



## Delight or Broken Hearted

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Children are very precious to John and me. Before we ever took on the title of "Missionary" we loved children, especially those from the inner-city.

After 38 years God has only increased and broadened our burden for children.

This past week I was invited to go to a church baby shower. It was enjoyable to see the delight on the mother's faces with their tiny babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children.

My heart began to ache as I thought of the Christian homes where John and I have heard the broken hearted cry of parents who are not delighted with the choices their adult children are making.

As we have traveled around the world we have met parents who made sure their children were taught about Jesus and even accepted Jesus into their hearts.

In the next breath, with tears running down their cheeks, they shared their broken hearts over the choice of their adult children to walk away from what they knew to be the truth.

In my mind I saw the contrast between the delight and the broken hearted. As I watched the children play around the mothers, during the baby shower, I asked the Lord to help John and I as we minister to broken-hearted families.

It is our burden to come along side churches and individual people who want concrete help to make sense of the choices their older children are making now.

This is only one of many aspects of how we are ministering to families. Pray with us as we follow the Lord's leading.

In His Arms,

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### Answered Prayers

*Two different times we had flat tires, and in neither time were we hurt.*

*As we were driving into Portland, OR our transmission started acting funny. Praise God for the three year warranty that resulted in a new transmission.*

*Your prayers for our traveling safety resulted in our safety and Gods provision!*

### Prayer Requests

*For parents who are experiencing the pain of separation and loss.*

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*For the Holy Spirit to touch hearts and minds as we pray with people on this trip. It is our desire to bring people into His presence so the Lord can speak truth and love into their hearts.*

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*Continue to pray not just for the politicians but for everyone in the United States. That we would seek Gods answer to the issues that face our country.*

# The Rest of the Story

As John and I talk about kids, we are pointing all who are reading this letter and those with whom we work to God.

Have you ever been hurt by an uncaring person?

Do you keep going from person to person looking for something within a relationship that you just can't seem to find?

Do you look around you and feel like you are out of sync?

He is the one who can heal all hurts.

He is the one who can fill all the holes in our relationships.

He is the one who can make us right with the world around us.

As kids grow into adults they get older, but they don't necessarily mature.

Because of trauma or choices some adults are stuck as an emotional 12 year old. The older they get, the more stuck they become. After quite a few years, a collection of broken friendships and a marriage that is a wreck, they are even more stuck. Eventually their being stuck is the only reality they know.

We deal with people who are trying to raise their kids to be responsible adults. They themselves are stuck and don't know how to get unstuck. While they are comfortable being stuck they are uncomfortable with the results of being stuck.

They want something different - but they don't know how it will turn out once they have it and in some cases what to do to get it.

This is the generation that is growing up around us.

Will you help us reach out to the Church people who are in this situation.

They have been fed a lie and they have eaten it hook line and sinker and are now wondering why their stomach hurts.

God is the answer. Whatever the question, God is the answer. Whatever the hurt, God is the answer.

We give you the chance to support us every month in this letter. Not just because we need the support but because we feel it is important for you to have a part in what we are doing.

Whatever you are going through, ask God if you should be a part of our support team and let Him give you the answer.

Use the envelope to send your contributions, or go to PayPal to use credit cards.

Your contributions are important to us - and even more - the impact it will have on you.

Let God be the answer!