

*From our hearts here at the Goss home
to all of you we want to wish you a very*

Merry Christmas!

Because of what has been going on in our nation and world recently, I want to begin this letter with a word of encouragement.

In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus says one way or another 5 times to take no thought for our lives, whether we will have enough to eat, clothes to wear or what we will drink. In verse 34 he tells us not worry about tomorrow. The reason why Jesus has to tell us this 5 times in these verses is because we are going to be bombarded with thoughts and worries especially as the economy looks so shaky and unstable. Jesus is saying that when these thoughts and worries are thrown at us that we are not to take them, but to cast them down and to meditate on God's faithful promises. In verse 33 he tells us how to do this, if we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, then all these things (our needs) will be added unto us. Isaiah 1:19 puts it this way, that if we are willing and obedient we will eat the good of the land (no matter how bad the economy is). As long as we continue to invest our lives and resources in kingdom of God we will be safe.

I hope that you had a blessed year. 2008 was a good year for us and amidst the challenges we again found God to be faithful and we were privileged to be used of Him to further His kingdom. In the outreaches we participated in we saw many lives touched and souls saved. With the desire to take what God has given me and share it with others, we taught on evangelism and took teams out to evangelize in Washington DC; Detroit, Michigan; St. Louis, Missouri and Great Bend, Kansas. I was also able to teach on evangelism in a couple of churches in Iowa and one in High Ridge, Missouri. 2008 was the launch year of our radio program, Reaping the Harvest, which airs on 5 different stations in the United States. It is a 15 minute program that teaches on evangelism and joins our evangelistic radio program, Finding Hope as part of our radio ministry. Finding Hope airs over World Harvest Radio's shortwave signals that reach all over the world, reaching areas where we can't go. People from all over the world are taking our Bible Correspondence Course, Stepping Stones. One man from the Philippines recently wrote us saying, "Thank you so very much for your continued faithfulness in sending Stepping Stones lessons which I really enjoyed in answering and studying with an open Bible at the right hand corner. It is very interesting, thought-stimulating and easy-to-understand correspondence course." We began to offer the Gospel tracts we have created to others and we have sent out tracts to people in the US and around the world. I was also able to teach the interns and youth at the St. Louis Dream Center. Our goal for 2009 will be to touch more lives and to see more souls saved by expanding in these areas.

I recently returned from ministering at the Tulsa Farm Show with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. There was a tremendous amount of divine appointments, especially with the FFA kids (Future Farmers of America) who were attending the show. Every year it has become a tradition of mine to take one of my kids with me to this outreach. This year was my son Tommy's turn and in addition to the outreach we were able to enjoy the Rhema Christmas lights and just have some good father/son bonding time. Tommy also helped to minister to some of the little kids that would come to our booth.



Tommy sharing the Gospel with some kids.

Kara, Leticia and Tommy continue to do well in school—they take after their mother in this, not me. Kara and Leticia participated in cross country for Northwest High School this past fall. They enjoyed it and we enjoyed watching them. Tommy played baseball in the spring and summer which was fun when it not was rained out or flooded (the ball fields he played on are right by the Meramec River and it flooded several times this past year). Julie and I have stayed busy with our ministry and involvement at our church, the St. Louis Dream Center, and all of our kids activities.



Leticia and Kara going to the Homecoming Dance.

Finally, we want to really thank all of you for your prayers and support of Jeff Goss Ministries. You make all of our ministry possible. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Love,

Jeff and Julie Goss and Family

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