

6273 Haverhill Ct.
West Linn, OR 97068

Christmas, 2018

Dear Friends,

As Linda and I celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we stand back in awe of our Holy God, Yahweh. He is the creator of man and the orchestrator of world events, past, present and future. We are especially thankful for each of you and hope this next year will be filled with the joy of the Lord. He has granted Linda and me years of ministry (longer than we have been married) and it has been an honor to serve our Almighty God. We are about to reach ten years in our present ministry. We thank Him for giving us **50 years of married life together as a team for Christ!** Our 50th wedding anniversary was last July.

OUR FAMILY UPDATE:

BRANDON will be marrying lovely **SARAH JIO** next July in Seattle. They are building a home there to accommodate six kids! We have made three trips to Seattle this fall and have enjoyed being with all of them. Sarah hosted an amazing Thanksgiving dinner at her home and we loved being with her side of the family for that occasion. Brandon continues running his record labels. One of his new artists is London Gatch. You can listen to her and others at www.becrecordings.com. Brandon is also involved in various real estate projects in Seattle. **JOSIAH**, **EVANGELINE** and **PETRA** are 14, 12 and 10 and are involved in several sports and activities. Each plays soccer and Petra loves competitive gymnastics and dance. Their pet is Fido, a Maltese/Poodle mix.

HEATHER and **JEFF MCNOWN** are enjoying working full time at their chiropractic clinic near Washington Square in Portland. We love being patients of Jeff as he is an awesome chiropractor! His website is www.drmcnown.com. Heather got her real estate license earlier this year and has enjoyed selling homes.

Their son, **J.J.**, 23, started a church last January and pastors it - **Foundation Church Portland**. Several families and we were in at its inception. It is such a joy for us to have our grandson be our pastor! God has gifted him for preaching the Word. His audio and video messages are on the church's website at www.foundationchurchportland.com under "Past Messages." We appreciate prayer for this new church start! **BROCK**, 19, graduated from high school and is attending Clackamas Community College. I have met often with Brock this year for great discussions of over 200 articles about the Biblical founding of American from *The Founders' Bible*. **MAX**, 17, is a high school junior and enjoys track. **ROWEN**, 15, is a freshman at the high school. He will be playing golf this spring for the school. Grateful that he and Max help me with yard projects. **SELAH**, 12, is now enjoying sixth grade at middle school and plays basketball. They have two dogs, Bear and Zion. Selah and Max are training Zion, their new German Shepherd puppy.

SETH and **VANESSA** live in San Clemente, CA, where Seth is Community Life Pastor at **The Shoreline Church of San Clemente** - www.theshoreline.org. Seth took a summer sabbatical sponsored by their church and their family was together most of that time. Linda and I cared for the kids several days in San Clemente at the beginning of Seth's sabbatical. **JUDE**, 11, has been having quite a few large seizures and seizure clusters recently (he has Tuberos Sclerosis Complex) and so we thank you for continuing to pray for him and for wisdom for the doctors - also that he will begin learning more in school in his special needs class. **ISLA**, 9, is a bundle of activity and creativity!

LINDA has 62 women involved in her two Bible studies in our home on Tuesdays. My sister, Elaine Fowler, is leading the noon group and Linda the evening group. They are studying Scriptures and articles from *The Founders' Bible* this year. Linda also does the office work for our ministry.

A sister in the Lord, Carolyn Saba, in the noon study, moved here from Washington DC in recent years. She is hosting our noon group in Washington DC next October for a historical touring retreat! What an invitation! Linda met a friend on a plane last year and who attended her noon study before she moved to Tennessee. She is Jewish and gave her heart to Messiah Jesus with Pastor JJ McNown at the end of summer after church one Sunday. She Skypes into the noon Bible study from Tennessee!

Linda and I plan to help host a seminar along with a couple from church. The speaker will be Rabbi Adam Spears who is from the Bend, Oregon area. Rabbi Adam is very knowledgeable of the Hebrew Scriptures. We have not confirmed the dates yet but are looking at the first couple of weeks in March. If you would like to attend, please let us know. His website is: www.houseofcovenant.org.

DALE:

- I wrote 22 lead pastors of churches representing 20,000+ people in their churches in regard to encouraging their congregations to use our privilege to vote for issues and leaders who support Biblical moral laws. In Matthew 28:19,20 we are exhorted to disciple nations, (people groups or cultures) not only individuals. ... **go make disciples of all nations.**
- A Godly young man in one of my groups has started a discipleship ministry in his church in which 30+ men are discipling other men in groups of twos and threes. Wow! 2 Timothy 2:2 in action ... **entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.**
- The Wednesday morning group is enlarging in number but more importantly men are integrating Truth into their spheres of influence. One man said, "I don't where I have been all these years, but the application of the Word of God is so amazing!" Acts 6:7 ... **so the word of God spread.**
- A great reward for me is the equipping of other leaders in helping them discover and enrich their impact in the marketplace and in their homes. This is so encouraging as I am seeing these disciples become men of influence for the kingdom of God. Matthew 11:12, ... **the kingdom has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.**
- Every week I encourage the men to take it up a notch in regard to how much they are attempting to learn from the Bible and specific ways to obey the Word of God. People don't do what we expect them to do, but what we inspect. James 2:22 ... **you see his (Abraham's) faith and his actions were working together.**
- Here are three truisms about spiritual sight that have resonated with me lately:
 - We can't see what we don't know.
 - What the eye sees is determined by what the mind has learned.
 - Learn more, see more.

We are grateful for every one of you and we pray you will have a Christmas and New Year filled with grace, power, love and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you also for your prayers for, and generosity to, our ministry. Each day we purpose to be stewards of your kindness! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Dale and Linda

Dale Ebel Ministries
PO Box 653
West Linn, Oregon 97068
www.daleebel.org