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Ringing in the New Year & Herb's Annual Top Ten Book List

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[View this email in your browser](#)**January 2024****Herb & Debbie Lamp**

May this New Year bring JOY to gladden your heart, FAITH to take each day, each event, each challenge one at a time, STRENGTH to face everything that comes your way, and a heart full of the LOVE of Jesus!

Starting off our New Year with...guess what? A trip!

Many of you know of SEND International, which is a global community of goers and senders bringing gospel transformation to unreached people. This month we have been invited to their ARES (Asia Regional Equipping Seminar) which will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from January 19-26th. It is a conference held every three years for SEND's Asian members, but because of COVID, *they haven't held a conference since 2017*. This year's theme is Soul Care. Our part will be serving on the pastoral counseling and spiritual direction team for attendees.

Here is the vision they have for our time together. *"As SEND members serving in Asia, we have left our own cultures and countries to enter into the world of entirely different group of people. We have done so because we are compelled by the love of Jesus to see individuals and communities transformed by faith, multiplying among the unreached. Yet, many of us feel burdened and overwhelmed by the seemingly insurmountable nature of our mission, even though we know in our heads that it is not up to us. We often find ourselves continually giving to others, and, over time, have realized that our own spiritual resources have run dry."*



SEND ARES 2024 Soul Care Conference: January 19-26, Chaing Mai, Thailand

ARES 2024 is a soul care-oriented retreat that aims to provide time and space to connect with Jesus in an unhurried way. This will not be a conference where one will bring home a binder that sits on a shelf collecting dust. Instead, Debbie and I will be sitting with people in the dust of the Rabbi Jesus to hear His words for these precious servants and ambassadors of the King. **Just imagine what this year can bring to renewed and recharged global workers and their ministries when they meet with Jesus.**

Please join us in praying for our time at ARES in Thailand. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and minds and through the overflow of such life, water the parched souls of those we encounter. This must be all about Jesus in our midst!

Prior to ARES, we will be spending a week in Chaing Mai meeting with the half-dozen families we pastor there with the Alliance. Please pray with us for our time with them. These global workers engage in a diverse set of ministries from education, birth classes, wheelchair ministries, counseling, Third Culture Kids, and village work.

Update from December Ministry

We had a great December trip to serve the YWAM team of Kazakhstan but sadly we returned with a severe respiratory illness. Debbie and I were down for the count and unfortunately could not go to Monte Vista to preach the Sunday

after we returned. We also had to cancel the writing week in Wyoming (although we did get writing done at home) and a Christmas party. **But we did hold our neighborhood cookie exchange, since Debbie made the cookies before we went to Kazakhstan!** We know the Lord had everything in control, but we were sad to not be able to fulfill all our commitments. Thank you for your prayers. We needed them in a different way than we imagined! God was in control even when we were on our sick beds. Please continue to pray for our health as we are still recovering and leave in about 10 days for Thailand. Travel is difficult this year as flights are not only expensive but also not convenient. We need God's strength and support.

God at work...Herb's Annual Top Ten Book List

Please find attached Herb's top ten book list from 2023. Some great reads here. As the saying goes, "there is nothing new under the sun" and, so, much of what I have read this year is age-old wisdom. As Eugene Peterson once wrote: "It turns out there are some things that don't change. God doesn't change: he seeks and saves. And our response to God as he reveals himself in Jesus doesn't change: we listen and we follow. Or we do not." But still, I forget a lot and need to be reminded of much. I hope your reads are as profitable

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Praise and Prayer Notes . . .

- **Please pray with us for our trip to Thailand, January 11-27 for the ARES SEND conference and our time with global workers.** Please join in prayer for our health and for traveling mercies – as we mentioned the flight logistics will be challenging for this trip but we need/want to arrive as refreshed as possible and willing to engage strongly in the LORD. We would ask for God to use our weaknesses for His glory and we pray for appointments and Spirit infused conversations.
- **Please pray for our continued work in writing.** We made good progress on revising The Vine: A Spiritual Retreat workbook in December and hope to get it to our editor and designer before we leave for Thailand. Please pray with us for finances and publication. We have received such good feedback from those who have used The Prodigal that we believe this additional workbook can also be a great help for people connecting with Jesus, the True Vine.
- **Finally, thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.** If you are reading this to the end, we want you to know that we will have some important

Cityview Community Church Mail - Ringing in the New Year & Herb's Annual Top Ten Book List announcements in the next couple of months which will affect our co-ministry. Stay tuned for more!



With much joy and gratitude in Jesus!

Herb & Debbie

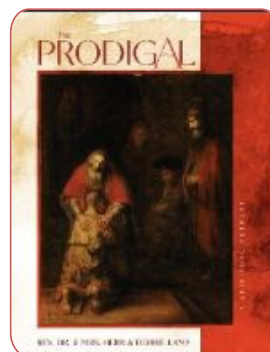
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If one of your goals for 2024 is to spend a day in retreat with the Lord, please consider The Prodigal: A Spiritual Retreat.



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