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*"Reaching People for Christ Through the Felt Need of the Family"*

## A GLIMPSE of the New Year >>>

I don't always say it, because I don't always see it, but 2011 is going to be a good year! We knew from the get-go that we needed to start the year with some intense prayer and fasting. (It helped that our church was led to do the same, thus encouraging the process.) I've spent most of my time these last few weeks praying very specifically for vision, and Rob has been faithfully fasting in petition for renewed strength, and the purification of our household from all things that keep us from experiencing the joy of the Lord. Rob says my enthusiasm has finally rubbed off on him and he's pretty excited about the year ahead too!

God has been good to show us two specific targets. One, to see the book we've begun completed (or at least our part in the book completed). And, second, I believe the Greens can look forward to a fine time of respite during a spring/summer furlough. Although furlough is not a vacation, it is designed for a time of restoration for further service

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to the Lord by reconnecting with our ministry partners, family, and friends.

**As of right now, I personally am going to add a new title to my job description... **CHEERLEADER!** I want to do my best to support the family in our quest for our very first furlough after almost 10 years in ministry. And I am so excited!!! We have a few specific ideas of how we would like to spend the time off and we are going to need your help...**

- A. Rob and I haven't attended our all-staff conference in Colorado together since our first year in ministry... and we'd like to this July! It's such a shame to not take advantage

of this special time of refreshment and renewal for all commissioned staff, and this year we're going to make the effort to participate!

- B. We haven't been home to hug our many, many supporters, visit our sending churches, and catch up with our extended families since 2006... five years ago! We miss you all and we've lost touch!

It's for this reason, and from now until early summer, I will be asking (and begging! 😊) for money to go towards our furlough. I'm going to try to come up with some original ways of broaching the subject! So expect, *and please don't take offense to*, my strategies!

Preparing for our budget, it looks like we will need several thousand dollars in order to register for the All-Staff conference and for travel across country. There are lots of little details that can wait until we see how God restores my strength, and provides financially. Expect email updates, and please join in the fun and give when you can! Even a few dollars will add up quickly! For example, if you skip drinking your morning latte at Starbucks, and drop the change in an envelope and send it to the Greens, we're on our way! We've already set a little aside from Christmas gifts! God bless you!

What makes all of this so much fun? Your provision over the years has been blessedly sufficient to cover all the immediate necessities of life and living, so we can come with much thanksgiving and anticipation to see how God moves now!

# LABOR

of Love >>>

We've nailed down the outline for the how-to start a single parent ministry in your church booklet, and now we'll be compiling all the notes and pages of material into a few specific concepts. It's really very exciting! And we ask for your continued prayer.

Rob wanted to include a few comments from the conferences last fall (see backpage). Rob and I attended our Whistler, British Columbia conference in November, and had the time of our lives. It was a *beautiful* location, but even better, everything we could possibly need was at our fingertips... pool, spa, three different restaurants, shops, and a coffee house that had muffins to die for! Rob and I had been working through a communication issue, and God never fails to use the conferences as a time of healing and refreshment.

Canada has conferences coming up in Niagra Falls, Victoria, and Banff! You would love it! Call us for info, or visit [familylifecanada.com](http://familylifecanada.com) or [familylife.com](http://familylife.com) for dates and locations near you!

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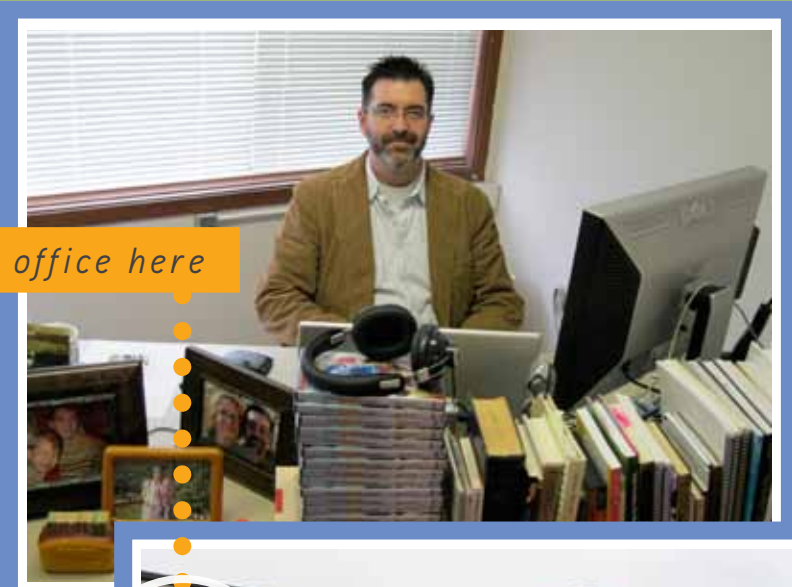
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# ROB'S

New Digs >>>

Power to Change has *graciously* rented a small (temporary) office space in our hometown to enable Rob to work closer to home for the next six months. He's spent an average of 2 ½ hours every day in his commute to Langley, British Columbia, so Rob is *loving* his freedom to work longer hours (not spent on the road) and having a quiet, dedicated space for his work and community connection.

It's such an *ideal* environment for Rob... the opportunity to build into local relationships, combined with enough isolation to work without interruption. He *really* is an artist at heart!



