the Light of the Lord!
- For the help, resources, and contacts to come our way with the right opportunities and associations!
- For the Lord to use us to minister as we research and develop books, resources, and curriculums for pastors, discipleship, and biblical church leadership development.
- Good health for us, as well as wisdom and resources so we can better partake in the opportunities God has for us, both personally and for the ministry!
- Pray for a relief and victory over our spiritual warfare situations!
- Insights and resources as we parent our little precious Ryan!

Our Purpose is to point to the Supremacy and Centrality of Christ, and with your partnership we can expand God's Kingdom by becoming and developing wholeheartedly, fully-engaged followers of Jesus Christ. If you want to help support us in these endeavors and our pastoral training overseas, then please let us know.

Please remember us in support and prayer!

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