

Bridges of Grace Ministries

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“...grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” –John 1:17

PASSION FOR HIS PURPOSE – COMPASSION FOR HIS PEOPLE

“For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.” --John 3:16

THE CENTER FOR PRACTICAL MINISTRY OUR FOCUS AND PRIORITY IN PRAYER



“Behold, I send an angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.” —Exodus 23:20

This is what I am hearing in my spirit “Stay the course, Arlene!” “Stand fast and stay the course.” “Maintain the faith.” “Cast not away your confidence.” “Stay steadfast and stay the course.” “Do not be weary in well doing.” “Keep on pressing on and into the promises, for nothing is too difficult for Me.”

Thanksgiving is the language of faith!

One year later in the natural, we only have 10% of the purchase price for the property in Cantel—the property we need for *The Center for Practical Ministry* to continue the school, the workshops, the library, the women’s ministry, the children and the youth ministries etc. etc.

Though we might not have it all in our hands, we still have it in our hearts. We maintain that this is the place the Lord directed us to last year, and we continue to believe that this promise will be fulfilled in His Timing, His Way. By faith we see it as ours—the deed—signed, sealed, and delivered. By faith we

see the property fully equipped, fully staffed and functioning as the Lord has designed—all areas of ministry moving full-steam ahead into the future with Jesus Christ at the helm. **“God does not tease with only partial provision!”**—Faith 101 by Rella Shipman.

Thank You Father God for what you did in 2011, and what you have already prepared for us in 2012. “You crown the year with Your goodness, And your paths drip with abundance.” —Psalm 65:11

Therefore, our number one project for 2012 is to keep pressing on and doing as He instructs. Our *School of Grace* continues to grow. Our women’s and children’s ministry continues to expand. And this year we will also have a youth ministry. Where will we put them all? That is the question of the year! Where?



The Lord has instructed me to keep on teaching, training, and mentoring. Our *School of Grace* opens January 21st. Leadership training will be emphasized even more this year as we prepare for increasingly, steady growth.



Our ladies monthly tea, along with the children's ministry has expanded the most. We had 92 women and 75 children and youth attend our Christmas Tea. We had so many youth come to the children's class in November and December that we are planning a separate youth ministry in the near future. I am praying for more helpers. And I am thanking God for Mariela, whom the Lord raised up in 2011. She has done a tremendous job with the children.

We will take advantage of every inch of space we have now while we wait upon the Lord to move us into the place He said He has reserved for *Bridges of Grace Ministries*. I cannot make it happen, nor can I go beyond what He has spoken. **We thank You, Father God for what we already have and rejoice for the rest that is on the way.**



Last year we acquired 12 wooden desks for our *School of Grace* students. They were built locally for \$45.00 each. We have 36 students registered. All of them said they are returning, and we have others asking to attend in 2012. I am petitioning the Lord to provide 24 new desks. To cover cost and increase in

lumber for the 24, we will need approximately \$1200 (for now).



We are also petitioning the Lord for \$500 to cover books, notebooks, paper, pens, and miscellaneous school supplies for the *School of Grace*.

For the children's ministry we also need at least \$500 to cover supplies and materials in Spanish and to add a few more tables, chairs and miscellaneous equipment.



I am projecting that we will need \$500 to cover materials for the Youth ministry which will begin as soon as possible, hopefully February or March. **Thank You Father God as we prepare for expansion!**



Special thanks also to all who sent monthly support, seed for The Center, donated toys and extra funds for the children's ministry. And to those who work tirelessly in the background— God sees your faithfulness and He will reward you. I am extremely thankful to Him for each one of you. 2011 was a good year because of what God provided through you, He has promised 2012 will be even greater. I am thanking Him in advance for His Abundant Grace.