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# STRANGE

Fire >>>

It's been a year now since our family embarked on its journey to revisit the gifts of the spirit in scripture. What started out as a search for "a study" really turned into a good look in the mirror. We knew that every revival starts in the heart and at home... and this was no exception!

Recently, the ache in my spirit that occurs every time someone prays for healing was interpreted in God's word. I'm going to use the scripture from Leviticus, and the study attached, to *prayerfully* convey my thoughts.

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*"Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put the incense on it, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them." Lev 10:1*

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Since the revelation of my healing took place, each time someone would pray openly for my healing, or speak of my healing *as if it hadn't happened*, it was as though they were taking me by the hand and leading me back 2000 years... back to the death of Christ... to the cross... back to a time of suffering instead of the time of freedom I now experience.

You see, I believe that the promises of God ("by My stripes you are healed) are ours for the taking at the time of our salvation, and revelation happens when our eyes are opened and we readily accept those promises. Our assurance of those promises is where we live in the spirit, and the

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suffering we endure on earth is where the body dwells in the flesh. In my opinion, it is possible to be doing both at the same time, and still see yourself as God see's you, complete, whole, a finished work. **I believe we start getting confused about how to pray for someone when we choose to see only their circumstance, and not acknowledge God's authority and our spirit realm position.**

For instance... what is prosperity? It's not easily defined. When I pray prosperity into someone's life, I pray it according to God's will. They may not need cash as much as a productive week at work. They may need a lift in their spirit in order to have a "prosperous" week, and not necessarily a prosperous week in order to provide a lift in their spirit. I often feel that we think that illness or hardship must be removed in order for God's promises to be fully operational, and nothing could be further from the truth.

I fear that we (myself included) add too many of *our* own ideas and too much of *our* own will into the prayer equation. And in order to know His will, we must be subject to His authority. How many of us put ourselves underneath God's authority before we pray for another person?

**We were at a retreat years ago, and a man had taken it upon himself to pray through the night for my health. The next morning, we met as a group, and he told us that as he approached the throne of God in petition for my healing, that God had firmly said to him, "She is sacred." And why am I sacred? Because Christ is sacred. And I am in Christ. And after subjecting himself to God's authority on the matter of my**

**healing, he went from praying his will (that I be healed), to praying God's will (that God be praised)! Wow, what a change!**

I pray that I, myself, am spending more time being subject to God's authority. That I acknowledge my earthly desires less, and His heavenly desires more. I acknowledge that I'm not always there. I have days that I still offer up "strange fire" (see the small article below).

*In Leviticus 10:2 Aaron's sons were devoured by the fire of YHWH and they died, because they were disobedient in offering up strange fire or incense which he had already warned them not to do.*

*YHWH had already warned the children of Israel not to offer strange incense to him in Exodus 30:9: Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon.*

*In other words, the incense had to be made of the exact spices in which he specified. If they deviated from the formula of incense in which YHWH had set forth, they were committing adultery spiritually before YHWH. The word Adulterate means: To make impure by mixture.*

*The word strange in Hebrew here in Leviticus 10:1 is zuwr which means: To turn aside, to be a foreigner, strange, profane; to commit adultery.*

*The Hebrew word for incense is #6999 in the Hebrew Strong's Concordance, qatar which means "the idea of fumigation in a close place thus driving out the occupants; turn into fragrance by fire, (especially by an act of worship) to smoke, offer up burnt sacrifice."*

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*Did you notice what this means? To fumigate the old occupants and drive them out! That means deliverance from demons comes from offering up the right incense to YHWH (Prayers and worship). It has to be made up of the spices that He specifies and the exact proportions that He specifies. There is a divine order to how this incense should be offered up.*

*In other words, the prayers of the saints cannot be mixed with our own ideas and attitudes. We cannot offer up strange fire that is mixed with wrong attitudes and pagan ideas. Strange fire is a false anointing and a false un-Holy Spirit that comes from US trying to make up our own composition of incense.*

*Proverbs 28:9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the Torah (law), even his prayer shall be abomination.*

*The word "law" here in the Hebrew is Torah (instructions) which also means Pentateuch, (the five books of Moses). If we refuse to follow the instructions of YHWH, even our prayers will become an abomination!*

With Love  
  
 Rob & Carrie Green



## Pray for healing in marriages at the Upcoming FamilyLife Conferences:



- Niagara Falls, BC / FEB 4-6
- ◁ Victoria, BC / FEB 11-13
- Winnipeg, MB / FEB 11-13
- Kelowna, BC / MAR 18-20
- Fredericton, NB / APR 8-10
- Banff, AB / APR 15-17

## Conference Comments/Answered Prayers

*"I feel like I am a husband again. I feel that there is more hope for us. We still have much work to do but this weekend and God have made me feel it is possible."*

– Husband married 10 years

*"This conference has given us hope and excitement in our marriage. We have been introduced to the many exciting ways and reasons for needing faith in our lives. We have left this conference with resources and tools that we are excited to apply to our daily lives with our children."*

– Wife married 2 years (made first time decision to follow Christ)

*"I can't thank FamilyLife enough for giving us the tools to heal and mend us into oneness."*

– Husband 2 years (also made decision to follow Christ)

*"Reconnection—we were on the verge of divorce when our pastor suggested this—we now have hope—still a lot of work to do."*

– Wife married 10 years

*"Woke us up to how we are really missing out on what God really wants for us in our relationship."*

– Wife married 20+ years