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He Gives and Takes Away, Blessed Be The Name of the Lord

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As many of you know, the Lord gave us a precious little one month old boy we named Aaron in April of 1985, while living in the Philippines. The Lord had spoken to Debbie and I that this child would be a sign to us of what He had called us to do in the Philippines. The Lord told us that as we looked at our malnourished Filipino son whom we would soon adopt, that he was weak and frail. "That is my church in the Philippines, it is weak and frail. As you take Aaron into your home and feed him and nourish him, he will grow and become strong. So will my church as it learns to feed upon my Word. That is why I brought you here to the Philippines, to teach my pastors how to study my Word."

Over the years we have watched the Lord bless the work of Intensive Care Ministries and the training of thousands of pastors and Christian workers all over the world. As Aaron grew over those early years we watched him become healthy and strong.



He often traveled with me to different countries and I always shared his story with the pastors. It became a beautiful picture of what God wants to do in the life of His church. We have seen many pastors and leaders take the training to heart and God has brought forth abundant fruit from their lives.

On March the 22nd, one day short of Aaron's twenty first birthday, the Lord called our boy home to be with Him. A motorcycle accident took his life. His memorial service brought glory to the Lord and many people accepted Christ and rededicated their lives. A week later at Aaron's former High School, a special all school assembly was held in memory of Aaron and many students gave their lives to Jesus.

Life goes on, but there has been left an awfully big hole in our hearts. We know that our Aaron will always be a sign to us of what God's Word will do in our lives if we obey it. We see today a tremendous undermining of His Word around the world. Many of our Christian young people are being deceived and many churches are diluting the truth leaving our young people ill equipped to face this world system with moral integrity. Instead of the church growing and becoming strong, many people are being pulled and swayed by pastor/teachers who tickle their ears. Unfortunately, many of our church goers leave the pews feeling good, but rarely challenged to make changes in their lives. This is an age where we need to be uncompromising faithful witnesses to the truths laid out so powerfully in His word.

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RUSSIA

Our Russian staff led by Igor and Olga Prokopiev continue to do well as they train churches and leadership. The Inductive Bible Study seminar has become very popular in many churches and the 10 staff members are busy traveling all over Russia and the Ukraine. Igor and Olga have gone to Israel several times now teaching the class to Russian Jews who have migrated into Israel. The Russian churches there are growing rapidly and hungry to learn more of God's Word. We are excited how God is using the ICM staff. Isn't it wonderful that God has raised up Russian Christians to train and equip the Body of Christ!



This picture was taken in front of the Finrock home in California with Pastor Eugene (L-R) visiting from Russia with Olga and Igor our Russian Intensive Care Ministry Director. This was Pastor Eugene's first visit to America.

HOME FRONT

This year I have not traveled internationally for the first time in over 20 years. My wife Debbie has had some serious physical problems that led her to retire from teaching. She has needed more of my attention and so the international work has been put on hold. I have done a number of weekend seminars for churches this year that has led me to Montana, Idaho, Maryland, and lots of California cities. This has kept me close to home during the week instead of being overseas for several weeks at a time. The loss of Aaron has deeply affected all our family members and we continue to walk through the painful grieving process.

Shortly before Aaron's death, a friend of Aaron's in the Philippines wrote our family telling us that he was desiring to go to college but could not afford it. When we told Aaron about it he decided that he was going to send his friend money each month out of his pay check to help him through college. We were so touched by what Aaron wanted to do, that we have decided to make sure his friend gets a college education. Aaron's memory will live on through others accomplishments.



HOME OFFICE

Our home office is run by Nylinda Taylor who has done a tremendous job. She oversees all the communications from around the world, she makes sure all the materials orders go out, and she does all the DVD and CD reproductions. In addition to all that, she does bookkeeping! Ed Sanabia has recently joined our ministry and does a lot of my booking for seminars and speaking engagements. We are very small in the front office, but an awful lot is getting done! We are blessed.

FUTURE

Debbie and I have been asking the Lord to add to our team some key pastors and leaders who can respond to the many request we have for the IBS seminar overseas. We have many countries asking us to come and train leadership. Please pray that the Lord would bring those who will come along side and labor with us. There is much work to be done for His Kingdom and we are excited to be a small part of God's work. Thank you for standing with us. We do appreciate all your prayers and financial gifts to this work.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for the Finrock family in this time of loss.
2. Pray for the international seminars that are being set up in various countries in the upcoming months.
3. Pray for the attendees of our Inductive Bible Study - Teachers training course. June 2006.
4. Pray for our monthly U.S. based seminars and their fruitful results.